

COVER SHEET

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

CONTACT: **STEPHANIE: 732-283-2300**

WELCOME! *You are invited to become a part of our parish family and an active member of parish life.*

REGISTRATION

To enable us to better serve you, **all parishioners** are asked to register at the Parish Office. Family members over the age of 18 should register as individuals. To receive a letter of recommendation or a character reference you should be registered for at least three months.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to put all pagers and cell phones on **SILENT ALERT** before Mass begins. Please be sure to extinguish all cigarettes and use the ashtrays on either side of the plaza. Smoking is not permitted in the church.

THANK YOU!

MEMORIALS

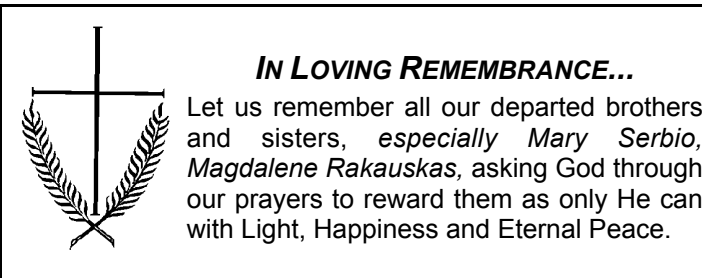
The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be lighted for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** may be provided for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office for more information.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord... knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment.”

Sick Relatives and Friends...

Claire Susan Schraff, Theresa McDonald, Mary Grossmann, Louise Colojay, Dominica Pallante, Lillian Evers, Jennifer Perez, Henry Mlodgenski, Maryann Swiak, Karen Zaborny, Mary Ann Osmulski, Dorothy Glynn, Josephine Sitar, Linda Obertz, and all those in hospitals, sick at home and in nursing homes; may they always be assured of our prayers.

Names may be placed on this list for a four-week period and will be removed after that time unless a call is received to request a continuation. Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the General Intercessions of the Mass.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Mary Serbio, Magdalene Rakauskas*, asking God through our prayers to reward them as only He can with Light, Happiness and Eternal Peace.



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 11:30 AM Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Benediction is at 2 PM.
Nocturnal Adoration is on **First Fridays** from **8 to 9 PM**.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be held on Friday, August 6th, from 8 to 9 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to celebrate the summer with one hour of devotional prayer. Join us!

Wedding Banns

- III Anthony Marrone - Jodi Padavanno (8/7)
- II Michael Donoghue - Charma Small (8/14)
- II Joseph Antonowicz - Jennifer Mc Carthy (8/20)

The Parish Office is now on Summer Schedule and closes at Noon on Fridays.

GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

Monday & Friday: CLOSED

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM to Noon

Saturday: 3 to 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION: The St. Vincent de Paul Society is thinking ahead to the supplies that will be needed by those children whose families cannot readily afford to purchase them. Can you help to get them ready for the first day of school? Donations of backpacks and school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, notepads, folders, glue sticks, crayons, safety scissors, etc.) will be collected in the atrium until the weekend of August 14th - 15th.

SUMMER INDOOR FLEA MARKET: The First Congregational Church of Woodbridge is holding an indoor flea market on Saturdays through September 4th from 8 AM to noon in their parish hall (corner of Barron and Grove Avenues). 6-foot tables are \$15 (2 for \$25) and 8-foot tables are \$20. Weekly set-up is not required. For information and reservations, please call Debbie at 732-634-6895.

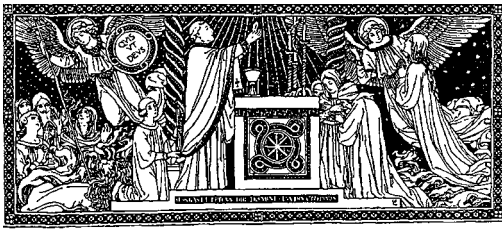
POSITION WANTED: Health aide/House-keeper/Caretaker seeking employment Mon-Sat. Good references. Please call Lilliana (732-572-9492).

