

ST. CECELIA CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see” Mt 11:4



*St. Cecilia,
Pray for Us*

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Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-12pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Confession

Saturday 9:00am-10:30am &
3:15pm-4:00 pm or
by appointment 732-283-2300.

Gift Shop

Mon.-Thur: 10:00am-1:00pm

Fri. Closed

Sat. 3pm-6:00pm

Sun. 10am-12:30pm

Hours may vary, please call ahead.
732-283-1775

Adoration Chapel

Mon-Thurs 7am to 4pm. Fri. 7am-12pm.
Sat. and Sun. only during Mass &
Confession hours.

If the Tabernacle doors are closed, please open them to expose the Blessed Sacrament. If you are the last person to leave, please close the Tabernacle doors, the Exposed Blessed Sacrament should never be left unattended. Turn off the lights when leaving, ensuring the switches are fully pressed down.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! To register you may visit the Parish Office in person, enroll online at www.stcecelia.com, or call the Parish Office at 732-283-2300. Upon registering, please provide copies of all your sacramental records. Family members age 18 and older are asked to register independently, as an adult.

Sacraments

Sponsor Letter To be eligible as a sponsor, an individual must:

- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Be an active Catholic who is registered at St. Cecelia Parish, attends Mass regularly, supports the Church, and leads a life in accordance with the teachings of the Church.
- If married, be in a valid Christian marriage that is recognized by the Church. We are only able to provide letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet all of the above criteria. Original Baptism and/or Confirmation certificates for both God-parents must be presented to the Parish Office. These requirements are universal laws of the Church and do not vary by parish.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

To enroll your child, please contact Sister Anna (732) 283-2816.

The Order of Christian Initiation (O.C.I.A.)

O.C.I.A. is the process through which Non-Catholics who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church and/or Baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation are guided through prayer, instruction, and community support. Classes will begin the second week of September. For more information, please contact: Sister Anna at (732) 283-2816.

Marriage Preparation:

Registered parishioners may begin making wedding arrangements **at least 1 year** in advance of the proposed wedding date. **Please note:** The Church must confirm and approve the wedding date **before** any other wedding plans are finalized. To begin the process, please contact the Parish Office at 732-283-2300 to schedule an appointment with a priest and secure your date.

Wedding Etiquette

Remember, when entering the Church, for your rehearsal or wedding, it is a place of worship and proper reverence is expected at all times. All preparations and rehearsals will be coordinated in advance with the Priest who will be officiating the wedding.

Floral Arrangements:

- *May not be placed in front of the altar.
- *They may be placed on the sides, in front of the pulpit, or somewhere else in the sanctuary.
- *Do not use tape, glue, putty, staples or wire on the pews to attach flowers or ribbons.

Additional Restrictions:

- *Throwing rice, rose petals, confetti, bird seed, or any other materials that leave residue is not permitted.
- *Pets are not allowed with the exception of service animals.

Ministry to the Sick or Homebound:

If a loved one is in need of a priest for the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office any time at 732-283-2300. Our priests are always on call to serve those in need. For regular Communion, visits to the sick, elderly, or homebound, please make arrangements in advance through the Parish Office.

House Blessing

If you would like Fr. Deniskingsley or Fr. Ignatius to bless your home, please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our Priests to meet with parishioners and for families to receive a special blessing!

Devotions

Novenas- St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, after 8am Sat. Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet- on Fridays after 9:15 am Mass

First Fridays- 6pm Adoration, and 7pm Mass.

2000 Hail Marys- Every 2nd Saturdays of the Month.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/13 St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr
8:00am †Gloria Pysarchyk req. Marva & Anne
4:30pm Vigil Mass
 †Keleher & Kolibas Families req. Family
 Special Intention--Krisha Palang req. Maria Palang

Sunday 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent
7:30am †Living & Deceased
9:30am †Olga Chenowith req. Cecelia Hoffman & Mary Spitler
 †Ryszarda & Elzbieta Wojna req. Kumor Family
11:30am †Grace Fernandes req. Vincent Fernandes
 †Anne Coppa req. Deacon Anthony, Lisa Pepe & Family

Monday 12/15 Advent Weekday
7:00am Intention of the Parishioners
9:15am †Fr. Joe Marcelo req. Marva Noel & Family

Tuesday 12/16 Advent Weekday
7:00am †Emmanuel B. Kayiwa req. Cecilia Kayiwa
 †Asis Encarnacion req. Eloisa Valdes
9:15am †Phyllis Gomulka req. Evans & Partyka Families
 †Porfirio Balbi req. O.C.I.A. Team

Wednesday 12/17 Late Advent Weekday
7:00am †Intentions of the Parishioners
9:15am †Florence Hall req. Marilyn & Karyn Shaw
 †Mary Alma Bernier & MaryAnne Trio req. Anne Banks

Thursday 12/18 Late Advent Weekday
7:00am †Intentions of the Parishioners
9:15am †MaryLou Monopoli req. Rosa & Tony Maraventano
 †Sonia Quiazon req. Steve & Alma Sosa

Friday 12/19 Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00am †Intention of the Parishioners
9:15am †Sharon Iorillo req. Rosemarie Iorillo
 †Joyce Plowden req. Noel Family

Saturday 12/20 Late Advent Weekday
8:00am †Uricola Ventura req. Briones Family
4:30pm Vigil Mass
 †Les Soper req. Pat & Family
 †Mmesoma Miracle Okoroji req. Deacon Anthony, Lisa Pepe & Family

Sunday 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30am †Living & Deceased
9:30am Special Intention-Drust, Senon & Calvo Families req. Joe & Gigi Drust
 †Lucy Carpenteria req. Barbara Frost
11:30am †Robert Hall req. Kusior Family
 †Sean McTague req. Annette Conway

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

2000 HAIL MARY'S

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY
2nd SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM IN THE
ADORATION CHAPEL.
 WHETHER YOU ARE A REGULAR PARISHIONER OR A FIRST-TIME VISITOR, WE EXTEND A WARM INVITATION TO ALL!



Anniversary Mass

February 14th, 2026 is the celebration of Valentine's Day. To mark this event in our parish, we wish to celebrate with a special Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 14th at 10am and give certificates for those who have reached special milestones in their marriages. To help us plan accordingly, we request that all interested individuals clip the form below and register with the parish office before January 30th, 2026. Registration for this event is open to all parishioners & non-parishioners.

