

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 11, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:30 am — Michelle Bozza

8:00 am — Michal Cichon req. by Maulbeck Family

Tuesday, November 12, Saint Josaphat, Bishop

6:30 am — Victoria Santana

8:00 am — Irene Shucavage req. by Anna Jozwiak

Wednesday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30 am — Madeline Lusardi req. by her husband, Tony

8:00 am — Russell Colditz req. by his wife, Ana

Thursday, November 14, Weekday

6:30 am — Joanne Houser req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the LaFountain Family req. by Agnes Maye

Friday, November 15, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am — Zachary Zendran req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Anna Lucia Zangari req. by McGuire Family

Saturday, November 16, Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin, BVM

8:00 am — Roberta Majewski req. by Berdin/Baricuatro Family

Sunday, November 17, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Betty Merz req. by Bernadette Miller

Eileen Traino req. by Gloria & Bill Stahl

7:00 pm — Helen Brussell req. by McDonnell Family

Jeanne Gallagher req. by Jan Gallagher

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the McBride Family

9:15 am — Marie Shubilla req. by Maulbeck Family

Merrill Conner req. by Denise & Roger Montalto-Rook

10:45 am — Peter O'Donnell req. by O'Donnell Family

Francesa Perazzi req. by David & Cheryl Sproul

12:15 pm — Deceased Members of the Will & Salvesen Families

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : November 3, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 10,621.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,486.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 16,107.25

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,793.52
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,944.70)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

ATTENTION: NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday, November 30th. Confessions normally held at 3:00 pm and 6:15 pm are cancelled. Confessions resume on Saturday, December 7th. Please note that confession does take place at Holy Hour on Monday evenings.

ATTENTION: NO 7 P.M. SATURDAY MASS — On Saturday, November 30th the 7 o'clock evening Mass will not be celebrated. This is the day on which Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli will preside at a Pontifical Mass at 4:30 p.m. This Mass will inaugurate our parish's 150th Anniversary Year. The Saturday evening 7 o'clock vigil Mass will resume on Saturday, December 7th. — Father Zig

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 DiStasio, 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, 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, Molly Mack.



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.

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

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 on November 30th @ the 4:30 Mass. 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.

UPCOMING DAY OF OBLIGATION – The Holy See has decreed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred to Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. December 8th, the date of the Solemnity, will be observed as the Second Sunday of Advent. Holy Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be on Monday at 6:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening.

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL – Every parishioner's participation in the annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal is very important. If you have not yet made your contribution please take an appeal envelope located on the bulletin table in the church vestibule. The completed envelope may be placed in the offering basket located at the baptismal font on Sunday. God bless you for your generosity.

FAMILY *& Faith*
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2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “United In Faith, Hope, Love” When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident knowing that it supports the following causes: our Catholic Charities' programs, including helping fund the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, seminarian education, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village, our residence for retired diocesan priests and retired priests' healthcare needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes described above. Please consider a donation to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. 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 11****Parish Office Closed****Tuesday, November 12**

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

DMA—noon dismissal

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

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

DMA—noon dismissal

Friday, November 15

5:30 pm—Festa Cecilia (Hayes Hall)

Saturday, November 16

8:30 am—St. Monica's Guild Meeting (Hayes Hall)

10:00 am—Lectors Meeting (Church)

Sunday, November 10

**** No Monday Events—As per our practice on National Holidays, Holy Hour and Monday Evening Bible Study will not take place. Both return next Monday, November 18th**

PARISH MISSION: OUR SPIRITUAL REVIVAL – As we begin our 150th Anniversary Year we do so with a parish mission which will take place from Saturday, December 7th to Tuesday, December 10th. The mission will be led by Father Joseph Tuscan, a Franciscan Capuchin priest whose ministry takes him across the country in leading parishes in a spiritual renewal. Father will speak at all Masses taking place both in the morning and evening during the retreat days. During the days of the parish mission all meetings and other events are CANCELLED! – Father Zig

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

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

NEW MOVIE – The AMC Theater at the Rockaway Mall will be showing a movie entitled, "I Am the Immaculate Conception." The movie begins on December 12th. Advance tickets are on sale. Let's support faith based films in our community!



My dear parishioners,

We assemble together as a parish family to celebrate the Lord's Day on this 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are approaching the conclusion of the liturgical year with just two Sundays left in the 2024 YEAR OF GRACE. As we prayerfully read the Sacred Scriptures for this Sunday we discover that there is a common theme and that is SACRIFICE. In both the Old Testament and Gospel lections women are presented as models of sacrificial offering. Likewise in the epistle reading we are reminded of the One who offered Himself in sacrifice for the remission of our sins, Christ our God. He sacrificed His life on the Cross for our redemption thus bringing "salvation to those who eagerly await Him." Yes we eagerly await Him as the liturgy begins to remind us of the "end times," the Second Coming of Christ in glory.

In anticipation of our awaiting for Christ we are asked to consider the sacrificial life we should be living, which profits us, as we look for the remission of our sins. When we offer sacrifice through our deeds the world of love opens before us. We find ourselves being selfless and generous in our role as collaborators of Christ who loves us. Sacrifice is not easy but must be expected in our love-relationship with Christ as we offer ourselves in the service of the Gospel.

All of us know something about sacrifice, indeed parents do and so do most people. Many are willing to sacrifice for things which are not profitable to anyone but themselves and how sad this is. Many sacrifice for things which have no eternal value and are unimportant to God. Today the Scriptures are reminding us of the sacrifices which benefit those in need, the widow of Zarephath and the widow at the Jerusalem Temple whose contribution supported the Temple's life.

This is a wonderful reflection as we continue to participate in the annual DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL, formally known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which comes to the aid of so many in need. Our sacrificial offering to the appeal brings with it great blessings for those who come especially to our Catholic Charities agency because of the difficult situation which they have found themselves. Your sacrificial offering, made in love for Christ Jesus, does not go unnoticed by the Lord who invites us into His love. YES, LOVE allows sacrifice to occur and manifests itself in deeds which bring joy to the heart. May our hearts rejoice in the offering of our sacrificial donation to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal so that those in need may likewise rejoice to the praise and glory of God.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST – GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

**ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, Virgin
November 13 – Patroness of Immigrants**

FRANCES Xavier Cabrini was born in Lombardy, Italy, in 1850, one of thirteen children. At eighteen, she desired to become a Sister but poor health stood in her way. She helped her parents until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brothers and sisters.

One day a priest asked her to teach in a girls' school and she stayed for six years. At the request of her Bishop, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Then at the urging of Pope Leo XIII she came to the United States with six Sisters in 1889 to work among the Italian immigrants.

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, this remarkable woman soon founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages in a strange land and saw them flourish in the aid of Italian immigrants and children. At the time of her death, in Chicago on December 22, 1917, her institute numbered houses in England, France, Spain, the United States, and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized, when she was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII.

PRAYER God, through the work of St. Frances Cabrini you brought comfort and love to the immigrants and those in need. May her example and work be continued in the lives of those dedicated to you. Amen.

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