

Saint Cecilia Parish

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Principal

Tanya Nellen
Parish Secretary



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015—November 20, 2016

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 7:00 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

Any time by appointment

Holy Hour:

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

Trustees:

Robyn Hornstein
James Gallagher

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, December 21st. 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.

PARISH PRAYER LIFE:

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 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: Third Wednesday (Parish Off)

HOLY HOUR: Monday – 7:00 pm (Church)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – 9:00am for children & parents, 11:45am for adults,

Send email to RockawayRCIA@gmail.com for further information or call 973-551-0749

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 3:00pm

CLOSED SATURDAYS

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, January 18,

8:00 am Ted Ozeranic r/b Pat & Jack Zayac

TUESDAY- January 19.

8:00 am The Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church


WEDNESDAY- January 20, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr8:00 am Walter I. Lech r/b John & Dianna Sullivan
Joseph & Pauline Dembia r/b Mr. & Mrs. Zink**THURSDAY, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**8:00 am Bill Gallagher r/b wife, Jeanne
Jim & Cate Whalen r/b The Whalen Family**FRIDAY- January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of Unborn Children**8:00 am Terence Haran - 7th Anniversary
r/b sister, Peggy**SATURDAY- January 23, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin, BVM**

8:00 am Vocations

SUNDAY, January 24, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time4:30 pm Kathryn Lombardi r/b Terry Dulio
Lawrence Klein r/b Eileen Wenegrat7:00 pm Frances Davino
Mary Reynolds

8:00 am Catherine Ruane r/b Pat & Kathy Deo

9:15 am Bertha Owens r/b Jeanne Gallagher

10:45am Paul David Daher r/b St. Cecilia's Choir
Connor Cummings r/b The Palma Family
Bertha Owens r/b Ray & Barbara Smith12:15 pm Special Intention - Ellen Catalina
r/b Marie Wahlstrom
Florence C. Arnoldin & Paul Barlow
r/b The Michetti Family


Noel Wadleigh, David Castle, Mason Molde, Joanna Sacco, Pat Klebes, Adaline Madaloni, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Edward O'Dowd, Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Madaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Tom Cuskie, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Theodora Maulbeck, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Betty Golden, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Rosemary Woodring, Sharon Augenti, Sean Nolan, Peg Norman, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Norman Rodriguez, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS2015/2016

Week Ending - January 10, 2016

Collection—Checks	\$12,888.00
Collection— Cash	\$ 4,207.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 2,152.33
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	\$ 19,247.33

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$764,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 13,725.49

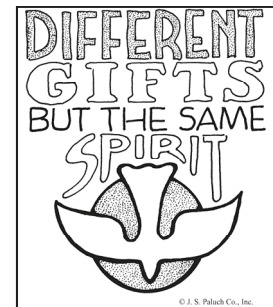
<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	\$ 5,521.84
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	\$21,532.44

THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10 Psalms 19: 8-10,15

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,17 Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

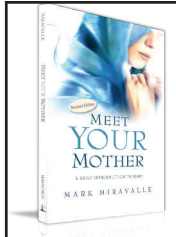
The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Clifford, LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn 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, Lt. 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, T4 Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valletta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, and Airman First Class William Kussler . 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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PARISH EVENTS

CD OF THE MONTH

Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of January all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "Meet your Mother" by Mark Miravalle. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Mark Miravalle 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, January 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 \$3 each.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP –

The next gathering of the Padre Pio Prayer Group is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th. The gathering begins with Holy Mass and praying the Rosary in the Parish Office at 7 p.m. Following the prayers we will gather for refreshments and our reading of "Praying With Padre Pio". All are welcome to join us.



ST. FAUSTINA PETITION

A petition drive has started to encourage Pope Francis to name St. Faustina the next Doctor of the Church. The Church defines a Doctor of the Church as someone of extraordinary holiness, a saint whose theological writings have been declared exemplary and beneficial for countless faithful worldwide in teaching the truth, beauty, and splendor of the faith. Only 36 saints have been given this privileged title. To sign the petition online go to:

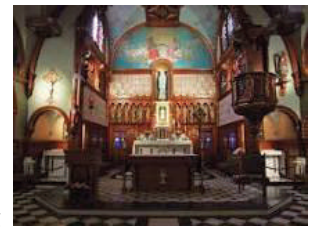


TheDivineMercy.org/doctor

Divine Mercy Chaplet – The Divine Mercy Chaplet will no longer be said on Friday afternoon, but will now be prayed at Monday Evening's Holy Hour at 7:45 pm.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – Our parish will sponsor

a pilgrimage, May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The planning of the pilgrimage is being done by the Saint Monica Guild and is open to all parishioners. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately \$200 per person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call Pat Zayac to make a reservation 973-625-4572.



