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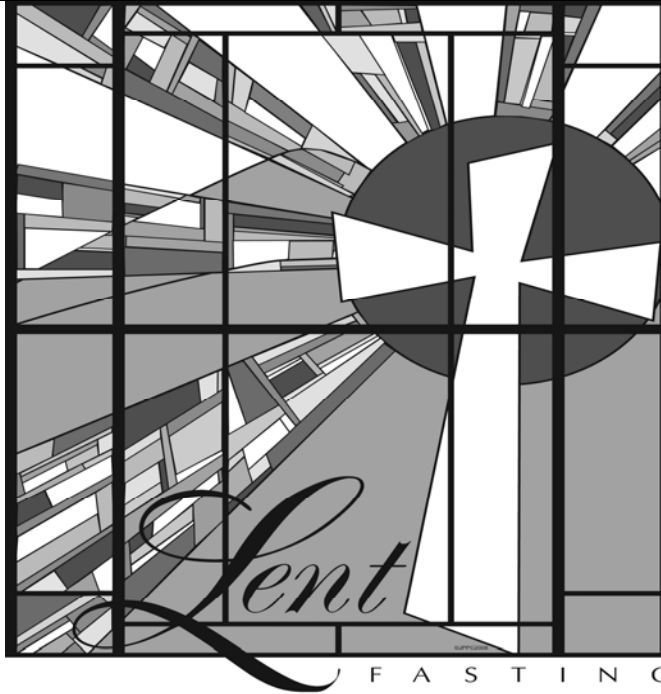
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Pastoral Associate

Sr. Marie Elise Briel,
School Principal

Mrs. Kathy Fochesto,
Director of Religious Education

Mr. Lyle Leeson,
Director of Music

Mr. Brian Callahan,
Youth Minister



MASSES

Weekends:

Saturday: 4:30, 7:00 PM

**Sunday: 8:00, 9:15,
10:45 AM and 12:15 PM
5:00 PM (Vietnamese)**

**Holydays: 6:30, 8:00 AM
and 7:30 PM**

Weekday Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday

**Wednesday & Friday:
6:30 & 8:00 AM**

Thursday: 6:30 AM

First Friday of the Month:

6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confessions:

**Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 PM and
after the 7:00 PM Mass
Any time by appointment**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the second Monday of each month at 8:00 PM in the school library. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of the baby. Please register for the class by calling the rectory office. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 12:15 Mass, with a limit of 4 babies at each Baptism. One baby can be Baptized during the 12:15 Mass on any Sunday.

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 who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests.

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: 1st & 3rd Monday evenings at 7:30 PM and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM in Hayes Hall.

PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday evenings at 7:45 PM in Hayes Hall

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Mon. – Sat., 7:40 AM, Mon. 11:45 AM

OUR MUSIC PROGRAM:

The Adult Choir sings at the 10:45 Am Mass on Sunday, the Contemporary Group sings at the 9:15 AM Mass on Sundays. All rehearse on Thursdays. New members are welcome and should speak to our Music Director, Lyle Leeson after Mass.

BULLETIN E-MAIL ADDRESS: stceilianews@optonline.net
DEADLINE: Monday 12 Noon 580-St. Cecilia

TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS ST. CECILIA SCHOOL provides academic excellence, Christian values and religious formation in a caring community to grades Pre-K to 8. Call Sister Marie Elise, Principal for information. **ST. CECILIA CCD:** Public school students meet Sept. to May as follows: Kindergarten, Sun. 10:30 AM; Grades 1 through 8, Sun. 10:30 AM and Mon. & Wed. 4:00 PM. Confirmation Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Call Kathy Fochesto, Director of Religious Education for information.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Wednesday 9AM to 5PM; Thursday 9AM to 5PM; Friday 9 AM to 3PM; Saturday 9:AM to 3PM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All adult Catholics should officially register in the Parish. Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents. In order for us to testify to your ability for sponsorship in Baptism, Confirmation or witness to a Catholic marriage, it is necessary to be a registered member of this parish. Also, please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Check: _____ New Reg. _____ Moving _____ Change of Address
Please cut out and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket.
A registration form will be mailed to you, or register online at www.st-cecilia.org.

