

**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...

Carmel McGovern, Henry Dombrowski, Victor Girgenti, Marian Vrabel, Martha Martin, Dolores Cooper, Vincent Palmieri, John Hogan; Marianne Engel, Scott Weh, Imelda Manalo, Nancy Lopez, Mitsui Nobuko, Anna Cornell, Beth Kreckman, Dorthy Glenn, Ann Marie Siwick, Mary Louise Bogert, Clara Suarez, Dr. Barbara Wheeler, Milly Margetis, John Boyle, Michael David McMahon, 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.*



Our Director of Music, Iouri Grichetchkine, is accepting piano and organ students. Students of all ages can take lessons in the comfort of their own homes with an individualized course of study based on their personal interests and goals. For more information, pick up a brochure in the atrium or contact Iouri at 973-334-9336 or after Mass.

Iouri and the **ADULT CHOIR** are preparing for the 2005 Lent and Easter seasons, and are looking for you! Singers (all voice parts, but especially men!) 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, see Iouri after Mass.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The youth group thanks the community for your prayers; our ski trip was fantastic! We meet this Sunday night from 7 to 8:30 PM and our topic is *Positive Self Images!* Please come out for this inspiring meeting. The first meeting for *Living Stations of the Cross* is Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 PM at St. John's Church; roles are determined at this meeting. I am seeking leaders for the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at St. Cecelia's; please call the youth ministry office to take a leadership role in recruiting. The next youth led youth ministry planning meeting is Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, on the importance of money. Check your mailbox for the spring-to-summer youth ministry schedule.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Thank you! to Stephanie Savary for an enlightening meeting on *Identity* last Wednesday evening. That was the second meeting in a series that began with Steve Blaha's topic, *Transitions*, on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Our next young adult gathering is a social at Pizzeria Uno on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 PM. See you there.

**ST. CECELIA SCHOOL HOSTS AN OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 1 PM. All are welcome to come and see and hear about all the exciting things happening at our school. Our theme is *Getting to Know Us*. Come and join us for coffee and a tour of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Your attention, please...

For **STATEMENTS OF 2004 DONATIONS**, please submit a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office. Be sure to include your **envelope number** with your request.



### IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, *especially Charles E. Welsh, Wanda Bielowski*, 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.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be held on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM in the church. Make a New Year's resolution to join this monthly hour of active devotional prayer. Everyone is welcome.

### The Story of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior

On Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Mass at 7:30 PM here at St. Cecelia's. The Eucharistic celebration will mark the launching of this book, written by our parishioner, Francesca Imelda Flores-Manalo, SFO. Please plan to attend this liturgy, which is being held in thanksgiving to God for the successful completion and publication of the book and to help to foster an increase in devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ and to his Blessed Mother.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales**

7:00 AM Marie Maher req McNair Family  
 9:15 AM Alberto Bandeira req Wife Marylou & Son James  
 \*1:00 PM Mary A. Hanlon req Daughter

**TUESDAY, January 25th: Conversion of St. Paul**

7:00 AM Christopher Paul Di Capua  
 req Grandma & Grandpa  
 9:15 AM Anna Labik req Lola Flynn

**WEDNESDAY, January 26th: Ss. Timothy & Titus**

7:00 AM Geraldine Tornillo req Susan Tornillo  
 9:15 AM Marciano Geronimo req Mila Kushner

**THURSDAY, January 27th: St. Angela Merici**

7:00 AM Theresa Lozinski req Anna  
 9:15 AM Anna Demchalk req Michael & Margaret Stash

**FRIDAY, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas**

7:00 AM Dominick Ritorto req Leone Family  
 9:15 AM Nicholas Lanza req Family  
 \*\* 2:00 PM Ann Saldano req Anthony Pierro

**SATURDAY, January 29th: St. Vincent**

8:00 AM Matilde Resco req Maria Palang & Family  
 4:30 PM John Zdziebkowski req Wife & Family

**SUNDAY, January 30th:**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 8:30 AM Mae Kristofcak req Carol La Rouche  
 10:00 AM James Murray req Martha Hagedorn  
 11:30 AM Anna Labik req Anna Stefura, Carol & Christine  
 5:00 PM Andrew Creaturo req Emily Seerattan

\*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

\*\*MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

**VETERANS HOME: Monday, January 31st**

1:00 PM Richard Strasser req Ruth & Patrick Donaghue

**ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, February 4th**

2:00 PM Julia Leskanic req Marie Zebro



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week  
**IN MEMORY OF JOHN ZDZIEBKOWSKI**  
 requested by Wife & Family



