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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 or by email.

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, November 10, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am — Bessie Mazzullo req. by O'Donnell Family

8:00 am — Marilyn Wirtz req. by Ed & Mary Merz

Tuesday, November 11, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:30 am — Sister Immacolata Scarogni, SCC req. by Sisters at St. Cecilia Convent

8:00 am — Michal Cichon req. by Maulbeck Family

Wednesday, November 12, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

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

8:00 am — Robert Marmara

Thursday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30 am — Madeline Lusardi, 5 year anv., req. by husband, Tony

8:00 am — Isabel & Alex Blazejewski req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Friday, November 14, Weekday

6:30 am — For the service men and women listed in our bulletin

8:00 am — Martha Salvesen req. by DMA Faculty, Staff & Students

Saturday, November 15, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, BVM

8:00 am — For the parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, November 16, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time4:30 pm — Sarah Lombardo req. by Liz, Kathy & Ronald
Martha Salvesen req. by Carol & Gary McGotty7:00 pm — Alex Drew Wharton req. by Rosemary Matis
Jeanne Gallagher req. by her daughter, Jan

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the McBride Family

9:15 am — Helen Brussell req. by the McDonnell Family
Alex Drew Wharton req. by McDonnell Family

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

12:15 pm — Theresa Udasco req. by Sue Ritz

Justin Lazarchick req. by Lillian & Ismael Franqui

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : November 2, 2025**

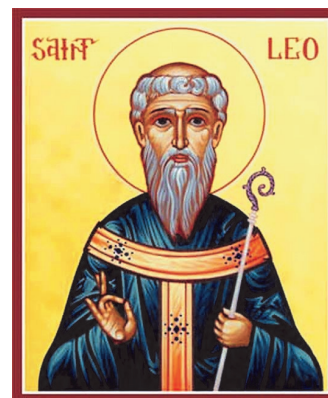
Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 10,312.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,713.20
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 15,025.20

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 711.47
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,352.95

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Our Condolences to the Family of
Robert Marmara & Patrick Murphy
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, 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, Frieda Solow, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, 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 Cragin, Bob Libak, Mary Lou Baumiller, Patricia Shea, Jose Castillo, Joseph Bardi, Gloria Benson, William Serafin, Eleanor Sala, Cecilia Pane, Dennis McCoach.



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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ADULT FAITH FORMATION – Our parish offers two opportunities during the week for adults to gather to enrich their faith. On Monday evenings at 7:30 a video series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church takes place led by Chuck Malaniak. On Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a Scripture class on the Letters of Saint John and the Book of Revelation takes place led by Father Matt. Both gatherings are in Hayes Hall and are open to all adults. Please join us to increase your knowledge of the faith we share in Christ!

ADVENT RETREAT – Mark your calendar for our parish ADVENT RETREAT which will take place on Saturday, December 6th with Monsignor Raymond Kupke, Professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary-Seton Hall University. The morning event begins with Holy Mass at 8 o'clock followed by a hot breakfast in Hayes Hall. The retreat is divided into two sessions separated by a "coffee break." The retreat concludes at 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$25, payable to St. Cecilia Church. The deadline for registration is Tuesday morning, December 2nd. You may register by contacting the parish office.

ADVENT TREE – Our annual ADVENT TREE PROJECT will commence on Sunday, November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent. The tree will contain tags for gifts which will be distributed to the needy in time for Christmas. All parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tree and bring your gift to the church on Sunday, December 14th. Your generosity will bring Christmas cheer to someone in need. May God bless you!

FATIMA STATUE – The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for one week stay in a parishioner's home, from Sunday to Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. A sign-up for this purpose is located at the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In taking the image of Mary into your home, you are committed to praying the Holy Rosary every day for the cause of peace. For further information regarding this project of the Knights of Columbus please see Father Zig, Father Matt or Sister Chiara Marie.

NOVENA TO SAINT CECILIA – In preparation of our celebration of the feast of Saint Cecilia, our patron saint, a novena will be prayed each morning following the 8 o'clock Mass. We begin the novena on Thursday, November 13th. The feast of Saint Cecilia is Saturday, November 22nd.

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

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY – Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th will be celebrated at 9 o'clock in the morning. This is the only Mass which is scheduled for this day. Please join us in thanksgiving to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

NO MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS – On Saturday, November 22nd the regular vigil Masses and confessions **WILL NOT TAKE PLACE!** On that Saturday afternoon the only Mass to be celebrated will be at 4 o'clock! No confessions on Saturday, November 22nd! – Father Zig

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – The month of November is dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed. During this time the All Souls envelopes with the names of the departed will rest on the altar so that they will be remembered during the Holy Sacrifice. Also, the Book of the Dead will be positioned on the altar of Saint Joseph in which you may inscribe the names of departed loved ones.