THANK YOU for your generous support, which enables us to sustain all of our projects!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will not hold a meeting on Sunday, August 8th. However, after the 8:30 AM Mass on that day, prayers will be offered in church for the canonization of our founder, Blessed John Vercelli, and recently deceased members. All are invited to join us for the prayers.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS... “We’re here for the Kids”

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION: We are still accepting registration for boys ages 5 - 14 who are interesting in participating in 2004 Football. Practice for the Fall season starts on August 2nd. For further information, contact Dan Osborne at 732-283-0135.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 2nd:

St. Eusebius, St. Peter Julian Eymard

- 7:00 AM Arthur Corsini, Sr. req Ray & Barbara Angelini
 9:15 AM Alfonso Alao req Howley Family
 *1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Family

TUESDAY, August 3rd: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Stanley Stawicke req Ruth Donoghue
 9:15 AM Deceased Members of the Wonski Family
 req M/M Michael Wonski

WEDNESDAY, August 4th: St. John Mary Vianney

- 7:00 AM Nick Luongo req Les & Pat Soper
 9:15 AM Patricia Keely req Frank Gill & Family

THURSDAY, August 5th: Dedication of St. Mary Major

- 7:00 AM Robert La Rouche req Walt & Kay Majek
 9:15 AM John Piegari req M/M Pavese

FRIDAY, August 6th: Transfiguration of the Lord

- 7:00 AM Josephine Miele req Daughter Genevieve
 9:15 AM Purgatorial Society
 ** 2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline De Ring req Janet

SATURDAY, August 7th:

St. Sixtus & Companions, St. Cajetan

- 8:00 AM Helen Thergesen req Friend
 4:30 PM Edward O'Grady req Florence & Bob Hall
 & Family

SUNDAY, August 8th:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:30 AM Helen Messina req Philip Messina
 10:00 AM Anthony Ferraro req Ferraro & Barrett Families
 11:30 AM Stanley Kopacz req Joy & Lauren Frisoli
 5:00 PM Paul Aiosa req Family

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, August 9th

1:00 PM Kathleen Holmes req Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, August 13th

2:00 PM Deceased Members of Policastro Family
 req Margherita Piegari



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF JERRY RETKWA
 requested by Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF BRANDON J. DELANEY
 requested by Rose Cerami

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-7; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday: Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12];
 Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$11,716.05

Collection for the week of July 27, 2003: \$13,206.00

*"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
 and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
 Each of you must give as each has chosen in the heart..." (2 Cor 9:6-7)*



Welcome...

On Sunday, July 25th,
 the Parish Family of St. Cecelia
 joyfully welcomed
 through the saving waters
 of baptism
 the following child:
John Gerald Henkel

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have received the following letter from Rev. Ronald C. Chochol, PhD, coordinator of the Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal for the United States Catholic China Bureau. You may recall that a speaker from their ministry visited us in May, and a free-will offering was taken up at that time.

I want to thank you for the check for \$1,363.00 for the Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal preached in your parish in mid-May by Sr. Janet Carroll, MM.

On behalf of the Bureau and the Church in China, which we serve, I want to express our appreciation for your parish's support for a church that faces daily challenges to its faith that call for great courage and devotion. Please thank the people of your parish for their participation in this mission outreach from one sister church to another and for their financial contribution. I also want to add a special thanks to you and the people of your parish for the very gracious welcome extended to Sister Janet.

We can always count on the members and friends of the Parish Family of St. Cecelia to respond generously when there is a special need - whether by lending their talents, sharing their treasure, or supporting with their time of prayer. However, our *regular weekly collections* have taken a significant downturn over the last few months! And please keep in mind that it is those week-after-week offerings of the funds needed to pay for "the things only money can buy" that enable our parish to fulfill *its* mission of ministry not only to our parishioners but to the community at large. We are certainly not the only parish in the area that has observed this trend lately, but let's take a moment to look at why we are concerned, here at St. Cecelia's.

Just as it is with your own homes or businesses, our everyday costs like electricity, insurance, benefits, etc., continue to increase. Our buildings are now old enough that they are showing signs of wear that need attention. And even with careful stewardship on our part, increased expenses combined with decreased funds creates a no-win situation. Whose problem is this? *ALL of ours*. As Christians and stewards of all of God's gifts, we have the obligation to provide for the needs of the Church "...so that the Church has available to it those things which are necessary for divine worship, for apostolic and charitable work and for the worthy support of its ministers" (*Code of Canon Law, canon 222*).