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 Couple's Name: _____

Cellphone #: _____

Date of Wedding: _____

Years Married _____
 (as of 2/14/26)



A Time to Mourn

Garry Owens

Eugene J. Washington Sr.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Faith Formation

- 12/15/2025 Faith Formation Classes 5pm-6pm
- 12/22/2025 No Faith Formation Classes-Christmas Break
- 12/24/2025 Christmas Eve Children's Mass
- 12/29/2025 No Faith Formation Classes - New Year Break
- 1/5/2026 Faith Formation Classes 5:45pm- 7:15pm
- 1/11/2026 Family Mass 9:30am Hosted by Grades 5&6
- 1/12/2026 Faith Formation 5:45pm- 7:15pm



Advent Schedule

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| <u>Advent Retreat</u> | <u>Simbang Gabi</u> |
| December 13 | December 15 |
| 8:00am-4:00pm | 7:00pm |

Penitential Service
December 17
6:00pm

Christmas Eve Masses
December 24th

4:00pm Christmas Carols - 4:30pm
6:30pm Christmas Carols - 7:00pm
9:00pm Christmas Carols - 9:30pm
11:30pm Christmas Carols
12:00am Midnight

Christmas Day Masses
December 25th
9:30am & 11:30am

Baptism Class

Pre-Baptism class is required for all Parents & Godparents. Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:30pm. Baptism Classes are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. All documents for both Parents & Godparents must be received by the parish office no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism. Please contact the Parish Office at (732) 283-2300 for all information and to make arrangements. Please provide the following information or complete the following information and return to Parish Office.

Class month requested: _____

Child's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Godfather's Name: _____

Godmother's Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



Gift Cards

No Activation Fees, Even Visa

Purchasing **GIFT CARDS** is an easy way to support our church. **GIFT CARDS** are available in the Atrium after all Masses or the Parish Office. Visit the RaiseRight website to view the brands available <https://www.raiseight.com/brands> or Register at <https://www.raiseight.com/enroll/DCL9571831148>. St. Cecelia will receive credit for your purchase. Thank you for your support!

URGENT NEED:
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in **desperate need** of non-perishable food items. Shelves are running low. Please consider bringing **one or more non-perishable food items.**

Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm-scfoodP@gmail.com

Stuffing - Yams - Gravy - Cranbury Sauce -Powdered Milk - Peanut Butter-Pancake Mix - Tomato Sauce - Toothpaste - Shampoo- Bar Soap - Canned Spaghetti - Coffee - Tea Bags -Tuna- Chicken Broth- Syrup

Shop Rite Gift Cards purchased in the Atrium or Parish Office. Please bring Shop Rite Gift Cards to the Parish Office.

The Food Pantry will be closed on December 30, 2025.

Thank you to our parishioners for your generous donations to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated.

Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Leaving a bequest to the Church is a meaningful way to extend your faith and values beyond your lifetime. By ensuring the wording in your Will is correct, you can make certain that your wishes are honored. One of the simplest and most impactful ways to support our parish, Saint Cecelia, is through a bequest. With the guidance of an attorney, you can designate a specific dollar amount, asset, or percentage of your estate to be given to Saint Cecelia Church upon your passing. Your generosity will help sustain our parish for future generations.

Thank you for considering Saint Cecelia in your bequest.

Navex EthicsPoint

Diocese of Metuchen announced the implementation of an independent third-party reporting system that will allow any person who suspects financial impropriety or other violations of the Diocese of Metuchen's Pastoral Code of Conduct, to file an anonymous and confidential report. The EthicsPoint initiatives provide a confidential method for the employees, volunteers and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance in any of our parishes, schools, cemeteries, and diocesan institutions. Options for Reporting: Hotline: 844-796-1296

Web site URL:<https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com>
Mobile URL:<https://diometuchenmobile.ethicspoint.com>



Joy that cannot be taken away

Today, on this Gaudete Sunday, the Church interrupts the somber violet of Advent with rose vestments not simply for beauty, but to proclaim a truth the world urgently needs. Christian joy is not a mood, not an emotion, not the absence of problems, but the deep certainty that God is near, and nothing can take that away.

The ancient theologian St. Augustine once wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Restlessness is the opposite of joy. Restlessness is fragile; joy is rooted. Restlessness shakes; joy steadies. Restlessness rises and falls with circumstances, but joy, true joy, comes from the God who never changes. And so today, in the middle of advent, the Church pauses to breathe, to smile, to anticipate, to rejoice, because the Lord is close. This is why St. Paul, in today's second reading, dare commands, "Rejoice always!" Not "rejoice when things go well" or "rejoice when life is easy." Always. Why? Because Christian joy is not built upon what is happening around us, but upon what God is doing within us.

Let me share a story. A priest once visited an elderly person who had lived through the death of her husband, two of her children, and many illnesses. She lived alone in a tiny house. He expected to find a woman worn down by life's weight. Instead, she greeted him with the warmest smile he had seen all week. "Mother," the priest asked gently, "after all you've endured, how do you remain so joyful?" She touched a worn crucifix hanging over her chair. "Father," she said, "everything I ever lost, I lost only for a time. But him? I never lost him, not once. And as long as he is near, joy cannot leave." This is Gaudete Sunday; the Church standing in the middle of life's unfinished stories and saying, "He is near. And therefore, rejoice."

Further, St. John Chrysostom said that Christian joy is the "unshakable gladness that grows when the soul stands near the fire of God's love." For Chrysostom, joy was not something you pursued. It was something you received by staying close to Christ. When the embers of faith grow dim, joy weakens. But when we draw close, even if life is cold, the warmth of his presence grows within us. And this is why the Gospel today presents John the Baptist—a man living in the wilderness, wearing rough clothing, eating locusts, misunderstood, criticized, and ultimately imprisoned. Yet Jesus calls him "the greatest born of women." Why? Because John's joy did not depend on his comfort but on his mission, to prepare the way of the Lord. John's joy was rooted in the humility that "I am not the Christ I am the voice." The more he decreased, the more Christ increased, and the greater his joy.

Also, Origen saw John the Baptist not just as a figure of history but as a symbol of the Christian heart crying out in the wilderness of a noisy, chaotic world, making space for Christ to break in. Origen said, "Every heart that prepares room for Christ becomes a desert that blooms." And blooming is what joy does; it transforms wastelands into gardens.

