

**ST. CECELIA CHURCH**  
*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025*



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin” Mt1:21



*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](http://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 12/20 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 Carpentaria req. Barbara Frost  
**11:30am** †Robert Hall req. Kusior Family  
 †Sean P. McTague

**Monday 12/22 Advent Weekday**  
**7:00am** Intentions of Parishioners  
**9:15am** †Thanksgiving Blessing Ian Briones req. Briones Family

**Tuesday 12/23 Advent Weekday**  
**7:00am** †Grace Fernandes req. Vincent Fernandes  
**9:15am** †Angelo Crisafulli req. Concetta Sanzone  
 †Yuen Wah Ng req. Loving Family

**Wednesday 12/24 Christmas Eve**  
**7:00am** NO MASS  
**9:15am** Morning Prayer  
**4:30pm** Intentions of the Celebrant  
**7:00pm** Intentions of the Celebrant  
**9:30pm** Intentions of the Celebrant  
**12:00pm** Intentions of the Celebrant

**Thursday 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord**  
**9:30am** Intentions of the Celebrant  
**11:30am** Intentions of the Celebrant

**Friday 12/26 St. Stephen the First Martyr**  
**7:00am** NO MASS  
**9:15am** †Eugene J. Washington, Sr. req. The Kolibas Family

**Saturday 12/27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**  
**8:00am** †Victor Shaw req. His Family  
 †Niño Villanueva req. Olivia & John Drust  
**4:30pm Vigil Mass**  
 †Julia Keleher & Elizabeth Kolibas req. Family  
 †Nielson & Servillano de Dios req. Sylvia de Dios

**Sunday 12/28 Feast of the Holy Family**  
**7:30am** †Living & Deceased  
**9:30am** †Maria Wilson req. Ada Safford & Glen Poos  
 Thanksgiving req. Jonathan Pinto  
**11:30am** †Maryann Lutringer req. Ann Cecilia & Lauren Trinh  
 †Sean P. McTague req. Dorothy & Lou Brigando



## Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory Yuen Wah Ng  
Req. Ng Family*



## A Time to Mourn

*Eugene J. Washington Sr.  
Laura Sasjack*

*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*

## Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

## Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66  
**Wednesday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79  
**Thursday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**2000 HAIL MARY'S**

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Couple's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

(as of 2/14/26)

# Faith Formation

- 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
- 1/19/2026 No Faith Formation Classes

## Christmas Flowers

### IN MEMORY OF...

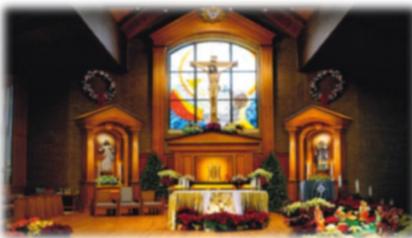
- \*George, Clare, Granddaughter Melissa Whitehead, Elizabeth Whitehead J.F.K. & Florence & Arthur McCauley
- \*Cahingasan & Amarra dearly departed
- \*Rolan & Jonathan Gonzalez, Lou Harris, Deceased members of Gonzalez & Lambert Families
- \*Edward & Stephanie Barrett
- \*Michael & Dawn Marie Chesek

### IN MEMORY/HONOR OF....

- \*Chesky & Bosze Families
- \*Manalo, Chua, Lim & Adversalo Families
- \*Clifton Harley Pierce Sr.
- \*H. Bohnhorst, Giacomarra & Ringwood Families, Tim O'Leary & Tom Coster

### SPECIAL INTENTION OF....

- \*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ricardo
- \*Helen Czar



## St. Cecelia Christmas Cards

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

### 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.*

## 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

**Closed:** Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Canned Chili - Canned Pasta - Dry Pasta - Tooth Brushes - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Bar Soap Shop Rite Gift Cards**  
*Shop Rite Gift Cards purchased in the Atrium or Parish Office. Please bring Shop Rite Gift Cards to the Parish Office.*

*Thank you to our parishioners for your generosity & support this Christmas Season. It is greatly appreciated.*

### 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>



## God enters our uncertainty.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to stand at the edge of Christmas, not with perfect confidence but with honest hearts. Advent always leads us to a promise, but today's readings remind us that the promise of God is never born in ideal conditions. It is born precisely in the middle of uncertainty, confusion, doubt, fear, and unanswered questions. In other words, God comes exactly where life feels uncertain. This is the meaning of today's liturgy. God enters our uncertainty.

