

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...

Henry Mlodgenski, Mansy Sinco, Isabel Rizzo, Rosa Cruz; Imelda Manalo, Nancy Lopez, Nobuko Mitsui, Anna Cornell, Beth Kreckman, Terrance Stephen, Dorthy Glenn, Ann Marie Siwick, Mary Louise Bogert, Clara Suarez, Dr. Barbara Wheeler, Milly Margetis, John Boyle, Michael David McMahon, William Boley, Janet Schutt, Rose Gentile, John Farley, 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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our **PARISH FOOD COLLECTION** is this weekend, January 8th & 9th. Please take advantage of those "Can-Can" sales and be extra-generous during these cold winter days! If you have forgotten, please leave your donation in the atrium during the week.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP for boys and girls ages 10 to 14, sponsored by the Colonia Knights of Columbus, will be held on Monday, January 10th, from 7 to 9 PM in the St. John Vianney Parish Center. Parental consent and proof of birth date are required. Call Joe Pampalone at 732-499-8495.

A CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS will be held on Wednesday, January 12th, at 7:30 PM in St. Bernadette Church, Villanova and Princeton Roads, Parlin. Rev. Jim Hagerman will preside.

The ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS will be held on Sunday, January 16th, at 12 noon at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. Bishop Paul Bootkoski will present this year's PRO VITA awards at that time, and a reception will be held in the community room immediately following the Mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, January 28th through 30th. For more information, call 888-827-6563 or visit www.wmcentralnj.org.

RETOUVAILLE, a Diocese-sponsored program for troubled marriages, will begin the weekend of February 4th through 6th. It consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. For more information, call the Family Life Office (732-562-1990 ext 1624) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-679-8256).



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Ann Satz, Marian Weeks, Donald McKinzie, Anton Polack*, asking God through our prayers to reward them as only He can with Light, Happiness and Eternal Peace.



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

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

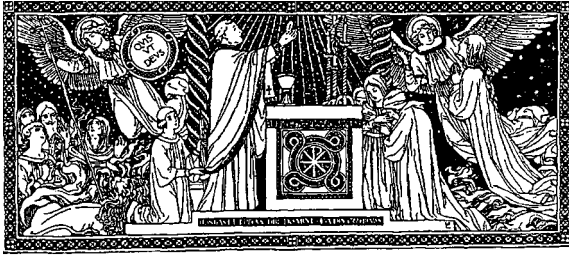
The HOLY NAME SOCIETY will hold its first meeting of the New Year this Sunday, January 9th, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Immediately following the Mass, there will be brief prayers in the church for the canonization of our founder, Blessed John Vercelli. Then there will be a short meeting in school room 101. All adults are invited and welcome to join us for the prayers and the meeting.

J4F ADULT GROUP: Our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday, January 12th, in the church conference room. New members are always welcome! Our trip to Elijah's Promise is on Friday, January 14th, beginning at 5 PM. For more information, please call Denise Valdes at 732-754-8876.



louri and the **ADULT CHOIR'S** members are already starting to prepare for the 2005 Lent and Easter seasons! Singers and instrumentalists (brass or woodwind players, percussionists, guitarists) are welcome to join them at rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the church. If you have any questions, please see louri after Mass.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP: "*He who seeks above all the kingdom of heaven, and therefore seeks sanctity, will find it and everything else, that is, all the spiritual and temporal gifts necessary for life.*" For more information, contact bzmak@comcast.net.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 10th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Donna Hesse
req Anne Banks & Michelle Greenwood
9:15 AM Thomas Vuono req Anthony Pandolfo & Family
*1:00 PM Betty Baker req Ruth & Patrick Donaghue

TUESDAY, January 11th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM M/M John Kuchna & Daughter Gerri
req Estate of John Kuchna, G. Kuchna, exec.
9:15 AM Anthony DiPette req Wife

WEDNESDAY, January 12th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Pina Deluca req M/M Pellegrino
9:15 AM Theresa Lodzinski req Stanley & Theresa Kaye

THURSDAY, January 13th: St. Hilary

- 7:00 AM Nicolina Bucci req Myron & Sabina Goley
9:15 AM Anna Labik req Ducan Dorich

FRIDAY, January 14th: Weekday

- 7:00 AM Cecilia Mlodgenski
req Husband Henry & Family
9:15 AM Deceased Members
of Rickerhauser & Volk Families
req George & Maryann Rickerhauser
** 2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline De Ring req Janet

