

The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of

# St. Cecilia Church

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Unless a grain  
of wheat falls to  
the ground and  
dies, it remains  
just a grain  
of wheat.

JOHN 12:24

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## March 17, 2024—5th Sunday of Lent

### 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 sabado da mes as 11:00 AM **Português**  
 2º 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: 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

**119 Chestnut St.  
Kearny, NJ 07032  
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**Bulletin Submission:**

[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 Arcadio A. Cordova**

### Parish Staff

**Ms. Gina Sgalia-Ball**  
Music Director

**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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving to the Divine Child
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
9:00 AM (P)	† Jessica Biscaia
10:30 AM	† Margaret (Peggy) Dluzniewski
12:00 PM (S)	† Oscar Fernandez (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
7:00 AM	† Paul and Sally O'Hare
12:00 PM	Special Intentions of Dino and Anna Hardish (Living)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
7:00 AM	Laura Jo McCann (Living)
12:00 PM	† Angelino, Maria Jose and Son
7:00 PM (S)	† Jose Rodriguez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>
7:00 AM	† Dave Riel
12:00 PM	† Rev. James J. Reilly (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
7:30 PM (P)	† Antonio Rodrigues and wife, and † Herminia Rodrigues
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>
7:00 AM	† Jose Federico Blancas
12:00 PM	† Neves Grandparents
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
7:00 AM	† Mercedes Blancas
12:00 PM	† Cruz Quintanilla (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>
5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>
9:00 AM (P)	† Joao Oliveira
10:30 AM	† James and Thomas Walsh
12:00 PM (S)	† Aguila Valdes Family

(P) Portuguese - (S) Spanish

### Memorials for the week of March 17, 2024

#### Sanctuary candle in the Church:

*In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph*

Req. by the Sanchez 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.*

### Requirements for Godparents/Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

The requirements for godparents/sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation can be found on our website, [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org) under Sacraments.



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:

**Eileen M. Lynch, Carmen Delvalle**

May they rest in God's eternal embrace.



Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Newark

### 2024 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, February 18, 2024 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.*

### Collections/Colectas/Administração

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	03/10/24	\$ 3956.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	03/10/24	\$ 551.00
Parish Giving	03/10/24	\$ 375.00

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

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## 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.

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

**Confirmation:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7PM

## Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, March 25, at 8 PM** in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. All are invited.

**There will be no 7AM or 12 Noon Mass at St. Cecilia Church on Monday, March 25th.**

## 2024 Annual Appeal

Please help us to reach our Stretch Goal of \$27, 071.00. Please visit [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) to make a gift today.

## Events—What's on the Church Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 3/17	10:30 AM-12 PM	Spanish Bible Class	Church Basement
	10:30 AM-12 PM	Spanish RCIA	School
<b>Tuesday</b> 3/19	7:30 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Church Basement
<b>Wednesday</b> 3/20	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Portuguese	Chapel
<b>Thursday</b> 3/21	12:30 PM-5:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
<b>Friday</b> 3/22	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross English	Church
	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Spanish	Church
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross Spanish	Church
<b>Saturday</b> 3/23	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

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## No Greater Love

Presented by *theXavier Company*

The Passion of Christ in drama, song & dance



Director and Choreographer: Carol Ferrone  
Musical Director: Gerard DeMan, Jr.  
Playwright: Janeen Stevens

Featuring: Katherine Albano, Pasqualino Beltempo, Nikki Casseri\*, Dorothy Dobkowski, Kyle Jack, Scott O'Brien, Brandon Schraml\*, Emily Upton  
Tony Bartoli, Percussionist; Additional Choreography: Luz Marina Diaz  
\*Courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 4PM

Free Admission  
Families Welcome!!  
Register Today



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Newark, NJ 07104  
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[cathedralinfo@rcan.org](mailto:cathedralinfo@rcan.org)

A Free Will Donation will be Collected

## HOLY WEEK



### HOLY THURSDAY—March 28

Jueves Santo / Quinta-feira Santa  
8:00 PM

After Mass, Procession to the Repository, Adoration and Night Prayer until Midnight (Chapel)

