

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, May 5, Easter Weekday

6:30 am — Florante Rellosa req. by Albert, Amy Lopez & Family

8:00 am — Anne Haran req. by Peggy McKinney

Tuesday, May 6, Easter Weekday6:30 am — Special Birthday Intention: Suzanne San Giovanni req.
By Diane & Lyle Ryder

8:00 am — Carol Ferrante req. by her husband, John

Wednesday, May 7, Easter Weekday

6:30 am — For the sick listed in our bulletin and their caregivers

8:00 am — Clara Jozwiak

Thursday, May 8, Blessed Miriam Teresa Demianowicz

6:30 am — Joan McDonnell req. by the McDonnell Family

8:00 am — Dorothy Yagozinski req. by Beth & Woody Simkins

Friday, May 9, Easter Weekday

6:30 am — Mary Brussell req. by the McDonnell Family

8:00 am — Agnes Cuneo req. by Ag Struble

Saturday, May 10, Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am — Rocco Tironi, Sr.

Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 pm, 7:00 pm

8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm

For the Mothers of our Parish**ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS****Week Ending : April 20, 2025**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 20,619.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 8,688.38
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 29,307.38

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,307.38
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 18,944.58

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : April 27, 2025**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,199.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 6,386.38
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 14,585.38

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 271.65
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 19,831.23



*The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar is for
Fr. Zig's 50th Anniversary of Ordination
Requested by the parishioners and families of
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
St. Cecilia Church
Divine Mercy Academy*

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 Miers, 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 Salvessen, 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, 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, Katherine Lynn, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito, Esperanza Vertucci, Molly Mack, Michele Murray, Jimmy Olge-luie, Mark Howarth, Logan Mattessich, Harry Lusardi, Carmela Cragan, Bob Libak, Mary Lou Baumiller, Patricia Shea.



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, PVT Jack L. Gatzke, US Army, ENS Timothy G. Smith, US Navy, 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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MEMORIAL DAY MASS – Only one Mass will be celebrated on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 9 o'clock in the morning. The Mass will take place at the parish cemetery (you are reminded to bring a lawn chair). In the event of inclement weather the Mass will take place in the church.

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – Weather permitting, our parish will participate in the Memorial Day parade which will take place in the Borough on Monday, May 26th. To celebrate our 150th Parish Anniversary we will enter a float along with a walking contingent of parishioners. Please see the parish website for registration information. Participants will wear a uniform commemorative anniversary tee shirt. Information regarding sizes, etc. may also be found on the parish website. (The parade begins at 11 a.m. on East Main Street and Beach Street. The parade concludes at the Presbyterian Church parking lot across from Saint Cecilia's.) Join us to express our proud parish spirit in the community in which our church is found!

PEW KNEELERS – I am planning to install new pew kneelers in the church. The company I am dealing with has installed a sample which is located on the right side aisle, behind the handicap section near the confessional. I hope the project will take place sometime in June and I will be seeking your support by asking for your donation to fund this project. I know I can count on your generosity because of the love you have for our beautiful church! – Father Zig

EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR – You may want to add the following events to your calendar: *"Jubilee Family Fest"* sponsored by the diocese on Saturday, May 31st from 1:30-4:00 pm at Saint Joseph Shrine in Sterling; *International Celebration of Saint Frances Cabrini and Immigrants: Movie and Food* on Friday, June 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. AND *Bus Trip to Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine* in the Bronx on Saturday, June 14 leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m.; *40 Hour Devotions*, Wednesday, June 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending on Friday, June 20 at 12 Noon. ALL OF THESE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN WITH DETAILS IN THE COMING WEEKS BUT FOR NOW, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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.

PADRE PIO MEETING – The next gathering of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 10 o'clock in the morning. We will meet in the votive chapel at 10 o'clock in the morning for one hour of prayer and reflection. All are welcome to join.

CARNIVAL MEETING – A meeting of all those interested in helping with the Carnival which will take place September 11-14 at the Firemens Field on Beach Street are invited to a meeting in Hayes Hall on Thursday, May 8th at 7 o'clock in the evening. Your help will be greatly appreciated! – Father Zig

MAY DEVOTIONS – The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the conclusion of the 8 o'clock morning Mass, Monday through Friday, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Savior.

HEALING MASS – The Christian Care Committee is sponsoring the annual Healing Mass which will take place in our church on Saturday, May 17th at 11 o'clock in the morning. During the liturgy the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Following Mass a light reception will take place in Hayes Hall.

CONFIRMATION – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney will visit our parish to confer the sacrament of confirmation upon a prepared group of our young people. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7 o'clock in the evening on Friday, May 17th.

Parish Summer Office Hours:

Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00

(Lunch 12:00—1:00)

Friday: Closed

Monday, May 5

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, May 6

NO BIBLE STUDY

12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

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

Wednesday, May 7

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

7:00 pm—Pro-Life Meeting (St. Clement Church)

Thursday, May 8

7:00 pm—Carnival Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Friday, May 9

6:00 pm—DMA's Tricky Tray (off-site)

Saturday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 11**Happy Mothers Day**

8:00 pm—LTP (Hayes Hall)

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.

