

# ST. CECELIA CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”.  
Mt 4:19



*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.

### Parish 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 1/24/2026 Weekday**  
**8:00am** Special Intention—Cynthia Munar  
**Vigil Mass**  
**4:30pm** Special Intention - Damian Maffetone  
 req. Bobcia & Grandpa  
 †Casimir Tarnalicki req. Michelle & Rick
- Sunday 1/25/2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30am** Living & Deceased  
**9:30am** †Elizabeth Lahey req. Maureen Wyzykowski  
 †Ramon Declaro req. John & Oliva Drust  
**11:30am** †John Crisafulli req. Concetta Sanzone  
 †Gloria Pysarchyk req. Deacon Anthony, Lisa Pepe & Family
- Monday 1/26/2026 St. Timothy & St. Titus**  
**7:00am** Special Intention - The Pereira Family req. The Campos Family  
**9:15am** Special Intention - Matilde Bautista  
 req. Mr. & Mrs. William Idnay  
 Special Intention - Angela Causing req. A Friend
- Tuesday 1/27/2026 Weekday**  
**7:00am** Intentions of the Parishioners  
**9:15am** †Irene Aubrey req. Jodi & Bob  
 †Michael Clifford Sr. req. Teresa & Family
- Wednesday 1/28/2026 St. Thomas Aquinas**  
**7:00am** Intentions of the Parishioners  
**9:15am** †Eugene J. Washington req. Dan Neroda & Family  
 Special Intention - Maria Campos req. Son, Daughter-in-Law & Child
- Thursday 1/29/2026 Weekday**  
**7:00 am** Special Intention— DaSilva Family req. Campos Family  
**9:15am** †Santos Trujillo & Julia Loayza req. Elba Trujillo
- Friday 1/30/2026 Weekday**  
**7:00am** Intentions of the Parishioners  
**9:15am** †Mae Kristofcak req. Daughter, Carol  
 Special Intention - Emilia Monteleone req. Family
- Saturday 1/31/2026 St. John Bosco**  
**8:00am** Special Intention - Fr. Vernon Kohlmann, SDV  
 req. John & Oliva Drust  
 †Petronilo Recondo req. Maria Palang  
**Vigil Mass**  
**4:30pm** Special Intention— Adam Rozmosh req. Mom & Ted  
 †John Craig req. Joan Craig
- Sunday 2/1/2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30am** Living & Deceased  
**9:30am** †Remedios & Luciano Mendoza Sr.  
 req. Angela Causing  
 †AnnaMarie Maliniak req. Pat Maliniak  
**11:30am** †Gerald Sanzone Sr. The Sanzone Family  
 †Rose & Nick DiCapva req. Jukniewicz Family

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

## Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
**Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,  
 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/  
 Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,  
 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
 Mk 4:35-41




In celebration of Valentine's Day, our parish will hold a special Anniversary Mass. During the Mass, certificates will be presented to couples who wish to celebrate their anniversary, or who wish to renew their vows. To help us plan accordingly all interested individuals are kindly asked to clip the form and register with the parish office no later than **February 7, 2026**. Please indicate the number of attendees. Registration is open to parishioners and non-parishioners.

Following the Mass there will be a cutting of the cake and refreshments in Lourdes Hall. Sign up sheet is available in the atrium and parish office. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you.

**Couple's First & Last Name: Please Print Clearly**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Years Married (as of 2/14/26): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees at Lourdes Hall: \_\_\_\_\_



### ***A Time to Mourn*** ***Joan D'Angelis***

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in*

## Faith Formation

1/26/2026	Faith Formation 5:45pm- 7:15pm
2/2/2026	Faith Formation 5:45pm- 7:15pm
2/8/2026	Family Mass 9:30am Hosted by Grades 8 Presentation of Service Hours
2/9/2026	Faith Formation 5:45pm- 7:15pm
2/11/2026	Parents Meeting for First Penance & Holy Communion 6-7pm
2/16/2026	No Faith Formation Classes Presidents Day
2/18/2026	Ash Wednesday
2/20/2026	Stations of the Cross 6:00pm. All are Invited
2/22/2026	Family Mass 9:30am Hosted by Grades 4&5
2/23/2026	Faith Formation 5:45pm- 7:15pm

## GIFT CARDS

All gift cards purchased through our parish have **no activation or service fees**. Gift Cards are available all year long. When buying gift cards at retail stores, additional fees often apply meaning you may pay more for the same value. Gift Cards are available before and after all Masses or in the Parish Office. Support St. Cecelia and get full value for every dollar.

