

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

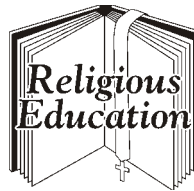
The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be lighted for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** may be provided for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office for more information.

"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...

Genevieve Rossetti, Harold Westcott, Liborio Piccininno, Lisa Marie Mantz, Bronisla Szymanek, Marian Demeo, Marie Kubert, Nancy Westcott, Theresa Byrnes, Donald Crilly; Janet Schutt, Rose Gentile, Robert Baljak, John Farley, Joanna Santamaria, Jane Strauss, Mary Zullo, Mary Gerstner, Henry Mlodgenski, Karen Zaborny, Mary Ann Osmulski, Linda Obertz, Jean Barry, 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.



GRADE FIVE: The children from St. Cecelia's School and the Religious Education Program host the Children/Family Mass next Sunday, November 21st, at 10 AM. During the Mass, the children in Grades K, 1, 2 & 3 will be called forward to sit near the altar,

where the message of the Gospel will be explained to them at their level of understanding. Please join the fifth grade class in Eucharistic celebration. After Mass, everyone is welcome to come to the cafeteria, where Grade Five is providing light refreshments and a display of art. The music at the Mass will be provided by the Children's Choir.

GRADE ONE: Children of our parish in Grade One are scheduled to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 AM on Thursday, November 25th. Happy Thanksgiving!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

November 15 th :	6:45 PM	Class 6-1
	8:30 PM	Class 8-1

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet this Sunday, November 14th, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Immediately following the Mass, there will be brief prayers in the church for the canonization of our founder, Blessed John Vercelli. Then there will be a short meeting in school room 101. All adults are invited to join us for the prayers and the meeting.

ADORATION DURING ADVENT: Please be sure to complete and return the sign-up sheet included in this week's bulletin, indicating when you will be able to spend some time in adoration of Our Lord on the four Mondays of Advent.

J4F ADULT GROUP: It's not too late, there's still time to join us for our Advent retreat. The retreat will be held from 7 PM on Friday, November 19th, to noon on Sunday, November 21st, at the beautiful Blue Army Shrine. Please call Denise Valdes to register now at 732-754-8876.



ADULT CHOIR resumes rehearsals this Wednesday, November 17th, at 7:30 PM in the church. Come join us as we begin to prepare for Christmas!



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Salvatore D. Morano, Anthony DeGrazia, Ernest T. Raeuchle*, 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 Richard Huxford - Christine Canova (11/20)

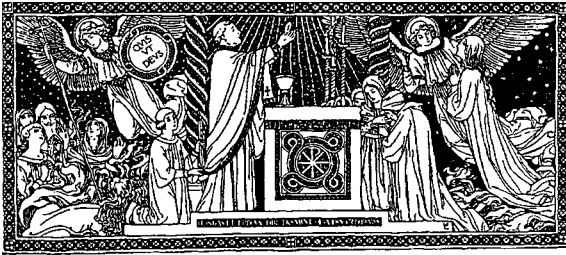
FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP:

"Thanks to our cooperation with grace, we can begin to discover our God, not only in the world that surrounds us, but also in our interior where the Holy Spirit comes as the dulcis Hospes animae - the sweet Guest of our soul." Contact bzmak@comcast.net for more information.

Did you notice... in last week's Advent Eucharistic Adoration notice...

Benediction on Monday, December 6th will take place at 7 PM. The Vigil of the Immaculate Conception is on TUESDAY, December 7th. However, our Advent Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 13th - so Benediction on that day will take place at 6:45 PM.

If you questioned the error - GOOD FOR YOU! Keep reading the bulletin!



