

COVER SHEET

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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...

Thersa Byrnes, Joseph Passamonti, Adele Schulz, Mary Julian, Margaret Marlow, Elizabeth McAllister, Willie Choy, James Kilker, Pauline Karanicola, Michael D. McMahon, Baby Joseph R. Trzepla, Jason Bastkom, Karen Zaborny, Mary Ann Osmulski, Dorothy Glynn, Josephine Sitar, 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our PARISH FOOD COLLECTION is next weekend, September 11th & 12th. We are in particular need of: coffee, tea, peanut butter, shampoo, laundry and dish detergent, toothpaste, hamburger helper, salt, toilet paper.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Sunday, September 26th, from 8 AM to 1:30 PM in Lourdes Hall. Please consider donating, since blood supplies are extremely low. *More information soon...*

DOUBLE CRYPT FOR SALE in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens (prestigious section). Contact the Parish Office Secretary at 732-283-2300.

LIFE CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE: Save the date! On Saturday, September 25th, Life Choices Pregnancy Center will hold its 11th annual Walk for Life at Merrill Park in Iselin from 9 AM to 2 PM. For more information call Life Choices Pregnancy Center at 732-499-8676. To get pledge sheets and registration forms, call Denise Valdes at 732-754-8876.

Your generous support keeps us going... THANK YOU!

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING is on Monday, September 13th, following 7 PM Mass and recitation of the Rosary. New members welcome.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER is Saturday, September 18th, from 5 to 8 PM in Lourdes Hall. Tickets (\$8/Adults; \$5/Children 12 and under) are available after weekend Masses or by contacting LaVerne 732-574-1882 or Gloria 732-512-9140.

BOBBY BYRNE NIGHT AT ST. CECELIA'S is Saturday, November 20th. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more details.

2ND ANNUAL “SUMMER’S LAST CALL” to benefit *With Eddie’s Help, Inc.* will be held on Friday, September 10th, from 7 to 11 PM at Martell’s Tiki Bar in Point Pleasant Beach - *rain or shine!* \$75 per person includes open bar and BBQ buffet dinner. Tickets are available at the door or in advance; contact Jay Strauss (732-742-8888), Theresa Wood (732-283-0449) or the organization (732-283-2747). Visit their website at www.witheddieshelp.org.

“We have to choose:

either to go and follow Him or to turn our backs on Him.”

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP: Are you interested in deepening your spiritual life and gaining insight into life’s daily struggles? If the answer is YES, consider joining Families of Nazareth faith sharing group. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th, in the church conference room. We begin promptly at 7:15 PM with one decade of the Rosary, followed by spiritual reading, faith sharing, and a closing prayer. Father Francis Vaz will continue to bless our meetings with his presence and his guidance. We are thankful to God for giving us such a gift! Please contact bzmak@comcast.net for more information.



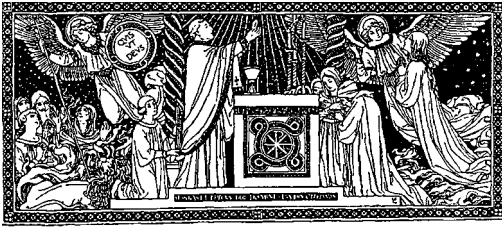
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 11:30 AM Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Benediction is at 2 PM.

Nocturnal Adoration is on First Fridays from 8 to 9 PM.

Wedding Banns

- I Ferdinand Hamada - Bernadette Chichioco (9/24)
- I Richard Whalen - Sherri Breslin (9/25)
- I Thomas Phipps - Christina Medrano (9/26)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will hold its first meeting of the 2004/2005 season on Sunday, September 12th. Prayers for the canonization of our Founder, Blessed John Vercelli, and for recently-deceased members will be held in the church immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. Following the prayers, there will be a brief meeting in school Rm 101. All adults are invited to join us for the prayers and meeting.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 6th: Labor Day

- 7:00 AM NO MASS
 9:15 AM Deceased Members of Rickerhauser-Volk
 Families req George & Maryann Rickerhauser
 *1:00 PM NO MASS

TUESDAY, September 7th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Otto Dambach req McNair Family
 9:15 AM Mr. & Mrs. Peter McElroy req Lilian Guthlein
 *1:00 PM Robert J. Fulton, Sr. req Mary Lou Fulton

WEDNESDAY, September 8th:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 AM Paul Aiosa req Family
 9:15 AM Joseph Bernoske req Wife,
 Son & Daughter-in-Law

THURSDAY, September 9th: St. Peter Claver

- 7:00 AM Mary Keller req Lester & Susan Olcsvary
 9:15 AM Deceased Members of Stanski Family
 req M/M Michael Wonski

FRIDAY, September 10th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Veronica Recondo req Maria Palang & Family
 9:15 AM Vincent La Faso req Children
 ** 2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline De Ring req Janet

SATURDAY, September 11th: Weekday

- 8:00 AM Special Intention of Bill & Jean Henkel
 4:30 PM Michael Lewka req Children

