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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 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, July 7, Blessed Ulma Family

6:30 am — Judy Wildzummas req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Mary Reynolds

Tuesday, July 8, Weekday

6:30 am — Jim Anderson req. by Valerie Dalia

8:00 am — Dorothy Shea req. by the Servidio Family

Wednesday, July 9, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 am — Cecilia Ruiz req. by HR Gonzalez

8:00 am — Henry Aulenbach req. by the Linnell Family

Thursday, July 10, Weekday

6:30 am — Michael Say req. by Lanie Orr

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

Friday, July 11, Saint Benedict, Abbot

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

8:00 am — Jean Asti req. by Catherine Haynes

Saturday, July 12, Weekday

8:00 am — James Desmond req. by Carol & Frank Desmond

Sunday, July 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Rosemary Joannidis req. by Roger & Mary Jane Mueller

Mr. & Mrs. John Flynn req. by Michael Wiczerzak

7:00 pm — Special Intention for Sarah & Patrick Sullivan's Wedding Anniversary req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

8:00 am — John McCarthy req. by his daughter, Noreen

9:15 am — Jenn Suto req. by Linda & Carline

10:45 am — Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family

12:15 pm — Kennard Lienhardt req. by Marilyn Whelan
Jeannette Krause req. by the Bozza Family

St. Cecilia Church Collection Goals
Week Ending: June 29, 2025
 Due to the early publication of the bulletin,
 the collections totals for the week will be
 shown next week. Thank you!



Blessed Ulma Family
Feast Day, July 7th

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 Cumiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Christopher Darlak, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, Martha Salvesen, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Clare Desmond, Craig Huffman, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, 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, Jose Castillo, Lyle Ryder, Joseph Bardi, Gloria Benson.



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.



Leo 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
Truth.

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

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.

HOLY HOUR CONCLUSION – 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.



THANK YOU—Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$_____. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. 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, July 7
 Tuesday, July 8
 7:45 pm—*Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)*
 Wednesday, July 9
 Thursday, July 10
 Friday, July 11
 Saturday, July 12
 Sunday, July 13

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~

DROP BOX IN PLACE – 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 COMMUNION – 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

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 POSITIONS FOR THE 2025-2026
 SCHOOL YEAR



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Faith
FORMATION

Forming the youth and families
 of our parish community.



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 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.

SUMMER READING—I think most of us try to do a little reading during the summer. I just finished a book entitled, “The Hour of Testing: Spiritual Depth and Insight in a Time of Ecclesial Uncertainty.” The author is Father Donald Haggerty and the book is published by Ignatius Press. His insights into our current church life is one which I concur. Let me share with you one segment which my pastoral experience finds so true.—Fr. Zig

People who receive Holy Communion at an occasional Mass attended during the year, on a Christmas day, for instance, or at a wedding or funeral, are not so unusual. They seem to take Holy Communion with no thought they are receiving anything other than wafer of bread as part of ritual that everyone present at a Mass does. It is likely that in many cases they have no faith in the reality of the Eucharist as the Body of Christ; nothing prompts them to fear making a grave act of disrespect toward the sacred. They simply join the Communion line and take the Host as a participant in the ceremony, as it were, thinking nothing of it. Not uncommonly, they reach out a single hand to take hold of the sacred Host as though they were being given a religious souvenir. In all this casual indifference to the sacred reality, the wound to the heart of Jesus must be real, and perhaps quite terrible. The callousness of an unbelieving touch in this manner when in tangible contact with the Divine Presence is a wound to the heart of God that recalls the roughness of Roman soldiers stripping our Lord at the crucifixion site. It is emblematic of our time in this era of Eucharistic sacrilege that these are not non-Catholics who have strayed onto a Communion line, but baptized Catholics who in their childhood may have made a pious First Communion. Faith seems to have ebbed away and faded from their lives, and they do not realize their grave danger of soul. Rather, they likely claim a relationship with God on their own terms. But true faith disappears, turns to ashes and smoke, by paying no attention to truths of faith. These truths, such as the reality of the Eucharist, require a choice, a willed act of believing and committed practices, including the obligatory Sunday Mass. When there is no thought of these truths, and no proximity in a life to them, the truths seem to evaporate from the mind. They become a memory in the external aspects alone, like a foreign land looked at in old photographs but never more visited.

