

The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of

# St. Cecilia Church

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February 23, 2025—7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

**Daily Mass Schedule: Monday—Friday** 12:00 PM English | Church

**Tuesday:** 7:00 PM Español | Church

**Wednesday:** 7:30 PM Português | Chapel

**First Friday of every month:** 7:30 PM Español | Church

**First Saturday of every month:** 10:00 AM Español | Chapel

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 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<sup>o</sup> sabado da mes as 11:00 AM **Português**  
2<sup>do</sup> Sabado del mes a la 11:00 AM **Español**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM **English**

**Call the office / LLamar la oficina / Ligue para o escritório: (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.

## OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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? La Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos 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? A Ordem de Iniciação Cristã de Adultos 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: How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with St. Cecilia Church, take very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at (201) 407-3256.

## PARISH CENTER CONTACT

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

**Faith Formation:**

[faithformation@stceciliakearny.org](mailto:faithformation@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—11:00 AM

**Saturday closed**

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM—1:30 PM

## Parish served by

**Rev. Cesar Quiñones**

Pastor

**Rev. Octavio Gonzalez Carballo**

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 FEBRUARY 22**  
5:00 PM Special Intention for Richard Donato  
(Good Health)

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23**  
9:00 AM (P) † Antonio Da Costa  
(90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance)

10:30 AM † Candelaria Egusquiza  
(Birthday Remembrance)

12:00 PM (S) † Maria Juana de Gonzalez

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 24**

12:00 PM † Carol Kowalski

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25**

12:00PM † Carmen Gloria Burgos

7:00 PM (S) † Alicia and Gladys Ramos

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26**

12:00 PM † Jose Cunha

7:30 PM (P) People of the Parish

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27**

12:00 PM People of the Parish

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28**

12:00 PM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

**SATURDAY MARCH 1 (First Saturday)**

10:00 AM (S) † Esperanza Dominguez

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY MARCH 1**

5:00 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MARCH 2**

9:00 AM (P) † Ernesto Gonzalez

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM (S) † Nestor A. Pinto and

† Karina Orellano

(P) Portuguese - (S) Spanish

### Memorials for the week of February 23, 2025

**Sanctuary candle in the Church:**

*Jose Cunha / Req. by Maria Queijo*

**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

The collection amounts for February 16, 2025 will appear in the next bulletin.

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**



Giovanna Cayllahua, Jesus Gutierrez, Linda & Stanley Guziejewski Jr, Edna Leverock, Maria Mauricio, Dot McCann, Laura Jo McCann, Mary Alice McChesney, 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.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.  
(*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*)

### Oración de Comunión Espiritual

Jesús mío,  
creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.  
Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte en mi alma.  
Pero, como ahora no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente,  
por lo menos, ven espiritualmente a mi corazón.  
Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno completamente a Ti.  
Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén.  
(*Santo Alphonsus Liguori*)

### Comunhão Spiritual

Meu Jesus,  
Eu creio que estais presente no Santíssimo Sacramento do Altar.  
Amo-vos sobre todas as coisas,  
e minha alma suspira por Vós.  
Mas como não posso receber-Vos agora no Santíssimo Sacramento,  
vinde, ao menos espiritualmente,  
ao meu coração.  
Abraço-me convosco como se já estivésseis comigo:  
uno-me Convosco inteiramente.  
Ah! Não permitais que torne a Separar-me de vós!  
(*Santo Afonso Maria de Ligório*)

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Ash Wednesday

St. Cecilia Church Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 5th, is:

12 Noon English, 6:30 PM Portuguese & 8 PM Spanish  
**Ashes will be distributed during Mass only.**



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### 2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

\*On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. \*On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**

3) 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.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 15, 2025.** \*\*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.*

### 2025 Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun. If you donated in the past, you should have received an invitation in the mail by Cardinal Tobin for the Annual Appeal. Brochures are available on the tables at the side entrances. 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. **The In-Pew weekend begins March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the 2025 Annual Appeal.

## Faith Formation

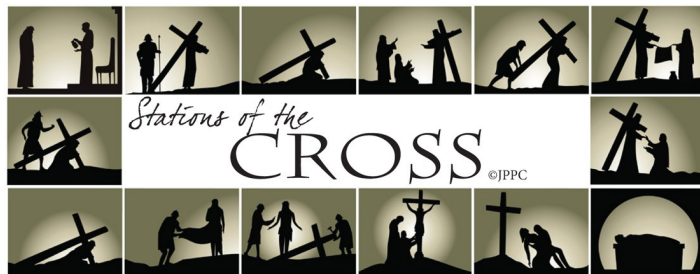
### Faith Formation classes

Session A—8:45 AM

Session B—10:30 AM

*Please be on time for classes. Make sure not to forget to bring your Mass booklets!*

If your child is absent, please contact Faith Formation at [faithformationstceilia@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationstceilia@gmail.com), leave child’s name and grade or call and leave a message at 929-464-4539. Check our website for more information, [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org), under Religious Education.



