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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

MASSES

Saturday ----- 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday ----- 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm (*Spanish*)

WEEKDAYS

Monday ----- 9:00 am

Tuesday ----- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

Thursday ----- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

Friday ----- 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION ----- By appointment
**subject to change*

BAPTISM: Please contact parish office to arrange.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office.

MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES

Altar Servers ----- Yolanda Sanchez ----- 973-980-8065

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VACATION

Visit www.masstime.org, enter address or zip code and you will find a list of Mass times for area churches.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday -	January 6
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jukan (Elekes) Ronald Gagliardo (Wife) John T. Reilley (Reilley) Chris Godin (Royek) Coltan Farrell (Mondino)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday -	January 7
8:30am	Peter O'Brien, Jr.-1 Year Anniv. Of Death (O'Brien)
10:30am	Richard Miniter (Miniter) Geri DiRisio (DeLuca) Carmine DeTomasio (DeLuca) Walter Siiubis (Mona & Leanora)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Monday -	January 8
10:00am	Parishioners
Tuesday -	January 9
9:00am -	John Reilley, Sr. (Waldek)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Wednesday-	January 10
9:00am	No Liturgy
Thursday -	January 11
9:00am	Unborn Children
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Friday -	January 12
9:00am	All the Dearly Departed
Saturday -	January 13
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jukan (Elekes) Martha Shadwell (Waldek) Paul Gaffney (Robinson) Joseph Hrdy (Pellegrini)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday -	January 14
8:30am	James Shadwell
10:30am	John Amodio (Amodio) Ed Gorman (Gorman)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

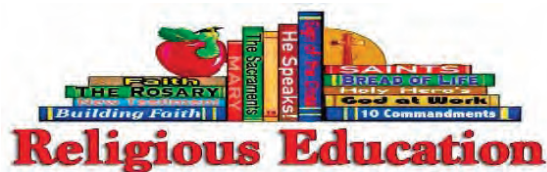
Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him, and they took a different route to return home.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Ferguson, Rane, Wilson & Julia Garcia, Steve DaSilva, Inaru Moctezuma, Dave DiPolis, Lillian Peluso, Ralph & Francis Anderson, Cassie & Alice Collins, Joseph Martino, Moira Noriega, Steve Shaw, Arden & Elisa McPhearson, Juan R. Labady, John Krsulic, Walter Delinsky, Daniel Mulhaul,, Kevin Bellini, Laura K, Agnes D, Maria Finocchiario, Eli Durkin, Lance Wiedman, Dominic Nicastro, Colton Farrel, Carol Andreazza, Paul Verhoest, Mini Agront, Gloria Agront, Michael Palermo, Kathy Tarr, Dylan Evans, Dennis Tomala, Alex Marrese, Andrew, Lucy & Miguel Veja, Lucy Lanno, Alison Sorrentino, Kamil Nowak, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Nancy Gaynor, P.J. Ferrone, John & Virginia Cummo, Maria Metzger, Elvira Hernandez, Angela Gorman, Helen LaFergola, Caroline Soto, Dylan Holland, Kathleen Imperiose, Barbara Randolph, Amy Pendrak, Josephine Condit. **If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the Parish Office 973-366-7095.**



NEWS REMINDER!

Classes Begin Again Next Week

Sunday classes resume 1/7/24

Monday Levels 1-6 AND Family Confirmation
classes resume 1/8/24

Monday RCIC and Review Classes resume 1/22

For the January Religious Education Service Activity, our students will be making "Blessings Bags" for the homeless. If you are able, please donate any of the items below. The students will sort the items and create as many personal bags filled with one or more of each item to be distributed as blessings to those in need. There will be a box in the Gathering Space for Donations. Thank you!

- A box of GALLON Sized Ziploc bags
- Hand Warmer Packets
- Boxes of Band-Aids
- Small packs (on the go) baby wipes
- Personal-sized hand sanitizers
- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes
- Travel sized Toothpaste
- Combs/small hair brush
- Chapstick/lip balm
- New Adult Socks
- Gloves
- Box of Granola bars
- Box of Energy/Protein bars
- Tuna/cracker packs
- Box of individual portion Trail Mix
- Bag of Individual box raisins
- Portion packs of peanuts or other nuts
- Fruit cups/applesauce cups
- Box of Hot Cocoa packets
- Box of On the Go Coffee packets



On behalf of Father Gio, Deacon Jorge and myself we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to our St. Clement's family for their most generous support of our Christmas Giving Tree again this year.

Once again you opened your hearts and shared the spirit of Christmas with those most in need. Thanks to your goodness and love, you made Christmas happen for so many who would have done without, were it not for your care and concern.

The many, many families who benefited from your very generous gifts also thank you. God bless you. and very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year!

I would like to thank Mary Beth Ramsey and our Religious Education students once again for all the beautiful Christmas ornaments they made for our Giving Tree.

Blessings,
Irene Byrne

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If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please call the Parish Office (973-366-7095) or Irene Byrne (973-714-1941) Monday thru Friday to arrange to pick up pre-packed bags of food. All information is confidential.

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ROCKAWAY MARCH FOR LIFE

When:

Saturday, January 20th, 2024
8:00 am – 10:30 am

Where:

St. Cecilia Church, Rockaway, NJ & Rockaway Park Lake

Goal:

To pray for the unborn.
To witness publicly for the culture of life
To educate others on the dignity and beauty of all human life

Participants:

Open to all those that support the culture of life.

Schedule:

8:00 - Mass - St. Cecilia Church
8:30 - Initial Gathering / Opening Prayer / Short Presentation in Hayes Hall. Coffee, juice, light pastries, etc. will be available
9:00 - Leave for Park Lake
9:15 - March around the Park Lake path/ rosary
10:00 - Return to St. Cecilia Church
10:15 - Closing Gathering / Prayer in Hayes Hall. Coffee, juice, light pastries, etc. will be available

For more information, please contact Jim Clancy at stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com or 973-627-0313

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you be not afraid!"

Saint Pope John Paul II



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A Day of Prayer and Healing offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to his invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For dates, locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email us: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org www.sistersoflife.org/healing-after-abortion For retreats for men, contact Lumina 877-586-4621, lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Pregnant? Need Help? Know someone who needs help? You are not alone! The Catholic Church wants to help you and your baby through your pregnancy and after! The following link will take you to the Paterson Diocesan website for sources of help for women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. <https://rcdop.org/moms-in-need>



Upcoming meeting dates:

Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 pm

1/29/24

2/12/24

Join us in the Gathering Space
Bring your yarn, and tools
And don't forget to BYOB and snacks!

Dress code: COMFY! See you then!

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Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called **wise men, kings, or magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

Ingredients

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SWEET as HONEY



Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

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