Congratulations and Abundant Blessings to our Pastor, Fr. Zig, on his 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood from your beloved priests, seminarians, deacons, parishioners, staff, faculty and students of St. Cecilia’s Parish & School.

Sto Lat!
The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services:

Do you have a friend or relative who is not able to get to Mass? The Christian Care Committee goes to parishioner’s homes on a weekly basis to bring the Eucharist. If you know someone who would be interested in a weekly visit, please call Elaine Macones at 973-983-9579.

The Mothers of St. Cecilia Parish

Derek Bascharow, John Brinkman, Julie Lawson, Ann Palma, Debbie Male, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Edward O’Dowd, Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mary Reynolds, Mason Walker Steussing, Tom Cuskie, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Theodora Maulbeck, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Joanne Brewer, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Betty Golden, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Rosemary Woodring, Sharon Augenti, Sean Nolan, Peg Norman, Eileen Sutherland, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miers, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Norman Rodriguez, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS
2014/2015
Week Ending - April 26, 2015
Collection—Checks $9,585.00
Collection Cash $1,436.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving $1,501.25
Total Weekly Collection $12,522.25
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET) $810,000.00
Weekly Goal $14,568.83
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit) ($2,046.38)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit) ($36,196.92)
Campaign for Human Development $2954.00-Thank You

SPECIAL INTENTION

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL: The flowers placed by the Tabernacle can be donated to remember that special birthday or anniversary or to honor a loved one living or deceased. The intention will be printed in the bulletin. The cost is $25.00 per arrangement. Interested? Call the Office at 973-627-0313

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THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday
1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17


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.
PARISH EVENTS

CD OF THE MONTH

Join us as we continue with our parish ‘CD of the Month’ program. For the month of May all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to “The Lamb’s Supper” by Dr. Scott Hahn. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Dr. Scott Hahn does an amazing job of explaining the deepest mysteries of our faith in a way that all people can understand and relate to. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community.

On Thursday, May 28th, our ‘Formation Night’ will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All people are welcome to attend. CDs are available after Mass or by contacting the parish office. CDs are only $3 each.

The Service Committee of the Paterson Diocesan Charismatic Renewal is pleased to announce the following
Charismatic Vigil of Pentecost Mass:
When May 23, 2015
Time 7:00 pm
Main Celebrant Fr. Boguslaw Kobus
Where: St. Ann’s Church
781 Smith Rd.
Parsippany, NJ 07054
For Info call Ellie 973-627-5184

Polish mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church every second Sunday of the month at 11:30am. The mass for May will be on the 10th. Please join us with your family and friends to worship God in the Polish language.

Msza w języku polskim w koscielc pod wezwaniem Najswietszego Serca Pana Jezusa w Rockaway odbędzie sie 10 maja o godzinie 11:30. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do wspolnej modlitwy w ojczystym języku.

THANK YOU! - from the ST. MONICA GUILD

Thank you to all those who participated in and patronized our garage sale on Saturday, April 25th.
Look forward to seeing you next year!

CAN YOU HELP? – There is a small group of women who meet every Thursday morning after the 8 o’clock Mass (or sometimes on Friday) to do some “tidying” of the church. They meet for about a hour to an hour and a half. If you are interested and would like some additional information please contact Carol McGotty or Father Zig. Men would also be welcome to join the group. Our volunteers provide a great service to the parish and demonstrate their love for the Lord and His holy house.

CAPTURE MEMORIES for a lifetime…… a second opportunity to take your photos!

Be a part of our new 140th Anniversary Family Directory. Let's put the names with faces. You can go to the Parish website: www.st-cecilia.org and click on the link to register.

Pictures will be taken in Hayes Hall on the following dates:
June 4 & 5 from 2-9 pm
June 6th 10-5 pm

Each family will receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait and directory for participating. If you have any questions, please call Tanya in the parish office 973-627-0313 x10

HEALING MASS

For all who are in need of healing; spiritual, physical, mental or emotional, there will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am sponsored by the Christian Care Committee.

All are invited to attend.

BANNS OF ORDINATION (Second) – To fulfill the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law, we announce the upcoming ordination to the holy priesthood of DEACON JAKUB GRZYBOWSKI and DEACON LUKASZ IWANCZUK on May 23, 2015. Anyone knowing of any impediments for ordination should contact the proper ecclesial authorities.

MAY DEVOTIONS – The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed at Sacred Heart Church following the Noon Mass, Monday thru Thursday, during the month of May.

