

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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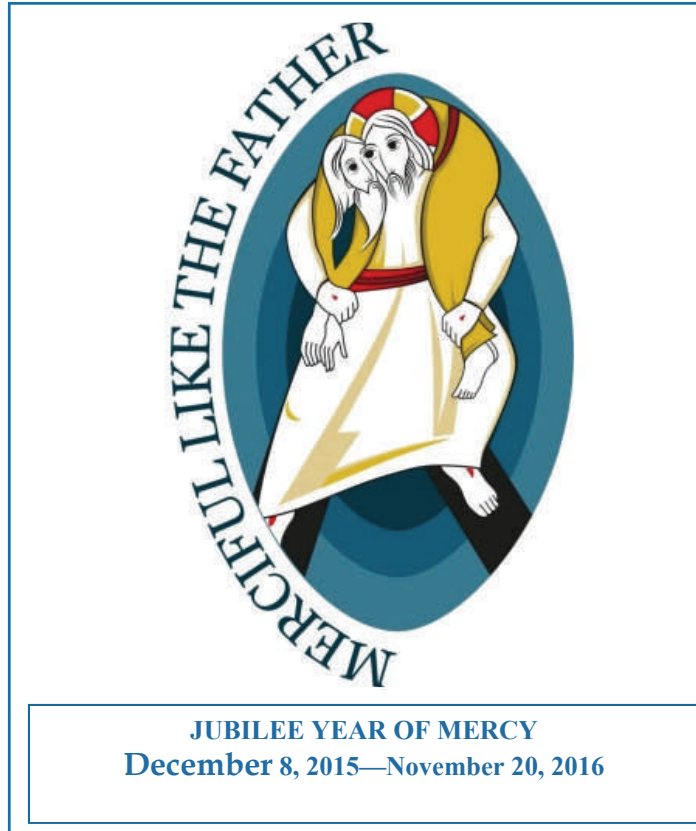
Mr. Paul Daher  
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Business Administrator

Mr. James Clancy,  
Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Ann Mitchell,  
Principal

Tanya Nellen  
Parish Secretary



## MASSES

### Weekends:

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am,  
10:45 am and 12:15 pm  
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### Holydays:

8:00 am and 7:00 pm

### Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am

### Saturday:

8:00 am followed by Novena

### Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
and 6:30 pm

Any time by appointment

### Holy Hour:

Monday: 7-8pm  
(Sacrament of Penance  
Available)

### Trustees:

Robyn Hornstein  
James Gallagher

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish office. To register for the class, please call 973-627-0313. The next class is Monday, February 15th. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of the baby. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered weekly at the 12:15 pm Mass, and a Baptismal Ceremony at 1:30 pm. To schedule a Baptism please call Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 Ext. 15.

New Parishioners must wait 2 months for a Baptism.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office.

## PARISH PRAYER LIFE:

### NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass.

### BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study – Tuesday 9:30 am (Hayes Hall)

Monday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm (Parish Office)

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Mon. – Sat., 7:30 am

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Third Wednesday (Parish Off)

HOLY HOUR: Monday – 7:00 pm (Church)

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – 9:00am for children & parents, 11:45am for adults,

Send email to [RockawayRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:RockawayRCIA@gmail.com) for further information or call 973-551-0749

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 3:00pm

CLOSED SATURDAYS

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, February 1,**

8:00 am Martin Michael Mackin  
r/b Marty & Lee Ann Mackin  
Dolores Haltigan r/b Family & Friends

**TUESDAY- February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 am James Riccio, Sr. r/b Catherine & Family

**WEDNESDAY-February 3, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

8:00 am Thomas Haynes r/b Jennifer Wawerczak

**THURSDAY, February 4,**

8:00 am Bertha Owens r/b Pat Giannetti

**FRIDAY- February 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 am Joan McDonnell

**SATURDAY—February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions and Martyrs**

8:00 am Bertha Owens r/b St. Cecilia Rosary Society

**SUNDAY, February 7, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 pm Robert W. Cantrella r/b The Cantrella Family  
Bertha Owens r/b Diane Milo