To view available brands visit  
<https://www.raiseright.com/brands> or

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS URGENTLY NEED

The Food Pantry is in *desperate need of non-perishable food items*. Please consider donating one or more items and place them in the Food Pantry box outside the Parish Office.

**Open: Tuesdays 10am-12pm-cfoodP@gmail.com**

Canned Yams- Canned Pasta - Dry Pasta -  
Dried Milk - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Bar Soap  
Syrup - Jelly - Green Beans - Coffee - Tea - Rice  
Shop Rite Gift Cards

*Gift Cards are available in the Atrium before & after Masses or the Parish Office. Kindly bring the Gift Cards to the Parish Office.*

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

### Navix 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>

## Baptism Class

*Pre-Baptism class is required for all Parents and 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### FTL, Jr. Annual Scholarship Essay Contest

The Lacsina Family Foundation  
215 N. 5th Street, Suite 1  
Harrison, NJ 07029  
973-718-9525  
[scholarship@thelacsinaff.org](mailto:scholarship@thelacsinaff.org)

- **Scholarship Details:**

- \*Amount \$3,500.00.
- \*Accepting Submission from  
March 1, 2026 to July 6, 2026.
- \*Winner announced: August 1, 2026.

- **Applicant Requirements:**

- \*Practicing Roman Catholic.
- \*Entering the eighth grade in a Roman Catholic elementary school.
- \*Demonstrate financial need.
- \*Finalist will need to provide proof of family income.
- \*Provide a report card showing a B or better average in each subject (minor & major).
- \*Submit a teacher recommendation letter.
- \*Submit a Pastor affirmation letter.

- **Essay:**

- \*Write a five-hundred word essay on "Why Should Families Be at the Center of Important Decisions for Young People."

## Pastor's Weekly Digest



### From Darkness to Discipleship: Responding Immediately to God's Call

My brothers and sisters in Christ, today's readings speak to us not only as individuals but as a parish community called to walk together in the light of Christ and to respond generously to his call. These readings converge around one clear message that God enters our darkness with his light and calls us to follow him without delay. The question before us is not whether God is calling, but how we respond when that call reaches us.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah (8:23-9:3) speaks to a people who had known defeat, exile, and despair. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." This is not only a poetic promise; it is a concrete assurance that God does not abandon his people in moments of confusion, suffering, or failure. Darkness in Scripture often symbolizes uncertainty, sin, fear, or hopelessness. We know this darkness well in our own lives. It could be family tensions, financial stress, illness, disappointment, or the quiet sense that life is not going in the direction we hoped to see it. Isaiah reminds us that God's response to darkness is not condemnation but light. He takes the initiative to restore joy and dignity to his people.

The Responsorial Psalm (27:1,4,13-14) echoes this confidence as well. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Notice the personal tone. The psalmist does not speak in theory but from lived experience. When the Lord is our light, fear no longer has the final word. This does not mean our problems disappear, but it means we are no longer paralyzed by them. Many people remain stuck in life not because God has not spoken, but because fear prevents them from moving. The psalm invites us to trust that walking in God's light gives clarity, courage, and direction.

In the Gospel, Matthew (4:12-23) shows us how this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus begins his public ministry not in a place of prestige, but in Galilee. The region of Galilee is considered insignificant and looked down upon. This is important. God's light often shines first in places others overlook. Jesus' message is simple and urgent, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance here is not merely about feeling sorry for sin; it means a change of direction, a decision to leave old patterns and step into a new way of life.

Immediately after this proclamation, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John. What is striking is their response, "At once they left their nets and followed him." No long speeches. No conditions. No delay. These men were ordinary fishermen with responsibilities, families, and livelihoods. Yet they recognized something decisive in Jesus' call. The nets they left behind represent security, routine, and familiarity. Following Jesus required trust and risk.