But perhaps the question today is this, "How does this joy speak to our Church now, in 2025, in this world, with its anxieties, divisions, loneliness, and fatigue? We live in a time when people are tired. Tired not just physically, tired in spirit. Tired from wars we follow on screens, from economic pressures that make families anxious, from social divisions that tear communities apart, from technology that connects us and isolates us at the same time. Even within the Church, many hearts carry disappointment, confusion, or discouragement. Many people may feel like John the Baptist in Herod's prison, wondering where the light has gone, wondering when the promises will unfold.

And yet today, the Church dares to wear rose-colored vestments. Rose is not the color of victory; it is the color of hope in the midst of waiting. Rose is not the color of fulfilled promises; it is the color of trust that the promise-keeper is on his way. Rose is not the color of triumph; it is the color of joy that has begun to dawn even before the full sunrise. This is why Gaudete does not mean "be cheerful," but "rejoice because God is at hand." Joy for Christians is not an escape from suffering; it is strength within suffering. Joy is not pretending everything is fine; it is knowing Christ holds everything in his hands.

A pastor once told the story of a parishioner, a single mother, who came to church every Sunday with her three little children. Life was hard. She worked long hours, worried constantly about bills, and often faced loneliness. One Sunday, when the pastor asked her how she managed to stay hopeful, she said something that beautifully captures what Gaudete Sunday teaches. "Father, I don't come to church because all is well. I come because this is the one hour of the week that reminds me God is with me. And that reminder gives me enough strength for all the other hours." Her words echo St. Gregory of Nyssa, who said, "He who finds joy in God carries a quiet resurrection within." This is the heart of today's celebration, a quiet resurrection within us.

So how do we as a Church live this joy today? The answer returns to our theme. Joy that cannot be taken away. This joy is found in three simple but profound realities. First, joy grows where there is prayer. Not prayer that is rushed or mechanical, but quiet, honest, consistent prayer. Joy grows when we sit before Christ and let him steady our restless hearts. Second, joy grows where there is mercy. A church that forgives, welcomes, listens, accompanies, and heals is a joyful church. Mercy always recreates the soul. Finally, joy grows where there is mission. The more we give ourselves to Christ's work, the more his joy takes root. John the Baptist was joyful because he had purpose. So do we. Every one of us.

Let me close with this final story. A young man once asked a monk, "Father, what is the secret of Christian joy?" The monk led him to a well. "Look in," he said. At first the water was disturbed by their footsteps, so the young man saw only ripples. After a moment of stillness, the monk said, "Now look." The young man leaned over and saw the reflection of the sky in the water. Then, the monk said, "The soul must become still, as it begins to reflect God. And when it reflects God, it knows joy." My brothers and sisters, this is the invitation of Gaudete Sunday. During this advent, in the middle of a restless world, God invites us to stillness so that joy may rise again in us.

Happy Sunday.

Fr. Deniskingsley.

DONATIONS

IN GENERAL, SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER:

Thank you all for your generous support. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help in managing donations. Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

Registered parishioners: If you are using a blank envelope and do not have your parishioner number please write your name and address, clearly. ***Our Counting Teams remind you to print clearly the amount you enclose on your envelopes.**
Unregistered parishioner donations: Please include a note with your name & contact information if you would like to register, you may also contact the Parish Office.

The Capital Campaign on Faith Direct: Any donations given to the Campaign must be done directly to the Campaign. Please do not apply funds to any other regular or special collections with a note that it is for the Capital Campaign.

Faith Direct provides you the opportunity to give to our weekly, special collections. If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, please visit our parish website at www.stcecelia.org, or www.faithdirect.net



For new users
www.faithdirect.net or scan
 code to sign up NJ425.



Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously supported this year's Giving Tree.

Because of your kindness and compassion, countless individuals and families will experience hope, comfort, and joy this season. Your gifts are a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and for making the Giving Tree a tremendous success!!

Offerings †

Due to the early printing of the bulletins, the collections of December 7, 2025 will be included in the December 21, 2025 bulletin.

Merry Christmas
 The Parish Office will be
Closed
 Christmas Eve 12/24
 and
 Christmas Day 12/25



St. Cecelia Christmas Cards

Are now available in the Gift Shop.
 \$20 / 20pk

2025 Capital Campaign

93% OF OUR PLEDGE GOAL & 54% OF OUR CASH GOAL FROM OVER 200 PARISHIONERS!
There Is Still Time to Make Your Pledge

Please Respond

As we shift from the summer months into the fall, we are resuming our capital campaign efforts. Our goal is to complete the active phase within a few weeks. Please consider making a pledge, either online or by using the pledge forms in the pews. Your participation will ensure we reach our goal.

What's Next?

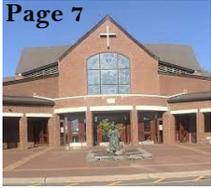
We kindly appeal to Parishioners who have made a pledge to please begin fulfilling their pledges. For those considering a onetime contribution, we greatly welcome your support. Your timely contributions are essential as we work together toward securing the necessary support from the Diocese to begin critical repairs to our Roof and HVAC System. Your timely contributions are crucial. *The Diocese requires that we have 75% of our \$750,000, goal. That is, \$562,500, in cash on hand before we can move forward with these critical repairs. To date we only have \$302,695.44 cash on hand or 54% of our cash on hand goal.*

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

| Total Pledge Amount | 10% Down Payment | 36 Monthly Payments | 12 Quarterly Payments | 6 Semi-Annual Payments | 3 Annual Payments |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| \$25,000 | \$2,500 | \$625 | \$1,875 | \$3,750 | \$7,500 |
| \$20,000 | \$2,000 | \$500 | \$1,500 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 |
| \$15,000 | \$1,500 | \$375 | \$1,125 | \$2,250 | \$4,500 |
| \$10,000 | \$1,000 | \$250 | \$750 | \$1,500 | \$3,000 |
| \$7,500 | \$750 | \$187.50 | \$562.50 | \$1,125 | \$2,250 |
| \$5,000 | \$500 | \$125 | \$375 | \$750 | \$1,500 |
| \$4,000 | \$400 | \$100 | \$300 | \$600 | \$1,200 |
| \$3,000 | \$300 | \$75 | \$225 | \$450 | \$900 |

Goal \$750,000
Total Pledge \$699,165.00
Received \$302,695.44

If you would like to contribute through Faith Direct, please use the QR Code:



St. Cecelia Church

Our Family of Faith Looks to the Future.

THANK YOU! To the following families for making pledge commitments toward our current **Capital Campaign Goal of \$750,000.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Only through the participation of **all Parish Families** can we achieve our goal.
We sincerely apologize for any misspellings or omissions. Please contact the Parish Office if corrections are needed.

