

**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...*

Alice Kramer, Mary Grossmann, Josephine Juliano, Juan Morales, Lillian Evers, Berta Kiermaier, Henry Mlodgenski, Sally Province, Baby Joseph R. Trzepla, Jason Bastkom, 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.*

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

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...**



Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Richard W. Colacicco, Nicholas Primiani, Susanne Crawford, Anne Leffler, Claire Schraff, Marie Hennessey, Kay Steindecker*, 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**.

*Wedding Banns*

- III Michael Donoghue - Charma Small (8/14)
- III Joseph Antonowicz - Jennifer Mc Carthy (8/20)

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will not hold a meeting on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. However, after the 8:30 AM Mass, 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.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS**

**Our PARISH FOOD COLLECTION** is next weekend, August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time we are in need of the following: coffee, tea, tuna, bottled spaghetti sauce, rice, cereal, toothpaste, shampoo, dish & laundry detergent, peanut butter and jelly. Donations of brown and plastic grocery bags are needed and appreciated.

**HOUSEMATE WANTED:** Lovely townhome in Woodbridge; share of rent is \$800/month. Please call the Parish Office.

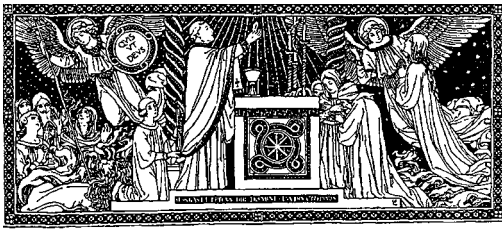
**SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is thinking ahead to the supplies that will be needed by those children whose families cannot readily afford to purchase them. Donations of backpacks and school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, glue sticks, crayons, safety scissors, etc.) will be collected in the atrium until **next weekend, August 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUMMER INDOOR FLEA MARKET:** The First Congregational Church of Woodbridge is holding an indoor flea market on Saturdays through September 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2004**

Total receipts	\$1,698.00
Total disbursements	3,210.77
Rent	2,214.00
Scrip	550.00
Utilities	331.51
Medical	65.26
Office	50.00

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, August 9th: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 7:00 AM Robert Christie req Connie & Michelle Serra  
 9:15 AM Adenaco Carnicelli req Alma Cristauro  
 \*1:00 PM Kathleen Holmes  
 req Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon

### TUESDAY, August 10th: St. Lawrence

- 7:00 AM Robert Granwehr req Angelika & Richard Reilly  
 9:15 AM Alberto Bandeira (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) req Wife Marylou  
 & Son James

### WEDNESDAY, August 11th: St. Clare

- 7:00 AM Carol Calabrese req Dan, Shirley & Melissa  
 Robinson  
 9:15 AM Alfred Weber req Lilian Guthlein

### THURSDAY, August 12th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Anne Barrett req Bill & Jean Henkel  
 9:15 AM Harry Munroe req Family

### FRIDAY, August 13th: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

- 7:00 AM Ramon Luquis req Hilda & Conrad Elling  
 9:15 AM Sarah Mellody req Jean & Bill Lonergan  
 \*\* 2:00 PM Deceased Members of Policastro Family  
 req Margherita Piegari

### SATURDAY, August 14th: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

- 8:00 AM William Henkel req Bill & Jean Henkel  
 4:30 PM Nathaniel Wenrich req Daughters

### SUNDAY, August 15th:

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 8:30 AM Mary Zito req Anne Zito Vendola  
 10:00 AM Leone & Cuomo Families req Family  
 11:30 AM Special Intention of Mercer, Savasta &  
 Sweeney Families  
 5:00 PM Vincent La Faso req Wife & Children

\*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

\*\*MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

**VETERANS HOME: Monday, August 16th**

1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Julia Ondrasik

**ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, August 20th**

2:00 PM Peter Capitano req M/M John C. Moyle



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week  
**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET & JERRY RIORTI**  
 requested by Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is  
**IN MEMORY OF MARY KACZMAREK**  
 requested by LaVerne Lewka Baljak & Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;  
 Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$11,569.00

Collection for the week of August 3, 2003: \$13,020.31

*"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, August 1st,  
 the Parish Family of St. Cecelia  
 joyfully welcomed  
 through the saving waters  
 of baptism  
 the following child:  
**Nicholas Javier Medina**



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## Faith...

Faith is rooted in the heart.  
It moves on a strong current of trust.  
In the inelegant words of Yogi Berra,  
"Someday it wouldn't hurt to remember stuff like this."  
Well, this is the day we're called to remember.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22  
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]

### Comment...

The book of Wisdom collects and sets out the long memory of Israel. We read today about the first Passover. We are invited to imagine a people who are not yet free, who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. This enslaved people found courage in their memory of God's promise to their ancestors. They believed but did not dare dream that God's promise would finally be realized in them. But the sea was a source of their escape. They did pass over from no life to life as God's own.

The second reading from Hebrews picks up where Wisdom leaves off. The description of faith applies to the enslaved children of Israel on the eve of their deliverance: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) The author of Hebrews offers a distinguished list of people who fit this definition. The faith journey of Abraham and Sarah was also a physical journey from one geographical place to another. They were confident, though they had their moments of discouragement. So, too, Isaac and Jacob. The fullness of God's promise was not given to them. Their business was to wait on God's promise, and they did that. They did it by acting, not just by waiting or passively standing by.

### Reflection...

The people to whom this Gospel story was initially addressed consciously looked to the second coming of Christ. As might be expected, some preferred to do nothing but wait. We must stay awake and alert, Jesus counsels. We are enjoined to be generous with our goods and responsible with what is entrusted to us. First, it helps to keep in mind that what is entrusted to us is not ours. Not really. The earth is the Lord's, we are reminded. We are here for a while. When the Lord returns, we should be awake and ready.