SATURDAY, January 15th: Weekday

- 8:00 AM Ellen Duerscheidt req Frank & Helen Jacob
4:30 PM John Nagy, Jr. req Family

SUNDAY, January 16th:

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30 AM John Ferullo req Ann Ferullo
10:00 AM Anna Labik req Sakach Family
11:30 AM Isa Pugliese req Roglieri Family
5:00 PM Faith Mary Rembish
req Grandmother & Grandfather

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:
VETERANS HOME: Monday, January 17th
1:00 PM NO MASS

VETERANS HOME: Tuesday, January 18th
1:00 PM Henry Speakman req Frank & Helen Jacob

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, January 21st
2:00 PM Sophia Clark req St. Cecelia Rosary Altar Society



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF RONALD WRABEL
requested by Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF JAMES DREKER
requested by Wife Ann & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1: 29-34



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$14,009.45
Young People's envelopes: \$153.81
Emergency Collection for Asian Tsunami Relief: \$4,255.00

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: \$2,212.00
Young People's envelopes: \$15.00

Sunday, December 26th: \$11,164.50
Young People's envelopes: \$163.20

Christmas, to date: \$49,574.50
Young People's Christmas envelopes, to date: \$127.25

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

He [Judas Maccabeus] then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin. ~2 Maccabees 12:43-46

St. Cecelia's Parish is blessed by the number of parishioners who, inspired by their faith and sentiments of love, request the celebration of one or more Masses each year in memory of their loved ones. This is a wonderful Catholic practice and produces great spiritual benefits for those who are commemorated as well as for those who are present for the celebration of the Memorial Mass.

Each year we have hundreds of requests for Memorial Masses. Our experience dictates the need for a parish policy that will be fair, considerate, and helpful to all parishioners who wish to annually arrange for Memorial Masses for their deceased loved ones at a convenient time.

In our experience, many parishioners hope to reserve Memorial Masses on or around the birthday or the anniversary date of death of their loved ones. Many parishioners prefer to reserve Memorial Masses on Sundays rather than weekdays because weekends make it easier for family members to attend the Memorial Mass (especially those who must travel a distance to attend). When parishioners suffer the loss of a close relative and ask to have a Memorial Mass at a convenient time shortly after the death of their loved one, we are unable to oblige their request.

All of the above factors dictate the need for a parish policy that will enable more families to reserve Memorial Masses on special holy days and weekends. Our hope is that the policy outlined below will be accepted in the spirit of consideration toward all families which has prompted its formulation. This policy is subject to annual review.

Policies and Procedures for Reserving Memorial Masses (and other Memorials) at St. Cecelia's

MEMORIAL MASSES for the year 2006

- may be reserved beginning Wednesday, January 12th, with a maximum of SIX (6) Masses per family
• can be reserved by visiting the Parish Office in person ONLY during parish business hours
(Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3:30 PM; Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM)
• CANNOT be reserved over the phone
• dates and times will be accepted and confirmed on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis
• can be reserved on only TWO (2) WEEKENDS each year (subject to availability)
• can be reserved on only FOUR (4) WEEKDAYS each year (excluding Christmas and subject to availability)
• can be reserved on only ONE (1) of the following days: Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day (subject to availability)

The SANCTUARY CANDLE may be reserved for ONE (1) week per year (use Sunday's date).

The BREAD & WINE may be reserved for Masses for ONE (1) weekend per year (use Sunday's date).

Perhaps the following outline can assist you in planning for memorial requests. If so, please bring it with you to the Parish Office on/after January 12th.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Weekend date Person(s) memorialized or Intention Requested by

Weekday date Person(s) memorialized or Intention Requested by

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Sunday's date Person(s) memorialized or Intention Requested by

BREAD & WINE

Sunday's date Person(s) memorialized or Intention Requested by



REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS AND

PARENTS: There will be no classes for students of the Religious Education program on Monday, January 17th, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

January 10 th :	3:55 PM	Class 4-2
	6:45 PM	Class 6-3
January 24 th :	6:45 PM	Class 5-1

Parents/Guardians are welcome to go to confession after the designated class. **PLEASE NOTE:** the class will be dismissed from the church.

LIVING LITURGY (12/26/04): Our Student of the Week is Deborah Marie Chin: "This week I lived my Faith by praying, helping, keeping the Lord's day holy, reading the Bible, telling others about my faith. AMEN."

LIVING LITURGY (1/2/05): Our Student of the Week is Michelle Harkins: "This week I lived my Faith by being nice to other people and telling other people to be nice to others. AMEN."