Thank You!

To those who helped take down the Christmas Decorations from the church:
Ed & Mary Merz, Ron Gatzke, Jack & Pat Zayac, Joe Lami, Jim Gallagher, Roberta Vitcusky and John Sullivan.

Knights of Columbus, Lafayette Council #514 Dover, NJ is holding their annual "FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP" Basketball foul shooting for boys and girls ages 9 – 14 as of January 1, 2016,



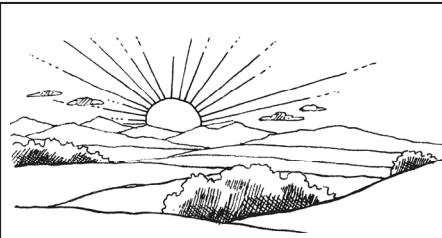
Birth Certificate or other proof of age required. Date: January 31, 2016, 3:00 PM Sunday Afternoon Sign In Time 3:00 – 3:20 PM

Location: St. Mary's School Gym, Main Street, Wharton, NJ Contact Info: Gary Lis (973)584-4004

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, January 19 – Regular Meeting

11:00 am Set Up, 12-1 pm Social Hour, 1-2 Meeting Bingo & Cards after Meeting
 Tuesday, March 8 – Sands Casino (PA) - cost \$25.00 includes \$20.00 slot play plus \$5.00 food coupon
 Tuesday, March 29 – Italian Feast of St. Joseph at Doolan's in Spring Lake incl. 4 – course meal, Sinatra singer & comedian, band and dancing
 For price and more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016**
Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.— *Isaiah 62:2*

Christians of the Middle East – Christians in the Middle East face persecutions simply for their belief in the One who taught us to love one another. Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they continue to be an inspiration as they remain true to their faith and bear witness to the love of God and neighbor. Yet, regardless of their great witness, they need solidarity and support. One way we are helping is through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed more than \$4.5 million. These contributions have provided food, clothing, shelter and medical care for refugees. Individuals can contribute to this fund by visiting christiansatrisk.org and making a direct contribution.

Catholic Underground

On Saturday, February 6th St. Cecilia's will be leading a bus trip into New York City to attend Catholic Underground. Catholic Underground is a monthly event hosted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It includes Eucharistic Adoration, live music, a featured Catholic band, and joyful praise and prayer from hundreds of people. Seats on the bus are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is only \$20 and a waiver is required for anyone under 18 years old. The bus will depart from St. Cecilia's on February 6th at approximately 5:30 pm and will return at 11:30 pm.

To reserve your seat, please contact Jim Clancy at the parish office. 973-627-0313 or stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com.

Event details are also available on the Catholic Underground website www.catholicunderground.net

Register for the Bus to the March for Life in Washington

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the generous parishioners of St. Cecilia's and Sacred Heart for supporting the K of C pro-life Rose Sale with your donations of \$819.00 and we invite those who can to join us on Friday, January 22nd for the March for Life to Washington, DC.



There will be a Mass for Life at 5:30 AM at St Mary's Church in Denville and the bus will depart from the Gardner Field Park and Ride on Savage Rd. in Denville at 6 AM. There is no charge for the bus but please bring \$4.50 for the round-trip Metro Rail ticket from RFK stadium to the DC Mall (if needed). Some seats are still available so please call Jim Rizos at 973.627.2596 or email him at j.rizos@verizon.net to reserve a seat on the bus."

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is no longer able to attend weekly mass and would like to? Please call the Parish Office at 973-627-0313 with the person's name, address, and phone number. A member of the Christian Care committee will bring the Eucharist on Thursdays.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Serving Christ Among Us*

If you have not yet responded to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2015 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2016. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people.

NEXT Pizza Night with Bishop - will be held at Morris Catholic High School, Wayne on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All young men of high school age are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know someone who may be interested, please ask the young man to contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, x711 or by email at mnunez@patersondiocese.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Monday, January 18
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 7:00 pm Holy Hour (Church)
 7:30 pm Bible Study (Parish Office)

Tuesday, January 19
 9:30 am Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
 11:00 am Senior Set Up (Hayes Hall)
 12:00 pm Senior Meeting Begins
 7:45 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, January 20
 7:00 pm Padre Pio Prayer Group (Parish Office)

Thursday, January 21
 9:30 am Mommy Bible Study (Parish Office)
 6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Faith Formation (Hayes Hall)

Friday, January 22,
 8:30 pm Faith Group (Parish Office)

Saturday, January 23,
Sunday, January 24,
 9:00 am RCIA – Children
 (Parish Office)
 9:15 am Children's Liturgy
 11:45 am RCIA – Adults

FORMATION NIGHT

Join us this Thursday night from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Hayes Hall for a special presentation from the critically acclaimed DVD series "Symbolon".

