

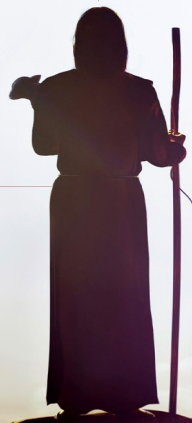
The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of

St. Cecilia Church

120 Kearny Ave. | Kearny NJ | 07032 | 201-991-1116 | stceciliakearny.org

i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



© JPPC

April 21, 2024—4th Sunday of Easter

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 PM English

Sunday Mass

9:00 AM Português | 10:30 AM English | 12:00 PM Español

Monday—Friday Daily Mass: 7:00 AM English | Chapel & 12:00 PM English | Church

Tuesday: 7:00 PM Español | Church

Wednesday: 7:30 PM Português | Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Welcome

We, the people of God called to be the Catholic Community of St. Cecilia, are a diverse and multi-cultural community of believers, joined together by a common bond of love for our Lord Jesus Christ while preserving the uniqueness and traditions of our ethnicity. With a united spirit, we strive to serve our Lord, His Church, and our community through prayer, worship, ministry and evangelization, and to share our faith and our talents in service to one another.

Sacrament of Baptism, Bautismo, Batismo

1^o sabado da mes as 11:00 AM **Português**
2^{do} Sabado del mes a la 11:00 AM **Español**
3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM **English**

Call / LLamar / Ligue para o: **Fr. Juan Carlos Velasquez (201) 991-1116**

Sacrament of Matrimony, Matrimonio, Matrimônio

Congratulations to all engaged couples!!! Please contact a parish priest one year before the desired date for the marriage to ensure proper preparation for the Sacrament.

Felicitaciones a todos los novios!!! Comuníquese con un párroco un año antes de la fecha deseada para el matrimonio para garantizar la preparación adecuada para el Sacramento.

Parabéns a todos os noivos!!! Por favor contacte um pároco um ano antes da data desejada para o casamento para garantir uma preparação adequada para o Sacramento.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Unción de los enfermos, Unção dos Enfermos

For Anointing of the Sick: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. If the infirm person is in hospital, please ask the nurse to contact the Hospital Chaplain first.

Para la Unción de los Enfermos, comuníquese con la oficina. Si la persona enferma está en el hospital, pídale a la enfermera que se comunique primero con el Capellán del Hospital.

Para a Unção dos Enfermos, entre em contato com o escritório. Se o enfermo estiver no hospital, peça à enfermeira que entre em contato primeiro com o Capelão do Hospital.

RCIA (RICA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and children of catechetical age is a formational process of conversion and living faith within the community. Contact the Parish Center office for more information.

¿Interesado en convertirse en católico? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) y niños en edad catequética es un proceso formativo de conversión y fe viva dentro de la comunidad. Comuníquese con la oficina del Centro Parroquial para obtener más información.

Interessado em se tornar católico? O Rito de Iniciação Cristã de Adultos (RCIA) e crianças em idade catequética é um processo formativo de conversão e vivência da fé na comunidade. Contacte o escritório do Centro Paroquial para mais informações.

Our Parish Family

New parishioners may register at the Parish Center. Please help us keep our records up to date. Current members should notify the office of any changes in their status such as births, deaths, marriages, change of address, etc.

Los nuevos feligreses pueden registrarse en el Centro Parroquial. Por favor ayúdenos a mantener nuestros registros actualizados. Los miembros actuales deben notificar a la oficina cualquier cambio en su estado, como nacimientos, defunciones, matrimonios, cambios de dirección, etc.

Os novos paroquianos podem inscrever-se no Centro Paroquial. Por favor, ajude-nos a manter nossos registros atualizados. Os membros atuais devem notificar o escritório de quaisquer alterações no seu estatuto, tais como nascimentos, mortes, casamentos, mudança de endereço, etc.

Safe Environment Corner

All our Catholic school children, all children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training in how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the Internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find out more about this training by going to www.rcan.org, and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.

PARISH CENTER CONTACT

119 Chestnut St.
Kearny, NJ 07032
201-991-1116
Fax: 201-998-4437

Email:

stcecilia@stceciliakearny.org

Bulletin Submission:

bulletin@stceciliakearny.org

Website:

www.stceciliakearny.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stceciliakearny

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

(Closed for lunch 12 PM-1 PM)

Friday:

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Saturday closed

Sunday:

