

Saint Cecilia Parish

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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "WeShare". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism can be made by calling Fr. Matt at extension 15.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office @ 973-627-0313.

EMERGENCY PHONE:
862-251-3914

MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am
10:45 am and 12:15 pm
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays

Vigil 4:30 pm
6:30 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions

Saturday @ 3:00—4:00 pm &
6:15-6:45 pm
Monday during Holy Hour
7:00—8:00 pm

Ms. Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

Mr. James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

HOLY HOUR : Monday @ 7:00 pm (Sept. to June)

OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR

ADULTS:

Please contact Sr. Diane — sdmoughan@gmail.com

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am

FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 pm in the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 6:00 am in the parish office.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 1st Wednesday of the month; 10:00 am in the church (Sept. to June)

ST. MONICA NOVENA: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

Monday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 am – Anna Kobylar req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am – Irene Shucavage req. by Ralph & Lydia DiMarcantonio

Tuesday, November 5, Weekday

6:30 am – Robert Kolakowski req. by Donna Robertson

8:00 am – Deceased Members of the St. Cecilia Seniors

Wednesday, November 6, Weekday

6:30 am – Bob Berntsen req. by Joyce, Rob & Michael

8:00 am – Irene Shucavage req. by John & Dianna Sullivan

Thursday, November 7, Weekday

6:30 am – Special Intention

8:00 am – Irene Shucavage req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

Friday, November 8, Weekday

6:30 am – Alice & George Houser req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am – Teresa Brussell req. by McDonnell Family

Saturday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am – Lucille Gawryszeski req. by Carol & Carla

Sunday, November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time4:30 pm – Marie Shubilla req. by Carol & Gary McGotty
Kevin Haran, 10th Anv., req. by Peggy McKinney

7:00 pm – Russell Colditz req. by wife, Ana

Merrill Connor req. by Trudy Simmons

8:00 am – Ernest & Berta Juretschke req. by Ed & Mary Merz

9:15 am – David Lewis req. by Family

Stefany Suto-Mendl req. by loving cousins, Linda & Carline

10:45 am – Mario Zambrano req. by Family

Jessica Colantoni req. by Jeanine & Nicholas Losito

12:15 pm – Lucia Maio req. by Lenahan Family

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : October 27, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,337.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 11,006.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 19,343.50

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,313.73

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,029.77
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,738.22)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

MASS SCHEDULE – The weekday Mass schedule for the week of November 24 is as follows: Thanksgiving Day- 9:00 am; Friday, November 29-8:00 am; Saturday, November 30-8:00 am.

THANKSGIVING DAY – Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, will be celebrated at 9 o'clock in the morning. Bread will be blessed and distributed to each family for their Thanksgiving gathering at home.

Our Condolences to the Family of
Sal Consenza
Eternal Rest Grant to him Lord

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Mike Murray, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez, Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cumiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Christopher Darlak, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, Martha Salvesen, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Clare Desmond, Craig Huffman, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, Ray Wiest, Anthony Pane, Victoria Zuber, Keith Newman, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Landon Wierks, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce, Anthony D'Alessio, Colin Brown, Anthony Gerardi, Olivia Gerardi, Katherine Lynn, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito, Esperanza Vertucci.



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Clifford,**

Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, PO1 (E6) Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, Airman First Class William Kussler, Spc. Gregory Villaneuva. We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.

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ALL SOULS MONTH – The month of November is dedicated to the Souls of the Faithful Departed. You are encouraged to give a “Mass Offering” so that the departed loved ones may be remembered at the Masses which will be celebrated in our church in November. Their names will be placed on the altar for the month and be prayed for at every Mass. Also, you are invited to the altar of Saint Joseph where the names of the departed may be inscribed in the Book of the Dead.