Please join us for a casual night of faith and fellowship. No registration is need or long term commitment. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please contact Jim Clancy at the parish office.

FAITH Group

(Youth Group: 8th -12th grade)

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an Example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love faith, and purity,"
 1Timothy 4:12.

All students in 8th grade – 12th grade are welcome to join us for our monthly meeting on **Friday, January 22nd from 8:30-10:00 pm.**

This is a casual group that meets at least once per month for games, sports, food, and prayer. The group will begin at 8:30 in the parish office basement.

Please wear sneakers and dress comfortably. Please let Jim Clancy know if you are interested in attending or would like more details.
 973-627-0303 ext. 17 or at stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Calling all St. Cecilia School graduates from the Classes of 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966 and 1961! We are planning an Alumni Reunion dinner for Saturday, June 11th, 2016 at The Exchange restaurant in Rockaway! Tickets are \$55 per person. For ticket information email skark2013@gmail.com, or call Amy at 973-343-2337.

The Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead



My dear parishioners,

We assemble on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which recalls the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. For it was on this day, the first day of the week, that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead vanquishing the forces of darkness and bringing salvation to those who hope in Him. In the Responsorial Psalm for the liturgy we sing, "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations." Yes, there is much to proclaim and proclaim we must. The mission of the Church has always been the proclamation of the Gospel in accordance with the Lord Jesus' command to His Apostles. This work of proclamation is shared by all the members of Christ's mystical body, the Church. In today's second lection taken from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians we are reminded that we share in various ministries which the Lord has manifested to the Church, each one significant and dependent upon the other. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are all valuable and need one another in bearing Christian witness to the world.

The Gospel reading for this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is taken from the Evangelist John and tells us about the Lord Jesus' first miracle which had taken place at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. After seeing this glorious wonder the Apostles began to believe in Jesus and it was this event and so many others that they proclaimed to the nations following His holy resurrection. As I wrote in my previous pastor's article, the miracle at the wedding in Cana is one of the manifestations celebrated in the Feast of the Epiphany and so, in a sense Christmas continues. Here in Rock-away we will follow a tradition which is still observed at the Vatican, our outdoor Nativity Crèche will remain until February 2nd. This is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple and the 40th day (and final day) of Christmas. Although our crèche and trees have been removed in the church, we will continue to have the Christmas flowers present until February 2nd.

Friday marks another tragic anniversary in our nation, which is the Roe v Wade decision which allowed for the killing of babies in the womb. Abortion has always been repulsive to the followers of Jesus. Even in the Roman Empire of the first century Christians witnessed to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death AND WE ARE STILL DOING IT TODAY! I am grateful to those who will travel to Washington, DC on Friday to participate in the Right to Life March. Your presence there along with those of thousands of others will be a witness for the nation that life is a gift from God which must be protected and cherished.

On Thursday Father Marcin celebrates his birthday. We wish him God's many blessings -
STO LAT!
God bless you!
Father Zig



ST. AGNES, Virgin and Martyr
January 21—Patroness of the Children of Mary

St. Agnes suffered martyrdom during the bloody persecution of the Emperor Diocletian around 304 at the age of thirteen and became one of the best known and most highly regarded of the Roman martyrs. Her name is still retained in the First Eucharistic Prayer for Holy Mass.

The Acts of her Passion, which date back only to the 5th century, are considered to be not entirely reliable but they do tell us something about her. The young noblemen of Rome, attracted by her wealth and beauty, vied with one another in endeavoring to obtain her hand in marriage, but she refused them all, saying that she had chosen a Spouse who could not be seen with mortal eyes. Her suitors, in hope of shaking her constancy, accused her of being a Christian.

She was brought before a judge and remained unswayed by either his kindness or his threats. Fires were kindled, instruments of torture were placed before her eyes, but, immovable in her constancy, she surveyed them with heroic calmness. She was sent to a house of prostitution, but the sight of her inspired such awe that not one of the wicked youths of the city dared approach her. One, bolder than the others, was suddenly struck with blindness and he fell trembling.

The youthful Saint came forth from this den of infamy uncontaminated in mind and body, and still a pure spouse of Christ. Her most prominent suitor was so enraged that he incited the judge still more against her. The heroic Virgin was condemned to be beheaded. "She went to the place of execution," says St. Ambrose, "more cheerfully than others go to their wedding."

Amid the tears of the spectators the instrument of death fell, and she went to meet the Immortal Spouse whom she had loved better than her life. She was buried on the Via Nomentana, and Constantine erected a church in her honor.

PRAYER: All-powerful and every-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Agnes, may we like her remain constant in faith. Amen

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