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is  
**IN MEMORY OF MARY & GEORGE FERRARA**  
 req by Judi & Steve Ferrara

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$11,547.22  
 Annual Winter Collection: \$2,782.07  
 Young People's envelopes: \$169.29

Bishop's Annual Appeal (to 12/10/04): \$77,124.37  
 This is 79.67% of our goal

*"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, January 16<sup>th</sup>,  
 the Parish Family of St. Cecelia  
 joyfully welcomed  
 through the saving waters of baptism  
 the following children:  
**Jillian Leigh Bonavia**  
**Isabella Sofia Wertz**  
**Anastasia Genelle Wertz**

## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have noticed that our Gift Shop has not been open on a regular basis lately. Martha, its devoted manager, is ill and we ask that you remember her in your prayers during her recovery. At this time, the shop will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. From Monday through Friday, you may come to the parish office between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM; a member of the parish office staff will assist you.

On a happier note, we have received the following letter from one of the locations that benefitted from *Giving Tree*:

*Dear Friends of St. Cecelia's*

*What a beautiful Christmas our residents of Hartwyck at Oak Tree had thanks to the thoughtfulness and love in each of your hearts. Once again, you showed to us the true meaning of Christmas through your donation of beautiful gifts. How blessed we are to have such a dedicated parish who thinks of those less fortunate in the community.*

*Bless all of you who organize this annual event too! It takes a lot of hard work matching gifts, wrapping, etc. Our sincere appreciation for everything!!*

*Joy and Peace to everyone,*

*Sincerely,*

*Catherine Wolpin, Director of Recreation  
Hartwyck at Oak Tree, Edison, NJ 08820*

And finally, a message from our Pro-Life Committee:

*Thank you to all who donated to our pro-life rose sale last weekend. We raised almost \$700 to defray the cost of our March for Life bus trip!*

*I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord...*

## Events around the Diocese

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will be held from January 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 888-827-6563 or visit [www.wmcentralnj.org](http://www.wmcentralnj.org).

**RETROUVAILLE**, a Diocese-sponsored program for troubled marriages, will begin the weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. 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).



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Evening Prayer at 4 PM at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, to be followed by light refreshments. This year's theme is *A Consecrated Person--a life joined to the Eucharistic Sacrifice*.



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** is Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Begin the celebration on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, with Mass (Bishop Bootkoski presiding) and a Couple's Candlelight Dinner at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. Held from 6 to 11 PM, the evening includes dinner and dancing; cost is \$75/couple. Call the Family Life Office for reservations/information: (732) 562-1990 x.1624.

**TO TRUST AGAIN**, a re-marriage preparation program for engaged couples of whom one or both partners have experienced prior marriage(s) which ended through the death of a spouse or through divorce and annulment, will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center from 9 AM to 4 PM. Pick up a registration form at the parish office; e-mail [familylife@diometuchen.org](mailto:familylife@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1624 for more information.



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

January 24<sup>th</sup>: 6:45 PM Class 5-1  
January 31<sup>st</sup> 3:55 PM Class 4-3  
6:45 PM Class 7-2

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

**GRADE TWO:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, for all parents and teachers/catechists of children who are in the second year of preparation for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. The meeting will be held **in the church** from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. At least one parent/guardian is expected to attend.

**J4F ADULT GROUP:** Our next planning meeting is moved to Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, place TBD. Please mark your calendars to join our larger parish family for Ash Wednesday services on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and for Stations of the Cross at 7 PM every Friday during Lent. For more info call Denise at 732-754 -8876.

**FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP:** *"If God 'engulfs' us with the discovery of our psychological weakness and our helplessness... the it is in these ways that He is trying to encourage us to call upon His name for a deeper union with Him."* For more information, contact bzmak@comcast.net.

**ANNUAL CHARITY DANCE** sponsored by St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7 PM to midnight in the K of C Hall on Grand Street. \$30 per person includes cocktail hour, dinner, dancing (to live music), and open bar. For tickets, please contact Walter Urban (908-788-7414) or Jerry Bellino (732-574-3570).



**K of C FUND RAISER  
FOR ASIAN TSUNAMI RELIEF  
Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 7 PM  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
116 Grand Street, Iselin**

Suggested donation for a spaghetti & meatball dinner (and music by Chuck Leonard) is \$10/adults and \$6/children under 12. Donations are also being accepted. Contact John Parascando, 732-283-0880.

