

The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of

# St. Cecilia Church

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**December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent**

## **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

1º sábado da mes as 11:00 AM **Português**

2do Sábado 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

### Nuestra Familia Parroquial, Nossa Família Paroquial

New parishioners may register online or 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 línea o 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 online ou 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.

## PARISH CENTER CONTACT

**119 Chestnut St.**

**Kearny, NJ 07032**

**201-991-1116**

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[bulletin@stceciliakearny.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliakearny.org)

**Website:**

[www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org)

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/stceciliakearny](http://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 Justo E. Aliaga**

**Deacon Arcadio A. Cordova**

## Parish Staff

**Ms. Victoria Hernandez**

Music Director

[hernandezpiano@gmail.com](mailto:hernandezpiano@gmail.com)

**Ms. Donna Calcado**

Administrative Assistant

**Mrs. Patty Martinez**

Office Manager Assistant

**Ms. Silvia Sanchez**

Office Assistant

**Angela Sierra**

Maintenance

**Mr. Joseph Reese**

Financial Chairperson

**Mr. Albertino Amaro**

Parish Trustee

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

### DECEMBER 16

† Nancy and Jimmy Campbell

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM (P)

† João Oliveira

10:30 AM

† Jorge Ribeiro

12:00 PM (S)

† Antonio Sanchez Sare  
(96<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance)

### MONDAY

7:00 AM

† Jose Resendes

12:00 PM

† Mary Jane Nunn

### TUESDAY

7:00 AM

† Jose Resendes

12:00 PM

† Manuel Rebelo

7:00 PM (S)

People of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM

### DECEMBER 20

† Norman A. Doyle Jr. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 PM

† Lupe Rivera (6 Months Anniversary)

7:30 PM (P)

† Laura Santos

### THURSDAY

7:00 AM

### DECEMBER 21

† Aida Feijoo (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 PM

† Lori Rodriguez

### FRIDAY

7:00 AM

### DECEMBER 22

† Msgr. Francis Seymour

12:00 PM

† Aida Feijoo

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

### DECEMBER 23

† John Walsh

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM (P)

### DECEMBER 24

† Jessica Biscaia

10:30 AM

† Pacita Go

12:00 PM (S)

† Cristobal Borbor

(P) Portuguese - (S) Spanish



Flowers  
Donation  
Thank You!



There are envelopes for Christmas flowers to be used in memory of a departed loved one, at the entrances of the Church. You may place the donation of \$7 or more in the collection basket.

### Collections/Colectas/Administração

Due to the production schedule ahead of time for Christmas and New Year's, the collection amounts for December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> will appear in a future bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*



Stanley Guziejewski Jr, Edna Hasselwander, Maria Mauricio, Dan and Dot McCann, Laura Jo McCann, Molly McGovern, 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.

### Memorials for the week of December 17, 2023

**Sanctuary candle in the Church:**

*People of the Parish*

**Sanctuary candle in the Chapel:**

*People of the Parish*

**Altar Bread and Altar Wine:**

*Pat Tully / req. by Roseann Tully*

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

### 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? Did you know you need to be a registered member of the Parish to obtain a Godparent/Sponsor letter? 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. Online registration is available at St. Cecilia. It is fast and easy!

Go to our website, [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org) and click on **REGISTRATION**.

You can register at any time!!!

### Parish Center Office Hours for Christmas

The Parish Center will be closed on the following days:

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| Friday   | December 22                |
| Saturday | December 23                |
| Sunday   | December 24, Christmas Eve |
| Monday   | December 25, Christmas Day |
| Tuesday  | December 26                |

The office will reopen on Wednesday, December 27.





## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Religious Education

There are no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, is a holy day of obligation. Students must attend Mass on Christmas Day.

### Chocolatada Navideña

All are invited to attend a “Chocolatada Navideña” hosted by **Señor de los Milagros Group** on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30PM in the Church Basement.

*Come join us!!!*



### New Year's Eve Party

St. Cecilia Church will host a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, December 31, 2023 from 7 PM—1 AM in the School gym. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Dinner, dessert, water are included. Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses and are also available for purchase at the Parish Center office.