7:00 pm Eleanor & Thomas Sullivan  
r/b John & Dianna Sullivan  
Joan McDonnell r/b Mary-Jo Wolf

8:00 am Robert & Rena Benjamin  
r/b Bob & Tom Benjamin

9:15 am Richard & Michael Matsen r/b The Lee Family

10:45am Bertha Owens r/b The Malwitz Family  
Connor Cummings r/b The Appleby Family

12:15 pm Larry Fremeth  
r/b loving Wife & Children  
Rose Finn r/b the Koch Family

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**

2015/2016

Week Ending - January 24, 2016

Collection—Checks	\$ 4,533.00
Collection— Cash	\$ 804.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 2,152.33
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,489.33</b>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$764,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 13,725.49

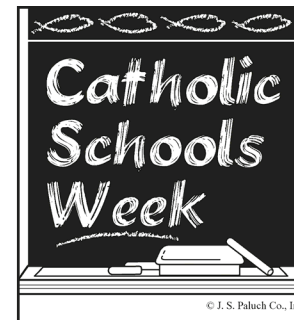
<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$(6,236.16)</i>
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$16,699.38</i>

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Here are the readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-2a Psalms 138:1-5,7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Luke 5:1-11



We are online: [www.st-cecilia.org](http://www.st-cecilia.org)



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Cliford, LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Lt. Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, T4 Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valletta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, and Airman First Class William Kussler . We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.**

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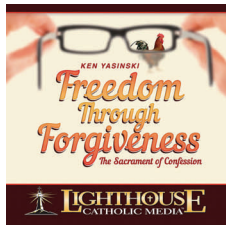


Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Castle, Mason Molde, Joanna Sacco, Pat Klebes, Adaline Maddaloni, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc,

Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Edward O'Dowd, Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Tom Cuskie, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Theodora Maulbeck, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Betty Golden, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Rosemary Woodring, Sharon Augenti, Sean Nolan, Peg Norman, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Norman Rodriguez, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

PARISH EVENTS

CD OF THE MONTH



Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of February all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "Freedom through Forgiveness" by Ken Yasinski. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Ken Yasinski does an amazing job of explaining the deepest mysteries of our faith in a way that all people can understand and relate to. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community.

On Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, our 'Formation Night' will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All people are welcome to attend. CDs are available after Mass or by contacting the parish office. CDs are \$3 each.

CHRISTIAN CARE HOME VISITS

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is no longer able to attend weekly mass and would like to? Please call the Parish Office at 973-627-0313 with the person's name, address, and phone number. A member of the Christian Care committee will bring the Eucharist on



Join St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners Across the Brooklyn Bridge on Ash Wednesday

St. Cecilia's chapter of LIFE Runners is planning to cross the Brooklyn Bridge at 8:00AM on Ash Wednesday, February 10. This launches the East Coast arm of the 2016 A-Cross America Relay against legalized abortion.

LIFE Runners will gather at 7:30AM on the Brooklyn side of the iconic bridge for 8:00AM start. Team members run or walk across the bridge towards Bleecker Street on the other side, some 2 miles or so, gathering for prayer opposite a local abortion facility.

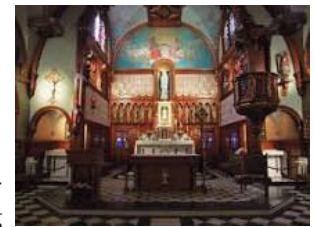
This is also a fundraiser for the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Cecilia's, Rockaway, now known as Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry.