SUNDAY, September 12th:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:30 AM Robert De Forge req Wife & Family
 10:00 AM Paul McGarry req Olcsvary Family
 11:30 AM Charles & Mary Buchan
 req Irene Yackulich & Sisters
 5:00 PM Fernanda Pigna req M/M John Covino

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, September 13th
 1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Bunage Family
ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, September 17th
 2:00 PM Salvatore Ferrara req Rose Cerami



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF JACK ECKERT
 requested by Diane Riporti



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF ENID PONCE
 requested by Mercy Salvador & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$11,173.83
 Collection for the week of August 31, 2003: \$12,711.50

*"Give and gifts will be given to you;
 a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,
 will be poured into your lap."*

Those who love and those who labor follow in the way of Christ;
 Thus the first disciples found Him, thus the gift of love sufficed.
 Jesus says to those who seek Him "I will never pass you by;
 Raise the stone and you shall find me; cleave the wood and there am I."

Where the many work together,
 they with Christ Himself abide,
 But the lonely workers also
 find Him ever at their side.
 Lo, the Prince of common welfare
 dwells within the market strife;
 Lo, the bread of heaven is broken
 in the sacrament of life.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, we are pleased to include evidence of how our children are truly learning at a young age to reach out to the needy throughout the world. Below is a letter they received from the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Metuchen (perhaps more familiar to us as the Holy Childhood Association or the Society for the Propagation of the Faith):



July 14, 2004

Dear Students of St. Cecelia Religious Education,

Thank you for your loving prayers and sacrifices!! It was so exciting to receive your selfless gift of \$615.00 for poor children of the world. All of your hard work for Holy Childhood Children is outstanding!! Because of your prayers and sacrifices poor suffering children in Uganda, India, Sudan and many other places are getting the opportunity to go to school, receive vitamins and medicine, and most importantly, they are learning how much Jesus loves them.

Thank you for saying YES to helping your brothers and sisters in need! YOU are changing the lives of suffering children today!! Keep up the good work!!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Patricia C. Hummel, Assistant Director*



REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2004/2005: The Religious Education Office will be open for registration from 9 AM to 3 PM, September 1st through 8th (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day). If you are registering your child for the first time, please bring his/her baptismal certificate. Re-registration forms and Confirmation information have been mailed.

NOTE: only *registered parishioners* may register for Religious Education classes. Parish registration takes place during *parish office hours*; current summer hours are noted in the bulletin.

TUITION for the year (for registered and supporting members of the parish - attending Mass and using church envelopes) is as follows: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6: \$65; Grades 1, 2, 7, 8: \$75. After September 8th, a \$25 late fee will be charged.

OPENING DAYS for Religious Education classes will be Monday, September 20th, for Grades 5 - 8 and Monday, September 27th, for Grades 1 - 4. The children will assemble in the church *except for GRADE ONE*; Grade One students will go directly to their classrooms. The student aides will assist the first grade children in finding their rooms.

III. SCHOOL CHOICE: CAN IT REALLY HELP "AT RISK" STUDENTS?

Third in a series highlighting the position of the New Jersey School Choice Alliance (including the New Jersey Catholic Conference, Knights of Columbus, and New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families) on school choice.

Many students in New Jersey are deemed "at risk" for a variety of reasons. For example, New Jersey's "special needs districts" continue to receive additional resources because of the challenges they face in dealing with urban students. The Catholic Church has made every effort to maintain Catholic schools in these districts, but without school choice, parents find it more and more a financial hardship to send their children to Catholic schools, even though they desire to do so.

The closing of any Catholic school represents the extinguishing of another beacon of hope for many poor children. Such hope is reflected in the dramatic reduction in dropout rates for students attending Catholic schools, as well as steady and measured progress in basic skills. Additionally, Catholic schools provide a model of integration for many cultures, disproving the claim made by school choice critics that school choice will only lead to segregated schools.

Numerous New Jersey children are already experiencing the opportunity for school choice because their parents have the ability to move to a district where these children may attend outstanding public schools. Shouldn't that same opportunity be offered to all students?

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY will be held on Friday, November 5th. If you have any NEW, UNUSED items or a handmade craft that you would like to donate, please contact Kathy (732) 636-4862 or Gloria (732) 512-9140 or drop them off in the school office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY welcomes new members who seek to continue the legacy of St. Vincent and Frederic Ozanam - to see the face of Christ in the poor, to be the good news of Jesus Christ, and to be a reflection of the love of God to each person served. Join them at their meeting on Wednesday, September 15th (new date!), at 7:30 PM in the church conference room or contact Sister Joan Marie at the Social Ministry Office, 732-283-0150 ext. 21 for information.

J4F YOUNG ADULT GROUP: We are making a pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine, which is as beautiful as ever with a few new statues. We plan to brown bag our lunches and eat at the picnic area to just spend time together in the sun and have some good conversation. We will also have some prayer and discussion time as well as pray the Rosary in the famous Rosary Garden. Please call to reserve your spot today! We will meet at St. Cecelia's at 10 AM on Saturday, September 11th, and assign car pools then. Our first meeting is on September 8th at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served! Please call Denise at 732-754-8876 for more information. Or visit us at J4F_CYA@yahoogroups.com.