Please prayerfully consider how well you are fulfilling your obligation. Please keep in mind that while Summer is a season of vacations and travel it is *not* a vacation from our stewardship to God. Please continue to keep your parish and its ministers in your prayers as they continue to serve you, trusting that God, through his faithful stewards, will provide.



THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. CECELIA
together with K of C COUNCIL 3639

Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 8th, in Merrill Park Grove #1

\$8 per adult; children age 12 and under are free
Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, baked beans, soda, water & beer
See back of the ticket for the items you'll share on our community table!

Bring a lawn chair for Mass and for your picnicking comfort...

Tickets are available in the atrium after Mass or in the Parish Office.



WITH EDDIE'S HELP, INC., is a non-profit organization established in honor of Eddie Strauss, who lost his life in the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Eddie was a courageous and generous man who spent a large part of his life helping others. The organization is committed to continuing Eddie's efforts by seeking out opportunities to improve the lives of children and adults by providing financial assistance, thus enhancing their chances for a better future. For more information, visit their website at www.witheddieshelp.org to find out how you can help.


TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!! Tuesday, August 17th, is **St. Cecelia Community Night** at the Commerce Bank Ballpark, Somerset NJ. See the Somerset Patriots vs. the Newark Bears. Game time is 7 PM. Tickets are \$9. For more information and/or ticket sales, please call John Olenchak, 732-397-8251 or see us in the atrium after Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12): I would like to thank all those adventurous souls who attended Wacky Wednesday in Seaside. Between Frisbee, NYC, and Seaside, it's great to see so many of you taking an active role in your summer youth group activities. Wednesday, August 4th, is Historic Ocean Grove and Bradley Beach. Come take a walk into the past, or lay out on the beach. This day is all about fun in the sun! Remember, part of being human is to seek and process valuable experiences in life. These summer experiences, though fun, are also very valuable in shaping our future selves. If you have not already, please join us. Finally, let me thank the adult volunteers who make these experiences possible.


YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35): WOW! What a great weekend! It's amazing what the Holy Spirit can do when we give God room to work in our lives. Please allow me to thank all 29 of you for taking a risk to attend this incredible weekend. I hope you can all make our follow-up meetings. Please follow the bulletin for scheduled meetings and activities. Welcome aboard! Don't forget to pass this invitation on to your friends.

J4F YOUNG ADULT GROUP: I hope you all enjoyed our Summer Games! Just reminding you all of our Special Coffee Talk on Monday August 2nd, at 7:30 PM at Brewed Awakenings in Metuchen. What do you think God wants for you? Come and listen to Sister Jane speak on how to discern God's path for you. This is going to be good - don't miss out! Contact Denise at 732-754-8876 or check out our website at [J4F_CYA @yahoogroups.com](mailto:J4F_CYA@yahoo.com).

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"We should be very careful not to abuse, in any way, God's presence in us and around us."* For more information, please contact bzmak@comcast.net.



"One's life does not consist of possessions." Do we really believe these words of Jesus in today's Gospel? We live in an age of consumerism and it seems to be running out of control for us in developed countries. It seems the more we have the more we want – and think we need! As stewards of the goods—and the very life—of the earth we must constantly distinguish between our wants and our needs. This is not an easy task unless we back up and try to get a global perspective. Our diocese has begun a partnership with the Diocese of Santa Rosa in Guatemala. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to heighten our awareness and grow in our stewardship! The best way to understand those poorer and less advantaged than us is to know them personally. Hopefully, we will be building relationships with the parishes and people of Guatemala. All of us will be enriched!

Stewardship Spotlight 
shines on:

FALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience endorsed by the Family Life Ministry Office that teaches communication skills to couples in good marriages. This marriage enrichment program consists of a series of presentations by three married couples and a priest followed by private discussion time when the husband and wife reflect on the presentations and apply it to their own relationship. There are no open group discussions.

The next weekend will be held on September 17th through 19th. For more information or to register, call 888-827-NJME (888-827-6563) or visit their website at www.wmcentralnj.org for more information.