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 15th: St. Albert the Great

- 7:00 AM Jerome G. Johnson
req Steve & Rosemarie Gentile
9:15 AM Adam Demchalk req Michael & Margaret Stash
*1:00 PM Jim O'Connor req Susan & Lester Olcsvary

TUESDAY, November 16th:

St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

- 7:00 AM James Dreker req M/M Giordano & Family
9:15 AM Jerome G. Johnson req Art Soriano

WEDNESDAY, November 17th: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 7:00 AM Anne Golia req Kathy Schoepflin & Victor Golia
9:15 AM Renee Benevento
req Martelle-Benevento Families

THURSDAY, November 18th:

Dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

- 7:00 AM Rosemarie Piegari-Isola req Mom & Dad
9:15 AM Edward Kelly, Sr., req Florence Kelly

FRIDAY, November 19th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM John Paulikas req John Hiltwein
9:15 AM Deceased Members of Zito & Vendola Families
req Anne Vendola
** 2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline De Ring req Janet

SATURDAY, November 20th: Weekday

- 8:00 AM Clara Lordi req Husband George
4:30 PM Antoinette Barski req Capriglione Family

SUNDAY, November 21st:

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

- 7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30 AM Wanda Nowell
req Daughter Stephanie Szostak
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
11:30 AM Vincent La Faso req Wife & Children
5:00 PM Edward Evancik, Sr., req Robert & Rita Babiasz

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, November 22nd

1:00 PM Angela Capurso req Caroselli Family

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, November 26th

2:00 PM Virginia Laffey (4th Anniv) req Husband Thomas



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT DE FORGE
requested by Wife & Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY HOFMANN
requested by Dorothy & George Solovay

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5a; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial
of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$12,932.75

Last year at this time: \$12,956.00

*"Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works,
to be generous, ready to share"(1 Tim 6:17-19).*



Welcome...

On Sunday, November 7th,
the Parish Family of St. Cecelia
joyfully welcomed
through the saving waters of baptism
the following children:

Gabriella A. Castelluci
Jenna Catherine De Vizio
Connor Chase Morgan
Devin Stephanie Scalise

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The church year is almost over; next week marks its end. Yet our modern lives are so busy, so full of things to do, that one day seems almost indistinguishable from the next. We lose track of days... weeks... seasons. God is busy, too. Does *He* lose track? What would happen to all of us if He did? Consider this reflection by Pope John Paul II on Sunday's psalm, Psalm 98:

Indeed, as the faithful one begins his day, he knows that he is not abandoned to the mercy of blind and dark chance, nor given over to the uncertainty of his freedom, nor dependent on the decisions of others, nor dominated by the events of history. He knows that the Creator and Savior, in his grandeur, holiness and mercy, is above every earthly reality.

The Church Fathers have reflected considerably on the subject of the holiness of God, celebrating the divine inaccessibility. However, this transcendent and holy God has come close to man. What is more, as St. Irenaeus says, already in the Old Testament he became "accustomed" to man, manifesting himself with apparitions and speaking through the prophets, while man "became accustomed" to God, learning to follow and obey him. What is more, in one of his hymns St. Ephrem emphasizes that through the Incarnation "the holy one made his dwelling in the womb (of Mary) in a corporeal way, now he makes his dwelling in the mind in a spiritual way". Moreover, through the gift of the Eucharist, in analogy with the Incarnation, "the Dispenser of Life descended from on high to dwell in those who are worthy. After he entered, he made his dwelling with us, so we ourselves are sanctified in him".

We can say, therefore, that Psalm 98(99) is realized today in the Church, seat of the presence of the holy and transcendent God. The Lord has not withdrawn into the inaccessible area of his mystery, indifferent to our history and to our expectations. He "comes to govern the earth, to govern the world with justice and all the peoples with fairness"...

God came into our midst above all in his Son, making himself one of us to infuse his life and holiness in us. Because of this, we now approach God with trust, not terror. Indeed, in Christ we have the supreme holy priest, innocent, without stain. He "is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

Sing psalms to the Lord... acclaim the King, the Lord.

Holy Darkness, Blessed Night...

Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John - which Gospel writers included the story of the birth of Christ in their work? How did each writer record this blessed event? How are they similar? Where do they differ? Why are their varied perspectives important? In Advent, Father Jay will present a study of the Nativity narratives in Lourdes Hall from 7:30 to 9 PM on Tuesday evenings, November 30th and December 7th and 14th. We will have a simple meal available each week for those who wish to join us for supper at 7 PM, and beverages and cake available for all.

