

THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO BE THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Cecilia Church

120 Kearny Ave., Kearny, New Jersey 07032

www.stceciliakearny.org ~ April 30th, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter



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www.stceciliakearny.formed.org

Parish Code: DQNKPN

MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday-Friday 7am(Chapel) &
12pm(Church) English**

Tuesday 7pm(Church) Español

**Wednesday 7:30pm(Chapel)
Português**

Saturday 8am(Chapel) English

**Saturday 5:00 pm English
(Mass of Anticipation)**

Sunday 9:00am Português

10:30am English

12:00pm Español

**RECONCILIATION,
CONFESIONES, RECONCILIAÇÃO**

**Saturday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
(Church)**



St. Cecilia Mission Statement

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.

Baptisms, Bautismos, Baptismos

1o Domingo da mes as 1:30pm	Português
2do Domingo del mes a la 1:30pm	Español
3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm	English

Contact Fr. Juan Carlos Velasquez at (201) 991-1116 x20, or jcvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org

Classes for Baptism are held the Saturday before the Baptism at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. Parents and Godparents are required to attend.

Religious Education, including First Communion and Confirmation (CCD) for children

Classes will be held in person every Sunday from 9 am – 10:20 am in the School Building. Sacramental Preparation classes will also meet once a month (for all those within their two preparatory years of the Sacrament).

Marriage, Matrimonios, Casamentos

Please call the priest at least one year in advance.
Por favor llamar al sacerdote un año antes de la boda.
Deven falar com o sacerdote com um ano de antecedencia.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick, please call the Parish Center.
Unción de los enfermos, llamar al Centro Parroquial.
Unção dos Doentes, Por favor chamar Centro Parroquial.



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Giving is Worship

This Week at Saint Cecilia's:

Tues 5/2

7:30pm-9:00pm Spanish Prayer Group - Church basement

Wed 5/3

7:30pm English Faith Formation - Convent basement

Fri 5/5

7:30pm-9:00pm English Bonds of Marian Love PG - Parish Center basement

7:30pm-9:30pm Spanish Bonds of Marian Love - Church basement

7:30pm-9:30pm HSMK Spanish Rosary- Chapel

Sat 5/6

9:00am Martha's Ministry - Church cleaning

1:00pm Divine Mercy Novena - Church

Sun 5/7

10:30am Estudio Bíblico - Sótano de la Rectoria

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time: "VOLUNTEER"

To sign up to give online, go to:
www.stceciliakearny.org or
www.parishgiving.org.



Collections/Colectas/Administração

4/9/23

Easter Collection: \$12,743.00

4/23/23

\$3,754.00

Online Giving: \$215.00

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Masses for the Week of April 30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 29

5:00pm † Deceased Members of the Rivera-García Family

Sunday, April 30 (*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*)

9:00am (P) † Luisa da Conceicao Pires de Moraes

10:30am † Maria de Jesus Pereira &

† Jose Augusto Soares

12:00pm (S) † Alexander Dominguez (3rd Anniv.)

Monday, May 1

7:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm Mary Boyce
(Special Intention for Healing)

Tuesday, May 2

7:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm † Ned & Nora Sullivan (Anniversary)

7:00pm (S) † Arnaldo & Cristina Mastrapa

Wednesday, May 3

7:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm † Con & Nora Murphy (Anniversary)

7:30pm(P) People of the Parish

Thursday, May 4

7:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm Sister Helen Moores (Living)

Friday, May 5

7:00am † Souls in Purgatory

12:00pm People of the Parish

Saturday, May 6

8:00am † Laurinda Vaz

5:00pm † Alice Sadowski (1st Anniversary)

Next Sunday, May 7

9:00am (P) † Germano & Otilia Malaquias

10:30am † Jorge Ribeiro

12:00pm (S) † Maria Benitez (Birthday Remem.)