MONDAY, March 8: Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, religious

6:30 AM John & Margaret Holleran

8:00 AM John Bochiaro requested by The Seifert Family

**TUESDAY, March 9: Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, religious**

6:30 AM Franco Colombo requested by The Toomb Family

8:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 10: Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Felicitia & Louis Giordani requested by The Gambetta Family

8:00 AM Francis Casey requested by Kim Johnson

THURSDAY, March 11: Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, March 12: Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Irene DiMarcantonio requested by Patty Andersen

8:00 AM Paul & Sharon Augenti—50th Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, March 13: Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Jim Daly—3rd Anniversary— requested by John & Peg Whalen

SUNDAY, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent**Vigil Masses:**

4:30 PM Elaine Abruzzo requested by Bob & Barbara Colantoni; Kathrine Rowe requested by The Cantrella Family

7:00 PM Virginia Traglia requested by Eileen & Steven Saladino; Thomas Campbell requested by Richard Eppler

Sunday:

8:00 AM Robert Benjamin, Sr. requested by St. Cecilia Seniors; Vincent Medore requested by Lorraine & Jose Cintron

9:15 AM Ray Killeen requested by Frank Desmond;

Robert Benjamin requested by Madlyn Long & Donna Jerz

10:45 AM Elizabeth Poh requested by Ginny & Ken Leinhardt;

Lucille Parillo requested by Carol Parillo

12:15 PM Frank Peter Gasparovic requested by The Ushers at the 12:15 Mass ;

Genevieve Wasacz requested by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Luttenberger

TITHING UPDATE**Pastor's Thank You**

Our worship of God in His holy place consists in the presentation of our prayers and offerings. May the Lord bless you for your sacrifice of praise.

Father Zig

The SUNDAY COLLECTION, February 28, 2010—\$15,849.00

The SUNDAY COLLECTION, March 1, 2009—\$18,361.44

Parishioner's Comments:

"We are blessed to have such a beautiful House of Worship. I sometimes take for granted what is necessary to keep it in repair and good order, I know that my tithel helps."

THE WORD OF GOD**Here are the readings for next Sunday**

Joshua 5:9a,10-12 Psalm 34

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: A Rosary for World Peace is said on Mondays at 11:45 AM in the church. Please come and pray with us.

LENTEN SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**MONDAY:** Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 AM; Confession from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**TUESDAY:** Mass at 6:30 and 8:00 AM; Bible Study from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in Hayes Hall.**WEDNESDAY:** Masses at 6:30 & 8:00 AM**THURSDAY:** Mass at 6:30 AM**FRIDAY:** Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 AM; Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 AM Mass and at 7:30 PM; Ecumenical Lenten Lunch at the First Presbyterian Church at 12:00 Noon.**SATURDAY:** Mass at 8:00 AM; Parish Morning Retreat (men & women) 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM in Hayes Hall; Confessions from 3:30 to 4:00 PM and immediately after the 7:00 PM Mass.**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE BENEFACTORS OF OUR CHURCH, OUR PARTNER CHURCH SAINT GEORGE IN PATERSON AND FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:**

Eileen Sutherland, Rose Diodato, Ursula Klawitter, Michael McCormick, Peggy Hermes, Mary McGowan, Elizabeth McGowan, Tina Witowsky, Elizabeth Stripp, Brenda Myles, Elizabeth Cusack, Adam Rosowicz, Baby Samuel Gibson, Baby Sophia DiGangi and Baby Sammy Fleming and their families, Jeffrey Jerz, Lisette Marrero, Cindy Whalen, John Daly, Jim Profit, Alison Montgomery, Mildred Mol, Linda Hartman, Marty Mackin, Ken Thumser, Hector Mantilla, Margaret McIrvin, Bob Stephen, Wayne Miller, John McKeon, Peggy Eileen Miars, Johnnie Ryan, Jim Nestor, Bill Whelan, Sharon Sprinkle, Colin Kennedy, Pat Trabulsi, Georgina Piela, Lois & Ray Kenney, Peter & Juliann McDonough, Richard Corcoran, Emil Albrecht, Frances Young, Patrick Cook, Lauren Brinkman, John Generoso, Bill Denzler, Adrian, Alice Ruisi, Gloria Boyce, Peggy Norman, Barbara Collins, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Lorraine Gerber, Patricia Beyer, Bill Gallagher, Joyce DeFranco, Richard O'Neill, Tom Wilson, Augusto Mercado, David Sharp, Baby Madison Rose Leslie and Baby Mark Thomas Walsh.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the repose of the soul of Madeline Tucciarone and for her family.

BAPTISM: Please welcome Victoria Ann Concannon and Ryan Joseph Cycowski into our parish family.



