

The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of

St. Cecilia Church

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LUKE 2:22-40



December 31, 2023

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 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

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

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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 Justo E. Aliaga

Deacon Arcadio A. Cordova

Parish Staff

Ms. Victoria Hernandez

Music Director

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 30

† Michael Dellisanti

SUNDAY

9:00 AM (P)

In Thanksgiving top St. Joseph

10:30 AM

† Peggy Dluzniewski

12:00 PM (S)

† Isabel Ramos Huertas
(Birthday Remembrance 87 years)

MONDAY

JANUARY 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

12:00 PM

† Grandparents Ferrao

† Ann Ryan (13th Anniversary)

† Jorge Asencio

TUESDAY

JANUARY 2

7:00 AM

People of the Parish

12:00 PM

† Ann Peters

7:00 PM (S)

People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 3

7:00 AM

People of the Parish

12:00 PM

† Deceased Members Maisonet Benitez
Family

7:30 PM (P)

† Jose Cunha and All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY

JANUARY 4

7:00 AM

People of the Parish

12:00 PM

† Agnes Rigoni

FRIDAY

JANUARY 5

7:00 AM

Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM

† Tom Grant (Birthday Remembrance)

The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY

JANUARY 6

5:00 PM

† Manuel Rebelo

SUNDAY

JANUARY 7

9:00 AM (P)

People of the Parish

10:30 AM

† Irma Alarcon De Laura (Anniversary)

12:00 PM (S)

† Charly Vasquez

(P) Portuguese - (S) Spanish



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Parish Giving is electronic giving in place of using Church envelopes each week. It is simple to use, and most importantly your dedication to a weekly electronic donation helps support St. Cecilia continue their mission and work in the Church.

It is easy to signup. Simply go to our Parish website

www.stceciliakearny.org or directly to
www.parishgiving.org.



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:

João F. Rodrigues

May they rest in God's eternal embrace.

Welcome to our Parish!

If you are new or visiting our Parish this Christmas season, we welcome you to St. Cecilia Church!!

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 and click on **REGISTRATION**.

You can register at any time!!!

Memorials for the week of December 31, 2023

Sanctuary candle in the Church:

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

req. by Sanchez-Rivera Family

Sanctuary candle in the Chapel:

People of the Parish

Altar Bread and Altar Wine:

People of the Parish

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

Collections/Colectas/Administração

Collection	12/03/2023	\$4994.00
1 st collection	12/10/2023	\$4020.00
2 nd collection	12/10/2023	\$1609.00
Collection	12/17/2023	\$5592.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Religious Education

There is no Faith Formation class on Sunday, December 31st. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7th.

The Solemnity of Mary January 1st



**12 Noon
Mass only**

The Holy Mother of God



Parish Center Hours for New Year's

The Parish Center office is open on Sunday, December 31st for your convenience. We will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024. The office will open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Events—What's on the Church Calendar

Sunday 12/31	7:00PM	New Year's Eve Party	School Gym
Tuesday 1/2/24	7:30PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Church Basement
Friday 1/5/24	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Spanish	Church
Saturday 1/6/24	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

Farewell and God Bless our Organist, Victoria Hernandez

It is hard to believe that this Sunday, December 31st, is the last Sunday Mass that our Victoria will lead in music. Victoria, an accomplished pianist, has dedicated countless hours to our music ministry and has maintained her focus of the ministry to the people. Victoria has been a great leader to our choirs, directing them through many practices. We will miss Victoria very much. We are grateful for her service here at St. Cecilia Church and are super happy for her next journey in her life. Thank you Victoria for the wonderful blessings of the precious gift of sacred music.

Please join us in wishing Victoria all the best!!

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark Proudly Sponsors its Annual



CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION



Please join us in providing non-perishable food items that will be distributed to local food pantries to help feed those who are less fortunate in our Archdiocese.

Donations may be dropped off during business hours in the offices of all Archdiocesan mausoleums now through January 7, 2024.