P - Portuguese S - Spanish



THE SICK: Luis Acevedo, Hilda Ajila, Marco Almeida, Margie Augusto, Vicente Avila Nuñez, Fausto Aybar, Luis Aymar, Naomi Bernales, Romulo Bernales, Fabricio Blancas, Joan Gresw Bobowski, Addie Boyd, Adrienne F. Brown, Ramon Caicedo, Mariela Cano Escobar, Cecilia Capiello, Fanny Carmona, Barbara Carter, John Carter, Monica Colon, Adolfo E. Coria, Alice Crist, Aquila Cruz Ricra, Lila Czaplicki, Gary Davila, Edward De Simon, Janette Faulk, Victor Ferdinandi, Florence Frederick, Yancey Garcia, Michelina & Rosamaria Giuliano, Adolfo Gonzalez Sr., Emiliano Gonzalez, Raquel Gonzalez, Lucilia Gorge, Sahara Goyenechea, Morgan Greco, Jason T. Gude, Stanley Guziejewski Jr, Jay Harris, Edna Hasselwander, Juana Herrera, Charlie Ide, Roberto Jude, Kevin Kane, Luz LaBoy, Edna Leverock, Magdalene Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Cremilda Louvado, Helen Macchia, Josh Maher, Erick Marrquin, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Rosemary Martens, Roberto Matos, Ana Maria Maldonado, Maria Mauricio, Laura Jo McCann, Brendan McDade, John McDonald, Molly McGovern, Linda McKenna, Julia Mendez, Emily Merrill, Nestor Merino, Aderito Miguel, Sherri Moorman, Natalie Morris, Kimberly C. Mossey, Kevin Murphy, Eleanor Narozny, Leon Narucki, Gabriel Navia, Olga Ojeda, William Orr, Antonia Ortega, Richard Miguel Ortiz, Andrea Ozovck, Estrabonia Perez, Bonnie Primavera, Reina Isabel Quintanilla, Isabel Ramilo, Maria Ressurreição, Rose Rivellini, Jaxson Rivera, Olivia Roach, Esperanza Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Jose Manuel Rodriguez, Jose R. Rodriguez, Piedad Rodriguez, Ernesto Rosabal, Elsy Ruiz, Eduardo Sanabria, Israel Santos, Maria Fatime Santos, Sarah Saraiva, Matilde Serrano, Pablo Sierra, Francisco Silva, Nick Trumpikas, Mariko Valente, Lisa Marie Van Egmond, Shayne Vaykovich, Victoria Vaykovich, Madeline Verdinho, Heather Wharton, Cathy Wintjen, Gayle Wright, Victor Wysocki.

*The Sanctuary candle will burn
this week in the Church for:
People of the Parish
Requested by:*

*The Sanctuary candle will burn
this week in the Chapel for:
Priests of the Parish
Requested by:*

*The Bread and Wine is offered
this week for:
Priests of the Parish
Requested by:*

Remember in your prayers those who have died:



May they rest in God's eternal embrace.



*Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark*

2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.** ****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.*



April 30, 2023

*O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those you have called to gather
the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in
their lifelong service of you.*

*Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in
life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin
Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our
prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ,
our Lord. Amen.*

ST. CECILIA'S GOT "FORMED"



God is a potter who wants to form out of the clay of our lives something beautiful. Formed.org is not just a website to teach us intellectual ideas or Catholic doctrine, but an instrument God wants to use to form us into the persons we were meant to be. I'm excited about this organization that we have contracted with to be available to our parish providing parish good solid catholic formation. I hope you will take the time to look at it. **Fr. John,**

Register at www.FORMED.org ~ Parishioners, enter code: **DQNKPN**



-Sunday, April 30, 2023 is the last day of Faith Formation classes.

**-Confirmation will be Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 11am.
Rehearsal : Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30pm.**

MOTHER'S DAY CANDLES

May 14, 2023



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 put the form in an envelope with your offering of \$10.00, place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office on or **before Wednesday, May 10, 2023.** The office staff needs ample time to prepare the candles and display them in the Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2023 Book of Mass intentions is available in the Parish office during business hours. A total of twelve (12) Mass intentions (**5 Sunday Masses and 7 weekday Masses**) will be offered. The Mass Stipend for each Mass is \$10.00.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Cecilia: On many occasions in the parish office, we receive requests from some of our parishioners asking us for a letter that states that they are a parishioners of St. Cecilia Church. These requests include being asked to be a godparent for a baby's baptism; a sponsor for confirmation; a statement to file your taxes stating the annual contribution, and at times, proof of residency in the country, and needing to process documents for Immigration. We are willing to grant these requests; however, it is difficult for us to prove you are a parishioner unless you are registered with the parish. For this reason, we are asking that you register as a parishioner if you are not already registered. Registration cards are available in the parish office. The cards can be dropped in the collection baskets or at the parish office. Online registration is also available. Go to our website: www.stceciliakearny.org and click on **REGISTRATION**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Fr. John

Boletín en Español

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



-Último día de clases **Domingo, Abril 30, 2023.**

-La Confirmación será **Sábado, Mayo 6, 2023** a las **11:00am**. El ensayo será **Miércoles, Mayo 3, 2023.**

CÍRCULO DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne todos los Martes de 7:30pm a 9:30pm en el sótano de la Iglesia.



