

COVER SHEET

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: **Insert, double-sided: Bishop's Annual Appeal Report - hand-delivered.**

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...

Lillian Evers, Robert Kunitsky, Dorothy Mazza, Berta Kiermaier, Eleanor Dobol, Beatrice Knutelski, Donald Crilly, Angela Decibus and Baby Girl, Juan Morales, Anna Rizzuto, Lillian Evers, Sophie Province, Alvin Decker, Sr., 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

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12): For those of you interested in joining youth group, we are planning to have a picnic gathering on September 12th just outside the youth ministry office (Trailer “D” at St. John Vianney Church in Colonia); watch this bulletin for more information! All current members should have received a calendar for fall and winter meetings, activities, and projects. If not, please call the youth ministry office with your address. This year, I am looking for youth teams to run particular projects. Think you have what it takes? Call the youth ministry office to be a team member. Our last Wacky Wednesday event is this Wednesday. See you there.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35): The young adult ministry group is meeting with Fr. Johnson in the chapel at St. Cecelia’s at 1 PM this Sunday, August 15th, to further discuss and understand points made on our *Reclaiming Our Humanity* retreat. An intimate Mass will follow at 2 PM sharp. These are activities that you requested during our Sunday morning discussion at the retreat; I hope to see you there!

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Yvette Bartels*, 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.

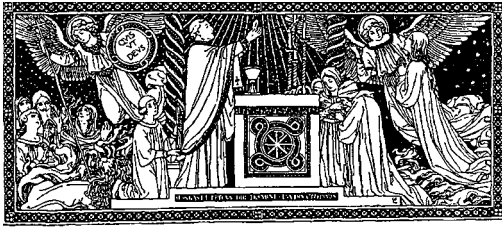
Nocturnal Adoration

is on **First Fridays** from **8 to 9 PM**.

Wedding Banns

I Brian Petralia - Jaclyn Johnson (9/3)

*My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!*



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 16th: St. Stephen of Hungary

7:00 AM Josephine Catena req Kolibas Family
 9:15 AM Rose Retkwa req Camille Retkwa
 *1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Julia Ondrasik

TUESDAY, August 17th: Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Pugliese (2nd Anniv) req Family
 9:15 AM George Labik req Labik Family

WEDNESDAY, August 18th: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:00 AM Special Intention:
 Wedding Anniversary of John & Mila Kushner
 9:15 AM Grace O'Donnell req Family

THURSDAY, August 19th: St. John Eudes

7:00 AM Benjamin Vitale req Wife Genevieve
 9:15 AM Anthony Kulpak req Camille Retkwa

FRIDAY, August 20th: St. Bernard

7:00 AM Elizabeth Johnson req Family
 9:15 AM Pilar & Angel Castillo req Alma Cristauro
 ** 2:00 PM Peter Capitano req M/M John C. Moyle

SATURDAY, August 21st: St. Pius X

8:00 AM Richard Zmijewski req Ruth Zmijewski
 4:30 PM Theodore Tylicki req Helen Tylicki & Family

SUNDAY, August 22nd:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:30 AM Susie Dino req Family
 10:00 AM Helen Liszewski & James Ricci
 req Sisters and Brothers-in-Law
 11:30 AM M/M Clarence Bowen, Jr. req Bowen Family
 5:00 PM Ellen Peace req Rosie Donlin

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, August 23rd

1:00 PM Peter Capitano req M/M Steve Gentile

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, August 27th

2:00 PM Joseph Fragoso req M/M Anthony Solar



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF MANUEL TORRES
 requested by Dolores & Henry Krajewski



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND MC NAMARA
 requested by Connie Antonellis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$10,668.50

Collection for the week of August 10, 2003: \$13,016.07

*"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)*

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All of our actions should be intertwined with our Creator's design, so that we would not use our knowledge, capabilities, or any concrete instrument against God's will." For more information, please contact bzmak@comcast.net.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH will not meet for the next four weeks; their next meeting will be on Monday, September 13th. Come join us in September, and see what we're all about!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So much has been going on in our Parish Family in this past week!

Our annual parish picnic was celebrated in Merrill Park last Sunday - and we couldn't have asked for a better day! Many thanks to the planning committee, who spent many long hours making sure that all the day's tasks and needs were covered. Thanks, too, to Knights of Columbus Council 3639, for their support in the planning and their presence at the grills all day. The Contemporary Ensemble (combining the members from both the 11:30 AM and 5 PM groups) filled the park with *Spirit & Song* during Mass, and so many members and friends of our parish family were present - some only for the Mass, but still others for the entire event. It's so good to spend some time together on a sunny summer Sunday!

A few weeks ago, we explained that the Diocese was investigating the possible sale of "The Fairgrounds" and would be handling the matter on our behalf. We have now received word that the sale will be finalized in the near future. All monies from the sale come into the possession of St. Cecelia's Parish so that we can invest them for the economic future of our parish family.