*All are invited!!! We hope to see you there!!!!*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS:

#### Sponsor letter for Baptism and Confirmation

To obtain a letter of eligibility from the Parish of St. Cecilia, you need to do the following:

- You must be a registered, actively participating member of the Parish for at least 6 months.
- You must be 16 years of age and older.
- You must have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Church.
- Your marriage (if married) must have been celebrated in accordance with the sacramental norms and canon law of the Church, i.e. **you must be married in the Church**, not just a civil marriage.
- You must be living out your faith through regular participation at the Sunday Eucharist, living a life in accord with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, especially in regards to faith, morals, and charity.
- These requirements are the law of the Church and must be fulfilled by the Godparent. The Godparent must have the proper eligibility form filled out and signed by their parish priest.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass with  
Most Reverend Gregory J. Studerus,  
Presider

#### Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM Português

10:30 AM English

12:00 PM Español



### Events—What's on the Church Calendar

|                                  |                   |                                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>12/17</b>    | 10:30 AM-12 PM    | Spanish Bible Study                                    | Church Basement        |
|                                  | 10:30 AM-12 PM    | Spanish RCIA                                           | School                 |
|                                  | 12PM              | Presentación de la Natividad en vivo                   | Church                 |
|                                  | 1:30PM            | Chocolatada Navideña                                   | Church Basement        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>12/20</b> | 7:30 PM-9 PM      | English RCIA                                           | Rectory Basement       |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>12/22</b>    | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM   | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Spanish             | Church                 |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>12/23</b>  | 9 AM              | Martha's Cleaning                                      | Church                 |
|                                  | 11:30 AM-12:45 PM | Grupo Maria Inmaculada Concepción, Rosario y Reflexión | Chapel                 |
|                                  | 1 PM-2:30 PM      | Grupo de La Divina Misericordia                        | Parish Center Basement |

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES / NOTÍCIAS DA PARÓQUIA

### Educación Religiosa

**No habrá clases** Domingo, el 24 de diciembre y Domingo, el 31 de diciembre por La Navidad y Año Nuevo. Clases resumen Domingo, el 7 de enero, 2024. Ver el boletín para el horario de las Misas.

### Chocolatada Navideña

Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros en el sótano de la iglesia después de la Misa este domingo, 17 de diciembre, a las 1:30 PM, para disfrutar de una Chocolatada Navideña organizada por el Grupo Señor de Los Milagros.



### 3º Domingo do Advento



Como cenário de fundo das leituras do 3.º Domingo do Advento está a certeza de que Deus tem um projecto para nos fazer passar das “trevas” para a “luz”. Essa Boa Notícia deve encher de alegria o coração de todos os filhos e filhas de Deus.

Na **primeira leitura**, um profeta pós-exílico apresenta-se aos habitantes de Jerusalém com uma “boa nova” de Deus. A missão deste “profeta”, ungido pelo Espírito, é anunciar um tempo novo, de vida plena e de felicidade sem fim, um tempo de salvação que Deus vai oferecer aos “pobres”.

O **Evangelho** apresenta-nos João Baptista, a “voz” que prepara os homens para acolher Jesus, a “luz” do mundo. O objetivo de João não é centrar sobre si próprio o foco da atenção pública; ele está apenas interessado em levar os seus interlocutores a acolher e a “conhecer” Jesus, “Aquele” que o Pai enviou com uma proposta de vida definitiva e de liberdade plena para os homens.

Na **segunda leitura** Paulo explica aos cristãos da comunidade de Tessalónica a atitude que é preciso assumir enquanto se espera o Senhor que vem... Ele pede aos discípulos de Jesus que sejam “santos” e irrepreensíveis, que vivam alegres, em atitude de louvor e de adoração, abertos aos dons do Espírito e aos desafios de Deus.

Portal de Dehonianos



*Mantenha  
Cristo  
no natal*

### Festa de fim de ano

A Igreja de Santa Cecília terá festa de fim de ano, domingo, 31 de dezembro de 2023, das 19h à 1h, no ginásio da escola. O custo é \$ 40 para adultos e \$ 15 para crianças menores de 12 anos. Inclui jantar, sobremesa e água. Os ingressos estarão disponíveis após todas as missas do fim de semana e na sede do Centro Paroquial.

**“Presentación de la Natividad” en vivo**

**Domingo, 17 de diciembre, 2023  
12:00 PM (al final de la Misa)**

**Iglesia Santa Cecilia**  
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### Fiesta de Fin de Año

La Iglesia de Santa Cecilia tendrá una fiesta de Fin de Año, domingo, 31 de diciembre de 2023 de 7 PM a 1 AM en el gimnasio escolar. El costo es \$40 para adultos y \$15 para niños menores de 12 años. Incluye cena, postre y agua. Los boletos estarán disponibles después de las Misas del fin de semana y en la oficina del Centro Parroquial.