Saint Cecilia Parish

90 Church Street
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866

Parish Office: 973-627-0313 Website: st-cecilia.org — Office: stcec@optonline.net Fax: 973-627-4811
To Contact: Fr. Zig: Ext. 12 or speplowski@optonline.net
Fr. Matt: Ext 15 or frmateuszdarlak@gmail.com
School: 973-627-6003 CCD Office: 973-627-0313 Ext. 17

Rev. Sigmund Peplowski
PASTOR

Rev. Mateusz Darlak
PAROCHIAL VICAR

Mrs. Janet Maulbeck
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
YOUTH PROTECTION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Mr. James Clancy
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Mr. Charles Linnell
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Diane Boykow
CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR
STAFF ASSISTANT

Mrs. Kelly Cacella
PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
SAINT CECILIA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
"SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD"
PSALM 96:1

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

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

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 14, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
6:30 am – Augustyn Bizon req. by Family
8:00 am – Eleanor & Thomas Sullivan req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Tuesday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
6:30 am – Rosario Say req. by Lanie Orr
8:00 am – Special Intention for Dianna & John Sullivan's Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
6:30 am – Cecilia Ruiz req. by HR Bonzalez
8:00 am – Eleanor & Thomas Sullivan req. by Dianna & John

Thursday, July 17, Weekday
6:30 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am – Harry "Bud" Struble req. by Ag Struble

Friday, July 18, Saint Camillus de Lellis
6:30 am – For the sick listed in our bulletin and their caregivers
8:00 am – Zenobia Hudson req. by Sophie Boylan

Saturday, July 19, Weekday
8:00 am – Thanksgiving req. by Berdin-Baricuatro Family

Sunday, July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm – Joan Bartholomew req. by Family
Sarah Lombardo req. by Susan Brennan
7:00 pm – Bill Gallagher req. by his daughter, Jan
Art Valletta req. by Jan Gallagher
8:00 am – John & Margaret Holleran
9:15 am – Stephen Brussell, Jr. req. by the McDonnell Family
Daniela Lesniak req. by Family
10:45 am – Mario Zambrano req. by Family
Charles McGrath req. by the VonDollen Family
12:15 pm – Kennard Lienhardt req. by The Friday Morning Rosary Group
Stephen Reilly

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, 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 29, 2025

Collection—Checks & Cash	$	7,665.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	$	4,784.70
Total Weekly Collection	$	12,449.70
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	$	785,000.00
Weekly Goal	$	14,313.73
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	$	(1,864.03)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	$	15,229.73

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS
Week Ending : July 6, 2025

Collection—Checks & Cash	$	8,285.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	$	6,345.25
Total Weekly Collection	$	14,630.25
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	$	785,000.00
Weekly Goal	$	14,313.73
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	$	316.52
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	$	316.52

Peter's Pence Collection: $1,446.00

Our Condolences to the Family of
Sandra Ferraiuolo, Dolores McCauley & Charles Demek
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord



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

The Jubilee Prayer

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 for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

THANK YOU – Sincere thanks to all those who served in whatever capacity at this year's Bible Camp. The Bible Camp is a yearly summer vacation Bible school for the young children of our parish which was held June 24-27. May the Lord richly bless all those who gave of their time to make this year's event a memorable one!

CHURCH AC UPDATE – Work should begin soon on replacing the two disabled air conditioning units stationed on the sacristy roof. Two new units will be installed with the addition of a new roof. (The roof over the two sacristies has been leaking in recent years even after numerous patch jobs.) The main ac unit which cools the nave of the church is functioning. I am most grateful to an anonymous donor who has come forward with the funds to finance this project. May Christ the Savior bless them! – 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 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.

CCC—Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Paterson to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc

CARNIVAL MEETING – A meeting of all those who are assisting in the carnival preparations will take place on Tuesday evening, July 15th at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. The meeting is open to all those who would like to help with this event which will take place at the Firemen's Field on Beach Street in the Borough, Thursday-Sunday, September 11-14.