There were concerns expressed that the sale of the Fairgrounds would mean that 2004 was the last year for the Fair. Well, nothing could be further from the truth - we have already received permission from Woodbridge Township to hold the Fair in our parking lot next July! Now we can have the best of both worlds: we will invest the money from the sale of a property we used for only one week a year but needed to maintain for the "other 51" and we will continue to have the revenue generated by the Fair.

On another note, Stephen L. Pinel, our Director of Music, has given notice that he will be leaving his position at the end of September to pursue full-time employment as National Archivist for the Organ Historical Society (an organization with which he has long been associated). We wish him great success in his new endeavors and will certainly miss him - he has been part of our ministry of music for so many years! Stephen is on vacation now, but he will be "back on the bench" from Labor Day weekend until September 25th and 26th (his final weekend). We will shortly be initiating our Search for a candidate who will continue St. Cecelia's long history of excellence in music, and we ask that all parishioners and friends of the parish pray for our success in that quest.

TODAY IS A "MARY DAY"...

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and today's solemnity was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly, and exalted the human race by her faithfulness, is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, receives a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim Resurrection faith to the disciples.

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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 2nd 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 29th, 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!

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL: 35-game season; full uniforms and tournaments. Child must be a registered parishioner or attend St. Cecelia's School. **TRYOUTS** will be held on Thursdays, September 16th AND 23rd, in the school gym, according to the following schedule:
7th & 8th Grade boys 5:30 until 7 PM
5th & 6th Grade boys 7 until 8:15 PM
6th, 7th & 8th Grade girls 8:15 until 9:30 PM
For more information, call Nick Shine at 732-548-6518.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

POSITION WANTED: Health aide/ Housekeeper/Caretaker seeking employment. Good references. Please call Christina, 732-763-4369.

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

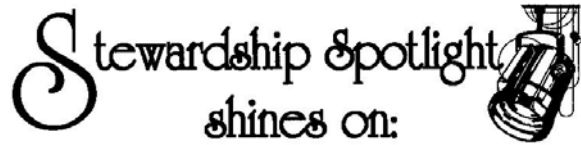
SUMMER INDOOR FLEA MARKET: Only a few weeks left for the First Congregational Church of Woodbridge's indoor flea market, held on Saturdays through September 4th from 8 AM to noon in their parish hall (corner of Barron and Grove Avenues). 6-foot tables are \$15 (2 for \$25) and 8-foot tables are \$20.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

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

J4F YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Starting in September, J4F is meeting the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted in our announcement. Are you in need of some peace and quality quiet time? Spend a little quality time in reflection of our Lord. We are holding a day of solitude and reflection on August 21st. We will meet at St. Cecelia's parking lot at 9 AM. Please call Denise at 732-754-8876 or visit us at J4F_CYA@yahoo.com.



The Hospitality of God by Brendan Byrne, SJ explains a device used by Luke in his Gospel as well as Acts, where two individuals have had separate religious experiences that they don't understand fully. When they share what happened, as in the case of Mary and Elizabeth, individual experience becomes a community experience. In the process, the meaning becomes clear. In their meeting and the hospitality they exchange we see the beginnings of the faith community, the Church. We are the people who continually discover Jesus through our sharing and hospitality with each other and all others. The Magnificat is the great hymn of reversals and God's justice. It sets the stage for Jesus' mission and ministry to poor and marginalized persons. Baptism has made us stewards of that mission. We do it together - and discover Jesus in the process.



JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT IN CONCERT

"Who sings, prays twice"(attributed to St. Augustine). On Friday, September 17th, at 8 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, you will have the opportunity to listen to a "troubador for the Lord" - John Michael Talbot, Catholic music's number one recording artist. With more than 46 albums, 14 books, and numerous video teachings, his appeal reaches all Christian denominations. He has performed for numerous secular and church officials including the Pope and Mother Teresa, and he will now share with us his gift of music and spiritual ministry.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: St. Robert's JMT Concert, PO Box 7443, Freehold NJ 07728. Make checks payable to St. Robert Bellarmine, and include "Concert" in the memo. Please call 732-683-1323 for additional 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.

38214		NO Families of Nazareth Movement	
	6-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101
38215		Legion of Mary	Conference room
	0.4166666667	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
	0.4583333333	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101
38216		AA, Al-Anon, STEP	Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
	7-9 PM	Baptism Class	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101
38217		Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria & Rm 101
	6-10 PM	CARE Program	Conference room
	7-9 PM	Faith & Hope Sharing (small faith community)	Chapel
38218			
38219		Novena	Church
	after 8AM Mass		
38220		Benediction	Church
	0.5833333333	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Church
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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.

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* (Labor Day is coming soon!). Items received later than the deadline time may not be included. On *any* item submitted, please include a name and contact phone number.

ENJOY THOSE RIBS AT THE FAIR AND THE PICNIC? MAKE THEM AT HOME! Anyone interesting in purchasing a case of ribs can do so by contacting Pat Lane through the Parish Office. Cost is \$72 for about 35-36 pounds (they are frozen).

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, please call John Olenchak, 732-397-8251 or see us in the atrium after Mass. A few tickets are still available; get yours now!

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