Generosity = Blessings



Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving kindness and is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. (Other Corporal Works of Mercy include clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, and burial of the dead.)

Donating food on behalf of a departed loved one is a wonderful gift that truly honors their memory in a tangible way.

Keep Christ in Christmas. Help feed the hungry.

www.CatholicJourney.org
866-PRE-PLAN (773-7526)

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
For Our Catholic Community



Catholic Charity Donation Bins

Catholic Charities donation bins currently can be found at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. All items dropped off in the bins are sold to raise money for programs that support those in need. Please drop off your clothing donations at the nearest location:

- * St. Stephen's Church, Kearny
- * Our Lady of Czestochowa, Harrison

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES / NOTÍCIAS DA PARÓQUIA

Educación Religiosa

No habrán clases Domingo, el 31 de diciembre por el Año Nuevo. Clases resumen Domingo, el 7 de enero, 2024.

Libro de Misas del 2024

El libro de Misas del 2024 esta disponible en la oficina de la iglesia.

Velas y Ofrendas

Pueden reservar la vela del Santuario en la Iglesia ó en la Capilla, ó las ofrendas (**Pan y Vino**) en Memoria de un ser fallecido por una semana. El Nombre aparecerá en el boletín. Por un costo de \$10 por vela ó \$20 por las ofrendas. Para más información preguntar en la oficina.

Mil Ave Marias

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

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.

Pastoral Familiar Hispana Arquidiócesis de Newark

Retiro de Parejas

“El uno para El Otro y Los Dos para Dios”

Domingo, 18 de febrero, 2024

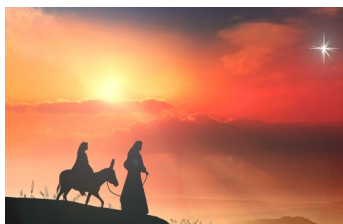
1:30 PM—6:30 PM en el Centro Arquidiocesano,
171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ

Costo: \$30 por pareja

Para información: Yamilka.Genao@rcan.org

Las registraciones serán solo en linea.

FESTA DA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA DE JESUS, MARIA E JOSÉ



O Deus que se vestiu de menino frágil e se apresentou aos homens no presépio de Belém encontrou abrigo numa família humana, a família de José e de Maria, dois jovens esposos de Nazaré,

uma aldeia situada nas colinas da Galileia. Neste domingo, ainda em contexto de celebração do Natal do Senhor, a liturgia convida-nos a olhar para essa Sagrada Família; e propõe-nos que a vejamos como exemplo e modelo das nossas comunidades familiares.

O **Evangelho** leva-nos, com a Sagrada Família, até ao Templo de Jerusalém, onde Jesus vai ser apresentado a Deus, conforme a Lei judaica determinava (cf. Nm 18,15-16). O quadro, profundamente interpelador, mostra uma família fiel e crente, que escuta a Palavra de Deus, que procura concretizá-la na vida e que consagra a Deus os seus membros.

A **segunda leitura** sublinha a dimensão do amor que deve brotar dos gestos dos que vivem “em Cristo” e aceitaram o convite para ser “Homem Novo”. Esse amor deve atingir, de forma muito especial, todos os que conosco partilham o espaço familiar e deve traduzir-se em atitudes de compreensão, de bondade, de respeito, de partilha, de serviço.

A **primeira leitura** apresenta, de forma muito prática, algumas atitudes que os filhos devem ter para com os pais... É uma forma de concretizar esse amor de que fala a segunda leitura.

PARA A SEMANA QUE SE SEGUE...

Nas palavras de envio ou de despedida da celebração, retomar as palavras do velho Simeão: “Agora, Senhor, segundo a vossa palavra, deixareis ir em paz o vosso servo, porque os meus olhos viram a vossa salvação, que pusestes ao alcance de todos os povos...” Iluminadas pela Palavra de Deus e alimentadas pelo seu Pão, as famílias humanas são convidadas a retomar o caminho do quotidiano... *Portal dos Dehonianos*

