

COVER SHEET

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a header on that page.**

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

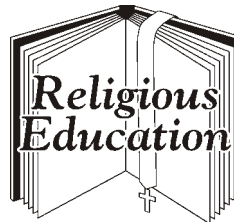
The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be lighted for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** may be provided for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office for more information.

"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...

Betty Zeller, Joanna Santa Maria, Mary Gerstner, Joseph Strauss, Jane Strauss, Mary Zullo, Mary Gerstner, Pauline Karanicola, Michael D. McMahon, Jason Bastkom, Jennifer Perez, 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.




Congratulations to our Confirmandi, as they begin to live out their commitment to Christ!

TRUE LOVE WAITS, a program to help young people save sex for marriage, will hold a training seminar on Saturday, October 23rd, from 8:45 AM to 1:30 PM at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown for priests, youth ministers, and people with a heart for youth. Be trained to present this five-session program, and see resources to help you communicate the message of sexual purity in an interesting and positive way. The seminar is sponsored by LIFENET. For more information, please call 201-804-8331.

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: The second day of training is Thursday, October 21st, 2:30 to 4:30 or 7 to 9 PM. We are excited about having a new crop of servers!

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY is still accepting NEW, UNUSED items or handmade crafts. Please contact Kathy (732) 636-4862 or Gloria (732) 512-9140 or drop your donations off in the school office.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, 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

- II Noel Gallagher - Maureen Vogt (10/29)
- I Wayne Pohida - Florence Masse Horn (11/6)

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP: *"Our Creator is present not only in extraordinary events, but also in hidden ways, such as when His presence is hidden behind the laws of nature."* For more information, please contact bzmak@comcast.net.



Religious Teachers Filippini Senior Sisters' Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, November 7th from 12-4 PM
 Villa Walsh Auditorium
 455 Western Avenue, Morristown NJ
 Handmade crafts, novelties, paintings, baked goods, baskets, raffles, good food.



Dear Parishioners,
 We are in need of an architect or a structural engineer. There is a small project that a few of us are working on for a family in great need. We are at the point where we need a professional to help us or just show us what to do next.
 Please help us to complete this project; it is for a very worthy cause. Contact the parish office for further information. You will not be held personally liable for your advice. Thank you - and God bless you!

Receive a Special Blessing From a Newly-ordained Priest
 Father John Rozembajgier, who was stationed here in Summer 2001 and ordained this past May 29th, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday, October 17th, at 11:30 AM. There will be a brief reception in Lourdes Hall immediately following Mass. All are invited to congratulate Father John on his ordination to the priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and receive his blessing.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 18th: St. Luke

7:00 AM Arthur Barrett req Bill & Jean Henkel
 9:15 AM Thomas Laffey req Fran & Kathy Murray
 *1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Julia Ondrasik

TUESDAY, October 19th:

Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions

7:00 AM William Henkel req Bill & Jean Henkel
 9:15 AM James J. Vendola req Anne Vendola

WEDNESDAY, October 20th: St. Paul; of the Cross

7:00 AM Bishop John M. Starace req Rose Cerami
 9:15 AM Anne Loar req Florence Kelly

THURSDAY, October 21st: Weekday

7:00 AM Otto Dambach req McNair Family
 9:15 AM Joseph Hlavenka req Cookie & Gary Zalenko

FRIDAY, October 22nd: Weekday

7:00 AM Frank E. Hanlon req Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon
 9:15 AM Marie Lawler req Betty Rodgers & Family
 ** 2:00 PM Mercedes Nayan req Abasolo Family

SATURDAY, October 23rd: St. John of Capistrano

8:00 AM Elsie Truhe req Jerri & Peter Rittweger
 4:30 PM Richard Speakman req Family

SUNDAY, October 24th:

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:30 AM John Czajkowski req Family
 10:00 AM Nicholas Luongo req Jim Lupo & Family
 11:30 AM Dominick Sancilardi req John & Isable Howley
 5:00 PM Evelyn Farrell req M/M Michael Caccavano

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, October 25th

1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Domenick & Frances Pellegrino

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, October 29th

2:00 PM James Flynn req Lou & Margaret Truppa



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week

IN MEMORY OF

ALFONZO GIORDANO & EUFEMIA KURITZ

requested by Daughter & Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is

IN MEMORY OF CRISPIAN RECONDO, SR.

requested by Maria Palang & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

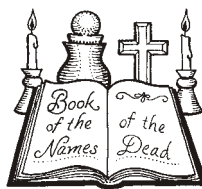
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$10,697.81

Last year at this time: \$12,828.25

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



The Feast of All Souls: Tuesday, November 2nd

All Souls' Day is the Church's annual commemoration of all the faithful departed. Those parishioners who have died during the past twelve months will be mentioned by name during the Prayer of the Faithful at the Mass of Remembrance at 7 PM. All parishioners and friends are invited to join us for this special celebration.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES are available in the atrium for our All Souls Day Mass intentions. Please fill out the envelope with the name(s) of your beloved dead and place it in the collection basket along with your Sunday envelope or return it to the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 27th. It is our responsibility *in love* to accompany with prayer those who must still complete their purificatory preparation before they may come before the face of God.