9:30 AM—1:30 PM

Parish served by

Rev. Cesar Quiñones

Administrator

Rev. Juan Carlos Velasquez-Ducayin

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Richard J. Mroz

In Residence

Deacon Arcadio A. Cordova

Parish Staff

Ms. Gina Sgalia-Ball

Music Director

Luisa Barriga

Faith Formation Director

Ms. Donna Calcado

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Patty Martinez

Assistant Office Manager

Ms. Silvia Sanchez

Office Assistant

Angela Sierra

Maintenance

Jesus Santos

Maintenance

Mr. Joseph Reese

Financial Chairperson

Mr. Albertino Amaro

Parish Trustee

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 20
5:00 PM	Ronald Sawyer
SUNDAY	APRIL 21
9:00 AM (P)	In Thanksgiving to the Divine Child
10:30 AM	† Jill Carlin
12:00 PM (S)	† Hermanos Aguirre Pincay
MONDAY	APRIL 22
7:00 AM	Laura McCann
12:00 PM	† Florence Dow
TUESDAY	APRIL 23
7:00 AM	† Msgr. Francis Seymour
12:00 PM	People of the Parish
7:00 PM (S)	† Jorge Asencio (Birthday Remembrance)
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 24
7:00 AM	† João Oliveira
12:00 PM	† Virginia Bannon
7:30 PM (P)	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	APRIL 25
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	† Laura Reu (Birthday Remembrance)
FRIDAY	APRIL 26
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	† Margaret Fix
	5th Sunday of Easter
SATURDAY	APRIL 27
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	APRIL 28
9:00 AM (P)	In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
10:30 AM	† Joann Loiodice
12:00 PM (S)	† Maria Ubaldina Elias (5th Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance)

(P) Portuguese - (S) Spanish

Memorials for the week of April 21, 2024

Sanctuary candle in the Church:

People of the Parish

Sanctuary candle in the Chapel:

People of the Parish

Altar Bread and Altar Wine:


Fernanda G. Pedreira / Req. Maria Queijo

Candles are available for \$10, Altar Bread & Altar Wine for \$20.

Collections/Colectas/Administração

Collection	04/14/24	\$4,686.00
Parish Giving	04/14/24	\$244.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



PRAYER IS POWERFUL!
Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Linda & Stanley Guziejewski Jr,
Edna Hasselwander, Maria
Mauricio, Dan and Dot McCann,
Laura Jo McCann, Maria
Rodriguez, Denise Verost
Please pray for our
homebound parishioners and
the sick of our parish community.



Remember in your prayers those who have died:

May they rest in God's eternal embrace.



Become a Part of St. Cecilia Church

Welcome to our Parish

St. Cecilia is an active and vibrant parish within the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our parish is always changing and growing, and we warmly welcome new parishioners.

Have you been attending Mass here for many years and have not registered? Are you a new parishioner?

Joining the parish is simple; the rewards are great! As soon as you have the opportunity, visit the Parish Center office and introduce yourself to one of the priests or parish staff members.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Center office during regular office hours.



Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends **to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.** ****Canon 920, §1.** All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation (Adults)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and children of catechetical age is a formational process of conversion and living faith within the community. Contact the Parish Center office for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY CANDLES

Mother's Day Candle forms are available in the Church or in the Parish Center office. What a wonderful gesture to honor your mother either living or deceased. Kindly bring the form along with cash or check made payable to St. Cecilia Church for each candle to the Parish office on or before Wednesday, May 8, 2024. **Please note that due to the increase cost of the candles, the price per candle is \$15.00, one name per candle. Forms will not be accepted after May 8th.** The office staff needs ample time to prepare the candles and display them in the Church. Thank you for your cooperation.



Anniversary Masses

We are excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024! These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Please note that the Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.

June 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM—50 years (All counties)
May 5, 2024 at 12:00 PM— 5 years & 25 years (All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of these couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office.

Confessions and Spiritual Direction

Confessions are held every Saturday in the Church from 4 PM—5 PM. Fr. Cesar is also available on Mondays & Tuesdays for confessions or other needs from 5 PM—7 PM. Please call the Parish Center Office to schedule an appointment.

#630

Religious Education

Classes will be held in person every Sunday from 9 AM – 10:20 AM in the School Building. Students must attend Sunday Mass. For Sacramental Students, please do not forget to bring your Mass attendance booklets.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation Candidates: Sunday, April 28, 9:30 AM (Church Basement) ****Parents only****

First Communion Retreat: Saturday, May 4, 8:30 AM—2 PM, Church Basement

First Communion Practice: Wednesday, May 8, 6 PM **ENGLISH, 7:30 PM SPANISH**, inside the Church.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 11, 2024, (9 AM English, 11 AM Spanish)

Confirmation Practice with Sponsors: Thursday, May 9 at 7 PM in the Church

True Love Waits for Confirmation Students: Saturday, May 11 at 3 PM in the Church Basement

Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7 PM (*Confirmation Students and Sponsors must arrive by 6 PM.*)

Events—What's on the Church Calendar

Sunday 4/21	10:30 AM-12 PM	Spanish Bible Class	Church Basement
	10:30 AM-12 PM	Spanish RCIA	School
Tuesday 4/23	7:30 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Church Basement
Friday 4/26	6:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Spanish	Church
Saturday 4/27	9 AM	Martha's Cleaning	Church
	11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Grupo Maria Inmaculada Concepción, Rosario y Reflexión	Chapel
	1:00 PM	Grupo de la Divina Misericordia	Parish Center Basement

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the Gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. St. Cecilia 2024 Stretch Goal is \$27,071.00. Visit rcan.org/sharing to make a gift today.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES / NOTÍCIAS DA PARÓQUIA

Educación Religiosa

Las clases se llevarán a cabo en persona todos los domingos de 9 AM a 10:20 AM en el edificio de la escuela. Los estudiantes deben asistir a la misa dominical. Para los estudiantes sacramentales, no olviden traer sus folletos de asistencia a misa.