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

May 5 – Regular Meeting
11:00 am Set Up, 12-1 pm Social Hour, 1-2 Meeting Bingo & Cards after Meeting

May 12, (Tuesday) Mohegan sun Casino (PA) -
Cost: $25.00 incl. $25 slot play plus $5 food coupon
For more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871

June 11, (Thursday) day trip to Rock Island (on the Lake) Club (Sparta) incl. transportation, complete dinner and show “American Bandstand” featuring “the Jersey Dreamers” Cost: $70.00 – More Info? Call Lorraine
FORMATION NIGHT

Join us this week from 7:00-8:00 pm in Hayes Hall as we continue to celebrate the ‘Year of Consecrated Life’. So far this year we have welcomed guest speakers from the Franciscans, Benedictines, Sisters of Christian Charity, Vocationist Fathers, Salesian Sisters, Filippini Sisters, and Little Sisters of the Poor. Our diocese is blessed to have so many men and women in religious life serving the people of God.

K-10th Grade Religious Education

2015-2016 Registration

Registrations for all religious education classes are now open. Registration forms are now available on the parish website and through the parish office. Class sizes are limited and all registrations are on a first come first serve basis.

We are introducing a new Family Formation program in the fall that will offer an alternate option for the traditional CCD classes. Students that are in non-sacramental year classes will have the option to attend the Family Formation program in place of the traditional CCD classes. 2nd, 9th, and 10th grade students will still need to be enrolled in the traditional program. Details and registration forms are available on the parish website.

Family Formation

This fall we will be starting a new Family Formation program in our parish. Registration is now open and details are available on the parish website and through the parish office.

This new program will need a strong committee of people willing to help with the monthly event planning. Food service, decoration / set up, and catechesis are all important elements of this program. If you are interested in helping on this committee or just want to know more about the volunteer needs there will be an open meeting on Wednesday, May 6th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Hayes Hall. Please let Jim Clancy know if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. 973-627-0313 ext 17  StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to the Lake Region of Italy. The trip, “The Natural Beauty of Italy’s Lake Region and its Religious and Cultural Heritage” will be from July 20 to 28. It will also include visits to Lugano, Switzerland, Genoa, Portofino and Milan in Italy.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201–825–3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net.
The Resurrection of Jesus: Fact or Fiction?

Come to grips with "what really happened to Jesus" as Dr. Steven Smith explores Resurrection narratives from the vantage point of each of the four Gospels as well as many of the vital medical details of Roman crucifixion. Dr. Steven Smith is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Dr. Smith earned his Ph.D from Loyola University in Chicago, where he specialized in the study of the Gospels and their relationship to the Old Testament.

Parishioner Comments
Incredible! Dr. Smith really covers all the little details regarding the Resurrection to prove what the faithful believes to be true.

SCHOOL NEWS

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Please contact us to arrange for a tour and to receive application information. 973-627-6003

POPE JOHN XXIII

Learn to Play Like A Lion....Pope John Summer Sport Camp site is now open. We have many offerings this summer. Please go to our website at www.popejohn.org/sportcamps and check out our exciting line up for the summer. Get your registration in early so you won't be left out. Limited spots available.

Morris Catholic High School
Join Us for a unique and enriching summer experience at summer.morriscatholic.org. Summer Session at Morris Catholic is a series of academic and athletic programs for students of all ages. Running from June 22 until July 31, and located conveniently on the Morris Catholic High School Campus in Denville, NJ. Summer Session is a great way for students and athletes to enrich their talents on and off the field, get a head start on the upcoming academic year, and participate in a dynamic community of teachers and peers.

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org
My dear parishioners,

We mark the Fifth Sunday of Easter as we gather to celebrate the Lord’s Day. The Responsorial Psalm for this day is “I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.” For me personally, this is a very special time. It was on May 1, 1975 that I was ordained a priest in my home parish of Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa in Albany, New York. I was ordained by Bishop Anthony M. Rysz, who just passed into eternal life on March 20th. Many have said to me recently, “Father, were you ordained when you were 12 years old?” Yes, such a comment brings a big smile to my face and a light heartedness to my spirit. The answer to the question is: I was 22 years old when I was ordained a priest. This is younger than the age requirement in the Roman Code of Canon Law. So how did that happen, you may ask!