YOUTH GROUP: PARENTS, please attend the youth ministry meeting tonight at 7 PM to finish paperwork and make final payments for the ski trip. TEENS, remember that our bus is leaving at 1 PM next Friday, January 14th. You may arrive as early as 12 noon but no later than 12:45 PM to board the bus. Don't forget spending money for our dinner stop and \$6 cash for the ferry. You may also bring your favorite (PG-rated) movie for the trip. Happy New Year.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Thank you for an amazing meeting on *Transitions* last Wednesday. I look forward to meeting with you again on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:30 PM in the young adult ministry office. If you have any questions, please call me; the number is always on the front of the bulletin. Happy New Year.


ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held in our parish on Thursday nights, beginning on January 13th. Participants would receive Confirmation in our church the weekend after Easter. If you are over 18 and have already received First Holy Communion, this "streamlined" program is for you. Remember, only those who are already confirmed may act as a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor. Please call Father George at the parish office, 732-283-2300, if you are interested.

*Holy Spirit, who came upon Christ Jesus
when he was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
we pray to you:*

*Baptize us in the fire of your love
so that the Father may say to each of us:
"You are my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests."*



Isaiah foretold Jesus, the Steward, though not by name: "Fix your eye on the Chosen One of God... he is the faithful Servant." After Jesus was baptized by John, the Spirit of God descended upon him and he received the mission for which he was sent. What kind of mission would God give his Son? As Matthew tells us, Jesus (after resisting the temptations of the devil) set forth not to dominate but to serve. "He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness." God granted his Son power, and Jesus used that power "...to do good wherever he went." We, too, receive the Spirit when we are baptized. We, too, are acknowledged as children of God. We, too, receive our mission of stewardship. How well do we carry it out?

**Stewardship & Spotlight
shines on:** 

BUS TRIP TO MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life in Washington DC will be held on Monday, January 24th. This year marks the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. St. Cecelia's will join our neighboring parishes on a pilgrimage to our nation's capital to stand up for the sanctity of each and every human life, born and unborn.

As Msgr. Richard Behl, Chairman of the Commission for Pro-Life Action, and our own fellow parishioner Jennifer Ruggiero, Director of Pro-Life Activities, remind us, "Restoring respect for human life is an essential task of the Church. Through the implementation of the diocesan pro-life program and pro-life activities we hope to give witness to God's truth and to embody our Lord's command to love one another as he loves us."

If you are interested in going on the bus trip or would like more information, please call Jennifer at 732-404-0604.

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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, January 10, 2005		
12:30 PM	Seniors	Lourdes Hall
Tuesday, January 11, 2005		
10 AM	Legion of Mary	Conference room
11 AM	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym
6:30-7:30 PM	J4F Adult Group	Rm 101
Wednesday, January 12, 2005		
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
7:30-9:15 PM	Adult Choir	Church
Thursday, January 13, 2005		
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
6-9 PM	Boy Scouts	Rms 101 & 105
7:30-9 PM	Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)	Rm 103
Friday, January 14, 2005		
St. Cecelia School closed: Professional Day		
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym
Saturday, January 15, 2005		
after 8AM Mass	Novena	Church
Sunday, January 16, 2005		
11 AM-1 PM	R.C.I.A.	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

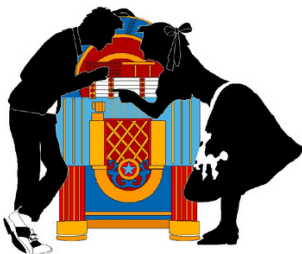
Saturday 2 PM to 6 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Monday and Friday CLOSED

We are grateful...

...to the Thomas J. Costello Funeral Home, Inc., which has once again sponsored our calendars. If you have not already done so, please be sure to take one with you this weekend. The calendar theme is *Stewardship, A Way of Life* and it includes reflections on stewardship and scripture quotations in addition to listing the solemnities, feasts, and memorials of our Church year.



GOLDEN KNIGHTS NEWS

ANNUAL DO-WOP NIGHT: Saturday, January 29th, from 7 PM to midnight in Lourdes Hall. \$27.50 per person includes buffet, beer, soda, set-ups (BYOB) and music by Jersey Gold. Tickets went on sale January 4th and will be available Tuesday and Friday nights at St. Cecelia School gym from 7-9 PM. Contact Rich McLellan at 732-382-9106.

Your attention, please...

For **STATEMENTS OF 2004 DONATIONS**,

please submit a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office.

Please be sure to include your **envelope number** with your request.

The **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.