This challenges us directly. Many of us admire Jesus, believe in him, and even practice our faith, yet we hesitate to let go of certain "nets." These nets may not be sinful in themselves, but they can keep us from fully responding to God. They could be our comfort zones, unhealthy relationships, grudges, excessive attachment to material things, or the fear of change. We often say, "Later, Lord," when Jesus is saying, "Now."

The lives of the saints show us what it means to respond to God's call decisively. Saint Matthew himself, whose Gospel we are hearing, was a tax collector. He was wealthy, comfortable, and socially compromised. When Jesus said, "Follow me," Matthew left everything behind and became a disciple. His past did not disqualify him; his willingness to respond transformed him.

Another powerful example is Saint Francis of Assisi. He lived comfortably and dreamed of success, but when Christ called him to "rebuild my Church," Francis did not negotiate. He let go of wealth, status, and ambition to follow Christ in radical simplicity. What looked like loss to the world became freedom and joy in God's light.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta offers a more modern example. As a religious sister, she was already serving God, yet when she sensed a deeper call to serve the poorest of the poor, she responded despite uncertainty and opposition. Her immediate "yes" allowed God's light to reach millions through her compassion.

The Second Reading (I Cor. 1:10-13,17) deepens this call by reminding us that responding to Christ also means remaining united in him. Saint Paul appeals to the people of Corinthian to avoid whatever that would bring division and to be "united in the same mind and in the same purpose." A community that has seen the light of Christ must not allow rivalry, pride, or personal preferences to fracture that light. When we say, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," we are, in effect, clinging to our own nets instead of following Christ together. True discipleship, whether in the early Church or in our parish today, means placing Christ at the center, not personalities, opinions, or factions. Unity is itself a response to God's call and a powerful sign that we are walking in his light.

Today's readings ask us a simple but demanding question. What is Jesus asking me to leave behind in order to follow him more faithfully? God's light is already shining. The call has already been spoken. Like the first disciples, our task is not to understand everything in advance, but to trust enough to take the next step.

Closer to home, every vibrant parish has its own quiet saints. These are men and women who respond generously to God's call through service, prayer, generosity, and faithfulness. Catechists who pass on the faith, volunteers who serve the needy, parishioners who pray regularly for the Church. These people constantly leave their "nets" and choose discipleship. If we walk in the Lord's light, as the psalm urges us, we will discover that what we leave behind is never greater than what we receive. From darkness to discipleship, from fear to trust, from delay to decision. This is the journey God places before us today. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. The time to respond is now.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Deniskingsley.

**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.



**Year end Contribution Statements**

Tax Statements will be available towards the end of January. To request your copy, please provide the Parish Office with a self addressed stamped envelope (9 1/2 x 4).



	January 18, 2026		January 19, 2025	
<b>Offerings †</b>	In-pew	\$ 6,082.00	In-pew	\$ 6,851.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 1,985.10	Faith Direct	\$ 2,021.85
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,067.10</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,872.85</b>
	Catholic Education		Catholic Education	
	In-pew	\$ 1,271.00	In-pew	\$ 1,685.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 160.00	Faith Direct	\$ 149.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,431.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,834.00</b>



**Ash Wednesday**  
*February 18, 2026*

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**Mass Schedule**

7:00am      9:15am  
12:00pm    7:00pm

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Palms from previous years are collected to be burned, creating the ashes used for the cross on parishioners' foreheads for Ash Wednesday. If you would like to donate your old palms, please bring them to the Parish Office before 2/15/2026. Thank You!

**93% OF OUR PLEDGE GOAL & 59% 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 \$341,426.55 cash on hand or 60% of our cash on hand goal.**

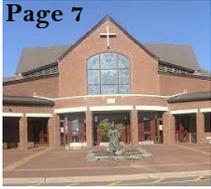
*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

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 \$699,290.00**  
**Received \$341,426.55**

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

## 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 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	Franklin Pfeifer	Zena John		

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.



### Diocesan Events



## The Prophets

Thursdays January 15 - March 19, 2026

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The Diocese will be introducing attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. \$20 per person for all 10 classes. Questions:

Email [magnese@diometuchen.org](mailto:magnese@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543

1/29—Obadiah	2/5—Malachi
2/12—Joel	2/19—Jonah
2/26—Daniel	3/5—Daniel
3/12—Daniel	3/19—Daniel



January 30 -  
February 1, 2026.

**Retrouvaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages**  
Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuono 732-236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748.



February 13-15, 2026  
and July 17-19, 2026

For more information or to register, contact:  
Tom and Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 or  
Ron and Jackie Cialino at (732) 506-0944 or  
Visit: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org)

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In the Catholic Church, you can receive the **Anointing of the Sick** (often called "**Last Rites**") multiple times, as it's not limited like some sacraments; you can receive it if you recover and become gravely ill again, or if your condition worsens during the same illness, and it's also for serious surgeries or frailty in old age. The "Last Rites" are actually a combination of sacraments (Anointing, Confession, Viaticum) given when death is near, but the core Anointing sacrament itself can be repeated whenever there's a serious need.



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Please join us First Friday,  
**February, 6, 2026 at 6 pm**  
in the Church for Adoration,  
followed by Mass at 7 pm.

# 2027 Memorial Mass Book Opening

The Parish Family of St. Cecelia is blessed by the number of parishioners who request the celebration of Masses each year in memory of their loved ones. In accordance with the parish policy established in 2005, and to ensure a fair and considerate distribution of Mass Intentions, the **2027 Mass Book will be open Tuesday, January 27 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.** Reservations will be accepted in person only at the Parish Office. Please review the policies below and plan your memorial requests prior to the Mass Book's opening date.

## Policies and Procedures for Reserving 2027 Memorial Masses and other Memorials

- A maximum of five (5) Masses per family may be reserved at the Parish Office. **Requests cannot be made by phone or in writing. All dates and times are on a first come first-served basis.**
- **WEEKEND MASSES**—Each family may reserve Masses on **only two (2) weekends per year**, subject to availability *The 9:30 am and 11:30 am Sunday Masses may each have two intentions, shared by two separate families. A family may not reserve both intentions at the same Mass as part of their two weekend limit.*
- **WEEKDAY MASSES**— Each family may reserve Masses on **only three (3) weekdays per year**, subject to availability *Christmas is excluded from weekday reservations.*
- **OTHER MEMORIALS—Use Sunday date.**

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be reserved for one-week periods.

The **BREAD & WINE** may be reserved for Masses for one-week periods.

The **ALTAR or BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS, together or separately**, may be reserved for one-week periods .

Please complete this planner and bring it to the Parish Office on or after **Tuesday, January 27th.**

We recommend keeping a copy for your own records.

Please list your requested dates in chronological order and **PRINT CLEARLY.**



Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Weekend date</i>	<i>Mass Offered for:</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<i>Weekday date</i>	<i>Mass Offered for:</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
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<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b> <i>Sunday's date</i>	<i>Sanctuary Candle Offered for:</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE</b> <i>Sunday's date</i>	<i>Bread &amp; Wine Offered for:</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<b>FLOWER(S)</b> <i>Sunday's date</i>	<i>Flowers Offered for:</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
_____	_____	_____
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**LENTEN OBLIGATIONS**

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are **Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3)**.
2. The other Fridays during Lent (**February 20 to April 3**) are days of abstinence.
3. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.), applies to all Catholics who have reached the **age of 14**.
4. The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the **ages of 18 and 59**. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to **1 full, as well as 2 smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal**, so as to experience hunger.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**  
**ST. CECILIA CHURCH**  
**6:00PM**