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| Anonymous 51 | Duran, Rodrigo & Dinora | Lopez, Adolfo | Scalia, Laura & Giacomo T |
| Abuan, Mr & Mrs Leonard | Economou, Ted & Bozena | Madsen, Charlotte & Christian | Schartz, Elizabeth |
| Adegun, Mr. & Mrs. Tayo & Family | Eddington, James & Christine | Maldonado & Colaso, Kailyn & Romeo | Schultz, John & Barbara |
| Adikaladas, Amala | Ellsworth, Tom & Julia | Magara, Maira | Scornavacca, Salvatore & Cleo |
| Almeida, Nelson | Espiritu, Domingo & Virginia | Maliniak, Patricia | Selvaras, Kathik & Siriam |
| Amala, Arasu & Family | Faszczewski, James & Mary | Manolo, Francisco & Aida | Shaw, Marilyn & Family |
| Amarra, Gerard & Yllana | Fernandes, Peter & Jacinta | Mariam, Rufina Anthony | Smith, Jeremiah & Jane |
| Amarra, Mafelina | Fernandes, Vincent & Naina | Marte, Jimmy | Smith Family |
| Amegatse, Elizabeth | Flowers, Ken & Cindy | Medley, James & Miriam | Solecki, Robert & Theresa |
| Anthony, Judith | Forstenhausler, Jean in memory of | Mendoza, Ernesto & Zenaida | Solecki Family |
| Antoci, Giuseppe | Irene Forstenhausler | Mignone, Diane | Soper, Patricia |
| Anufore, Prisca | Frost, Barbara & Family | Miklasavige, Donald & Judith | Soriaga, Renato & Fe |
| Armand, Rico & Carmel | Furtado, Vijai | Mikulak, John & Anna | Sosa, Steve & Alma |
| Asirvatham, Karunya | Genoroso, Gian, Cristal, & Cecelia | Miller, Clayton & Suzanne | Strauss, Virginia |
| Atienza, Aldrian & Elvira | Georgindis, John | Minue, Carl & Joanne | Strzepak, Jerry & Sophie |
| Austria, Gil Gerard | Gesumaria, Donna in memory of my parents Nancy & Cosmo Rossi | Mraz, Larry & Judy | Sylvestro, Gerard & Yvonne |
| Baker, Joseph & Geraldine | Gisbey, Daniel | Munar, Galicano & Cynthia | Szakielo, Philip & Irene |
| Batista, Alberto & Gloria | Glass, Jessica | Muretta, Bruce & Carmela | Taragano Family |
| Beebe, Alfred & Joanne | Gochuico, Jose, Rene & Ela | Navarro, Susan | Terryne, Edwardraj |
| Bergbauer, William & Margaret | Gochuico, Rene & Ela Honchen- | Niemczyk, Cecylia in loving memory for Kazimierz | Thara Mercy Thomas |
| Blaha, Ken & Kathy | Gonzalez, Roland & Debra | Noel & Plowden Families | Thompson, Lisa M. |
| Bonsol, Renelito | Grust Family | Novak, Frank | Thorsen, Louis & Christine |
| Branco, Adelina | Harrel, Melissa | Ongtong, Enriqueito & Elaine Santiago | Tiacoaya Pineda, Rogelia |
| Briones, Ian & Virginia | Harring, Arthur M | Osborne, Patricia | Toczynski, Miroslaw John & Valerie |
| Brown, Lorraine | Hedian, Jorge & Gladys | O'Sullivan, Elaine | Toth, Mathew & Marilyn |
| Bryson, Jack & Rita | Hewavitharana, Sashya | Owunna, Clement & Chinelo | Truppner, Lisa |
| Burgoyne, Dorianne & Daniel | Honchen, Joan | Partyka, Thomas & Colette | Valdes, Eloisa E. |
| Butfiloski, Robert | Icasas, Corazon | Paulo, Barbara | Vedanayagan, Colin |
| Cadiz, Rainiel & Almah | Idnay, William, Jr. & Maribelle & Family | Pepe, Deacon Anthony & Lisa | Victorino, Severino & Gemma |
| Caliendo, Judith | Ignatius Family | Perera, Victor & Manel | Vitale, Genevieve & Benjamin |
| Calingasan, Mario & Elena | Jacobsen, Anna L | Perera, Nishanthe | Wageman, Arthur Ellen |
| Carniglia, Margaret | Janson Family | Piegari, Margherita | Wahl, Frances |
| Canete, Family | Javier, Ana | Pierre, Calixte Jean | Washington, Eugene & Elizabeth |
| Cangemi, Michael & Maria | Javier, Gerard & Vergie | Pinto, John | Werner, George & Maureen |
| Canova, John P | Jeeva, Jolly Joseph, & | Praveen, Joseph | Wyzykowski, Maureen in memory of Donald Wyzykowski |
| Carrillo, Nicanor & Eleanor | Jeyaraj Eshove, Stephen & Family | Pysarchyk, Gloria | Yglesias, Ricardo & Isabel |
| Carillo, Nicanor & Lelet | Johnson, Rose | Qua, Geoffrey, Mr & Mrs | Yonone, Michael & Roberta |
| Cartwright, Mary | Johnson, Barbara | Quevada, Archie & Lelet | |
| Causing, Angela | Johny, Josy | Quintana, Luz | |
| Celestino, Richard | Jones, William | Racelis, Leovina | |
| Chacko, Josephine | Jones, Robinson | Raghunath, Meenhama & Amarnath | |
| Chesky, Family | Joyce, William | Rajput, Jatin & Shyny | |
| Ciotto, Dolores Ann | Karpiej, Ronald & Deborah | Rao, Nirmal Kumar Prakash | |
| Coticelli, Vincent | Kayiwa, Family | Resuma, Redentor & Erlinda | |
| Conway, Lawrence & Elizabeth | Kmiotek, Family | Retkwa, Jerry & Jean | |
| Conova, John | Knights of Columbus | Reyes, Victoriano & Crisanta | |
| Coyle, Mary Ann P. | Kolibas, Martin & Denise | Rico, Armand | |
| Crosgrove, Susan | Kondracki, Diane | Rodriguez, Faustino | |
| Cudal, Heidi G | Kopacz, Richard & Joyce | Rodriguez, Mariset | |
| Cudal, Maria | Kumor, Family | Rodriguez, Rosa | |
| Curtis, Christopher & Christine | Kuzma, Jeffrey & Barbara | Roglieri, Anthony & Jacquelin | |
| Debelen, Redentor & Erlinda | Lacsina Family Foundation | Rosary Altar Society | |
| Derczo, Lynn Marie | Ladis, Theasa | Ruggiero, Family | |
| Devaraj, Gnanarani | Larobis, Charles & Rowena | Rusich, Luciano & Angela | |
| Devaraj, Pooramaram | LaRouche, Carol | Salcedo, Mark & Cecile | |
| Di Como, Anthony & Janet | Lisacchi, Family | Salibanla Anita | |
| Dietze, Carmela | Lobo, Joseph Sebastian Chellaswamy | Sanchez, Ingrid | |
| Dizon, Virginia | Ananthi & Family | Saravia, Ana | |
| D'Mello, Leonard & Veera | Lombardi, Richard | Saubandla, Anita | |
| Dumapit, Irma & Inocencio | Long, Thomas | Savage, Edward | |
| | | Scala, Mary Anne | |