To join and participate on Ash Wednesday, sign up at the LIFE Runners website, [www.liferunners.org](http://www.liferunners.org), select St. Cecilia's chapter. The LIFE Runner's team jersey can be ordered from the website. An organizer will follow up with further details. Alternatively, contact the local organizers directly (below). Please note relay partici-



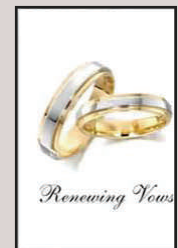
JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY - Our parish will sponsor

a pilgrimage, May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The planning of the pilgrimage is being done by the Saint Monica Guild and is open to all parishioners. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately \$200 per person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call Pat Zayac to make a reservation 973-625-4572.



Save the Date!

Renew your marriage vows on Saturday, February 13th, during 4:30 PM at St. Cecilia Church. Immediately following mass, come downstairs to Hayes Hall for a wine and cheese reception sponsored by the St. Monica Guild in celebration of World Marriage Day and St. Valentine's Day. Hope to see you there!



Right to Life Writing Contest

Do you like to write stories? If so, the [Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry](#) invites you to submit your Pro-Life stories to win monetary prizes and have your work published on [St. Cecilia Church's website](#).

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

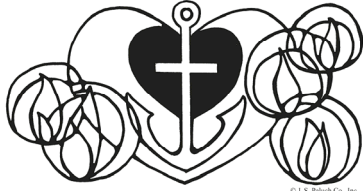
- Best story written by a 10 to 13-year-old
- Best story written by a 14 to 18-year-old
- Best story written by a person 19 and older
- Best story for young children (Pre-K to 8) written by anyone past the age of 10 (must include illustrations)

For additional information or questions regarding the topic statement, rules, registration, and submission date, kindly email [Writecontest@gmail.com](mailto:Writecontest@gmail.com) and a flyer will be e-mailed to you. Good luck - we look forward to your submission.

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2 - Regular Meeting

11:00 am Set Up, 12-1 pm Social Hour, 1-2 Meeting Bingo & Cards after Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8 - Sands Casino (PA) - cost \$25.00 includes \$20.00 slot play plus \$5.00 food coupon  
Tuesday, March 29 - Italian Feast of St. Joseph at Doolan's in Spring Lake incl. 4-course meal, Sinatra singer & comedian, band and dancing  
For price and more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871



#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2010

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

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#### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEB 6 & 7

The St. Cecilia Soup Kitchen Committee assisted by the youth of our parish, are like many people in Rockaway, passionate about giving back to their community and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

As hard as it may be to believe, the problems of hunger and poverty exist right here in Rockaway and Dover, and we often feel that as regular citizens, we can't make a difference. But I write today to tell you that through the Souper Bowl of Caring, everyone at St. Cecilia Parish can help care for our neighbors in need.

Will you please help us by sharing your pocket change with us on Super Bowl Saturday/Sunday, Feb 6 & 7, after all the masses? Every penny collected will be donated directly to feeding the hungry at Faith Kitchen in Dover. Your donations are used by our volunteers to purchase food that we prepare here in Hayes Hall and then deliver to Faith Kitchen in Dover. The St. Cecilia Soup Kitchen Committee is always in need of new volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pattie Fitzgerald at 973-625-0841. Thank you!



#### Right To Life Meeting

The Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry of St. Cecilia's Church is seeking active members to help in the implementation of the many tasks required to fulfill our **Mission Statement** to promote a **Culture of Life** by advocating the Church's teachings on the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. If you feel that you are being called to assist in this very worthwhile endeavor, we ask that you attend our meeting this coming Wednesday evening, **February 3rd** beginning with the Rosary at 7:15 PM in the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you.

#### Catholic Underground

On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> St. Cecilia's will be leading a bus trip into New York City to attend Catholic Underground. Catholic Underground is a monthly event hosted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It includes Eucharistic Adoration, live music, a featured Catholic band, and joyful praise and prayer from hundreds of people. Seats on the bus are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is only \$20 and a waiver is required for anyone under 18 years old. The bus will depart from St. Cecilia's on February 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5:30 pm and will return at 11:30 pm.

To reserve your seat, please contact Jim Clancy at the parish office. 973-627-0313 or [stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com).