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If you'd like to share your time and talent with this or any of our parish's many opportunities for stewardship - or there's an idea that you'd like to present - please fill out and return this coupon to the Parish Office or call the office and leave your name and number.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

e-mail/ALT. PHONE: _____

Please contact me about: _____

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

...events taking place on our Parish campus - the school, the church, or the hall.

Monday, August 2, 2004

7:15-8:15 PM Families of Nazareth Movement Conference Room

Tuesday, August 3, 2004

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference room
 11 AM Bingo Lourdes Hall
 6-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101

Wednesday, August 4, 2004

7-9 PM AA, Al-Anon, STEP Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
 6-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101

Thursday, August 5, 2004

6-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101

Friday, August 6, 2004

8 PM Nocturnal Adoration Church

Saturday, August 7, 2004

after 8AM Mass Novena Church

Sunday, August 8, 2004

11:30 AM Mass and Parish Picnic Merrill Park Grove #1
 4:15 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Church
 5:45-7:30 PM Golden Knights Basketball Gym

Please note that meetings may be subject to change or cancellation.

BULLETIN E-MAIL ADDRESS: stceceliabulletin@yahoo.com.

Deadline for information is Monday evenings by 9 PM; thank you for your cooperation.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for all information and to make arrangements. Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements **one year** in advance of the proposed wedding date. One party must be a parishioner. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program is required; call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Urgent sick calls at any time; contact the Parish Office. Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance through the Social Concerns Office.

EDUCATION

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL

Phone: 732-283-2824

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITED



Served by the Religious Teachers Filippini, the mission of St. Cecelia School is to form the heart, mind and spirit of its students according to Gospel values, ever aware of the unique, God-given gifts within each child.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone: 732-283-2816

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

CLASSES for grammar school students are held on **Mondays at 3:00, 5:45 & 7:25 PM.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS for the continuing religious education of adults are held periodically throughout the year.

R.C.I.A.: For information about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact the Parish Office.

DEVOTIONS

NOVENA to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday

CHAPLET of DIVINE MERCY Sunday 4:15 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 4th Sunday after 11:30 AM Mass; **Benediction** at 2PM.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION every First Friday from 8 to 9 PM.

SOCIETIES/ORGANIZATIONS

BIBLE STUDY:

Thursdays 7:30 PM, Faculty Room

CELEBRATE LIFE COMMITTEE:

New members always welcome.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH MOVEMENT:

Mondays, 7:15-8:15 PM in the Conference room.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY:

2nd Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass, Room 101

J4F - Just 4 Fun:

1st and 3rd Mondays ; ages 21-35

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:

2ND & 4TH Thursdays; Membership: call Dan Neroda 732-283-0290

LEGION OF MARY:

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Church Conf. Rm.

ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY:

1st Monday after the 1st Sunday after 7 PM Mass

SENIOR CITIZENS:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 12:30 PM in Lourdes Hall

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Phone 732-283-1775

Tues/Weds/Thurs 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday 2 PM to 6 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Monday and Friday CLOSED

The deadline has passed...

All groups, organizations, and societies

who plan to use space on our parish campus:

YOUR PROPOSED 2004-2005 SCHEDULE was due in the Parish Office by July 31st. Please keep in mind that space must sometimes be allocated based on the size of the group or on its special needs, and that we may not be able to accommodate dates or events not entered on the calendar.

SPECIAL REQUESTS for tables in the atrium or inserts/major articles in the bulletin should be submitted *in writing* to the Parish Office six weeks in advance of the proposed date.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE is **9 PM on Monday**. If Monday is a holiday, the deadline moves to *the preceding Friday*. Items received later than the deadline time may not be included.

TRICKY TRAY: St. Cecelia School's annual Tricky Tray Auction will be held on Friday, November 5th, and we need your help. We are looking for new and unused items, as well as **homemade craft items** to be donated to the auction. If you have an item to donate or would like to make a craft, please call Gloria at 732-512-9140 or Kathy at 732-261-6401.

CELEBRATING 40TH REUNION: St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy, Class of 1964 will be celebrating its 40th reunion on October 23rd. Members of the class or anyone seeking information about the event should contact Mary Hudanish Aronson at 202-291-0654 or maryaronson@starpower.net.