Sick Relatives & Friends

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| Gloria Reichley | Cathy (Napiorski) Harris | Jamie Nestor | Ryan Michael | Valentina Aubrey | Jolene Ochoa |
| Gail Rezmerski | Shawn Ekatan | Marietta M. | Raymond Knechel | Lucas Aubrey | Steven Lahey |
| Maria Julia Perez | Olga Barritta | Robert Maurer | Elaine Dziuban | Anna P. Piscitello | Geraldine Nakawngu |
| Eliana Taveres | Ann Fitzsimmons | Martin Petrucci | Barbara Dee | Carol Helfin | Arthur Shapiro |
| Betty Whitehead | Kevin Lyman | Carol Foe | Carol Casino | Joseph Jonathan Cem | Alyce Stewart |
| Manny Parente | Stacy Boland | Willetta Boswel | Evelyn Pank | Donna D. | Amy Guidroz |
| Ms. Gloria Nikki | Peter "PJ" Pascalli | Rafael Rosario | Joyce Swiatek | Raul T. Palomata | Karen Nestor |
| Michael Clifford Jr. | Janice & Paul Pugliese | Carmelina Carrera | Marina Gomez | Audrey & Tony Corio | Stephanie M. Kratzel |
| Carolyn Misiewicz | Gloria Sprague | Paula Wegg | Ellen Morales | Ken Popan | Kristen Clifford |
| Joann Kisielewski | Norbert Neidenbach | Jessica Boland | Amanda & Christine Porceli | John-Paul Alfaro | Jacek Krasowski |
| Richard Dziuban | Kathleen Economou Grice | Patricia & Rob Schmidt | Flordeliza Arokiaswamy | Jaxson Rivera | Louis Pepe |
| Craig Soper | Monica Niemczyk Layman | Debbie Bujalski | Gladys & James Narcisco | Samuel Carrera | Bozena Economou |
| Elizabeth Pociask | Suzanne Sarisky | Claire Mosende | Jack & Rita Bryson | Brian Dougherty | Bishop Bootkoski |
| Michael Torrese | David Preston | Geraldine Drust | Edwin Skrobacz | Virginia Dizon | Kenneth Economou |
| Katherine Hickey | Kayla Chrostowski | Cecylia Niemczyk | R. Lee Bilon, N3RB | Jerzy Garbowski | Kayleon Stewart |
| Jackie Pety | Mirabella Parota | Anthony Preston | Elsie Martinez | Adele Garzone | Gregory Brigando |
| Luke Reno | Thomas Long | Nenita B. Palomata | Baby John M. Drury | Gloria Reichley | Marianne Brigando |
| Pauline Garbowski | Mary Spitler | Sashya Hewavitharana | Cecilia Prisca | Jose do Carmo | Linda Moschella |
| Elizabeth Cantwell | Elizabeth Preston | Mateo Rozmosh | Christian Rozmosh | Joselito Recondo | Carolyn Coppola |
| Priyanka & Ujjala Nath | Paul Hrustic | | | | |

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

Please advise us if a name in the Sick List needs to be added or removed. Thank you.

❄️ Christmas Flowers ❄️

IN MEMORY OF....

- *Sean P. McTague
- *Economou, Fortunato, Grawboski, & Rozmosh Families
- *Vincent & Fran Sarnatora
- *The Sosa & Vwgara Families
- *John McCormac
- *Richard McLillan

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF....

- *Kimi Dsouza & Dias Family
- *Fred & Dorothy Grigni
- *Mr. & Mrs John Bacskay, Thomas Bacskay, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rura & Carol Snarch
- *Paul R. Kushmerick & Family, Joe & Rose DeVirgilis & Family
- *Renato & Renee Rose Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Garcia & Mr. & Mrs. Sesinando Simeon

SPECIAL INTENTION OF....

- *Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Munoz-Leyva
- *Mr. & Mrs. Juan Sosa
- *Mr. & Mrs. Esteban Martinez
- *Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bacskay
- *Mr. & Mrs. Adriano
- *Mr. & Mrs. Alberto & Maria Romero Quiroz
- *Mr. & Mrs. Alexander G. Ramos
- *Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Beebe, Jr.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Mahendrakumar V. Macwan
- *Mr. & Mrs. Roberto & Rocio Velasquez
- *Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Cynthia Flowers
- *Mr. & Mrs. John Rassias
- *Mr. & Mrs. Randy Martin
- *Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carter

Act of Contrition

O my God,

I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments,
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Amen.

or:

O my God,

I am sorry and repent with all my heart
for all the wrong I have done
and for the good I have failed to do,
because by sinning I have offended you,
who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to do penance,
to sin no more,

and to avoid the occasions of sin.

Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus
Christ, Lord, have mercy.



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Guide for an Examination of Conscience:

When considering each of the Ten Commandments. Ask yourself if you are doing the following:

I. I am the Lord Your God. You Shall Not Have Strange Gods Before Me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer? Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart? Have I denied the existence of God? Have I doubted or denied my faith? Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church? Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I rejected any Church teaching or denied that I was a Catholic? Does someone or something other than God influence my choices? Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

II. You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord Your God in Vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? Have I used the name of God in cursing or blasphemy? Have I been angry with God? Have I failed to keep the vows or promises that I have made to God? Have I wished evil upon any other person? Have I spoken about the Church, the saints, or sacred thing with irreverence, hatred, or defiance? Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object? Have I been disrespectful in my behavior in Church?