Reunión de Padres de Candidatos de Confirmación: domingo, 28 de abril a las 9:30AM en el sótano de la iglesia.
Solamente para las madres y padres

Retiro de Primera Comunión: sábado, 4 de mayo, de 8:30 AM a 2 PM, sótano de la iglesia

Práctica de Primera Comunión: miércoles, 8 de mayo, 6 PM **INGLÉS**, 7:30 PM **ESPAÑOL**, dentro de la Iglesia.

Primera Comunión: sábado, 11 de mayo de 2024 (9 AM en inglés, 11 AM en español)

Práctica de Confirmación con Padrinos: jueves, 9 de mayo a las 7 PM en la Iglesia

El Amor Verdadero Espera para los Candidatos de Confirmación: sábado, 11 de mayo a las 3 PM en el sótano de la iglesia

Sacramento de Confirmación: miércoles 15 de mayo de 2024 a las 7 PM (*Los estudiantes y patrocinadores de confirmación deben llegar antes de las 6 PM*).

Velas del Día de la Madre

Los formularios para las Velas del Día de la Madre están disponibles en la Iglesia o en la oficina del Centro Parroquial. Qué gesto tan maravilloso para honrar a tu madre ya sea viva o fallecida. **Por favor traiga el formulario junto con efectivo o cheque a nombre de St. Cecilia Church por cada vela a la oficina parroquial el miércoles 8 de mayo de 2024 o antes. Tenga en cuenta que debido al aumento en el costo de las velas, el precio por vela es \$15.00, un nombre por vela. No se aceptarán formularios después del 8 de mayo.** El personal de la oficina necesita tiempo para preparar las velas y exhibirlas en la Iglesia. Gracias por su cooperación.

Grupo Maria Inmaculada Concepción

Rosario y Reflexión, sábado, 11:30 AM—12:45 PM en la Capilla.

Grupo de la Divina Misericordia

Sábado, 1 PM—2:30 PM, sótano del Centro Parroquial.

Adoración al Santísimo

Únase a nosotros para la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento los viernes de 6:30 PM—7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Mil Ave Marias

Primer sábado de cada mes a las 8:30 AM en la capilla del Centro Parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos!

4º Domingo da Páscoa

O quarto Domingo da Páscoa é considerado o “Domingo do Bom Pastor”, pois todos os anos, neste domingo, somos convidados a escutar um trecho do capítulo 10 do Evangelho segundo João, no qual Jesus é apresentado como “Bom Pastor”. É, portanto, este o tema central que a Palavra de Deus põe, hoje, à nossa reflexão.

No **Evangelho** é o próprio Jesus que se apresenta como “o Bom Pastor”. Ele ama as suas ovelhas, cuida delas em cada passo do caminho, dá a vida por elas, se for necessário. As ovelhas de Jesus sabem que podem confiar n’Ele, incondicionalmente. Com esta bela imagem, somos convidados a seguir Jesus e a fazer d’Ele a referência fundamental à volta da qual construímos a nossa vida.

A **primeira leitura** traz-nos um testemunho de Pedro, proclamado em Jerusalém diante das autoridades judaicas: Jesus é o único Salvador, já que “não existe debaixo do céu outro nome, dado aos homens, pelo qual possamos ser salvos”. É a forma, muito particular, que Pedro encontrou para dizer que Jesus é o único pastor que nos conduz em direção à Vida verdadeira.

Na **segunda leitura**, o autor da primeira Carta de João convida-nos a contemplar o amor de Deus pelo homem. É porque nos ama com um “amor admirável” que Deus está apostado em levar-nos a superar a nossa condição de debilidade e de fragilidade. Por isso, Deus enviou-nos Jesus, o Bom Pastor.

PARA A SEMANA QUE SE SEGUE...

Discernir em Igreja... Não é fácil saber em que ponto estamos realmente, em matéria de vocação: o discernimento nunca se faz só, seja para um acompanhador espiritual, seja num pequeno grupo que saberia praticar esta entreajuda fraterna que permita a cada um fazer o ponto da situação sobre aquilo que o Senhor espera dele. Não seria a ocasião, nesta semana, para se pensar em fazer um tal encontro?

Portal dos Dehonianos

Velas do Dia das Mães

Os formulários para Velas do Dia das Mães estão disponíveis na Igreja ou na secretaria do Centro Paroquial. Que gesto maravilhoso para homenagear sua mãe, viva ou morta. **Por favor, traga o formulário junto com dinheiro ou cheque nominal à Igreja de Santa Cecília para cada vela ao escritório paroquial até quarta-feira, 8 de maio de 2024. Observe que devido ao aumento no custo das velas, o preço por vela é de US\$ 15.00, um nome por vela. Formulários não serão aceitos após 8 de maio.** O pessoal do escritório precisa de tempo para preparar as velas e exibi-las na Igreja. Obrigado pela sua cooperação.