### GOOD FRIDAY—March 29

Viernes Santo / Sexta-feira Santa

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
3:00 PM

Celebração da Paixão do Senhor  
6:30 PM

Celebración de la Pasión del Señor  
8:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY—March 30

Easter Vigil/Vigilia Pascual/Vigilia Pascal  
8:30 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY—March 31

Domingo de Pascua / Domingo de Páscoa  
9 AM Portuguese, 10:30 AM English, 12 Noon Spanish

# 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.



Estimados parroquianos de Santa Cecilia:

En muchas ocasiones en la oficina parroquial, recibimos solicitudes de algunos de nuestros parroquianos pidiéndonos una carta que indique que son feligreses de la Iglesia Santa Cecilia. Estas solicitudes incluyen que se le solicite ser padrino del bautismo de un bebé; un patrocinador para la confirmación; y en ocasiones, prueba de residencia en el país, y necesidad de tramitar documentos para Inmigración. Estamos dispuestos a acceder a estas solicitudes; sin embargo, es difícil para nosotros demostrar que es feligrés a menos que esté registrado en la parroquia. **Para cumplir con sus solicitudes, debe ser un miembro registrado y activo de nuestra parroquia durante un mínimo de seis meses.** La única manera en que nuestra oficina puede identificar que usted es un miembro participante de nuestra parroquia es mediante el uso de nuestros sobres semanales. Por favor pase por la oficina para registrarse. No se entregarán cartas de patrocinio ni cartas de inmigración si no está registrado. Los requisitos para Padrinos se pueden encontrar en nuestro sitio de web [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org).

Sinceramente en Cristo,

*Padre Cesar*

## 5º Domingo da Quaresma



Na liturgia do 5.º Domingo da Quaresma ecoa, com insistência, a preocupação de Deus em nos mostrar o caminho que conduz à Vida nova. Foi para isso que Deus nos enviou o seu Filho Jesus. Cumprindo a vontade do Pai, Jesus desenhounos e ofereceu-nos o mapa desse caminho.

Na **primeira leitura**, o profeta Jeremias anuncia que Deus se dispõe a fazer conosco uma “nova Aliança”. Ele vai gravar as suas propostas nos nossos corações, a fim de que os nossos sentimentos, decisões e ações traduzam a vida e os valores de Deus. Acolhendo o dom de Deus, iremos ao encontro da Vida nova e plena que Ele nos quer dar.

A **segunda leitura** apresenta-nos Jesus Cristo, o sumo-sacerdote da nova Aliança, que Se solidariza com os homens e lhes aponta o caminho da salvação. Esse caminho é o mesmo que Jesus seguiu: é o caminho do diálogo com Deus, da entrega confiada nas mãos de Deus, da aceitação plena do projeto do Pai.

O **Evangelho** convida-nos a olhar para Jesus, a conhecer as suas propostas, a aprender com Ele, a identificarmo-nos com Ele, a segui-l’O no caminho do amor e da entrega da vida. O caminho da cruz parece, aos olhos do mundo, um caminho de fracasso e de morte; mas é desse caminho de amor e de doação que brota a Vida verdadeira.

*Portal dos Dehonianos*

## CELEBRAÇÃO DO CAMINHO DA CRUZ

Durante a Quaresma, todas as quartas-feiras, antes da missa das 7:30 PM, rezaremos a Via Sacra na Igreja. Todos estão convidados!



## Novena de la Divina Misericordia

Por favor reserve la fecha para nuestra Novena de la Divina Misericordia que se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia el 29 de marzo—6 de abril, Adoración y procesión el domingo, 7 de abril a las 1:30 PM. Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros. Más información sobre los horarios aparecerá en el próximo boletín y en nuestro sitio de web [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org).

## Grupo de la Divina Misericordia

El grupo de la Divina misericordia se reúne todos los sábados de 1:00 PM—2:30 PM en el sótano del Centro Parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.