III. Remember to Keep Holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Am I habitually late to and/or leave early from Mass without a good reason? Have I received a sacrament while in a state of mortal sin? Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? Do I do needless work on Sunday? Do I make others work on Sunday? Do I try to be reverent and pay attention during Mass? Do I do penance every Friday, if not abstaining from meat, then some other form of penance? I am 14 years of age or older, did I abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent? If I am between the ages of 18 and 59, did I fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

IV. Honor Your Father and Your Mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents? If still under the care of my parents, did I obey all that they reasonably asked of me? Have I neglected the needs of my parents in their old age or in their time of need? Am I willing to help around the house or must I be nagged a hundred times? Do I try to get along with my brothers and sisters? Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children? Have I given my family good religious example? Do I try to bring peace into my home life? Do I respect my elders? Do I respect my pastor, bishop, and the Pope? Have I broken the law? Do I respect others in authority, priests, nuns, police officers, old people, baby-sitters? Have I stopped speaking to anyone?

V. You Shall Not Kill.

Have I unjustly physically harmed anyone? Have I unjustly verbally or emotionally abused anyone? Have I seriously considered or attempted suicide? Have I intentionally killed a human being? Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin? Have I harbored hatred, anger or resentment in my heart? Have I failed to forgive? Am I prejudiced or have I unjustly discriminated against others because of their race, color, nationality, gender or religion? Did my actions, needlessly or recklessly endanger my life or health, or that of another person's? Do I endanger my health by not eating right or exercising?

VI. You Shall Not Commit Adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I committed adultery, having sexual relations with someone who is married? Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage? Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects? Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions? Have I forced adultery onto someone? Have I set out to seduce someone, or allowed myself to be seduced? Have I made uninvited and unwelcome sexual advances toward another? Am I living in a valid and licit marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church?

VII. You Shall Not Steal. Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Do I waste time at work, school or at home? Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs? Do I pay my debts promptly? Do I seek to share what I have with the poor? Do I pay employees a living wage, or fail to give a full day's work for a full day's pay? Did I cheat on a test, on my taxes, or in business? Did I take advantage of another's hardship or ignorance by charging more for a product than it is worth? Have I destroyed or misused another person's property for fun?

VIII. You Shall Not Bear False Witness.

Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I harmed someone's reputation? Have I spoken behind someone else's back? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Did I perjure myself under oath? Am I honest in my school work? Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? Am I guilty of libel, writing lies about another person in order to destroy his reputation? Am I guilty of rash judgment, assuming the worst of another person based on circumstantial evidence? Did I betray another's confidence through speech?

IX. You Shall Not Desire Your Neighbor's Wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations? Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversations or jokes?

X. You Shall Not Desire Your Neighbor's Goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy other people's families or possessions? Am I greedy or selfish? Are material possessions the purpose of my life? Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs? Did I deface, destroy, or lose another's property without making restitution?

Conditions for Mortal Sins:

Mortal sins are sins that must be confessed. They eat away and destroy your connection with God. If a sin is forced upon you, or it could not be avoided. Then it is considered a venial sin, not a mortal sin. Grave Matter – If the nature of the sin itself is not grave, urgent or dangerous. Then it's not considered a mortal sin. Sufficiently Full Knowledge – If you are honestly ignorant of the nature of the sin. Then it's not considered a mortal sin. Full Consent or Freedom – If you are not committing the sin freely, and are being tricked, forced or coerced into committing the sin. Then it's not considered a mortal sin.

**Remember our Parish Penitential Service on
Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm.**

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
FILIPINO APOSTOLATE**

SIMBANG GABI 2025



**A devotional 9-day series of Masses honoring the Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Mass Schedule / (Masses start at 7 PM, unless otherwise noted)

The Filipino-American Community of St. Cecelia Parish invites you to celebrate the 1ST night of Simbang Gabi on

DECEMBER 15, 2025

Monday, 7:00 PM

St. Cecelia Church

45 WILUS WAY, ISELIN, NJ 08830

Main Celebrant

VERY REV. JONATHAN S. TOBOROWSKY
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR - DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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| 15 TH December (Mon) | ST. CECELIA, Iselin <i>Celebrant: Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky</i> |
| 16 TH December (Tue) | ST. CECILIA, Monmouth Junction ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Kendall Park ST. MATTHIAS, Somerset (6:30 PM) |
| 17 TH December (Wed) | ST. MARY, Alpha ST. AMBROSE, Old Bridge ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, Edison |
| 18 TH December (Thu) | OUR LADY OF FATIMA, Piscataway CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, Hackettstown ST. JAMES, Woodbridge |
| 19 TH December (Fri) | NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, Monroe (6 PM) MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Hillsborough ST. HELENA, Edison |
| 20 TH December (Sat) | ST. BARTHOLOMEW, East Brunswick (6 PM) QUEENSHIP OF MARY, Plainsboro (5 PM) ST. BERNADETTE, Parlin |
| 21 ST December (Sun) | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Somerville (4 PM) OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Sayreville CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, So. Plainfield |
| 22 ND December (Mon) | ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX, Bridgewater ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Dunellen ST. JAMES, Woodbridge |
| 23 RD December (Tue) | ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Metuchen <i>Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael A. Saporito, D.D., V.G.</i> AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEWARK FOR BERGEN COUNTY |



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16 - 24 December | Mass @ 5 AM | ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH • 215 Somerset St., New Brunswick

**2026 SANTO NIÑO
CELEBRATIONS**

Feast of Santo Niño

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| 17 TH January 5:30 PM | ST. ANN, Raritan Mass followed by Sinulog | |
| 18 TH January 2:30 PM | ST. AUGUSTINE, Kendall Park Novena followed by Mass & Blessing of Children | |
| 18 TH January 3:00 PM | ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL, Metuchen Prayers followed by Mass at 5:00PM | |



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Advent Retreat Schedule

8am Mass
Devotional Prayers

9-9:30am - Coffee Break

10am - 1st Talk
Q&A

11:30am - Adoration/Confession/
Reflection

12:30am - Lunch

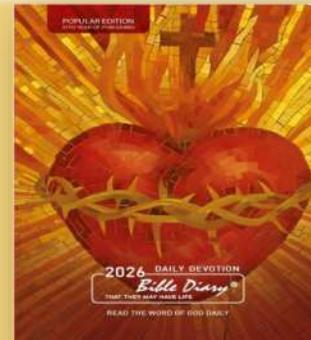
1:30pm - 2nd Talk
Q&A

3pm Coffee Break

3:30pm - Confession

4:30pm Vigil Mass

Hosted by: Fr. Anthony Mihalik, C.Ss.R.
San Alfonso Retreat House



The 2026 Bible Diary contains Daily Mass Readings, Psalms, enlightening Reflections, a biography of the Saint of the Day, Bible in a Year reference, a guide to examination of conscience, numerous prayers and more. The book provides inspiration and guidance through a personal 365 days spiritual voyage that will illumine and enrich your devotional life by reading the Word of God daily, just one page a day! Thank you once again for your support in evangelizing with the Bible Diary. The Bible diary can be purchased in the parish Gift Shop.

