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.

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

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

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;

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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, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

6:30 am - Carol Wright req. by Joyce, Rob & Michael

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

Tuesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 am – Fr. Jean Claude St. Martin

8:00 am - Fr. Jean Claude St. Martin

Augustyn Bizon req. by Family

Wednesday, February 12, Weekday

6:30 am – Deborah Moore req. by Kairys Family

8:00 am – Tom McKinney, Sr. req. by Peggy McKinney

Thursday, February 13, Weekday

6:30 am – Kenneth W. Maxwell req. by Lorraine Spanier

8:00 am – Maria Teixeira req. by Beth & Woody Simkins

Friday, February 14, Saint Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

6:30 am – Robert Hockenbury req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am - Scott Bridgman req. by Susan Brennan

Saturday, February 15, Weekday

8:00 am – Augustyn Bizon req. by Fr. Matt

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm – Thelma Bendix req. by the Oatley Family John Janosik req. by Bill & Gloria Stahl

7:00 pm – Bill & Jeanne Gallagher req. by Daughter, Jan

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the McBride Family

9:15 am – Joe Greisch req. by the Graner Family

10:45 am- James Michael McCluskey req. by Andrea Valentino

12:15 pm - Robert M. Duphiney req. by Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council 3359

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending: February 2, 2025

Collection—Checks & Cash 9,754.00 WeShare Electronic Giving 5,802.25

Total Weekly Collection 15,556.25

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET) \$ 785,000.00

Weekly Goal 14,313.73

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit) 1,242.52 **Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)** 14,595.27





The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar this week is in loving memory of

Arthur Johnson

Requested by his wife, Sally

Our Condolences to the Family of Janice McClain Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorcica, 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 Cummiskey, 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, 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, Katherine Lynn, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito, Esperanza Vertucci, Molly Mack, Michele Murray, Jimmy Olgeluie, Mark Howarth, Logan Mattessich, Harry Lusardi.

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. 580-St. Cecilia

FOR HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG MEN – Bishop Sweeney is inviting young men, high school age and older to an evening of prayer and dinner on Friday evening, February 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 at Saint Lawrence Church in Chester. At the event vocation talks will be given by priests and seminarians. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the life of a priest and allow for the meeting of other young men trying to discover God's call in their lives. The event is free of charge but registration must be made by contacting Father Charlie or Father Ed at 973.777.8818X715 or vocations@patersondiocese.org.

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*

Tax Statements for Contributions

Tax Statements for envelope users have been mailed. Tax Statements for electronic users have been **emailed**, please check your "spam" mailbox as well. Thank you!

THANK YOU – I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all those who remembered my birthday on January 24th. I appreciate the cards, emails, Flock Notes and other expressions of good wishes which came my way. Please know that I will remember you in my prayers asking that Christ our God will shower you with the choicest of blessings! With pastoral love, Father Zig!

<u>LENT</u> – The holy season of Lent is just 3 weeks away with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Next week's bulletin will contain information regarding the liturgies and programs which will be offered in our parish during Lent. Lent is a time of self denial and mortification as we reflect upon the Passion of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PARISH CARNIVAL – Our parish will host a 4 day carnival, Thursday-September 11 to Sunday-September 14 at the Firemen's Field located on Beach Street in the Borough. This is one of the events associated with our parish's 150th anniversary. As we plan for this event I am looking for help in a variety of areas. A meeting will take place on Thursday evening, February 27th at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. I am inviting YOU to attend to see where you may be able to help us for a successful event. – Father Zig





JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – His Excellency Bishop Sweeney has designated SAINT BERNARD CHURCH (22 St. Bernards Drive in Mount Hope) as a designated pilgrim site for the Diocese of Paterson. Pilgrims are welcome on Monday evenings for Holy Mass at 6:30, followed by Holy Hour and Confessions. A plenary indulgence is granted to pilgrims. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. A plenary indulgence is given to those who are: truly repentant: free from any affection for sin; moved by a spirit of charity; receive the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist; and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be...). A plenary indulgence is the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. This jubilee grace can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory through pilgrimage, whose works of mercy and penance, and visits to a Jubilee designated shrine or church, such as Saint Bernard's.

JUBILEE 2025 PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

Father in Heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

<u>JUBILEE BANNER</u> – The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Banner will be displayed in the sanctuary of the church from Christmas Eve until the end of the Jubilee Year, January 6th, 2026. Our thanks to the Rosary Society for donating the jubilee banner.

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 am—Christian Care Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

EVENING OF PRAYER – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the priests of the diocese are inviting you to join with them in the celebration of the Holy Mass on Thursday, February 13th at 7 o'clock in the evening at Sacred Heart Church (4 Richards Ave.) in Dover. This will be an evening of prayer in solidarity with immigrants during these uncertain times. The service will be in Spanish and English. Following the Mass fellowship will follow along with the sharing of resources.

NO MORE PRINT EDITION – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney has announced that the printed version of the diocesan newspaper, The Beacon, has come to a conclusion. Mounting costs and a change in readership options has contributed to this decision by diocesan leadership. The Bishop is inviting us to read the on-line version of The Beacon at https://beaconnj.org/. Information is also at the site for a subscription to the "Beacon and Beyond" Newsletter.

<u>OUR CHILDREN</u> – Children should be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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 2025-2026 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.

LIGHTS OUT CONCERT

Save the date: March 29, 2025, 8PM
St Pius Church School Gymnasium, Montville
Knights of Columbus Fundraising Concert
A former Las Vegas Headliner **LIGHTS OUT** (Frankie
Valli Tribute & more)
Tickets \$25/pp now through 2/23/25
Tickets go up to \$35/pp starting 2/24/25
We look forward to your support!

