

St. Cecilia Parish

A Roman Catholic Parish Since 1866



Eastern Shrine of the Little Flower

Served by the Carmelites

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 5:00 PM St. Cecilia High School Alumni
 Requested by The Class of 1970

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Lena Sophia Youm
 11:00 AM Spanish Mass Intentions
 1:00 PM Spanish Mass Intentions
 6:00 PM Fr. Anthony J. Palo, O. Carm.

MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM Angela Noronha

TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM Mary Grace Nocera

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM Aurelia Marchetto

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 7:30 PM Special Intentions

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 2

8:30 AM Hugh Gillen, Sr.

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 3

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Annie Maloney

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM Eric Lobo and Rev. Francis Lobo, CSsR.
 Gene Walsh
 11:00 AM Spanish Mass Intentions
 1:00 PM Spanish Mass Intentions
 6:00 PM Florence Bellagamba

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: THE UNDERSTANDING FATHER

Jesus is saying something important in today's Gospel. He talks about tax collectors and prostitutes who repented after hearing John the Baptist preach. He must have shocked the priests and elders when he said those prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. Yet Jesus was saying that sinners who repented will enter God's kingdom first. Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? The priests and elders said all the right things about obeying God's laws, but they were more interested in looking important than living a holy life. Are we like that--telling everyone I am a good Christian, going to church every Sunday (or at least on Christmas and Easter), and yet never making any effort to be loving, forgiving, patient, honest, or any of the difficult things that Jesus calls us to be?

The tax collectors and sinners knew that they were unworthy, but they listened to the call to repentance and let God make them worthy. Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.

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MASS SCHEDULE



Daily 8:30 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM Vigil
 9:00 AM
 11:00 AM Spanish
 1:00 PM Spanish
 6:00 PM

Reconciliation
 Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Adoration Live Stream Only
 Wednesday Evenings - Bilingual
 7:30 - 8:30 PM



“Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way.”

Pope Francis

THE WOMEN OF ST. CECILIA DIAPER DRIVE

The Women of St. Cecilia are sponsoring a “Fall Food/Diaper Drive” for the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia.

Donations of Pasta, Cereal, Diapers and Baby wipes are most needed and can be brought to the St. Cecilia Rectory September 28th, 29th, and 30th.

If you wish to make a monetary donation: Please go to www.officeofconcern.com or send a check made payable to: Office of Concern Food Pantry and mail to Office of Concern 55 West Demarest Avenue Englewood, NJ 07631. Please include a note for on-line donation, or in the memo on your check – “Women of St. Cecilia Fall Food/Diaper Drive”

We know many of you in the parish have already given generously to the Office of Concern to help the hungry during this pandemic – thank you for what you have already done! If you are able, please give to the Office of Concern now – thank you for your generosity!

World Day of Migrants and Refugees



In his Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020, Pope Francis reminds us, “If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that

the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people. Learn more about the U.S. Catholic bishops commitment to immigration reform and to creating a culture of welcome in which all migrants are treated with respect and dignity at JusticeForImmigrants.org

COMPLIMENTS OF USCCB

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

NOVENA

St. Therese of Lisieux - The Little Flower

Many parishioners are enjoying our Novena to St. Therese the Little Flower. Join us for live stream each evening at 7:30PM. The Novena will conclude on October 1st on the feast of St. Therese.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

TOURS: Attention Prospective 8th grade families



Bergen Catholic will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families Monday-Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a minimum of 10 families will be

For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 27th at 11AM



Visit the SJR Campus, meet faculty, staff and coaches, speak with teachers and students, and learn about our academic and athletic programs, scholarships, and financial aid.

Discover what makes St. Joseph Regional High School a unique high school experience!

Reserve your spot: SJRNJ.ORG

IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25th 11AM - 2PM
Thursday October 29th 6:30 - 8:30PM



If you are a young woman searching for a school known for its academic excellence, athletic competition, and creative expression grounded in traditional Catholic values, Immaculate Heart Academy is the place for you. Online registration is requested at www.ihanj.com. Please check the website and social media pages for any potential changes in our Open Houses due to ongoing COVID-19 circumstances.