OCIA Open for Adult Confirmation Prep - Formerly known as RCIA, the first stage for adults’ preparation for sacraments at Easter Vigil, the INQUIRY PERIOD is still in progress. This introductory welcome and overview for new members will conclude soon. This is a great time for anyone who has not received Confirmation to find out about how Confirmation Candidates can make their preparation in conjunction with the 10:45 Sunday Mass, until 12:30 PM in the Parish Office, where at-home reflection materials are provided. If you miss a session, we will email them to you. This is guided group formation in Living the Christ life as a Catholic, not an academic course. No tests. Contact Sister Diane at the parish office or sdmoughan@gmail.com.

Nov. 3 - No meeting

Nov. 10 - Living Catholic (Commandments & Beatitudes)

Nov. 17 - About the Catechumenate (For those preparing for Baptism, or Becoming Catholic.) Parish Office after 10:45 Mass

Nov. 24 -(Confirmation Candidates only) Parish Office after the 10:45 Mass

THE OPENING OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – We begin a full year celebration of our parish’s 150th Anniversary with a Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson. Guest musicians will provide the music for the liturgy along with the participation of the Vietnamese Community of our parish. Memorabilia will be available to help highlight our anniversary commencement.

BEWARE OF SCAMS – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have **doubt** about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, favors, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!!

Fr. Zig

FROM FATHER ZIG – Our music minister, Alison Erwin has informed me of her resignation as music minister for personal reasons. I am grateful to Alison for the service she has rendered our parish and wish her well. I am working to fill this position and pray through the intercession of Saint Cecilia that this may be accomplished soon. God bless you Alison! – Father Zig

LOW GLUTEN – Those who cannot tolerate wheat products can receive the Holy Eucharist via a low gluten host which is approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Person(s) must make themselves identified to the priest no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins by going to the priest sacristy so that the preparation may be made for Mass.

2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “United In Faith, Hope, Love”

One of the important programs that receives funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is Nazareth Village, our home for retired diocesan priests. The priests who live at Nazareth Village have faithfully served our diocese for many years, and many continue to celebrate Mass at local parishes. In addition, the Appeal helps fund the formation of our seminarians as they prepare for a lifetime of service to our parishioners now and for generations to come. Please join us in gratitude by recognizing those priests who have dedicated years of service to our families and those who will begin their service to the Lord and his Church. Please make a donation to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal today. Visit www.2024appeal.org to make a gift today.

It’s Safe, It’s Simple & It’s Convenient Give online with WeShare

Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit www.st-cecilia.org and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That’s it! **OR SCAN HERE:**



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Monday, November 4

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, November 5

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, November 6

10:00 am—Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church)

7:00 pm—Pro-Life Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Choir Practice (Sacred Heart Church)

Thursday, November 7

1:00 pm—DMA Krispy Kreme Donut pick-up (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Steering Committee Meeting (Parish Office)

Friday, November 8

7:00 pm—Catacombs (Church & Hayes Hall)

Saturday, November 9

8:30 am—Men's Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, November 10

11:30 am—Vocations Week Reception (Hayes Hall)

6:30 pm—Vietnamese Choir Practice (Church)

8:00 pm—LTP (Hayes Hall)

Divine Mercy Academy News

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open!

Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! Divine Mercy Academy is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Aftercare and extracurricular activities available.

Transfer Grants and Scholarships are available to eligible students.

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs available. Full Day Kindergarten. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at www.dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003 for more information.



SAINT MARTIN COAT DRIVE – The Men's Society is sponsoring the annual "Saint Martin of Tours Coat Drive" on Saturday-Sunday, November 9 and 10. New coats for men, women and children may be placed on the designated table located in Hayes Hall. Also, clean and gently-used coats will also be accepted. The drive will benefit area homeless people for the upcoming cold weather. May God bless you for your generosity.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE – In conjunction with our parish's 150th anniversary celebration next year I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy. We leave from Newark International Airport on Monday, April 21 (2025) for our 11 day visit to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Bari (Shrine of St. Nicholas) and many more stops. This 11 day pilgrimage coincides with the Holy Year Jubilee in which we will also visit and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Saint Cecilia. The cost per person is \$5,384. Please visit the 206 TOURS website and enter tour #sp042125 for the itinerary, registration and other information. I hope you will join me on this faith-filled tour! We return on Thursday, May 1st thanking God for this wonderful experience. – Father Zig

SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE

If you would like to receive emails or text messages with important information regarding our parish life PLEASE SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE. This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at St. Cecilia Church.