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>14 3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Religious Retirement Fund</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>15 Faith Formation 5pm-6pm</p> <p>Simbang Gabi 7pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>17 Advent Penitential Service 6pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>20 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Fuel</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> |
| <p>21 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Fuel</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>22 No Faith Formation Christmas Break</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>24 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule 4:00pm 6:30pm 9:00pm 11:30pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Parish Office Closed</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>25 Christmas Day Mass Schedule 9:30am 11:30am</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Parish Office Closed</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>27 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> |
| <p>28 Feast of the Holy Family</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Fuel</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>29 No Faith Formation New Year Break</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>31 Vigil Mass 7pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 7am 9:15am 7pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Parish Office Closed</div> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>2 No First Friday</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>3 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>No Healing Mass</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> |
| <p>4 The Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>5 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> | <p>10 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm. 2000 Hail Marys</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Mon.-Fri.: 7:00 am and 9:15 am</p> <p>Sat. 8:00 am 4:30pm, Vigil Mass</p> <p>Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm (<i>Spanish</i>)</p> <p>First Friday No 9:15am Mass Only 7am & 7pm Adoration 6pm before Mass</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Pantry</u></p> <p>Opens every Tuesday from 10am-12pm Only.</p> <p><u>Rosary Altar Society</u> Daily Rosary prayed before every Mass</p> <p><u>St. Vincent DePaul</u> Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5:30pm</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Daily Evening Rosary</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30pm</p> <p>Please join us as we pray the Rosary via Zoom.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting ID— 84113113175 Meeting Passcode: U20J6Y</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Live-Stream Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Mass-9:15am Weekend Mass-11:30am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">www.stceclia.com</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>St. Cecelia Iselin</u> <u>St. Cecelia Church, Iselin</u></p> |
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Iglesia Santa Cecelia



14 de diciembre 2025

3er Domingo de Adviento

“Porque de el esta escrito: He aquí que yo envié a mi mensajero para que vaya delante de ti y te prepare el camino”. – Mt 11, 10

Las lecturas de la semana del 14 de diciembre

- Domingo:** Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 145, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 (ver Is 35, 4)/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11
- Lunes:** Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 21, 23-27
- Martes:** Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Sal 33, 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 y 23/Mt 21, 28-32
- Miércoles:** Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17
- Jueves:** Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-24
- Viernes:** Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 72, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25
- Sábado:** Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

1ª Lectura: El profeta Isaías enseñó a su comunidad a "¡Sed fuertes, no temáis!" porque Dios ha planeado un futuro extraordinario en el que tanto el pueblo como la tierra serán restaurados. ¿Hay algún amigo o compañero de trabajo que necesite tu aliento esta semana?

2ª Lectura: Santiago anima a su comunidad a ser paciente y firme de corazón en la espera de la venida del Señor. ¿qué esperas durante este tiempo de Adviento?

Evangelio: En la cárcel, Juan el Bautista parecía incierto acerca de quién era Jesús. ¿Con quién hablas cuando tienes preguntas acerca de Jesús?

Salmo Responsorial

Señor, ven y sálvanos. (Salmo 146)

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

¿Dónde está nuestra esperanza en este tercer domingo de Adviento? ¿En qué se basa nuestra alegría? Este domingo es llamado el domingo de la alegría, porque ya estamos acercándonos a la Navidad. En latín se conoce como Gaudete, que significa “alegría” o “regocíjense”. El verdadero gozo consiste en el nacimiento del Salvador, siendo este nacimiento la causa profunda de nuestra alegría. A veces perdemos mucho tiempo en las tiendas, comprando regalos, sin siquiera darnos cuenta de que el tiempo pasa y se va sin provecho alguno para nuestra alma. Miremos al cielo, de donde nos llega la esperanza y la gracia. Ahí es donde está Dios.

El Evangelio nos narra que Juan estaba en la cárcel y quería saber si era verdad lo que había escuchado sobre Jesús. La respuesta para Juan fue la siguiente: "Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que ustedes están viendo y oyendo: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan, y una Buena Nueva llega a los pobres" (Mateo 11:5). Con esta respuesta, Juan quedó lleno de esperanza, seguro de que el Reino de Dios ya estaba presente. Juan predicaba la conversión, un cambio de mentalidad radical, válido tanto entonces como ahora. Para nosotros, la venida del Salvador es un hecho seguro y esperanzador. Sin embargo, solo los pobres de espíritu logran visualizarlo en el horizonte de la Navidad. Aguardemos con paciencia los regalos de la gracia de Dios: la paz y el amor entre nosotros, que tanto necesitamos. ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

Examen de Conciencia

¿Cómo debemos hacer el examen de conciencia?

- 1) Pedimos al Espíritu Santo que nos ilumine y nos recuerde cuáles son los pecados nuestros que más le están disgustando a Dios.
- 2) Vamos repasando los diez mandamientos para saber qué faltas hemos cometido contra ellos. ¿He dicho mentiras? ¿He inventado de otros lo que no han hecho o dicho? ¿He hecho trampas en negocios o estudios? ¿He creído que Dios no me va a ayudar?

EL PECADO MORTAL: ofensa grave contra Dios que rompe la amistad con Él y causa la pérdida de la gracia santificante.

1. Violar uno de los mandamientos en materia grave.
2. Plena advertencia.
3. Perfecto consentimiento.

El pecado mortal, si no es borrado por el arrepentimiento y el perdón de Dios, causa la exclusión del Reino de Dios y la muerte eterna del infierno.

EL PECADO VENIAL: no rompe la alianza con Dios; no priva de la gracia santificante, de la amistad con Dios, de la caridad, ni por lo tanto, de la bienaventuranza eterna. El pecado venial deliberado y que permanece sin arrepentimiento, nos dispone rápidamente o poco a poco a cometer pecado mortal.