PARISH BUS TRIP – A day trip to the Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants, will take place on Saturday, June 14th. The bus will depart from the parish parking lot at 9 a.m. and will return approximately 3:30 p.m. The trip includes Holy Mass at the shrine, a tour of the shrine and museum documenting the work of Saint Frances Cabrini as well as a visit to the shrine book store. A presentation on the life of Saint Frances will be given with an opportunity to stroll the grounds of the shrine. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$70 per person which includes bus transportation and driver's trip, lunch and a donation to the shrine. Registration must be done by calling the parish office (973.627.0313) and speak to Janet. The deadline for registration is May 23rd. The bus is filling up so don't delay. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made payable to: St. Cecilia Church. **THIS IS ONE OF OUR PARISH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS WHICH REMINDS US THAT "WE WERE ALL IMMIGRANTS AT ONE TIME!"**

SENIOR TRIPS—The St. Cecilia Seniors have planned the following trips:

May 13th—\$90 — River Lady Cruise & side trip to Delicious Orchards

June 27th—\$120—City Cruise w/lunch and DJ

If interested or need more info, please email Pat Degnan at pattyannmarie64@yahoo.com

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.

Respect Life Corner—Good News!

The Rockaway-Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry has recently adopted a new name! We are now **The John Paul II Respect Life Ministry**, consisting of 5 parishes: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rockaway, St. Cecilia Church, St. Mary's Church, Denville, St. Clement Church and St. Catherine of Sienna Church of Mountain Lakes.

Additionally, in the last year, we have launched a new committee: "Walking with Moms in Need", a USCCB Initiative, to assist mothers in need of information about area resources that may be helpful to them and their family.

If you know of a mother who may require such assistance, or if you would like to help us in our John Paul II Respect Life Ministry activities, you may contact Carol McGotty, through our Parish Office at 973.627.0313.

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

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 Deb Craig @ 973-342-4528.

YOU ARE INVITED—Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mountain Lakes will sponsor a “Centennial Celebration” in honor of Saint Theresa, the Little Flower. The event takes place on Saturday, May 17th at 2 o’clock in the afternoon in the church followed by a reception in the parish center. Special music is on the agenda along with devotions to the Little Flower. Please join us. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule for additional info.

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.

OUR CHILDREN – 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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised, \$ 1,119.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.” #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

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

SHREDDING EVENT – The Men’s Society is sponsoring a shredding event on Saturday, May 24th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish parking lot. Bring your confidential documents for shredding and keep them out of the hands of scammers! This is a fund raising event for the society and we thank you for your support!



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.

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:**





My dear parishioners,

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Today we celebrate the Lord's Day on this Third Sunday of Easter. The Holy Resurrection of the Lord Jesus had dramatically brought change in the lives of the Apostles. They were witnesses to the Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection which gave them the courage to proclaim this truth throughout the world. In today's post Resurrection account in John's Gospel we hear about the "rehabilitation" of Saint Peter. We recall from the Passion narrative during Holy Week that Peter denied Jesus three times. In today's post Resurrection narrative the Lord asks him three times about his love. Peter responds affirmatively with love. Today's Gospel is yet another testimony of the Apostle Peter's role of leadership in the Church as the Vicar of Christ. During the 50 days of Easter the Acts of the Apostles is read and shows us how the followers of Jesus lived their Easter faith. Today's pericope once again speaks of the courage and commitment the Apostles possessed even in the face of danger. Peter emerges as the leader confident in the power of the Risen Christ who was crucified and now exalted. The Apostles fear no danger because they know with certainty that their Master reigns from above. He is the "Lamb that was slain" and they know that a place awaits them in heavenly glory.

It is good to be home after our 11 day pilgrimage to Rome and other holy sites in Italy. The highlight for me and I am sure for my fellow pilgrims was the opportunity we had to walk through the Holy Door during this JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE. I assure you that I remembered all of you in the celebration of the Holy Mass and the prayers we offered at the holy places. In particular I remembered our beloved parish at the Basilica of Saint Cecilia as we are in the midst of celebrating our 150th anniversary.

Speaking of anniversaries, it was 50 years ago today that I celebrated my first Holy Mass, May 4, 1975. It took place in my home parish, Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa, in Albany, New York. I remember how nervous I was and how proud my parents were on that day. As I celebrate Holy Mass today I remember my parents, Zigmund and Rose Peplowski, and pray that they have peace and joy in the Eternal Jerusalem among the saints.

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Father Zig

**ST. JUTTA (JUDITH), Widow
May 5 – Patroness of Prussia**

A NATIVE of Thuringia, St. Jutta was born at Sangerhausen and emulated the life of another great Saint of that area, and contemporary of hers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was married at the age of fifteen to a nobleman and became an admirable wife and mother, winning her husband over to her kind of spiritually-motivated life. The untimely death of her husband on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land left St. Jutta desolate and obliged to bring up her children by herself.

Influenced by their mother's splendid example, each of the children entered the religious life at maturity and left her free to follow the vocation to which she had long aspired. Divesting herself of her property, she spent the few remaining years of her life in religious retirement and care for the sick. She settled down in a dilapidated building about half a mile from Kulmsee in the territory of the military order of the Teutonic Knights, whose Grand Master was a relative of hers. Here she received and dispensed wonderful graces, gaining widespread renown as a Saint.

St. Jutta maintained that three things can bring one close to God – painful sickness, exile from home in some remote corner of a foreign country, and poverty voluntarily accepted for God. After an entire life exemplifying this way of approach to God, St. Jutta died in 1260.

PRAYER God, You inspired St. Jutta to strive for perfect charity and so attain Your Kingdom at the end of her pilgrimage on earth. Strengthen us through her intercession that we may advance rejoicing in the way of love. Amen

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50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
May 1, 1975—May 1, 2025

Thank you, We love you,
May God Always Bless You

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