CARD OF REMEMBRANCE: We offer all parishioners the opportunity to create a Card of Remembrance for your family. These cards, memorializing your departed loved ones, will be displayed in our church during the Mass of Remembrance. This invitation is extended to *all* parishioners, not only those who have suffered a loss in the past year. Since we need all cards to be one uniform size, we will provide you with the cut-to-size card stock. You may attach photos or even small mementos of your loved ones, copies of poems, prayer cards, etc. The final card must be light enough to hang with "fun tack". Cards will be available after all Masses beginning next weekend. Completed memorials should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, October 31st.



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Office of the Bishop

October 16 - 17, 2004

My dear Friends in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, October 24, we recall the responsibility given all of us at our Baptism - that we actively participate in the Church's mission to all peoples. Today, more than two-thirds of the world's people have yet to hear the "Good News" of Christ Jesus, or to experience, through the very presence of our missionaries, our Heavenly Father's abiding love. World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity, within the context of the Eucharist, to pray and to support the mission of making Jesus known, even "to the ends of the earth."

As Pope John Paul II notes in this year's World Mission Sunday message: "When we take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice we understand more profoundly the universality of redemption and, consequently, the urgency of the Church's mission."

On World Mission Sunday, we unite with Catholics throughout the world, all gathered at the Eucharist and specially committed to the missionary task. We pray for the Church's missionary outreach and offer personal sacrifices - our own sufferings, cares, and concerns, uniting them with the sufferings of Christ for the salvation of the world. We also offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for the Church's work in more than 1,100 dioceses throughout the Mission world.

The Missionary work of the Church depends on each of us. Please be as generous as your means will allow this World Mission Sunday - and continue to pray that all of us in the Diocese of Metuchen may be eager, effective witnesses to our loving Father, and to His only Son, the Savior of all peoples.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Paul G. Bootkoski

+ Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen

The St. John Neumann Pastoral Center • P.O. BOX 191 • Metuchen, New Jersey 08840-0191 • (732)-562-1990

Tricky Tray Auction: Friday, November 5, 2004
St. Cecelia School-Lourdes Hall
Doors Open at 6:00 PM-No One Under 18 Permitted-No Smoking

Phone: Gloria 732-512-9140 or Kathy 732-261-6401

Please complete form and return to the school office, **Attn: Gloria Olenchak, Tickets -Tricky Tray Auction** or the Parish office, **Attn: Tickets -Tricky Tray Auction**. The items you ordered will be returned home through school or mailed to your home address.

PRE-PACKAGED TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED HOME. YOU MAY PICK THEM UP THE NIGHT OF THE AUCTION.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Student's Name & Grade _____

Signature _____

Please complete the following:	Qty	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> General Advance Admission Ticket—\$8 each		
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Advance Admission Ticket—\$6 each		
<input type="checkbox"/> Progressive 50/50 Raffle Booklet \$20 each—incl. 20 raffle tickets		
<input type="checkbox"/> "Disney Magic" Raffle Booklet \$20 each—incl. 20 raffle tickets		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Packaged Table Raffle Tickets \$15 each package—incl. 19 table tickets		

Method of Payment: Cash Check **Total:** _____

Make checks payable to: St. Cecelia School—H.S.A.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3639 NEWS:

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED: The Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are involved with their community, support their local Catholic church while enriching their own faith, and protect and enhance their family life. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our Council, please come to our open house on Thursday, October 28th, at 8:30 PM at 116 Grand Street, Iselin (behind the fire house on Green Street). Questions? Call Grand Knight John Parascando, 732-283-0880.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY will be held on Saturday, October 30th, from 10 AM to noon at the Knights' Hall, 116 Grand Street, behind Provident Bank/Fire House. \$5/family donation.

50's NIGHT will be held on Saturday, October 30th. \$25/person includes hot buffet, open bar, and music. Call John Parascando, 732-283-0290, for tickets.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY HOSTS BOBBY BYRNE NIGHT on Saturday, November 20th, at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall. Tickets are \$25/person (adults only). Reserved tables for parties of 8 - 10 (entire table must be paid for in full). Others, first come, first served. Come join us for an entertaining evening of Broadway, Irish Ballads, etc. Tickets and info call Gloria 732-512-9140. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!!**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR: This week, a follow-up letter was mailed to parishioners who had not yet responded to Bishop Bootkoski's request to support the 2004 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If this letter arrived after you made your gift, please accept my apologies and my thanks for your generosity. I am confident that with everyone's participation we can meet or exceed this year's goal. **"Together - One Family in Christ"** we can make a difference. Please pray for the success of the Appeal!

J4F ADULT GROUP: It's almost here! Don't be frazzled, be prepared! Come prepare for Advent with us - find the true meaning of the season. Be on our team! Our fourth meeting is Thursday, October 21st, at 7 PM in the church conference room. Our retreat is November 19 - 21 at the beautiful Blue Army Shrine. Contact Denise at 732-754-8876 or e-mail J4F_CYA@yahoo.com.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE:

OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY, WATCHUNG, will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, with a presentation at 1:30 PM. For information, call Director of Admissions Donna Venezia Toryak at 908-757-0108 ext 4506.

