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.

<u>PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:</u> 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 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, June 30, Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 am - Special Intention

8:00 am – Kennard Lienhardt reg. by Rosary Society

Tuesday, July 1, Sint Junipero Serra, Priest

6:30 am - Julia Talar req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am – Edward W. & Mary A. Merz req. by Ed & Mary Merz

Wednesday, July 2, Weekday

6:30 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am — Special Intention for Suzanne & Michael McDonnell's Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle

6:30 am – Michael Pontore req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am – Kevin Haran req. by Peggy McKinney

Friday, July 4, Weekday

9:00 am - Mass at the Cemetery

Saturday, July 5, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

8:00 am – Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Lou Serafin req. by Michael Wieczerzak Dolores Socha req. by Fr. Zig

7:00 pm – For the Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

8:00 am - Irene Shucavage req. by Ron Piaskowski

9:15 am — Martin & Rosemary Matis req. by their daughter,
Rosemary

10:45 am – Charles McGrath req. by Roberta Vitcusky Jean Barnette req. by Jim Mainardi

12:15 pm—Special Intention for MaryLou Rodimer's 90th Birthday req. by her Family

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, 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 Olgeluie, Mark Howarth, Logan Mattessich, Harry Lusardi, Carmela Cragan, Bob Libak, Mary Lou Baumiller, Patricia Shea, Jose Castillo, Lyle Ryder, Joseph Bardi, Gloria Benson.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS		
Week Ending: June 22, 2025		
Collection—Checks & Cash	\$	8,837.51
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$	4,784.70
Total Weekly Collection	\$	13,622.21
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$	785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$	14,313.73
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(691.52)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$	17,093.76





The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar is in loving memory of Charles McGrath reg. by Janet, Lisa, Jim & Alonso

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

JULY 4TH MASS – Only one Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning at the parish cemetery. Those who attend are reminded to bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will take place in the church.

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. 580-St. Cecilia



Leme PP. XIV 8 maggio 2025

Heavenly Father,

You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV, to the Chair of Saint Peter.
Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.
Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church along the path to Heaven.

Grant him wisdom to discern Your will, Courage to fulfill it,

And charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.

May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter, A humble servant of Your Word, And a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and

Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit, That he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.

Truth.

We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

And to the prayers of all the saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory Be...

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 Leo, 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.

<u>HOLY HOUR CONCLUSION</u> – Monday evening Holy Hour will conclude on June 30th. Holy Hour will be suspended during the summer months of July and August. Monday evening Holy Hour will return on September 8th.

<u>5th SUNDAY ROSARY</u> – The 5th Sunday of the Month Rosary will take place on Sunday, June 29th in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rosary is prayed along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This service is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3359 and is open to all.

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

PEW KNEELERS TO BE REPLACED – Prior to September the kneelers at the pews in the church will be replaced. The new kneelers will be padded and spring mechanized to reduce the noise which comes when the kneelers are not put down properly! In order to pay for this project I am asking each family for a donation of \$50. I believe this is a fair donation which is affordable to just about all of our parishioners. It is my prayer that all of our parishioners will generously participate in this appeal. Please make your check payable to: St. Cecilia Church, memo: kneelers. I thank you for the love and support you show our parish as we celebrate our 150 Anniversary. – Father Zig

Monday, June 30

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

PLEASE DON'T FORGET! – The summer season is a time for vacation and recreation. As you venture off to a place of rest and enjoyment please remember two things. The first is that attendance at Holy Mass on Sunday is a must for every Catholic. Go to www.masstimes.org for a listing of churches and mass times near your vocation destination. ALSO, please remember that your weekly and generous Sunday offering is crucial in the payment of our expenses at Saint Cecilia's. I am grateful for your support! – Father Zig

MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one.

Call the Parish Office 973-627-0313

~Offering \$15.00~

<u>DROP BOX IN PLACE</u> – A "drop box" has been positioned near the right side of the front door of the parish office. The box will serve as a place where communications can be picked-up or left-off after office hours.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS SEEKS WORLD CIVILIZATION INSTRUCTOR—ACS invites

applications for an instructor to teach World Civilization—HI 101, a three-credit course designed for second-year international students. This course offers a global overview of major civilizations, cultural exchanges, political and economic systems, and religious traditions from ancient times to the early modern era. If interested, contact:

academicdean@acs350.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COM-

<u>MUNION</u> – As I had announced prior to Easter the distribution of the Precious Blood of our Lord will take place every Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Since the pandemic the number of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion has diminished. Should you feel called to serve in this ministry, especially needed at the 10:45 Mass, please speak with me or Father Matt. Training, commissioning and commitment are required. – Father Zig

Divine Mercy Academy News





Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2025-2026 will be opening soon. Be sure to check the parish website for more details.

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 launches 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.