PRAYERS PLEASE: The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **Major Glenn E. Martinez, SGT. Brian Whalen, General Raymond Odierno, 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, PFC Mellissa Corbo, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Major John L. Medeiros, Jr., SGT Daniel Healy, Pvt. Robert Moran, Capt. Martin L. Robbins, SGT Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, LTC Brian Bosworth, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, Capt. Adam T. Lusardi, T4 Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Pvt. Benjamin Kehoe, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, SGT John Wisnofsky, LCpl. T.J. Finn, Scott Clausen, Sean Killeen 1st Class Airman and Sgt. Kristopher Faber. 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.**



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING
Reconciliation throughout Lent, 2010

“Welcome Home” is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful

opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, until March 22, 2010, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

LENTEN REGULATIONS – Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. **Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL: Altar flowers can be donated as memorials. Your intentions will be printed in the weekly bulletin. The cost is \$25.00 for one of our normal arrangements of fresh flowers. If you are interested in these flowers as a way to remember that special birthday or anniversary, or to honor a loved one living or deceased, please call the rectory at 973-627-0313 & flowers will be placed by the Tabernacle.

TRAVELING CHALICE: Families pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life by hosting the Traveling Chalice in their home for one week. The sign-up sheet is in a folder on Mary's altar if you would like to participate.

The Martinez Family will be given the Chalice at the 10:45 Mass on Sunday.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Third Week of Lent – The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses. Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will be offered on Saturday, March 6th after the 4:30 & 7:00 PM Mass in the Cry Room and the rear section of Hayes Hall and on Sunday, March 7th after all of the Masses in the rear section of Hayes Hall.

TRUE LOVE WAITS: True Love Waits teaches teens how to be happier (and safer) in relationships by following Christ's plan for them. Sessions run every Sunday, 7-9 PM, through March 28th.

A PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held on Monday, March 8th at 8:00 PM in the school library. Details are on the front of the bulletin. Please call the rectory office to register.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: St. Cecilia's Contemplative Prayer group meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the cry room of the church. Please join us as we prepare to receive the gift of God's presence within us. For more information, please contact Mary Daley at maryd911@optonline.net, or 862-432-8542.

THE MEN'S SOCIETY will meet in Hayes Hall immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, March 13th.

PRE-CANA 2010: Please save these dates. Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Parishes will hold Pre-Cana sessions on March 13th and November 6th, 2010. Please get a registration form if you plan to get married in 2010.

CCD WEEKEND – March 13th & 14th: Please come to Hayes Hall and support the Bake Sale and see your children's work while you register for the Kindergarten through Tenth Grade CCD classes after all of the Masses.

ST. CECILIA'S YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, March 14th at 7:00 PM in the Gym.

THE CHRISTIAN CARE COMMITTEE – will meet on Monday, March 15, 2010 at **8:45 AM** in the Convent Dining Room. Coffee & Danish will be served. Any parishioner who has a little free time and would be able to assist the homebound is welcome. Questions regarding this ministry may be directed to Sister Mary Martha at 973-627-6533.

THE NEXT EVENING BIBLE STUDY, led by Fr. Jean Claude St Martin, will be on Monday, March 15th at 7:30 PM in Hayes Hall.

ST. CECILIA SENIORS will have their regular meeting on Tues., March 16, at 12:00 Noon in Hayes Hall. All parishioners 55 years and older are welcome to join the club. For information call Peggy, 973-361-1127.

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION MEETING for 2nd grade parents on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM in the Church.

EASTER BASKETS: If you know of anyone who needs food for Easter, please call the Rectory at 973-627-0313 before March 26th. If you would like to donate a ham, please call the Rectory or Peg Whalen at 973-627-0866.

GOLF OUTING: St. Cecilia's Home and School Association Annual Golf Outing – Monday, April 26th at Picatinny Arsenal, \$130 per golfer. Any questions, please call or e-mail Dena Baptiste 973-770-0204 or Baptiste@LBElectricco.com. Please look for the flyer in the vestibule.

THE 2011 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN for your Mass intentions.

LOST AND FOUND: Items that are found in the church, at times, make their way to the rectory. If you feel that you have lost anything in church please give us a call.

Dear Parishioners,



The first scriptural text read at this Sunday's celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is from the Old Testament Book of Exodus (3:1-8). In it we hear, "... the place where you stand is holy ground" (v.5). Awareness of being in the presence of God is something Catholics call to mind when entering the church building as we make the sign of the Cross with holy water. Genuflecting to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle before entering our pew is another sacramental we perform as we acknowledge that we are on "holy ground". The celebration of the sacred liturgy is prayed in the holy surrounding of the church building. The church is the house of God and is worthy of respect and reverence. In our secular society it becomes ever more difficult to uphold the special character which the church building possesses. More and more we find inappropriate things occurring, whether it be cell phones going off, water bottles or other liquids being brought into the church, just to name a few. The Lord told Moses to take his shoes off for he was standing on holy ground, for it was the place where God was present. As Catholics we believe that the church building is not a secular space. Respect and reverence for the building and the holy items contained within it is a sign of our faith in the God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush and through His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Reverence and respect demonstrated in the attitudes of adults serves as a teaching example for our children.