TRIP TO ROME: CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST from January 24-31, 2005 with Father Dave Kosmoski (St. Andrew's Church, Avenel). \$1,489 includes 2 meals daily and excursion to Assisi. Trip includes an audience with the Holy Father. Call 732-634-4355 by October 25th to reserve your spot.

BUS TRIP: PENN'S LANDING/PEDDLER'S VILLAGE OUTLET CENTER & SPECIALTY SHOPS leaves St. John Vianney Church at 9 AM on Saturday, November 6th and returns around 6 PM. \$50/person includes buffet lunch. Call Pat (732-574-1672).


HOLY NAME SOCIETY DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASS: Sunday, November 7th, at 7 PM in Holy Trinity Church, Perth Amboy. Call Hugh at 732-225-9273 for more information.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSION: Learn the facts about Church annulments from the Offices of the Tribunal and Family Life of our Diocese of Metuchen! Join us on Wednesday, November 10th, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the St. John Neumann Conference Center in Piscataway. Pre-registration is requested; call 732-562-1990 ext 1624 or contact via e-mail at familylife@diometuchen.org.

AMERICAN IRISH ASSOCIATION OF WOODBRIDGE is holding its annual membership drive. Please attend their meeting on November 12th at 8 PM at St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus, Morrissey Street, Avenel. For more information, contact Ben Campbell, 732-500-7107 or visit their website, www.amerirish.com.

The watchword in all three readings is persistence in a life of prayer. Many spiritual writers call it perseverance. Each passage invites us to look at our prayer from different vantage points. Consider the times we are just plain tired, like Moses trying to keep his arms raised. Knowing that 'prayer changes things' is often reason enough to stay at it; other times it helps to have friends to support us! This is surely why we worship as a community. The widow today would be called a nag, but isn't that the way we often approach God? And this passage tells us God likes us that way! Some of our greatest saints nagged God all the time, but their pleas were not for self-interest. How about ours? Paul puts persistence in the larger context of having faith and sharing it. Prayer always must lead to action. In each Scripture, a direct action results from prayer and trust in God.



Stewardship Spotlight shines on: 

Keepers of God's House: Parish Maintenance Assistants

With one member of our maintenance staff on long-term medical leave and another retiring shortly, we are seeking parishioners with handyman (or -woman) skills to assist in keeping the many buildings of God's House here at St. Cecelia's in good working order. Are you an electrician, plumber, carpenter, etc.? Are you handy with tools (either power tools or nice, simple ones like screwdrivers)? Are you often able to fix things, even without the instruction manual?

If so, and if you can volunteer your talents either weekdays or Saturdays, please fill out the coupon below and return it to the parish office ASAP. We have tasks as simple as changing light bulbs or repairing kneelers, minor plumbing, fixing a shade - just as in our own homes, the list seems never-ending! Father George or Father Jay will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this new opportunity to demonstrate your stewardship here at St. Cecelia's!



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: _____
I am available on (days of week): _____
I am available (times of day - daytime or evening): _____

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

October 18, 2004		
7-8:30 PM	J4F Adult Group	Rm 103
7:15-8:15 PM	Families of Nazareth (small faith community)	Conference room
October 19, 2004		
10 AM	Legion of Mary	Conference room
11 AM	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
October 20, 2004		
4:30-6 PM	Youth Choir: watch for updates	
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
7-9 PM	AA, Al-Anon, STEP	Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
7:30 PM	Baptism class	Chapel
October 21, 2004		
2:30-4:30 PM	Altar server training	Church
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
6-9 PM	Boy Scouts	Rms 101 & 105
7-9 PM	Altar server training	Chapel
7:30-9 PM	Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)	Rm 103
October 22, 2004		
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
October 23, 2004		
after 8AM Mass	Novena	Church
9 AM-8 PM	Golden Knights	Gym
October 24, 2004		
11 AM - 1 PM	RCIA	Rms 103, 105
2:00 pm	Benediction	Church
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:

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 Parish Family of St. Cecelia celebrates Halloween!!!

Friday, October 29th, Lourdes Hall, 5:30 to 9:30 PM
(doors open 5:15 PM)

Tickets \$6/adult; children age 12 & under, free
(accompanied by an adult).

SOCIAL CONCERNS

MESSAGE OF THANKS RECEIVED: "The family of Mary (Carroll) Gabor wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to all parish members who supported us with your prayers, Mass cards, presence, and many kindnesses."

CHILDREN'S COAT DRIVE: The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of children's coats, new or used in good condition. Coats will be collected this Sunday, October 17th (not on Saturday), and next weekend, October 23rd and 24th. Also, volunteers will be needed on Monday, October 25th, between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM to transport the coats to Perth Amboy. Please call the Social Ministry Office at 732-283-0150 ext. 21.

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.

WOMAN'S BICYCLE NEEDED, in good condition, for an elderly woman (732-283-0150 ext 21).

NO FLU CLINIC THIS YEAR! Our annual clinic has been cancelled. Please pray that all who truly need the flu shot will be able to receive it in spite of the vaccine shortages.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity toward all our ministries!