Event details are also available on the Catholic Underground website [www.catholicunderground.net](http://www.catholicunderground.net)



#### WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT LENT 2012

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available every Monday evening from February 15 to March 14, from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His church. **Don't be afraid!** Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!  
Www.WelcomeHometoHealing.org

#### Knights of Columbus #3359 Denville

##### Annual Fish & Chips Dinner

By Argyle Restaurant, Kearny, NJ

WHEN: Friday, February 12, 2016

TIME: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm—Eat in or Take Out

WHERE: St. Mary's Prep School cafeteria  
Rt. 46 West, Denville, NJ

Adults: \$16.00 Seniors: \$15.00 Children: \$10.00

Includes Dessert and Coffee

10% discount on 5 family meals or more.

Present this ad at time of purchase for discount

For additional information, please contact:

Grand Knight, Damiano Servidio 973-407-0186,

Past Grand Knight: Charlie Conklin 973-580-0555

Treasurer: Bob Lyons 973-525-6867

#### DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

##### Christmas Thank You—

##### Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson

Your overwhelming generosity to our CFCS 2015 "Christmas Sled Program." enabled Catholic Family and Community Services to distribute over 11,000 Christmas gifts. These heartwarming gifts were provided to the needy and vulnerable population CFCS serves each day, including children, teens, vulnerable adults, veterans and seniors. Our staff and volunteers are always overwhelmed by your generosity. We wish that you could see the faces of each one as they received gifts with joy and delight. The parents are especially excited to know their children will have a happy Christmas.

May God continue to bless you in 2016

Diane Silbernagel, RN, MSN, Executive Director

#### NEW DATES!

**Pizza Night with Bishop** - will be held at:

Morris Catholic High School, Denville on  
Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta on  
Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>February 1</b>
7:00 pm	Holy Hour w/Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
7:30 pm	Bible Study (Parish Office)
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>February 2</b>
9:30 am	Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
11:00 am	Senior Meeting Set Up (Hayes Hall)
12:00 pm	Senior Meeting Begins
7:45 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>February 3</b>
9:00 pm	Christian Care Meeting (Hayes Hall)
7:00 pm	True Love Waits Parents Mtg (Parish Office)
7:00 pm	Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry Meeting (Parish Office)
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>February 4</b>
9:30 am	Mommy Bible Study (Parish Office)
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Faith Formation (Hayes Hall)
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>February 5</b>
6:30 pm	First Friday Devotions (Sacred Heart Church)
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 6</b>
	<b>BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING FOOD DRIVE</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Society (Hayes Hall)
5:00 pm	Vietnamese New Year Set Up (Hayes Hall)
5:30 pm	Kolbe Krew (Parish Office)
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 7</b>
	<b>BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING FOOD DRIVE</b>
9:00 am	RCIA – Children (Parish Office)
9:15 am	Children’s Liturgy
11:30 am	Polish Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
11:45 am	RCIA – Adults
6:00 pm	Vietnamese Community (Hayes Hall)

**FAITH Group**(Youth Group: 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)

“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe in speech, conduct, love and purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12.

All students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us at our first meeting of the year on

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00 pm.**

This is a casual group that meets at least once per month for games, sports, food, and prayer. The group will begin at 8:30 in the parish office basement. Please wear sneakers and dress comfortably.

Please let Jim Clancy know if you are interested in attending or would like more details. 973-627-0303 ext. 17 or at [cilia.faithformation@gmail.com](mailto:cilia.faithformation@gmail.com)

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER****Formation Night**

Every Thursday night from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Hayes Hall we meet for ‘Formation Night’. Topics and forum vary from week to week. This is a dynamic group of all ages that come together for a night to learn something new or interesting about our faith.