Prayer Service

The Sisters of Christian Charity, 350 Bernardsville Road, Mendham, NJ, invite you to a Prayer Service on Sunday, November 16, at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate and remember all our loved ones who have died. Please RSVP by calling 973-230-5355

FINANCIAL REPORT – A financial report of our parish will be printed and included in the Sunday bulletin on November 30th.

Monday, November 10

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

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

Wednesday, November 12

Divine Mercy Academy—noon dismissal

7:00 pm—Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, November 13

Divine Mercy Academy—noon dismissal

7:00 pm—St. Cecilia Presents.... (Hayes Hall)

Friday, November 14**Saturday, November 15**

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

10:00 am—Lectors Meeting (Church)

Sunday, November 16

9:15 am—Children's Liturgy (Hayes Hall)

4:00 pm—The Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs (CH & HH)

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY – The “5th Sunday of the Month Rosary” will take place on Sunday, November 30th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. During this 30-minute gathering the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. All are welcome to attend this prayer service which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3359.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia's is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith community. My question is to all, ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISH-IONER? If you are not sure, please give the parish office a call (973.627.0313) and speak with Janet or Diane to check and to update any information regarding yourself, such as phone number and e mail address, etc. This information is most helpful for me in providing pastoral care to you and your family. Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a “certificate of eligibility” to serve as a godparent/sponsor. If I do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. The Registration form may be found on line by going to the parish website or by receiving a copy from the parish office. Your completed registration form may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. Register and be counted among those who love and support Saint Cecilia's! – FATHER ZIG

Divine Mercy Academy News

IF YOU ATTEND FRIDAY MORNING MASS – As a security measure the doors of the church will be locked for Friday morning Mass at 7:50 am. If you attend Mass on Friday morning, you must be in the building by that time. This is a security measure for our school children. – Fr. Zig

Join us for a joyful morning filled with festive fun, hot cocoa, holiday music, and a special visit from Santa himself. Whether you're walking, running, or jingling all the way, it's a great way to support Divine Mercy Academy and celebrate the season!

When: Saturday, December 6th at 9am

Where: Peterson Memorial Field, Rockaway Township

Cost: Early registration fee \$30 / Onsite registration \$35. Register

at: <https://my.raceresult.com/352188/>

As we look forward to the success of our first annual 5K, we are seeking sponsors who share our commitment to education, community engagement, and wellness. Your support would be instrumental in making this event a memorable one, and we would be thrilled to have your business partner with us to help raise funds that will directly benefit our students and the programs we offer. Please contact Lbretzger@dmrockaway.com for more information!

SHOPPING GIFT CARDS – The sale of the shopping cards from SHOPRITE and other stores is conducted every Saturday and Sunday for the convenience of our parishioners. Your purchase of the cards assists our parish school, an important part of Saint Cecilia Parish. Please know that the cards may also be purchased at the parish office during the week. I would like to personally thank you for supporting this program! – Father Zig

Divine Mercy Academy's Christmas Wreath Fundraiser is under-way! You can order online at <https://my.evergreenindustries.com/>

Customer Code: DIVINE. Orders will be shipped directly to you. \$10 will be donated to Divine Mercy Academy for each item ordered. Orders must be placed 12/3. Thank you for your support!

Spiritual Opportunities at Villa Pauline

As the Jubilee Year comes to an end, Villa Pauline in Mendham, NJ will host a day of reflection on November 12th, from 9:30a.m. - 2:00p.m. Rev. Peter Krebs, Ph.D. from the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, will facilitate the day with a theme, A Pilgrim Journey Into Hope. Together we will fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.

During the Advent Season, Sister Patrice Owen and Sister Theresa Marie Tran will facilitate a five-session faith sharing program on Wednesday November 19th, 26th, and December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Through daily reflection on our life experiences with Scripture, the writings of Thomas Merton, and quiet prayer, we will practice contemplative living in the midst of our busy lives. The first session will meet in person; the other four sessions will meet virtually. To register, please call Villa Pauline at 973-543-0985 or visit our website scc.org.

Stay Connected with Us Online! Want to keep up with the latest events, uplifting messages, and community updates from our parish? Follow us on our official social media channels! Facebook | Instagram | TikTok: @SaintCeciliaChurch - You can follow Fr. Matt on his YouTube channel for heartfelt weekly reflections podcast - <https://youtube.com/frmattdarlak> Like, follow, and share to help us spread faith, joy, and love beyond the church walls. Let's grow in faith together — online and offline!