To register simply text SCC2020 to 84576 OR go to the home page of our website: st-cecilia.org and there you will find other ways to register for this important communication tool.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS – Donations of food are gratefully accepted to help supply the two food pantries being assisted by our parish, the Rockaway Food Closet and Hope House (Catholic Charities in Dover). Your donations may be brought to the designated area in the stairwell of the church (side closest to the parish office) or left in the church vestibule. May God bless you for the generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - St. Cecilia Soup Kitchen Committee are a group of men and women dedicated to creating nutritious food for the homeless and low income community of Dover, NJ. St. Cecilia's creates a meal once a month in the church basement, then transports that meal to Faith Kitchen. Faith Kitchen is housed in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 E. Blackwell Street, in Dover. St Cecilia volunteers will serve the lunch to recipients who are always very grateful and courteous. If you are interested in joining our group, please reach out to Pattie Fitzgerald 973-224-9668.

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS – Join us for the next program on Wednesday, November 20th when Monsignor Geno Sylva, Rector of Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson will speak to us on the **2025 JUBILEE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. The Jubilee Begins on Christmas Eve and concludes in 2026. Monsignor Sylva is well versed in this subject as he worked at the Vatican dicastery which is responsible for the propagation of the Jubilee. We begin at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening in Hayes Hall. Participants will receive a Jubilee memento.

COMING TO THE MOVIES – A new film entitled, *Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story* will open at the AMC Theater at the Rockaway Mall on November 12th. The film tells the story of Michelle Duppong who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by God's love. Her cause for canonization has been submitted to the Vatican. She is given the title, Servant of God.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – Our parish vocations committee is highlighting *NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK* which begins on Sunday, November 3 and concludes on November 10th. The committee is inviting you to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and holy marriages at Holy Hour on Monday, November 4th at 7 o'clock in the evening. Praying for vocations before our Lord Jesus exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament will be a powerful witness of our sincere desire that many within our parish will listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in discerning their path in life. The vocations committee is inviting YOU to a coffee and cake reception in Hayes Hall following the 10:45 Mass on Sunday, November 10th to commemorate this week!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Recognizing a vital practical need in his community, 29 year old Father Michael McGivney proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members. To symbolize that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization took as its patron Christopher Columbus, who was recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of the Americas. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus officially assumed corporate status in 1882. For information on the Knights of Columbus please go to www.KofC.org/joinus. Saint Cecilia Parish is served by two councils: #3359-Our Lady of the Lakes Council (Denville) and #514-Lafayette Council (Wharton). ALL CATHOLIC MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS!



FESTA CECILIA – The third annual 'FESTA CECILIA' honoring our patron saint will take place in Hayes Hall on Friday, November 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event includes dinner and a brief program for both adults and children. The donation is \$20 per family. RSVP is a must by going to the parish website. Join us for a wonderful night of food, fun and faith!