In the first reading (Isaiah 7:10-14), King Ahaz is terrified. His kingdom is threatened, his enemies are advancing, and he feels trapped between political pressure and spiritual confusion. Instead of trusting God, he hides behind pious words, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test." The truth is that he is scared, paralyzed by what he cannot control. And into that fear, God gives a completely unexpected sign, "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God's response to fear is not logic, not strategy, not a military plan. It is a promise, "I will be with you." Emmanuel: God with us.

This is how God always enters human uncertainty, not by removing every fear, but by assuring us, "You are not alone, and you will not be abandoned." Many of us today stand exactly where Ahaz stood. Some of us look worn by life. Some carry private fears. Some feel overwhelmed by family tensions, financial weight, illness, or things they cannot explain. Some pray and hear no clear answers. Some feel like Ahaz, unsure whether God is even listening. But today God speaks that same word, "I am with you."

In the second reading (Rom. 1:1-7), Paul reminds us that the Gospel is not about human achievement; it is about God's initiative. Paul calls the Good News a "gift of grace." Grace means God entering our human story, not because we have figured things out, not because we are strong, but precisely because we are weak. Paul himself knew confusion, setbacks, imprisonment, and discouragement, yet he declares that God has "called us to belong to Jesus Christ." When life feels heavy or meaningless, Paul's message stands out. Your life is not an accident; you belong to God.

Today, many people feel a sense of disconnection from purpose. Some say, "I am tired. I do not see where my life is going." Others feel that nothing ever improves. Yet Paul tells us that God enters exactly that space, not to judge but to claim us again as his own. The God who enters our uncertainty also enters our identity. You belong to him.

And in the Gospel (Mat. 1:18-24), we meet Joseph, the quiet saint of holy uncertainty. Joseph is not defiant like Ahaz, nor confident like Paul. He is a good man caught in a situation he cannot explain and cannot control. The woman he loves is pregnant, and he knows the child is not his. His world collapses silently inside him. Confusion, disappointment, and fear fill his heart. And yet, Joseph does not react in anger. He does not insult Mary, accuse her, punish her, or expose her. He simply reflects and resolves to act with mercy. This is where God enters into Joseph's silent crisis. The angel tells him, "Do not be afraid the child is conceived by the Holy Spirit." And Joseph does something extraordinary. He obeys God even though nothing is clear. He accepts the unpredictability of God. He welcomes the mystery. He chooses trust over understanding.

And that is why this Sunday matters so deeply. Because many of us are living Joseph's experience right now. We are trying your best, yet life gives us something we did not expect. We are praying, yet God feels slow in answering. We are doing what is right, yet nothing seems to change. We want clarity, but God gives you only a small step of faith.

Today's Gospel teaches a spiritual truth we often forget. God does his greatest work not when we understand everything, but when we trust him even in uncertainty. Great people throughout history have said the same. The philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote that "life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." It means that we rarely understand God's plan while we are inside it. We understand only later, when looking back. Mother Teresa, who served in great faith while passing through spiritual dryness, once admitted that her heart sometimes felt empty, but she continued because she knew God was present even when she could not feel him. And the brilliant writer G.K. Chesterton reminds us that hope only makes sense when everything else seems hopeless; otherwise, it is not hope at all. Even in the world of science and exploration, this truth appears. Albert Einstein once said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." In other words, uncertainty is not the enemy of life; it is the very path through which discovery happens. God uses our questions the same way, not to destroy us but to lead us.