### Stations of the Cross during Lent

**Spanish:** Fridays at 6:00 PM (before Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

**Portuguese:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (before the 7:30 PM Mass)

**English:** Fridays after the 12 Noon Mass

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

<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 AM	RCIA Spanish	Rectory
<b>Feb. 23</b>			Basement
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Church
<b>Feb. 26</b>			Basement
	7:30 PM	RCIA English	Rectory
			Basement
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
<b>Feb. 28</b>			
	7:30 PM-8:30 PM	Grupo Divina Misericordia	Church
			Basement
	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary with Hermandad del Señor de los Milagros	Chapel
<b>Saturday</b>	9 AM	Martha’s Cleaning	Church
<b>March 1</b>			
	11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Grupo Maria Inmaculada Concepción, Rosario y Reflexión	Chapel

# NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES / NOTÍCIAS DA PARÓQUIA

## Formación de Fe

**Sesión A—8:45 AM Sesión B—10:30 AM**

*Por favor llegue a tiempo a las clases.*

*¡Asegúrese de no olvidar traer sus folletos de Misa!*

Si su hijo está ausente, comuníquese con Formación de Fe en [faithformationstceccilia@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationstceccilia@gmail.com) deje el nombre y el grado del niño o llame y deje un mensaje al 929-464-4539.

## Llamada Anual 2025

La llamada Anual financiará programas y ministerios esenciales en el corazón de nuestra misión católica en nuestros cuatro condados, a saber, proclamar el Evangelio, transmitir la fe a las generaciones futuras, particularmente a través de la celebración de los sacramentos, y cuidar de los pobres y los marginados. Por favor, considere hacer una donación a la llamada Anual 2025.

## Santo Rosario con Hermandad del Señor de los Milagros

Todos están invitados a rezar el Santo Rosario junto con la Hermandad del Señor de los Milagros **los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la capilla**, después de la Adoración al Santísimo en la iglesia.

## Aviso Importante del P. Cesar

Santa Cecilia tendrá una Misa en español el primer viernes de cada mes a las 7:30 PM después de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia.

También habrá una Misa en español el primer sábado de cada mes en la Capilla del Centro Parroquial a las 10 AM.

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros.

## Sociedad del Rosario de Sta. Cecilia



La Sociedad del Rosario se reunirá después de la Misa de las 12 del mediodía, el lunes, **10 de marzo** en el sótano del Centro Parroquial.

## Vía Crucis durante la Cuaresma

**Español:** viernes a las 6:00 PM (antes de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento)

**Português:** miércoles a las 7:00 PM (antes de la misa de las 7:30 PM)

**Inglés:** viernes después de la Misa de las 12 del mediodía

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## 7º Domingo do Tempo Comum

A liturgia deste domingo desafia-nos a pôr de lado a nossa velha lógica retributiva do “olho por olho, dente por dente”, as nossas contas de mais e de menos para classificarmos os nossos irmãos e as suas ações, e a substituir tudo isso pela lógica do amor. Só assim seremos verdadeiramente filhos do nosso Pai que está no céu.

A **primeira leitura** apresenta-nos David, o homem de coração magnânimo. Tendo a possibilidade de eliminar Saul, o inimigo que o perseguia para o matar, David decidiu não erguer a mão contra o “ungido do Senhor”. David acreditava que a vida pertence a Deus; e só Deus tem o direito de tirar a vida a alguém.

No **Evangelho** Jesus define os traços fundamentais da identidade do verdadeiro discípulo. De acordo com Jesus, o “amor” – o amor gratuito, incondicional, ilimitado, sem fronteiras – está no centro dessa identidade. A grande razão pela qual Jesus convida os discípulos a perdoar, a amar os inimigos, a rezar pelos violentos e os maus, é o facto de serem filhos de um Deus que é amor. Os filhos de Deus são chamados a mostrar ao mundo, com a sua forma de viver e de amar, a bondade, a ternura e a misericórdia de Deus.

Na **segunda leitura** Paulo de Tarso convida-nos a encararmos a morte física como a passagem para uma nova vida, ao lado de Deus, onde continuaremos a ser nós próprios, mas sem os limites que a materialidade do nosso corpo nos impõe. Estamos destinados à comunhão com Deus, a sentarmo-nos todos à mesa do Pai. Se esse é o nosso destino final, fará sentido odiarmos os nossos irmãos enquanto andamos na terra, a caminho da casa do Pai?

**Portal dos Dehonianos**

## Apelo Anual 2025

O Apelo Anual financiará programas e ministérios essenciais no centro da nossa missão católica nos nossos quatro concelhos – nomeadamente anunciar o Evangelho, transmitir a fé às gerações futuras, particularmente através da celebração dos sacramentos, e cuidar dos pobres e dos marginalizados. Por favor, considere em espírito de oração fazer uma doação para o Apelo Anual de 2025.

## Sociedade do Rosário de Santa Cecilia

A Sociedade do Rosário vai reunir-se após a missa das 12 horas de segunda-feira, **10 de março**, na cave do Centro Paroquial.

**Venha e junte-se aos nossos membros!!**