DIVINA MISERICORDIA



El Grupo de la Divina Misericordia se reúne todos los Sábados a la 1pm en la Iglesia en Adoración al Santísimo.

ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES RELIGIOSAS ABRIL 30, 2023

Señor Jesús, así como Tu llamaste los primeros discípulos para hacerles pescadores de hombres, haz que Tu sublime invitación continúe resonando: ¡Vengan a Mi, síganme!

Da a los jóvenes, hombres y mujeres, la gracia de responder prontamente a la llamada. Apoya a tus obispos, sacerdotes y a los consagrados en su trabajo apostólico.

Concede perseverancia a nuestros seminaristas y a todos aquellos que llevan hacia adelante los ideales de una vida totalmente consagrada a Tu servicio. Despierta en nuestra comunidad un entusiasmo misionero. Señor, ENVÍA TRABAJADORES A TU COSECHA y no permitas que la humanidad se pierda por escasez de pastores, misioneros y gente dedicada a la causa de Tu Evangelio.

Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia, modelo de toda vocación, ayúdanos a decir Sí, al Señor que nos llama a cooperar en el plan divino de salvación. Amén.

VELAS POR EL DÍA DE LAS MADRES

Domingo, Mayo 14, 2023, por favor traer formulario a la oficina. Ofrenda de \$10 por vela. Deben entregarlo antes del Miércoles 10, 2023. Gracias.

Boletim em Português

04º DOMINGO DA PÁSCOA

O 4º Domingo da Páscoa é considerado o "Domingo do Bom Pastor", pois todos os anos a liturgia propõe, neste domingo, 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. O Evangelho apresenta Cristo como "o Pastor", cuja missão é libertar o rebanho de Deus do domínio da escravidão e levá-lo ao encontro das pastagens verdejantes onde há vida em plenitude (ao contrário dos falsos pastores, cujo objectivo é só aproveitar-se do rebanho em benefício próprio). Jesus vai cumprir com amor essa missão, no respeito absoluto pela identidade, individualidade e liberdade das ovelhas. A segunda leitura apresenta-nos também Cristo como "o Pastor" que guarda e conduz as suas ovelhas. O catequista que escreve este texto insiste, sobretudo, em que os crentes devem seguir esse "Pastor". No contexto concreto em que a leitura nos coloca, seguir "o Pastor" é responder à injustiça com o amor, ao mal com o bem. A primeira leitura traça, de forma bastante completa, o percurso que Cristo, "o Pastor", desafia os homens a percorrer: é preciso converter-se (isto é, deixar os esquemas de escravidão), ser baptizado (isto é, aderir a Jesus e segui-Lo) e receber o Espírito Santo (acolher no coração a vida de Deus e deixar-se recriar, vivificar e transformar por ela). **Portal dos Dehonianos**

DIA MUNDIAL DE ORAÇÃO PELAS VOCACÕES

*Senhor, nosso Pai e Criador,
Deus da história, da vida e da beleza,
do sonho e da realidade,
nós Te pedimos:
ensina-nos a tecer e a entrelaçar
a nossa história pessoal e comunitária
com os fios do Teu amor!
Senhor Jesus, Mestre e Amigo,
reaviva em nós a consciência
de sermos povo de irmãos e irmãs,
amado e escolhido para anunciar,
testemunhar e semear a Tua paz!
Espírito Santo, força suave de vida,
dá-nos a coragem do desassossego,
abertura e docilidade,
para escutarmos o chamamento
e para vivermos com fidelidade e alegria
a nossa vocação!
A Maria e José pedimos intercessão
para que a Igreja
e cada uma das suas comunidades
sejam seio fecundo
de novas e santas vocações. Amén!*