ST CECILIA PRESENTS – The next episode of “Saint Cecilia Presents” will take place on Thursday evening, November 13th in Hayes Hall beginning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Preston Dibble will speak on the role of Sacred Music and Saint Cecilia. Mr. Dibble is the Diocesan Director of Music. Please join us for this interesting presentation.



LATERAN BASILICA VISIT—Father Zig was in Rome last week on vacation and among his visits was the Lateran Basilica. The solemnity of the dedication of the Pope's cathedral is being commemorated this Sunday. (Looks like Father Zig enjoyed a lot of pasta while he was away!)

2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Three Counties, One Family of Faith”

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident knowing that it supports the following causes: Catholic Charities' programs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties, Catholic urban education, seminarian education, Nazareth Village, our residence for retired diocesan priests and retired priests' healthcare needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes described above.

Please make a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal today - visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.

OCIA

OCIA Open for Adult Confirmation Prep OCIA, the first stage for adults' preparation for sacraments at Easter Vigil, the INQUIRY PERIOD is still in progress but ending soon. This introductory welcome and overview for new members will end Nov. 16. This is a great time for any adult who has not received Confirmation to find out about how Confirmation Candidates can make their preparation in conjunction with the 10:45 Sunday Mass until 12:35 PM in the Parish Office. Do you have a crazy schedule? . Adult Confirmation Preparation is guided group formation in living the Christ life as a Catholic. If it is a priority for you, we can help. Should you have to miss a session, at-home reflection materials are provided. We will email them to you. This is not an academic course. Contact Sister Diane soon at sdmoughan@gmail.com. Nov. 9 - Topic: Living Catholic Morality (Commandments & Beatitudes) Nov. 16 - Topic: About the Catechumenate; Brief Interviews of Candidates opting to continue this process.

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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,

Once again, we step out “of Ordinary Time to celebrate a solemnity and this Sunday it is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Most years November 9th falls during a weekday, and this feast goes unnoticed by a majority of the faithful. However, this year we are reacquainted with this observance which commemorates the dedication of the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Rome. The cathedral is named for two copatrons: our Savior and Saint John the Baptist.

The Ordo gives us the following information regarding this feast: *Today marks the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome, on land owned by the Laterani Family, by Pope Sylvester I on November 9, 324; honored as the episcopal seat of the pope as Bishop of Rome; according to an inscription which Pope Clement XII (1730-1740) placed on the façade, this basilica is the ‘mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world’ (omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput); residence of the popes from the 4th c. until their moving to Avignon (1309); site of five ecumenical councils; Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646; beneath its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass.*

The Scripture readings which the Church gives us for this day all refer to “God’s temple”, the holy place where the presence of the Lord may be found and where divine worship is to take place. The Jerusalem Temple was indeed such a place for the people of the Old Testament as well as for those who lived during the time of our Lord. Many times, this holy place was defiled and destroyed due to sin. In the Gospel passage for today our Lord speaks of Himself as being the temple not made with human hands. The Lord Jesus is “God in the flesh” who is to be worship and adored. The Lord’s words are a prelude to the defilement and destruction which will be leveled against Him because of sinful men. However, He is the “temple” which will rise again on the third day.

In today’s epistle reading Paul the Apostle reminds the baptized that we too “*are God’s building...the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you...for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.*”

Let us remember that we are holy AND that the building in which we call “CHURCH” is holy too! Let us remember to enter the Lord’s House with respect!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Fr. Zig

**ST. LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church
November 10**

ST. LEO the Great was born in Tuscany. As deacon, he was dispatched to Gaul as a mediator by Emperor Valentinian III. He reigned as Pope between 440 and 461. He persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict in 445. The doctrine of the Incarnation was confirmed by him in a letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople, who had already condemned Eutyches. At the Council of Chalcedon this same letter was confirmed as the expression of Catholic Faith concerning the Person of Christ.

All secular historical treatises eulogize his efforts during the upheaval of the 5th-century barbarian invasion. His encounter with Attila the Hun, at the very gates of Rome, persuading him to turn back, remains a historical memorial to his great eloquence. When the Vandals under Genseric occupied the city of Rome he persuaded the invaders to desist from pillaging the city and harming its inhabitants. He died in 461, leaving many letters and writings of great historical value.

PRAYER God, You established Your Church on the solid rock of the Apostles and You will never allow the powers of hell to dominate her. Grant that she may persevere in Your truth and enjoy continual peace through the intercession of Pope St. Leo. Amen

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