Please join us for a casual night of faith and fellowship. No registration is need or long term commitment. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please contact Jim Clancy at the parish office.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATION!**  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
**PRE-SCHOOL THRU 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE**  
*JANUARY 31—10:15 AM—12:30 PM*

*Visit our School and meet our teachers, principal and school families*  
*St. Cecilia School*  
*87 Halsey Avenue, Rockaway*  
*973-627-6003*

**Valentine’s Day Survival Kit**

We are very pleased to have partnered with Bilori Jewelers and Potbelly’s Riverside Café to offer salvation to all husbands during this difficult time. Kits are offered at three tremendous values:

**You’re sweet!/\$35—\$25 Bilori Gift Card/One**

Dozen Roses

**Be Mine!/\$50—\$25 Bilori Gift Card & Gourmet dinner kit from Potbelly’s**

**Oh, yes!/\$75/Best Value—\$25 Bilori Gift Card/Roses/Dinner Kit**

**Order by February 10—FORM IN BULLETIN**



Calling all St. Cecilia School graduates from the Classes of 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966 and 1961! We are planning an Alumni Reunion dinner for Saturday, June 11th, 2016 at The Exchange restaurant in Rockaway! Tickets are \$55 per person. For ticket information email [skark2013@gmail.com](mailto:skark2013@gmail.com), or call Amy at 973-343-2337.



My dear parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we mark the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The second lection for today is taken from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians which has become a most popular scriptural option for the celebration of the sacrament of marriage. The Apostle reminds us of the power of love and of the things which characterize it. He speaks of the "theological virtues" and writes, "*So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*" Yes, love is that wonderful virtue which accompanied all the works of our Lord, including His sacrificial death for us on the cross. It is love which should give strength and inspiration to our words and deeds. The Lord Jesus commanded His disciples to become agents of love by being merciful and compassionate to all.

The training of disciples is an important component in Catholic education. Once again this year we observe CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in the United States and celebrate the unique role Catholic schools have in the education of our young people. Not only are they superbly prepared in academics but they are schooled in discipleship which strengthens them to become agents of love in a world where many are lured into sin. Catholic school students are exposed daily to the God who is love and who invites us to join with Him in bringing about the kingdom of God.

I have included in today's bulletin a letter which will be read at all Masses this weekend at both Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church. From the announcement made this past week by the diocese will come new life and great potential as we continue to provide the gift of Catholic education to the young people of our community. I am so hopeful and encouraged by our commitment to Catholic education in Rockaway and I know that good things are in store because "love never fails." Both Father Marcin and I would like to thank all those who remembered our birthday, Father Marcin on January 21<sup>st</sup> and mine on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, true signs of love which humble us and testify to your goodness.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Meeting or the Entrance of our Lord. This marks the 40<sup>th</sup> and final day of Christmas. This is the day in which candles are blessed which is why we also refer to this feast as Candlemas Day. A procession will take place at the start of Holy Mass on Tuesday. Next Sunday the traditional blessing of the throat will take place at the conclusion of all Masses in honor of the Feast of Saint Blaisé, Bishop and Martyr, whose memory we celebrate on Wednesday.

God bless you!  
Father Zig



**ST. VERONICA**  
**February 4 – Patroness of Dressmakers**  
**and Photographers**

ST. VERONICA, A PIOUS MATRON OF Jerusalem, accompanied Christ to Calvary and offered Him a towel on which He left the imprint of His face. This event is commemorated in the Sixth Station of the Cross.

An Italian legend records that St. Veronica cured Emperor Tiberius with this image called Veronica's Veil and later left it in the care of Pope Clement and his successors. A French legend records that she married Zacheus, a convert, in France; accompanied him to Rome; left him as hermit a Rocamadour; assisted Martial and brought relics of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Soula, where she died. Some identify here with "the woman with an issue of blood" who was cured by Jesus.

The story told of this Saint has had a wide appeal to Christians over the centuries. For it vividly illustrates a truth that is relevant for all time and all peoples: the theme of compassion for Christ in his sufferings.

*PRAYER: Lord God, You showered heavenly gifts on St. Veronica. Help us to imitate her during our earthly lives and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen*

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