My friends, many people in our pews this Sunday look like Joseph. They carry hidden worries, silent fears, private grief, and deep questions. Some struggle with marital stress; others with financial burdens. Some are battling depression, loneliness, or the feeling that their prayers are unanswered. Some feel worn out by life, tired of trying, tired of hoping, tired of waiting. Some feel disappointed by others, or by themselves, or even by God.

But today's readings say something very simple and very powerful. God enters our uncertainty. Not when we are strong, but when we are afraid. Not when we have answers, but when you have none. Not when life is clear, but when life is messy. Emmanuel does not mean "God above us" or "God beyond us." It means "God with us." He is with us in our confusion, our stress, our fears, our doubts, and our broken pieces. If Christmas is about anything, it is about this truth that God steps into the dark places, the confusing spaces, the uncertain rooms of human experience, and says, "Here I am."

So today, as we approach Christmas, let us not pretend to have perfect faith. God does not require that. Advent invites us instead to offer God our imperfect faith, our questions, our fears, our disappointments, our tired hearts. Let us stand like Joseph, be quiet, honest, uncertain, but open to God's voice. And we must hear God speak to us personally today, "Do not be afraid. I am with you. Your life is not meaningless. I am entering your story."

May this last week of Advent help us trust that the God who came into the confusion of Mary and Joseph, the fear of Ahaz, and the struggles of Paul, is the same God who comes into our lives today.

Peace be with you.

Fr. Deniskingsley Nwagwu.

## Christmas Message from Our Pastor

Dear beloved St. Cecelia parish family,

As we gather this week to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. Christmas is far more than a memory or a tradition. It is the living reminder that God chooses to enter our world, our homes, and even our struggles with a love that does not grow tired. In the Child of Bethlehem, God draws near to our uncertainties, our hopes, and our deepest longings. He becomes Emmanuel-God with us-not in a distant way, but in the fragile, human way that tells us no one is forgotten and no situation is beyond his reach.

This holy season invites us to slow down, look again at the manger, and rediscover the God who comes quietly, humbly, and joyfully into every ordinary moment. Whether this year has been filled with blessings or burdens, victories or worries, Christ's birth assures us that light still shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Let the peace of that truth settle gently into your hearts and homes.

As your pastor, I thank you for your faith, generosity, and resilience throughout the year. May this Christmas renew in each of us the courage to love as Jesus loved, to forgive as he forgives, and to serve one another with renewed tenderness and joy. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph protect you, strengthen your family bonds, and fill your home with hope.

With prayerful affection and every good wish for a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

Fr. Denisksley Nwagwu, SDV.



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

	December 7, 2025		December 8, 2024	
Offerings †	In-pew	\$ 8,657.00	In-pew	\$ 8,934.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 1,927.30	Faith Direct	\$ 1,886.10
	Total	\$ 10,584.30	Total	\$ 10,820.10
	Immaculate Conc. 2025		Immaculate Conc.2024	
	In-pew	\$ 2,129.00	In-pew	\$ 2,221.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 439.00	Faith Direct	\$ 445.00
	Total	\$ 2,568.00	Total	\$ 2,666.00

### DONATIONS - 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](http://www.stcecelia.org), or [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)



For new users  
[www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or scan  
code to sign up **NJ425**.



### 2025 Capital Campaign

**93% OF OUR PLEDGE GOAL & 55% 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?

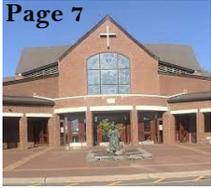
We kindly appeal to Parishioners who have made a pledge to please begin fulfilling their pledges. For those considering a onetime contribution, we greatly welcome your support. Your timely contributions are essential as we work together toward securing the necessary support from the Diocese to begin 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 \$308,360.44 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 \$308,360.44**

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.*

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

## Sick Relatives & Friends

Gloria Reichley	Cathy (Napiorski) Harris	Jamie Nestor	Ryan Michael	Valentina Aubrey	Jolene Ochoa
Gail Rezmerski	Shawn Ekatan	Marietta M.	Raymond Kneckel	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 Petys	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	Franklin Pfeifer			

*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.