Patriotic Rosary— Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Rockaway will be praying the Patriotic Rosary for our country on Monday, **November 4 at 7:00 PM, the night before the election**. We will pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament for peace, unity and healing for our great country. **All are invited!** Don't know what the Patriotic Rosary is? Come find out - Deacon Rick

MEN'S TRIVIA NIGHT – Our next "Men's Trivia Night" will take place on Thursday, November 21st in Hayes Hall from 8-10 p.m. The event is open to all men of the parish. This is a BYOB 21+ event, and the Thursday night NFL game between the Steelers and Browns will be on a big screen too! Come out for some good competition, Christian fellowship and refreshments. No fee and no RSVP necessary.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia's is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith community. My question is to all, ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER? If you are not sure, please give the parish office a call (973.627.0313) and speak with Janet or Diane to check and to update any information regarding yourself, such as phone number and e mail address, etc. This information is most helpful for me in providing pastoral care to you and your family. Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a "certificate of eligibility" to serve as a godparent/sponsor. If I do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. The Registration form may be found on line by going to the parish website or by receiving a copy from the parish office. Your completed registration form may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. Register and be counted among those who love and support Saint Cecilia's! – FATHER ZIG

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm
St. Cecilia Church Hall—Rockaway, NJ 07866
Great time to start Christmas shopping!



My dear parishioners,

We gather to participate in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Old Testament reading and the Gospel for today speak of the Law, the Commandments. The Law, the Commandments, is sacred in Judaism for they serve as a “constitution” for Israel. It was in the Exodus experience prior to their entrance into the Promised Land that the Lord had given the Law to Moses who defined the covenant relationship between God and His people. The Law not only addressed responsibilities toward God but also between people. The Law distinguished Israel as a holy nation unlike all others. Obeying the Law and loving its precepts is a mark of holiness which is demonstrated in one’s everyday life. In the Gospel passage the Lord Jesus acknowledges the faith of one of the Scribes who approaches Him seeking concurrence as he testifies to a life of obedience to the Commandments. The Lord approves of his life and assures him of his proximity to the Kingdom of God. Living under the Law places oneself as a servant of God who freely chooses to love the Lord. Obeying the Law is a freeing experience in which we know what is expected of us so that we might not wander into darkness. Disregarding the Commandments brings us at odds with our Creator and collaborators with the Devil who seeks to bring chaos not only into our life but also into our world.

Tuesday is a very important day for us as Americans as we cast our vote for those running for political office. This year’s Presidential election will be significant as we note the political divide in our nation causing many to be stressful. We pray that the Lord God will bless with wisdom whoever is elected to office so that the good of our citizens will triumph and that the global community will also benefit. We also pray that the laws which will be enacted be consistent with Law of God, the Commandments. Salvation history bears witness to the nation which cherishes God’s Law, prospers in holiness. May the United States of America be a nation in which our fellow citizens stand united in respecting one another and help one another in working toward the common good.

God Bless America and God bless our new President and all those elected to office!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, Bishop
November 9th – *Patron of Seminarians*

St. Charles, of the noble family of Borromeo, was born in 1538 on the banks of Lake Maggiore, Italy. He studied at Milan and afterward at the University of Pavia, where he received his doctorate in civil and canon law in 1559. His uncle the Cardinal de Medici, having in the same year been elected Pope under the title of Pius IV, sent for him and created him Cardinal, and a short time afterward nominated him Archbishop of Milan, though he was only twenty-two years of age.

At the same time he was detained at Rome by the POP and he began to labor diligently in the interest of the Church. There he founded the Vatican Academy for literary work. As papal Secretary of State he was instrumental in reassembling the Council of Trent in 1562. He was active in enforcing reforms and in composing the Roman Catechism, containing the teachings of the Council.

After receiving priestly ordination, he also accepted the office of grand penitentiary. For merely honorary or lucrative positions he had no ambition. He assisted at the deathbed of Pope in 1564, and on the election of Pius V he went to reside at Milan.

In 1572, he concurred in the election of Gregory XIII. In the great plague at Milan, in 1575, he showed himself the true shepherd by his self-sacrificing charity and heroism. This great light in the firmament of the Church was extinguished in 1584. He was canonized in 1610 by Pope Paul V.

Prayer God, maintain in Your people that spirit with which You inspired Your Bishop, St. Charles, so that Your church may be constantly renewed, conforming itself to Christ and Manifesting Christ to the world. Amen.

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