**GOLDEN KNIGHTS NEWS**

**ANNUAL DO-WOP NIGHT:** Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 are available Tuesday and Friday nights at St. Cecelia School gym from 7-9 PM. Contact Rich McLellan at 732-382-9106.

**CHEERLEADING: NUGGETS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPS,** earning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Pee Wee Large Intermediate Division at the National Championships in Orlando FL in December - *the highest ranking ever attained by a Golden Knights team* - competing against 17 teams from across the country. The **KNIGHTS** placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Midget Large Advanced Division at that same national competition. Congratulations!!!



*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." says the Prophet Isaiah, and the psalmist sings "...The Lord is my light and my salvation..." A glorious era began when the prophecies were realized in Christ, our Light. The world was offered the opportunity to escape the darkness of sin and death and come, rejoicing, into*

*the redemption and eternal life that Christ earned for us and that is ours by virtue of our baptism. But Paul reminds us that salvation is not a prize accessible to only a select few, and that we should all "...be united in the same mind and the same purpose." Today, as in the infant Church, we must work to abolish rivalry, jealousy, factionalism, schism - all those things which seek to divide rather than unite our church. Let us remember that we are all members of one Body - the Body of Christ - and seek to spread that message throughout the whole world.*



**ST. CECELIA'S 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

St. Cecelia's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM to 1 PM in Lourdes Hall. Proceeds will benefit St. Cecelia's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip. Treat your family and friends to an enjoyable breakfast and at the same time help out our graduating class!

**Cost is \$5 for Adults, \$4 for Seniors, and \$3 for Children.**

Please purchase your tickets through any 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student or through the school office. Tickets will be sold in the atrium after all Masses next weekend, January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and will also be available at the door. We thank you for your support!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

<b>Monday, January 24, 2005</b>		
12:30 PM	Seniors	Lourdes Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 25, 2005</b>		
10 AM	Legion of Mary	Conference room
11 AM	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym
7 PM	Rosary Altar Society meeting	Conference room
<b>Wednesday, January 26, 2005</b>		
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
<b>Thursday, January 27, 2005</b>		
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
6-9 PM	Boy Scouts	Rms 101 & 105
7-9 PM	Adult Confirmation class	Conference room
7:30-9 PM	Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)	Rm 103
<b>Friday, January 28, 2005</b>		
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym
<b>Saturday, January 29, 2005</b>		
after 8AM Mass	Novena	Church
<b>Sunday, January 30, 2005</b>		
10 AM-1 PM	Open house at St. Cecelia's School	
11 AM-1 PM	R.C.I.A.	Rms 103 & 105
11:30 AM Mass	Opening of Catholic Schools Week	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** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 11:30 AM Mass; Benediction at 2PM.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** every First Friday from 8 to 9 PM.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### MONTHLY REPORT: DECEMBER 2004

Donations .....	\$3,744.00
Disbursements .....	2,034.72
Rent .....	600.00
Utilities .....	341.23
Food certificates .....	550.00
Giving Tree .....	417.13
Office supplies .....	76.36
Food Bank .....	50.00

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS** will be held here at St. Cecelia's for anyone who has difficulty accepting the loss of a loved one. The groups will meet on Tuesdays for twelve consecutive weeks, beginning on February 15<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 10<sup>th</sup>. For Seniors, they will be held at 2:30 PM in St. Cecelia School Room 103. For adults, they will be held at 7:30 PM, also in Room 103. There is no fee; however, pre-registration is required. Please contact Sister Joan Marie at 732-283-0150 ext 21 between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

**FLU SHOTS** are available for adults over age 50 or high-risk ages 18-49 at the Visiting Nurse Association office at 91 Main Street in Woodbridge from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and from 5 to 7 PM on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Medicare Part B accepted or \$20.

**GIVING TREE 2004 UPDATE:** Project Giving Tree was a huge success because of your tremendous generosity. Approximately 1400 gifts were distributed to those in need this Christmas. Special thanks to Lisa Thompson, Pat Sinnott, Joan Keane, and every one of you who donated gifts. May God bestow many blessings on you!

**CHILDCARE PROVIDER AVAILABLE** for newborn and older. NJ State and Catholic Charities certified, trained facilitator in *Protecting God's Children* program, many years of experience, excellent references. Call 732-283-1501.

## 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:*

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays in Room 101; ages 21-35

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:**

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursdays; Membership: call Dan Neroda 732-283-0290

**LEGION OF MARY:**

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Church Conf. Rm.

**ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY:**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the 1st Sunday after

7 PM Mass

**SENIOR CITIZENS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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