Why not prepare for Christmas with a more complete understanding of the wonderful gift God gave to us - His Son, incarnate! Give *yourself* a gift this year by attending any or all of this Advent series; fill out and return the coupon below or call the parish office (732-283-2300) to register. You may register for one week at a time - let us know by Monday of each week whether you will be joining us for supper.

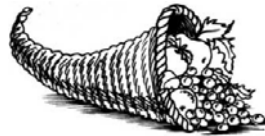
Advent Study Series 2004

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I plan to come for supper on 11/30 _____ 12/7 _____ 12/14 _____

I can bring something to share; please call me! _____



We Come To Your Feast! Thursday, November 25th, is Thanksgiving Day.

As we have in past years, we will celebrate Mass at 10 AM to thank God for all the wonderful gifts we have received - gifts of family and friends, talents and treasures. All of our parish family's musicians will lend their talents to our liturgy, and all the members and friends of the Parish Family of St. Cecelia are invited to join us. What better way to celebrate than at the table of the Lord! In addition, we will have a **BLESSING OF FOOD for your Thanksgiving meal**. Please bring some food item (canned goods, bread, wine, etc.) to bring forward at the Mass for a special blessing and to serve later at your holiday table.

2004 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN-PEW PLEDGE COMMITMENT NOVEMBER 20-21

The 2004 Appeal continues, and needs your support if the diocesan goal of \$5.7 million is to be achieved. Please respond to Bishop Bootkoski's recent request by mailing your gift, or plan to participate in next week's In-Pew Appeal Commitment at all Masses. Your participation is critical if we are to continue to fund diocesan ministries across our four-county diocese.

IMPORTANT PRE-HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please plan ahead as the hectic holidays approach! All bulletin information is due in the parish office by **9 PM on MONDAYS**. However, for the bulletin for the First Sunday of Advent (the Sunday after Thanksgiving: November 28th) all information is due by **Friday, November 19th**.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION: This is the second weekend of our holiday food collection; if you have forgotten, please bring your donations to the atrium during the week.

TURKEY COLLECTION TIME: Our Food Pantry is now accepting donations of turkeys for the holiday season. Please be sure to call the Social Ministry Office, 732-283-0150 ext 21, before dropping them off so we can be sure they are refrigerated.

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, sponsored by the Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy Council, will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Route 35, Woodbridge (2 blocks south of Main Street; rear entrance at 267 E. Smith Street). The service will include prayers for our community, our country, and our world, a Mayoral proclamation, and choir and community singing. For general information call Peggy Catalano, 732-636-6343.

GIVING TREES will be placed in the atrium on the weekend of November 20th-21st. Are you part of a group (big or small - at work or with friends or family)? Consider the **ADOPT-A-FAMILY** option for your Christmas sharing. A full-page insert in next week's bulletin will fully describe our project. Be sure to get your copy!

We thank you for your attentiveness to our needs, which helps us to alleviate the needs of others!

YOUTH GROUP: Great meeting on "Decisions" last Sunday! I was glad to see so many of you deeply involved in small group discussions; truly, the Holy Spirit was at work. Don't miss this Sunday night, when we discuss dating and relationships. You should have received information in the mail about the winter retreat and the bowling tournament. The bowling tournament is on Saturday, November 20th, at the Woodbridge Bowling Center, beginning at noon. Teams of four or six must contact John Cook, 732-381-0008, to secure a position. Bring out your friends, uncles, parents, and grandparents; let's have a great time! All proceeds benefit Appalachia 2005. Winter retreat dates are December 17th through 19th, and permission slips are due at the November 21st meeting. Please call with any questions. See you Sunday!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: *Breaking Bread Bonding Lives* is scheduled for Sunday, November 28th, beginning with the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Cecelia's. See you all soon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3639

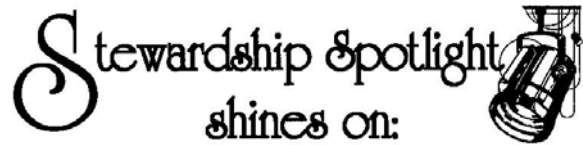
A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, December 11th, from 10 AM to noon at the K of C Hall, 116 Grand Street. \$5 donation is requested per family; open to the public. Call John Parascando, 732-283-0290, for information.