JOIN US FOR

# Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

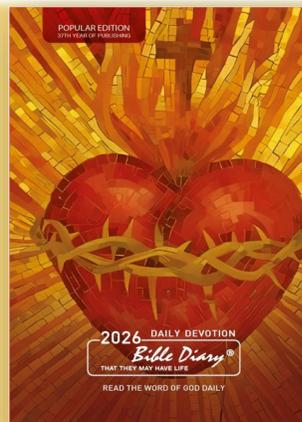
Christmas Day Masses  
December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am & 11:30am



### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God January 1, 2026 Mass Schedule

- 7:00am
- 9:15am
- 7:00pm



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.



If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining us. You can scan the QR code below and be welcomed to the Order. All men over 18 years old are welcome! For more information contact Grand Knight, Elroy Darden at 908-447-9083.





# Christmas Tree Lighting



# *Christmas Tree Lighting*



***Father Deniskingsley, Father Ignatius  
Deacon Anthony, & the Parish Office are wishing you all  
A Very Blessed & Merry Christmas!***

# DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>21</b> 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 5px;">Fuel</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>No Faith Formation Christmas Break</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Eve Mass Schedule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: purple;">4:00pm 6:30pm 9:00pm 11:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 5px;">Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Day Mass Schedule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: purple;">9:30am 11:30am</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 5px;">Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>No Confession</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>28</b> Feast of the Holy Family</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>No Faith Formation New Year Break</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>Vigil Mass</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">7:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">7:00am 9:15am 7:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 5px;">Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>No First Friday</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>No Healing Mass</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>4</b> Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</b></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</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2000 Hail Marys</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>11</b> Baptism of the Lord</p> <p style="color: blue;"><b>Family Mass 9:30am. Hosted by Grades 5&amp;6 Coffee Fellowship</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>

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



**21 de diciembre 2025**

**4º Domingo de Adviento**

“José, Hijo de David no temas recibir a Maria, tu esposa, en tu casa”. – Mt 1, 20

## Las lecturas de la semana del 21 de diciembre

**Domingo:** Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7. 10)/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24  
**Lunes:** 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56  
**Martes:** Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66  
**Miércoles: Mañana:** 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Lc 1, 67-79  
**Jueves: Vigilia:** Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2)/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/  
Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 **Misa de medianoche:** Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 (Lc 2, 11)/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 **Matutina:** Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3)/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14  
**Viernes:** Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22  
**Sábado:** 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 1, 2-8

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

A veces queremos que las instrucciones de Dios sean claras y precisas, como el ángel en el sueño de José. Pero el entendimiento de José era tan fuerte como su devoción a la voluntad de Dios. Si entregamos nuestras vidas a Dios como lo hizo José, sabremos lo que él nos pide.

## Salmo Responsorial

Entre el Señor; él es el Rey de la gloria. (Sal 24)

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

En este último domingo de Adviento, Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, está por nacer. Esta es la Buena Noticia que debe alegrarnos: comprender que el nacimiento de Jesús es la garantía de que Dios cumple su promesa con la llegada de su Hijo al mundo. El Evangelio nos da la oportunidad de contemplar el paso de la historia de la salvación en la humanidad. Dios se mezcla entre nosotros, se une a nuestros triunfos y fracasos. Ya no hay nada que temer: Jesús llega para iluminar nuestras tinieblas. “La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel, que significa: Dios con nosotros” (Mateo 1:23).