My “Pastor’s Article” doesn’t provide the space needed to tell you my entire story so I will only give you the abbreviated version. I was born and raised in a denomination called the Polish National Catholic Church. It was the church of my parents and grandparents. Briefly, it is a denomination which separated itself from the Catholic Church in 1897 as a result of mundane disputes with local church authorities. This denomination, clinging to Catholic tradition, drew the attention of Pope Saint John Paul II who proposed reconciliation. High level discussions began in the late 1980’s of which I had the privilege of being part of by serving as secretary. One of the results of these meetings is a statement which appears on the inside cover of our pew book or missal regarding “Guidelines For The Reception Of Communion.” After many years of prayer and discernment I came to the conclusion that I could not be part of something which separated itself from the authority of the Successor of Saint Peter, the leader of the Apostles.

In 2003 I met with Bishop Frank Rodimer and asked to be received into the Church of Paterson. At the time I was the pastor of Holy Cross PNC parish in Woodland Park (West Paterson). Bishop Rodimer had sent my case (file) to Rome. After a brief time, which Bishop Rodimer said was “amazing because Rome normally does not act so quickly”, the notification came from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that I was to be received into full communion. And so it happened on August 19, 2003 that I concelebrated the Holy Mass with Bishop Rodimer in the chancery chapel where I made a profession of faith. Since my orders were valid in the eyes of Rome, I was not “re-ordained”.

MY first assignment was as parochial vicar at Saint Patrick Church in Chatham where I had served from August 2003 to November 2004. Bishop Arthur Serratelli assigned me to Saint Joseph Church in West Milford where I served until 2009. Since then I have had the great joy of serving you, my good people, in Rockaway and I pray that I will do so for many more years! Celebrating my 40 years as a priest has now given me the opportunity to tell you a little about YOUR PASTOR. I thank each and everyone one of you for the support and cooperation you have given me over these years and for the congratulations you offer me at this time.

My expressions of deep gratitude go to our staff at both Saint Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish who work so generously and devotedly to serve our parishioners. To the clergy who assist me, Deacon Paul, Deacon Lukasz and Deacon Jakub – THANK YOU! To our priests, Father Jamie, my friend and helper. Last, most important to me, my Father Marcin, who is my right hand and my greatest gift! Please pray for me!

With pastoral love,
Father Zig

EDWARD JONES and ANTHONY MIDDLETON, Martyrs—May 6th

EDWARD JONES from Wales and Anthony Middleton from Yorkshire were both educated at the Douai College in Rheims. They became priests and serve went to the English mission in the time of Elizabeth II. Middleton was the first to arrive in England in 1586, and pursued the ministry from some time without being discovered, helped considerably by his youthful appearance and slight stature. Jones followed, in 1588, and quickly became known by the English Catholics as a devout and eloquent preacher.

The two men of God were hunted down and captured with the aid of spies posing as Catholics, and they were hanged before the very doors of the houses in Fleet Street and Clerkenwell where they were arrested. Their trial is regarded as full of irregularities; the reason for the summary justice dispensed to them was spelled out in large letters: “For treason and foreign invasion.” After offering their death for the forgiveness of their sins, the spread of the true Faith, and the conversion of heretics, they died on May 6, 1590.

PRAYER: Lord, we devoutly recall the sufferings of blessed Edward and Anthony. Give success to our joyful prayers and grant us also constancy in our Faith. Amen.

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Mrs. Janet Maulbeck, Business Administrator
Mr. James Clancy, Director of Faith Formation
Mrs. Ann Mitchell, Principal
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140th ANNIVERSARY
1875 - 2015

MASSES
Weekends:
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:
8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Weekday Schedule:
Monday - Friday
8:00 am
Saturday:
8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions:
Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Monday 7—8pm
Any time by appointment

Holy Hour:
Monday: 7-8pm
(Sacrament of Penance Available)

Trustees:
Gerard Duphiney
Robyn Hornstein

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
CLOSED SATURDAYS
CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:45 pm—1:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish office. To register for the class, please call 973-627-0313. The next class is Monday, May 18th. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of the baby. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered weekly at the 12:15 pm Mass, and a Baptismal Ceremony at 1:30 pm. To schedule a Baptism please call Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 Ext. 15.
New Parishioners must wait 2 months for a Baptism.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA:
Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY:
Bible Study – Tuesday 9:30 am (Hayes Hall)
Monday Night Bible Study at 7:30 pm (Parish Office)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:
Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:
Mon. – Sat., 7:30 am

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:
3rd Wednesday (Parish Office)

HOLY HOUR:
Monday – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
Thurs, 7:00 pm (Hayes Hall)

RCIA: Classes for children are on Sunday at 9:00 am and for adults, Sundays from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Office. For more information call: Dn. Paul Willson 973-551-0749

PARISH PRAYER LIFE:

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
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