SPELLING BEE FOR EIGHTH GRADERS: Eighth Graders, are you good spellers? Would you like an opportunity to demonstrate your skills outside of the classroom? How about the chance to win prizes and enjoy refreshments, too? We're looking for contestants for our Spelling Bee. If you are interested or need more information, please call Grand Knight John Parascando at 732-283-0880 and leave your name and phone number.



*Perhaps the most puzzling passages in the Scriptures are the apocalyptic discourses like the ones we have today. To understand them we need to view time differently. We define time as **chronos** -- past, present and future -- and try to assign the events in today's readings to an unspecified time in the future. The*

*difficulty for Christians has always been wondering when. God's time is **kairos** -- without duration. Everything is **now**. The signs of disaster in the Gospel describe the kinds of things that always happen. The message of Jesus for his time and all time is that we disciples must always be ready to respond to the needs and signs of our times. The Reign of God is always breaking through. We live our stewardship in the ways we witness Jesus' coming all the time.*



YOUTH GROUP "GRADUATES"

We've recently learned that many of the young men and women who have "graduated" from youth ministry are still actively involved in faith-centered activities. We should be proud of our young parishioners who are keeping and sharing the faith in many roles - personal counseling, facilitating retreats, and more.

In particular, Director of Youth Ministry John Cook commends Joel Greene, whom he considers the "unsung young adult hero behind many youth ministry retreats" and who continues to demonstrate his commitment to youth and young adult ministry by generating volunteers for youth ministry and members for the young adult program. Thank you, Joel, for your time and your service!

It's important for us to support, through prayer, *all* of these young people as they continue on their individual faith journeys and inspire others to join them!

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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, November 15, 2004

7-8:30 PM J4F Rm 103
 7:15-8:15 PM Families of Nazareth (small faith community) Conference room

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference room
 11 AM Bingo Lourdes Hall
 5-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria
 7:30 PM HSA Meeting Lourdes Hall

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

4:30-6 PM Youth Choir Church
 5-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria
 7-9 PM AA, AI-Anon, STEP Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Church

Thursday, November 18, 2004

5-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria
 6-9 PM Boy Scouts Rms 101 & 105
 7-9 PM J4F Conference room
 7-9 PM Faith & Hope Sharing (small faith community) Chapel
 7:30-9 PM Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study) Rm 103

Friday, November 19, 2004

5-10 PM Golden Knights Gym, cafeteria

Saturday, November 20, 2004

after 8AM Mass Novena Church
 9 AM-8 PM Golden Knights Gym

Sunday, November 21, 2004

after 8:30 AM Mass Holy Name Society Rm 101
 11 AM - 1 PM RCIA Rms 103, 105
 4:15 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy Church

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 (Faith Sharing Through Scripture):

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:

2nd Wednesdays in Room 101; 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:

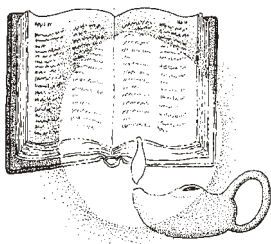
Phone 732-283-1775

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



YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED... A few weeks ago, you were asked to consider how *you* can "grow in faith" through Adult Faith Formation here at St. Cecelia's. Have you returned the response slip to the parish office yet? Your input is important as we plan the upcoming monthly sessions!

A note of thanks from the Tricky Tray Co-Chairpersons...

We would like to sincerely thank all of our parents and parishioners and friends of St. Cecelia's for their contributions to our Tricky Tray Auction, which was held on Friday, November 5th. The auction was a huge success and it would not have been possible without your support. We especially would like to thank the many parish organizations who made generous donations including school registration fees, show tickets, and a wonderful and extensive variety of gift baskets. We appreciate everyone's participation and look forward to an even more successful Tricky Tray Auction next year *Kathy Beglan & Gloria Olenchak, Co-Chairpersons*

THE CARDS OF REMEMBRANCE that were displayed in our church for All Souls' Day may be picked up at the parish office during regular parish office hours.