También la liturgia de hoy nos permite admirar a José, esposo de la Virgen, y tomar ejemplo de su valor, de su capacidad para guardar silencio y de su forma de actuar ante ella. José tomó la difícil decisión, en medio de la situación que vivía, de no difamar a María y repudiarla en secreto. Protegerla a ella y al niño fue su prioridad. “Tú eres el que pondrás el nombre al hijo que ella dará a luz. Y lo llamarás Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados” (Mateo 1:21). Gracias a esa prudencia y justo silencio de José, Jesús pudo nacer de María. ¿Cómo es mi prudencia ante los acontecimientos que atravieso en mi vida? ¿Sé guardar secretos para no destruir la vida de los demás? ¿He guardado espacios de silencio en este Adviento que me ayuden a mi crecimiento espiritual?

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

**1ª Lectura:** Setecientos años antes del nacimiento de Jesús, Isaías profetiza al rey Acáz que una virgen daría a luz un hijo y lo llamaría Emmanuel (“Dios con nosotros”). ¿Cuándo te has sentido cerca de Dios en este tiempo de Adviento?

**2ª Lectura:** Pablo instruye a los cristianos romanos que están “llamados a ser santos”. ¿Cuáles consideras que son algunos de los pasos para crecer en santidad?

**Evangelio:** Escuchamos cómo José luchó inicialmente con la noticia del embarazo de María. ¿Cómo disciernes para tomar decisiones difíciles?

## Oración para el Adviento – Milagros

Dios mío,  
Estás en el negocio de los milagros. Sigo creyendo que puedes mover montañas y separar mares. Irrumpe en todo lo desconocido y sorpréndenos con Tu bondad y gracia. Amén.

## *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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## 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 officiar 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.

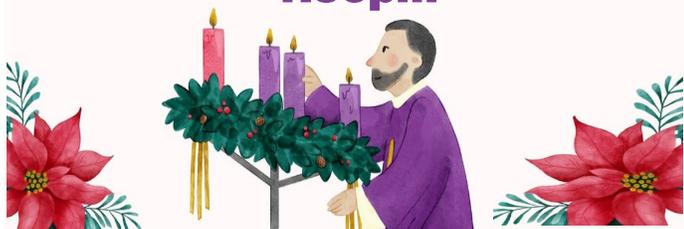
## CATEQUESIS

- Lunes, 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.
- Lunes, 12 de enero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.

# ADVIENTO

**Misa de Nochebuena**  
**24 de diciembre**  
**8pm - En la Capilla**  
**Después de la Misa un Compartir**  
**en la sala de Lourdes.**

**Misa de Navidad**  
**25 de diciembre**  
**1:30pm**



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

**Merry Christmas**  
*Feliz Navidad*

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

	7 de diciembre 2025	8 de diciembre 2024
Ofrendas	In-pew \$ 8,657.00	In-pew \$ 8,934.00
	Faith Direct \$ 1,927.30	Faith Direct \$ 1,886.10
	Total \$ 10,584.30	Total \$ 10,820.10
	<b>Inmaculada Concepción 2025</b>	<b>Inmaculada Concepción 2024</b>
	In-pew \$ 2,129.00	In-pew \$ 2,221.00
	Faith Direct \$ 439.00	Faith Direct \$ 445.00
	Total \$ 2,568.00	Total \$ 2,666.00

**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](http://www.stcecelia.org) o [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)



Si desea realizar donaciones electrónicas: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) el código es **NJ425**.



**CAMPANIA CAPITAL**  
 Meta \$ 750,000  
 Compromiso de \$699,165.00  
 Donaciones Recibidas \$308,360.44

**Necesidades de la Despensa de Alimentos**

Pasta -Espaguetis enlatada - Champú - Jabón en barra - Pasta dental-Cepillo de dientes

**La Despensa estará cerrado el 30 de Diciembre.**

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

*Padre Deniskingsley, Padre Ignatius, Diacono Anthony, y la Oficina Parroquial les deseamos un Feliz y Bendiciendo Navidad!*