Last week I shared with you some information about the new ROMAN MISSAL which is expected to be promulgated by the Holy See as soon as the end of this year. This new translation of the missal will contain some minor changes which we will notice, such as, when the celebrant greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." Our response has been, "And also with you." The new response to the greeting will be, "And with your spirit," which is a faithful translation to the original Latin text. There are some other minor changes which you can check on the www.usccb/romanmissal website. In addition to that, our Bishop who chairs the Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship, wrote an article which was recently published in "America", a magazine published by the Jesuits in the United States. The article entitled, "Welcoming the Roman Missal", published on March 1, 2010 which I encourage you to read on line at www.americamagazine.org. The Holy Mass which we celebrate in the holy place of our church is where we encounter our Lord and God.

A precious component of the Church is our young people. They are a treasure given to us by God that we may bring them up in the ways of the Lord. I am most grateful to the adults who are managing the TRUE LOVE WAITS program for our teenagers. They began last Sunday night and will continue to meet each Sunday until Holy Week. This program is encouraging them to live a life of chastity until marriage. I attended the annual Scouts Mass and Award Ceremony at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson last Sunday. Our congratulations to Shaun Montalto-Rook and Massimo Spataro for receiving the *Parvuli Dei Award*. Also, Fabio Spataro for receiving the *Light of Christ Award*. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless these young men who bring pride and joy to us.

Scouts are REVERENT and RESPECTFUL, says the oath that scouts recite. So too are Christians. We are reverent and respectful of others AND of the holy ground which is our church building.

Happy Lent!

Father Zig



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

PRE K AND THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

While presenting the Ten Commandments to Pre K 4, we began with the first one and summarized it with the words, "God is #1." Since the playoffs and Super Bowl were prevalent in the news, we began with God is more important than the Giants, Jets, Yankees, and Mets. After a few minutes it was as if the floodgates opened and all the hands were raised. Here are some of the thoughts: "God is more important than Mario, Dora, pizza, Spongebob, Superman, the Wii, Hanna Montana, Barbie, trucks, Spiderman, Indiana Jones, lego towers, the Jonas Brothers, Superman, the Disney Princesses, castles, Batman, hats, Iron Man, dogs, movies, Edward, Jacob, the Twilight movie, Michael Jackson, and DS games. One child summarized the discussion saying, "God is more important than anything!!" Out of the mouths of babes

SUPPORT ST. CECILIA SCHOOL AND HELP OUR PARISH!

When you purchase Grocery Gift Cards you support St. Cecilia School and the religious enrichment of all parish children at no additional cost to you. **The next sale date is after all Masses this weekend, March 6th & 7th.** We offer gift cards for A&P, Shop Rite, Acme, Sussex Meat Packing, Kohl's and Stop and Shop. CERTS are also available at the registry during regular business hours. Thank you for your support of this important fundraising program.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

WHY THE CROSS? Fr. Roger Haight, S.J., will present a special Lenten program, *Why the Cross?* At 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 9th at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 100 Harter Rd., Morristown. This is a special opportunity to hear this renowned theologian and author. All are invited to attend this challenging and informative talk. There is no admission charge. For more information contact info@votfnj.org or www.votfnj.org or phone 973-539-8732.

XAVIER CENTER: Vincentian Spiritual Companions Program on Tuesday, March 9th from 7 to 9 PM at the Xavier Retreat & Conference Center, Convent Station. Presenter Sr. Regina Bechtle. Please call 973-290-5100 for information.

COME MARCH WITH US!

Join Morris County Right to Life in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Morristown, at noon Saturday, March 13th. Assemble in the Morristown Municipal Building parking lot at 200 South St. Wear green & festive St. Patrick attire. We will carry our MCRTL banner, pro-life flags and balloons with a simple, positive pro-life message. Come and bring family & friends for a real pro-life witness! For info: 973-538-9140 or e-mail mcrtl@optonline.net.

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha R.C. Church invites those who have suffered a loss and are grieving to join our spring Bereavement Support Group. The group will meet on March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, and June 9 & 16, 2010 in the Church Library located at 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta. Registration is limited to 15 participants so please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.