Contact Mark Hanson for tickets. 319-270-9610

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.

Please visit the kiosk in the vestibule of the church to see our nice selection of CD's that has been updated \$4.00 a CD.

<u>WINTER POLICY</u> - In the event of inclement weather and Divine Mercy Academy is closed, the parish office will be closed and the church will be open ONLY for the liturgical service scheduled. Also, all evening events will be cancelled.

CHOIR - As we prepare for Lent & Easter, an invitation is extended to all those who would like to serve in the music ministry. Please know that there will be no choir rehearsal on February 26 or March 5. We will return to rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 pm after Ash Wednesday on March 12.

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE – This Sunday we celebrate World Day of Marriage! Let's take time to pray for our spouses and each other to lift our marriages. Do something special for each other today to show your gratitude for your spouse and their YES! Your goal in this vocation of marriage should be to get your spouse to heaven. Take time to ponder in your heart how you can do that, starting right now!

<u>VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE</u> – The Saint Monica Guild will hold a *St. Valentine's Bake Sale* after all Masses on Sunday, February 9th (Saturday Vigil Masses too). A wonderful variety of baked goods and sweets will be available for your holiday gift-giving. Free coffee will be provided on Sunday morning in Hayes Hall as you do your shopping!

kind, endearing, beautiful, hopeful, joyful, exciting and ultimately...given by

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PRACTICAL WAYS TO RECLAIM SUNDAY

Give God your best: Sunday is a day that reminds us of our dignity as children of God. So give your Sunday a special flair—like dressing up for Mass, eating special treats, or using nicer dishes.

Extra God-time: Let your heart and mind rest in God. For example: Pray a rosary or Lectio Divina or make a Holy Hour at church. Our hearts thirst to be with God, and He gives us a peace that nothing and no one else can.

Community Time: Step away from the screen and social media for quality face-to-face conversation. Cook up a new recipe and share a no-phones meal together! Take a picnic, water-color, or play board games. Invite those in need of community to join you.



A NEW PIANO – The electronic piano in the choir loft, which we had for many years, became non repairable. This instrument is used on a regular basis, along with the organ, to accompany the music ministry during divine worship. A new electronic piano was recently purchased and is a fine instrument which will serve us for years to come. If you are interested in serving as a donor for this project I ask that you contact me in person or call me at the parish office (973.627.0313, X12) for information. This would be a wonderful donation to the parish in our 150th Anniversary Year. Our patroness, Saint Cecilia, is always depicted in icons playing at a keyboard instrument as the patron saint of music. I know that Saint Cecilia will intercede for you as she stands before the Lord in glory! – Father Zig

<u>Sung Traditional Latin Requiem Mass:</u> Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Rockaway on Tuesday Feb. 18 at 7:00 PM. Please join us and the Purgatorial Society to pray for all the souls in Purgatory. Mass will be sung in the original language of our Church. There will be a beautiful prayer on behalf of all those awaiting Heaven. Additionally, all are invited to enroll their deceased loved ones in society by going to PurgatorialSociety.Org. Your loved ones will then be included in the prayers at every requiem mass that the society celebrates.



My dear parishioners,

We gather for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our observance of the Lord's Day. Today we mark the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time with both Old and New Testament readings speaking about the "unworthiness" of those being sent by God to announce His word. The Prophet Isaiah's admission of unworthiness is met by his mouth being purified with an ember from the altar. The Apostle Peter is told by the Lord Jesus, not to be afraid, that he will continue to fish, however for souls. Peter's sinfulness will not stand in the way of God's invitation to all men to enter the Kingdom of God. In today's epistle reading the Apostle Paul likewise writes humbly of being "least of the apostles" and even having persecuted the Church in which he now toils for the salvation of souls.

The unworthiness of those who proclaim God's word is highlighted from the very beginning of salvation history. Humans are sinful, yet God does use us for His purpose in furthering His invitation to others, "catching" them for the Kingdom of God. The task of being "fishers of men" has been associated with the ordained ministry and so it is. Our clergy do not drop from heaven but are sinful and unworthy instruments used by God. ALL OF US fit into this same classification, sinful and unworthy! Drawing others to Christ is not only the work of the clergy but is the work of us all. What wonderful opportunities we have when we are with our family, friends and neighbors to draw them into the "net of Christ." The lure we use is the joy we possess because of our faith in Jesus. This attracts others to Christ and His Church which transforms lives. Yes, God wants to use us even though we may feel that we have nothing to offer. In this way the Lord shows His power to do wonderful things with humble tools!

I believe it was Saint Thomas Aquinas who said that humility is the queen of all virtues. Indeed, humility opens a person to all other virtues which assists in living an honorable life. Humility and love for the other makes a marriage successful. Today we commemorate WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, an opportunity to reflect upon the covenant, instituted by God between one man and one woman, uniting them for life. Joined as copartners they bring new life into the world and witness to the work of creation in their daily activities.

We salute married couples and their commitment to life by bringing forth children into the world, the Creator's affirmation that life is good!

GLLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. VALENTINE, Priest and Martyr The Same Day, February 14 – Patron of Greetings

ST. VALENTINE, a Roman priest, together with St. Marius and his family, assisted the martyrs who suffered during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century. Being apprehended, he was sent to the Prefect of Rome, who commanded that he be beaten with clubs and afterward beheaded. He suffered martyrdom about the year 270.

The custom of sending valentines on this day is the revival of an ancient pagan practice, which consisted of boys drawing the names of girls in honor of their goddess, Februata Juno, on February 15. To abolish this practice names of Saints were substituted on billets and drawn upon this day.

PRAYER: God of power and mercy, through Your help St. Valentine has overcome the tortures of his passion. Help us who celebrate his triumph to remain victorious over the wiles of our enemies. Amen



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