Acto de Constricción

Señor mío Jesucristo, Dios y hombre verdadero, creador y redentor mío, por ser vos quien sois, bondad infinita, y porque os amo sobre todas las cosas, me pesa de todo corazón de haberos ofendido; también me pesa porque podéis castigarme con las penas del infierno; pero, sobre todo, porque pecan por ser abominables todos mis pecados, porque con ellos ofendí a un Dios tan bueno y que me amáis tanto. Perdón, oh Dios mío, y concédeme la gracia de enmendarme y de no ofenderos más. Amén.

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HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes 8:00 am - 4 pm

Viernes 8:00 am -12 pm

Visitas al Santísimo esta disponible en el horario de oficina.

TIEMPOS DE MISA

Lunes-Viernes 7:00 & 9:15am **en Inglés**

Sábado 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Domingo 7:30am,9:30am,11:30am

1:30pm (Español)

El primer viernes NO hay misa a las 9:15 am SOLO 7:00 am y 7:00 pm.

HORARIO DE LA TIENDA

DE REGALOS

Lun—Jueves 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Viernes Cerrados

Sábado 3:00 pm—6:00 pm

Domingo 10:00 am—12:30 pm

El horario puede variar, llame antes de venir 732-283-1775.

La Despensa de Comida

Martes 10am-12pm

REGISTRACIÓN:

Para obtener cartas testimoniales, formularios de patrocinio para los sacramentos (**carta de elegibilidad**), cartas de recomendación o referencia de carácter se necesita inscribir a la parroquia. Por favor de llamar a la parroquia para mas información.

BAUTISMO:

Bautizos son celebrados los primeros y el cuartó domingo de cada mes a las 12:30pm. Comuníquese con la oficina al (732)283-2300 para obtener mas información.

1. Por favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño/niña.
2. Los nombres completos del los Padrinos.
3. De los Padrinos se requerirá una carta de Elegibilidad de su parroquia.
4. Los Padres y Padrinos se deben registrarse para poder asistir clases Pre-Bautismales. Esta sesión brindará la oportunidad de crecer en nuestra comprensión de este Sacramento.

Quilificaciones para Elegibilidad de Padrinos:

La ley de la Iglesia exige que un patrocinador para el Bautismo y la Confirmación debe tener los 3 Sacramentos: Bautizo, Primer Comunión, Confirmación. Ser un Católico practicante y activo. Un católico activo es un feligrés que está registrado, asiste a misa semanalmente, contribuye al apoyo de la Iglesia, está en un matrimonio católico válido y públicamente lleva una vida compatible con la enseñanza de la Iglesia.

O.I.C.A (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos)

O.I.C.A. es el proceso en cual los no católicos que son interesados en convertirse o los que desean completar sus sacramentos de iniciación. Para obtener más información, llame a la Hermana Anna al (732)283-2816.

MATRIMONIO:

Por favor de discutir con el Pastor antes de fijar fechas, esto se debe hacer por lo menos **1 año** de anticipación a la boda. Llame a la oficina al (732)283-2300.

MINISTERIO A LOS ENFERMOS:

Si alguno de sus seres queridos necesita la Unción de los Enfermos, o Extremaunción, por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial. Comunión a los enfermos, ancianos o confinados en el hogar deben organizarse con anticipación.

BENDICIÓN DE LA CASA

Si le gustaría tener una visita a un hogar o una bendición, por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (732)283-2300.

Procedimientos de Bodas:

Recuerde que al ingresar a la Iglesia, para su ensayo y su boda, que es un lugar de veneración adonde esta expuesto el Santísimo Sacramento. Todas las preparaciones y el ensayo se llevaran acabo con el Sacerdote que oficiar la boda antes del acontecimiento.

Arreglos Florales: No podrán ser puestas en frente de el altar . Solo a los lados, en frente del pulpito o en algún otro lugar del santuario. No se podrá usar tape, pega, masilla, grapas o cables en los bancos de la iglesia para colocar flores o listones.

Otras restricciones: Arroz, pétalos de rosas, confeti, semilla de pájaros o cualquier otro que tenga residuos no será permitidos. No mascotas permitidos. Tampoco corredores de alfombras.

CATEQUESIS

- Lunes, 15 de diciembre:** Catequesis 5pm-6pm.
- Lunes, 22 de diciembre:** No hay Clases.
- Lunes, 29 de diciembre:** No hay Clases.
- Lunes, 5 de enero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.
- Domingo, 11 de enero:** Misa Familiar a las 9:30 a. m. Organizada por Grado 5 y 6.

ADVIENTO

**Noche de Confesión /
Reconciliación**
Miércoles, 17 de diciembre
8pm

Misa de Navidad
25 de diciembre
1:30pm



Fiesta de Navidad
21 de diciembre
Después de la Misa de la 1:30pm

Feliz Navidad

El 24 y el 25 de diciembre la oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

Ofrendas

Debido a la impresión anticipada del Boletín del 14 de diciembre, las colecciones del 7 de diciembre serán declarados el 21 de diciembre.

EN GENERAL, ALGUNOS PUNTOS PARA RECORDAR:

Gracias a todos por su generoso apoyo. Agradecemos enormemente su cooperación, la cual nos ayudará a gestionar las donaciones. Por favor, tengan en cuenta lo siguiente:

Feligreses registrados: Si utilizan un sobre en blanco y no tienen número de sobre, por favor escriban su nombre y dirección.

***Nuestros Equipos de Conteo les recuerdan que deben escribir con claridad la cantidad que adjunten en sus sobres.**

Donaciones de feligreses no registrados: Si utilizan los sobres del atrio y no están registrados, por favor escriban una nota indicando que desean hacerse feligreses.

La Campaña de Capital en Faith Direct: Cualquier donación a la campaña debe hacerse directamente a esa colecta. Por favor, no apliquen fondos al Fondo de Mejoras de Edificios con una nota que indique que son para la Campaña.

Faith Direct les brinda la oportunidad de donar tanto a nuestras colectas semanales como a las especiales. Si desean registrarse para donaciones electrónicas, visiten el sitio web de nuestra parroquia en www.stcecelia.org o www.faithdirect.net



Si desea realizar donaciones electrónicas: www.faithdirect.net el código es NJ425.



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- Salsa de tomate - Espaguetis enlatada - Champú - Jabón en barra - Café - Bolsita de té - Pasta dental- Caldo de pollo.

La Despensa estará cerrado el 30 de Diciembre.

Gracias a nuestros feligreses por sus generosas donaciones al banco de alimentos. Lo apreciamos enormemente.

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Misa a la 1:30pm



Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios

Misa a la 1:30pm



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