And when Peter asks if this is true for everyone or just for the disciples, Jesus' parable paints a much larger, clearer picture. He speaks of a master who goes away for a long, long time. He entrusts the estate to the servants, expecting them to carry out their responsibilities until such time as he returns.

Those who carry on will receive the reward of their labors. This is what the servants believe, for they trust the master. So it was for Abraham and Sarah, for Isaac and Jacob, for the children of the Passover, for the apostles, and for us. We are in the good company of believers. This company is ancient and new, keepers of the covenant whose descendants we are. God keeps promises and honors covenants, and we are the other party in this covenant, the ones to whom much has been given. Much then is expected. While we wait for the full ripening of the reign of God, our faith requires action. The faith that looks forward to God's reign lasts just exactly as long as an individual's life lasts. What we must then do is pass on that faith to others and they must do likewise, until God's reign is finally realized in all the world.

**YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12):** Tomorrow (Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>) is the Diocesan trip to Dorney Park. Cost of the day is \$36 and includes lunch. For those interested, we will depart from the youth ministry office at 8 AM. *Please arrive at 7:45 AM with a parent who will fill out your permission slip.* Please understand that only sanctioned permission slips - *no notes* - can be accepted. On Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading to Seaside for our Wacky Wednesday trip. The same procedure applies for permission slips. **CALLING ALL "APPROVED" DRIVERS** ("*approved*" means that you have been fingerprinted and have completed the Protecting God's Children Workshop): your assistance is necessary for both trips. You can call the youth ministry office (732-381-0008) for more information. Thank you.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35):** Thank you again for such a fantastic young adult retreat weekend. Please continue to follow up by reading the *Reclaiming Our Humanity* retreat handbook that was given out after Friday evening's prayer service. You have requested a few things, and we have responded. You should have received a mailing; if you have not, please call the office of young adult ministry with your address. In that mailing are three items: First is a question and answer session to be provided by Father Jay on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM. That session is followed by your second request, an intimate Mass for the young adult community at 2 PM. Finally, within that mailing are instructions on how to post to the young adult information board on Yahoo Groups. This will help you to stay connected all year long, regardless of academic location or an overburdened workload. I can't wait to see you at Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see more of you back involved with parish life soon. May God continue to bless you on your journey.

**J4F YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** We had a nice crowd to welcome Sister Jane at Monday's Coffee Talk. Her talk on the discernment process and God's love for all of us was peacefully reassuring. The next trip to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen is scheduled for next Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>; dinner begins at 6 PM. Please contact Denise Valdes at 732-754-8876 or e-mail the group at J4f\_CYA@yahoo.com.

**GOLDEN KNIGHTS: "We're here for the Kids"**

**FOOTBALL:** We are still accepting registration for boys ages 5-14 interested in participating in 2004 Football. Practice for the Fall season started on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Merrill Park in Iselin. For further information, contact Dan Osbourne (732-283-0135) or Dennis Tenpenny (732-634-6980).


**SPLISH SPLASH, WE'RE RAISIN' SOME CASH:** A car wash to benefit the Golden Knights Football program will be held on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 AM. Come out and support the program; stop by the lot at the corner of Green Street and Middlesex Turnpike (the old Flip's Tavern site). All cars \$4 - donations welcome!

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:** Pep rally; Night at the Races - watch the bulletin for more information!



*In case we didn't fully get the message last week, here it comes again! "Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be." This famous line from today's Gospel is also the title of our stewardship 'theme song' by Marty Haugen. The title of this booklet, Stewardship*

*Treasures, is a play on words. Too often people equate stewardship solely with money, but it is really all about spirituality. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, is our only treasure. The final verse of the song, which is the first line of the passage, tells us not to fear because God delights in giving us 'the kingdom.' Abraham and Sarah were the first in a long line of believers who knew this to be true. As we look around today, who stands in that line now? Do we?*

**Stewardship Spotlight**   
shines on:

**EVERYDAY CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE**

The College of St. Elizabeth Center for Theological and Spiritual Development has developed a new program, the Everyday Catholic Experience, that will address the "person in the pew" as well as those who minister in the Church in any way. Its purpose is to offer quality presentations on issues and concerns for faith and spiritual development.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the theme for the day will be *Recapturing the Sabbath in Our Parishes and Families* - a great way to energize parishioners and encourage them in their journey as Catholics.

For more information, call 973-290-4300/4364 or visit the Center's website at [www.cespirit.org](http://www.cespirit.org).

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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.

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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

**Monday, August 9, 2004**

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

**Tuesday, August 10, 2004**

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

**Wednesday, August 11, 2004**

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

**Thursday, August 12, 2004**

6-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101  
 7-9 PM CARE Program Conference room

**Friday, August 13, 2004**

**Saturday, August 14, 2004**

after 8AM Mass Novena Church

**Sunday, August 15, 2004**

1 PM Baptisms Church  
 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](mailto: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** 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ; ages 21-35

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:**

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

**LEGION OF MARY:**

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Church Conf. Rm.

**ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY:**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the 1st Sunday after

7 PM Mass

**SENIOR CITIZENS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Please keep in mind...*

**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.



**We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th. Because it is on Sunday this year, we will follow our regular Sunday schedule of Masses. Please make a special effort to honor Our Lady on her feast day!**

**FAMILIES OF NAZARETH QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "*Totus Tuus, Maria, ego sum, et omnia mea Tua sunt*" ("I am all yours, Mary, and all that is mine is yours") **John Paul II.** For more information, please contact [bzmak@comcast.net](mailto:bzmak@comcast.net).

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!!** Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, please call John Olenchak, 732-397-8251 or see us in the atrium after Mass. A few tickets are still available; get yours now!