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 14
Tuesday, July 15
7:00 pm—Carnival Meeting (Hayes Hall)
7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)
Wednesday, July 16
Thursday, July 17
Friday, July 18
Saturday, July 19
Sunday, July 20

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~

LATIN MASS - On THURSDAY, JULY 24 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 63 E. Main St., will have a sung traditional Latin Mass in remembrance of St. Christopher with veneration of a major relic, distribution of St. Christopher medals and a blessing of automobiles. Everyone is welcome!

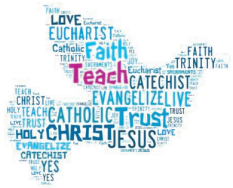
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS SEEKS WORLD CIVILIZATION INSTRUCTOR—ACS invites applications for an instructor to teach World Civilization—HI 101, a three-credit course designed for second-year international students. This course offers a global overview of major civilizations, cultural exchanges, political 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



Faith FORMATION
Forming the youth and families of our parish community.



Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2025- 2026 is open on our web-site.

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.

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.

(pp. 218—219)

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

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**:

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners,

Today we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel passage which is proclaimed today we hear the wonderful parable of the Good Samaritan. The Lord Jesus tells this story when asked by a "scholar of the Law", WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? This is preceded also by a question, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE? Our Lord points to obeying the Commandments as the answer.

The Commandments of God are not to be taken lightly. The first lection from the Book of Deuteronomy speaks of the "voice of the Lord" being found in the Commandments. God is intimately connected to the Law and that those who heed His voice and obey will have eternal life. These commandments have been given to us and are within our midst and not in some remote place which becomes inaccessible to us. We know these Commandments and are expected to fulfill them as a sign of our covenantal relationship with the Lord God.

As we look upon these laws with faith, we find that the first three Commandments deal with our relationship with God. Interestingly the next seven concern our relationship with one another. In a sense the Commandments not only bind us to God but also to one another in a very special relationship.

The epistle reading for this Sunday is taken from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Colossians which many scholars believe is a hymn from the Early Church which may have been sung during the Baptism ceremony. In these beautiful lyrics we gaze upon the image of Christ Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God who was from the beginning and in these latter days was sent to reconcile us to God through His suffering and death on the Cross. This is an act of true love, sacrificing oneself for others.

As we reflect upon the parable of the Good Samaritan and the manner in which he sacrificed his own time, resources and plans in order to help someone in need; let us realize that this is what the Lord God expects of us. This sort of action must be the manner in which we conduct ourselves as we await the sharing in eternal life.

Coming to the aid of someone in need is a sacrificial act which is fostered by love. God loves us and comes to our rescue by sending His Son to save us. Likewise, we are expected to help others as the voice of God speaks to us in the fulfillment of the Commandments.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
July 16



THIS is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. The Order of Carmelites takes its name from Mount Carmel, which was the first place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and where a chapel was erected in her honor before her Assumption into heaven.

July 16 is also the feast of the "Scapular of Mount Carmel." On that day in 1251, pious tradition says, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelites at Cambridge, England, showed him the scapular and promised supernatural favors and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear her scapular.

To obtain the indulgences and other benefits promised to those who wear the Carmelite scapular, a person must be invested by a priest who has the requisite faculties and must lead a consistent Christian life.

PRAYER Lord, let the motherly prayer of the glorious Virgin Mary come to our help. Through her support help us to reach the true mount which is Christ. Amen

Taken from, Lives of the Saints; Catholic Booking Publishing Company, 1999, New Jersey

Saint Cecilia Parish

90 Church Street
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866

Parish Office: 973-627-0313 **Website: st-cecilia.org — Office: stcec@optonline.net** **Fax: 973-627-4811**
To Contact: Fr. Zig: Ext. 12 or speplowski@optonline.net
Fr. Matt: Ext 15 or frmateuszdarlak@gmail.com
School: 973-627-6003 **CCD Office: 973-627-0313 Ext. 17**