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

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.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

BUS TRIP TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (Washington, DC): On Saturday, September 25th, St. Francis Cathedral is sponsoring a bus to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaves the Cathedral at 7 AM and returns around 11:30 PM. \$50 per person includes box supper (sandwich, chips, cookies, beverage); lunch may be purchased at the Basilica cafeteria. For details or reservations, please call Sister Lynn Marie, 732-548-0100 ext. 307. Reservations close on September 10th.

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, October 9th, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center in Piscataway. The conference, open to all, addresses topics such as living with disabilities in the family, stem cell research and cloning, abortion and its aftermath, outreach services, and end-of-life issues. \$30 per person includes hot lunch - and a musical performance by Tony Award winner Melba Moore! Please call Jennifer, 732-562-1990 ext. 1629, for more information or reservations.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP AND WITNESS FOR LIFE: This event, in observance of *Respect Life Month*, will be held on Monday, October 18th, beginning with Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton at 10 AM. Following Mass, there will be a prayer procession to the State House steps for a short program of speakers, prayers, and music (concluding by 1:30 PM). Come and join priests and bishops from around the state to publicly show your commitment to bringing Gospel values and Church teaching - specifically regarding life issues - into the public arena. Call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 to register and to obtain bus information.



Today's Gospel has two important themes that are worth a steward's meditation. First, we hear Jesus' harsh words about hating one's parents. This is puzzling, but here is a good explanation: discipleship demands adult commitment. Clinging to one's parents can be a refusal to grow up and take responsibility for one's own faith

and actions. The second theme flows from this concept. How well do I plan my spiritual life and my stewardship of all the gifts God has given? As parish's move into the usual fall programs and planning all of us need to assess our role in making the Reign of God more present. Good plans begin with 'care of the soul' as spiritual writer Thomas Moore says. Action for the sake of the Gospel will naturally flow from it.

Stewardship Spotlight shines on:

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS...
LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE...
THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK IN MUMBAI, INDIA**

The College of Social Work was founded in 1955 by the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, a Catholic congregation, to readily respond to the needs of the people according to the signs of the times. This pioneering institution in the field of social work education has grown throughout the years and reaches out to victims affected by disasters, floods, earthquakes, and ethnic conflicts through field action programs.

We often contribute to the global outreach of Stewardship through diocesan efforts, but we now have the opportunity to assist those with a direct connection to "one of our own" - to *Father Francis F. Vaz*. On the weekend of September 11th & 12th, Father Vaz will tell us about the College and its ministries to the residents of Mumbai city and its suburbs. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution at that time to the College's 50th anniversary fund raising efforts. Let's make a difference in the world!

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, September 6

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All offices closed; school closed

Tuesday, September 7

First full day of school for GRADES 1-8

9 AM-Noon Kindergarten orientation
 10 AM Legion of Mary
 11 AM Bingo
 5-10 PM Golden Knights

Lourdes Hall
 Conference room
 Lourdes Hall
 Gym, cafeteria

Wednesday, September 8

First full day of school for KINDERGARTEN

9-10AM Pre-K orientation
 5-10 PM Golden Knights
 7-9 PM AA, Al-Anon, STEP
 7-8:30 PM J4F Young Adult Group

Lourdes Hall
 Gym, cafeteria
 Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
 Conference room

Thursday, September 9

First full day of school for PRE-K

8 AM-2 PM Flynn-O'Hara Uniform Company
 5-10 PM Golden Knights
 6-9 PM Boy Scouts
 7-9 PM CARE Program
 7:30-9 PM Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)

Cafeteria
 Gym, cafeteria
 Rms 101 & 105
 Conference room
 Rm 103

Friday, September 10

Noon dismissal St. Cecelia's School

5-10 PM Golden Knights

Gym, cafeteria

Saturday, September 11

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

Church
 Gym

Sunday, September 12

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:

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 Office is back to its regular Friday schedule!

The Parish Office will be closed

on LABOR DAY, Monday, September 6th.

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12): HEY 9th GRADERS!!! Our Kickoff Picnic is September 12th from 3 to 6 PM in the field behind the youth ministry office (Trailer "D" at St. John Vianney Church). Come, meet new friends, and join the fun. Most importantly, find the truth about the youth ministry program from the people who *live it* - and don't forget to bring your friends!!! The Hand-In-Hand service project takes place at The Club in Woodbridge on Sunday, September 19th, from noon to 3 PM. We will meet at 11:45 AM in The Club parking lot, and conclude our experiences with a discussion ending at 3:30 PM (there will be no meeting that night). Can't wait to see you at the Picnic!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35): *Breaking Bread Bonding Lives* will take place on Sunday, October 10th. We will gather for the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Cecelia's. After Mass, we will head over to the Galaxy Diner for brunch and discussion on the readings and how they fit into our lives. You should have received a mailing containing all the dates for *Breaking Bread Bonding Lives* last week in the mail. If you have not, please call the office of young adult ministry to sign up. Please place all these important dates on your calendars. Can't wait to see you then. Peace!