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

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

HELP NEEDED—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 stceciliacemetery@gmail.com

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

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My dear parishioners,

In our celebration of the Lord's Day we commemorate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scripture texts for this Sunday all contain the sound of joy. Even in the epistle reading the Apostle Paul speaks about "boast" which can also mean "exalt". He exalts "in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Gospel passage the 72 disciples return to the Lord Jesus giving a report of their mission in spreading the Gospel by word and deed. They are especially amazed over their success over the forces of evil, demons who are subject to them because of the Name of Jesus. These missionary disciples exalt that the work they were commissioned to do has brought forth the desired results the Lord expected from them.

The Prophet Isaiah also speaks of joy and exaltation in regard to the desired role of the "new" Jerusalem which becomes a mother to all peoples where all are welcome to receive comfort and spiritual nourishment.

JOY is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and is a defining characteristic of a disciple. When a disciple of the Lord shows forth a joyful spirit it becomes an invitation to others. It opens the door to Christ who desires to enter into a relationship of love with all people. He is the one who can provide the peace, strength, and joy which should be the desire of every human heart. In a world of division, conflict and pain He is the One who brings healing to broken hearts and downcast spirits.

The Responsorial Psalm for today is LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY. Indeed we are called to exalt in the Lord for He has chosen us as His disciples to go forth into the world bearing the Gospel of salvation. With joy let us enter this summer month inviting others to Christ through the words we speak and the good works we perform.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST—GLORY FOREVER!

Fr. Zig

***St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
July 6 – Patroness of Youth***

St. Maria Goretti, called by Pope Pius XII "the St. Agnes of the 20th century," was born a small farm near Ancona, Italy, in 1890. The third of seven children, she was, in the words of her mother, "happy, good, openhearted, without whim, but with a sense and seriousness beyond her years, and never disobedient." Her father died when she was nine, and Maria helped out with the younger children and the housework while her mother ran the farm. She received First Communion at eleven and strove with all her strength to do better each day.

Six months later, this heroic maiden was severely tried for her Faith. The Goretti family shared a home with the partner of their father and his son, Alexander, a wicked-minded youth who began making sinful advances toward Maria. She repelled them immediately but said nothing about them for he threatened to kill her and her mother if she did. Finally, lust drove the tragic Alexander to attack outright, but again the Saint resisted him with all her strength, crying out repeatedly: "No, it's a son! God does not want it!" Thereupon, the attacker, overwhelmed by fear and anger, began to strike at her blindly with a dagger, and several blows passed clear through her body.

St. Maria was rushed to the hospital at Nettuno and surgeons worked feverishly to save her life, but it soon became evident that nothing could be done. The next morning she was given Communion but first queried about the attitude toward Alexander. She replied clearly that she forgave him, that she would pray for his repentance, and that she wished to see him in heaven. On July 6, 1902, this saintly maiden died and went to meet her heavenly Spouse for Whose love she had been willing to give her life.

On July 25, 1950, she was raised to sainthood by Pope Pius XII, with her mother, brothers, and sisters present, a unique event in the history of the Church. By that time her prayers for her murderer had long since been heard and answered. After eight years of unrepentant imprisonment, Alexander had a complete change of heart; released for good behavior after twenty-seven years, he hastened to beg forgiveness of the Saint's mother and then became a Capuchin laybrother, who gave evidence at the canonical inquiry about Blessed Maria and lived to see her canonized.

PRAYERS God, Author of innocence and Lover of chastity, You conferred on St. Maria Your handmaid the grace of martyrdom at a youthful age. Through her intercession grant us constancy in Your commandments, You Who gave the crown to a virgin who fought for You. Amen

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