THANK YOU NEIL! – My sincere thanks to Neil Van Scoy for the work he had done in cleaning and mulching the shrubs in front and on the side of the church. May the Lord richly bless him for his labor! – Father Zig

THANK YOU DEIDRE – MY gratitude to Deidre Zink who had served as the coordinator for the "Mass Linens Laundry Ministry," for many years. This group of women, on a rotation basis, launder the linens that are used for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Anyone wishing to serve in this ministry is asked to contact me or Father Matt for additional information. Many thanks to Annette Kelly who has agreed to serve as the new coordinator for this ministry. – Father Zig

<u>HELP NEEDED</u>—Looking for volunteers interested in helping to water the plants in the cemetery during the summer months. It would be most appreciated. Please call Diane at the parish office @ 973.627.0313 or steeciliacemetery@gmail.com

PROJECT: SPEAKING IN TONGUES - Our parish is composed of a variety of nationalities which I often compare Saint Cecilia's to the United Nations. The various ethnic groups which form our parish make our church family rich and vibrant. To celebrate our cultural makeup I would like to do something in September which came from our 150th Anniversary Committee, that is, to celebrate the Holy Mass in a different language. To be clear: this would take place only at the Sunday 10:45 Mass and the Mass parts which would be in the designated language are the Scripture readings and the bringing forth of the gifts at the Offertory. Therefore, I am seeking volunteers who speak their ethnic language to contact me if you are willing to assist in this effort. I would like to begin the first of these Masses on Sunday, September 21st and follow each week until we conclude. Please contact me as soon as possible so that the schedule can be made and the appropriate Scripture readings assigned. - Father Zig

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*

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.

CONSIDER SAINT CECILIA – I ask that "You consider Saint Cecilia" when you are preparing your will or thinking about how you are going to distribute your assets in the future. Our parish has been your spiritual home providing you and your family with pastoral care in good times and in bad. Your financial gift will help further the mission of proclaiming the Gospel in our community, so please CONSIDER SAINT CECILIA! – Father Zig

<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.

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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,

As we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Lord's Day we are commemorating the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. This is an annual observance on June 29th and because this day falls on a Sunday this year it has precedence over the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time which is suppressed. This day is celebrated with great festivity in the city of Rome as the Apostles Peter and Paul are the patrons of this city in which they were both martyred during the reign of the Emperor Nero in about the year 64. Peter served as the Bishop of Rome after leaving Antioch ministering to the Christians of the city before being crucified upside down on Vatican Hill. The Apostle Paul was transported to Rome and was under house arrest for a short time before being tried and executed by beheading. The Apostle Peter is buried under the altar of Saint Peter's Basilica and the Apostle Paul is buried under the altar of the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

Today's Gospel speaks of the Petrine Ministry which is given to Peter and is passed down through the centuries to the Roman Pontiff, the Bishop of Rome. We are still in awe that an American Cardinal was elected to the office of Peter. Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV is a great blessing to the Universal Church.

Vatican News Service recently announced that the Holy Father will resume the practice of the Pope spending some time in the summer at the Papal Residence at Castle Gondalfo. With the exception of Pope Francis, this traditional respite provided the Pope with some time for rest and reflection. Rest and Reflection is the goal that all of us should pursue during the hot summer months so as to be refreshed for the activities which will resume in the fall. Vatican News Service also stated that the Holy Father's schedule has been reduced for the next two months with the suspension of the Weekly Audiences and other selected public functions.

Here at Saint Cecilia's we too will follow this lead as we have for the past number of years. All of our parish meetings, religious education program, Holy Hour, etc have been suspended for July and August. The weekday and Sunday Masses remain at their regular times for Divine Worship.

REST and REFLECTION should be observed during this time as we recharge ourselves to resume the activities which await us beginning in September.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER! Father Zig

ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL July 4 – Patroness of Third Order of St. Francis

THE father of St. Elizabeth was Peter III, King of Aragon. She came into the world at the royal palace in Saragossa in 1271, and received the name of Elizabeth after her aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who several years before had been canonized by Pope Gregory IX.

Her grandfather, James I, who then occupied the throne of Aragon, took upon himself the care of her education, but he died before she was six years of age. Her early years were spent in the most extraordinary piety and at the age of twelve she was given in marriage to Dionysius, King of Portugal. However, her husband left her free to practice her devotions, and she lived on the throne with the virtue and regularity of a Religious. Eventually, her patience and gentleness succeeded in converting the King, who had been leading a licentious life. Charity to the poor was one of her characteristic virtues, and her works for the good of her fellowmen knew no bounds.

Her virtue also had to pass through the crucible of suffering. One of the keenest pangs she endured came from the revolt of her son, Alfonso, against his own father, and the unjust treatment of the latter, who suspected her of favoring his son. The King, however, soon acknowledged his error and made amends, and the saintly woman succeeded in effecting a reconciliation between father and son.

After the death of her husband she took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis and retired to a convent of Poor Clares, near which she dwelt in a house she had erected. Hearing that her son, Alphonsus IV, King of Portugal, had gone to war with her grandson, Alfonso IX, King of Castile, she set out on a journey to reconcile them and succeeded. This was her last act of mercy, for having arrived at Estremoz, on the frontiers of Castile where her son was, she fell ill. After receiving the Last Sacraments, she died on July 4, 1336, and was canonized in 1625 by Pope Urban VIII.

PRAYER God, Author and Lover of charity, You endowed St. Elizabeth with the wondrous grace of bringing dissidents together. Through her intercession enable us to practice works of peace so that we may be called children of God. Amen.

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