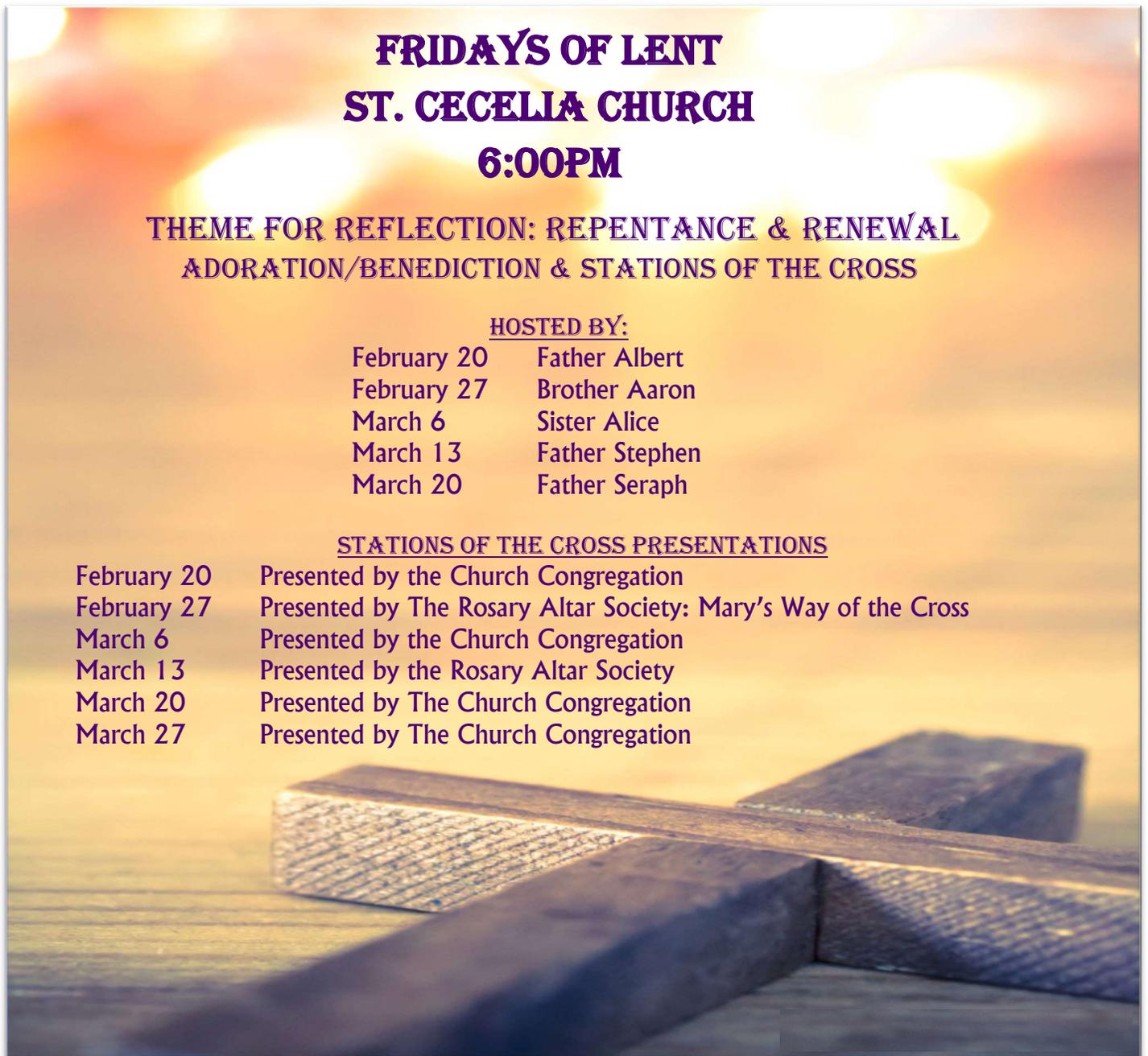
**THEME FOR REFLECTION: REPENTANCE & RENEWAL**  
**ADORATION/BENEDICTION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

HOSTED BY:

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|-------------|----------------|
| February 20 | Father Albert  |
| February 27 | Brother Aaron  |
| March 6     | Sister Alice   |
| March 13    | Father Stephen |
| March 20    | Father Seraph  |

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATIONS

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|-------------|--|
| February 20 | Presented by the Church Congregation                           |
| February 27 | Presented by The Rosary Altar Society: Mary's Way of the Cross |
| March 6     | Presented by the Church Congregation                           |
| March 13    | Presented by the Rosary Altar Society                          |
| March 20    | Presented by The Church Congregation                           |
| March 27    | Presented by The Church Congregation                           |



# JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>25</b> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Together in Charity</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>26 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>27 2027 Mass Intention Book Opening</p> <p>OCIA 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>31 Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Snow Removal</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>1</b> 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Snow Removal</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>2 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>3 Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat 9:15am Mass.</p> <p>OCIA 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>6 <b>First Friday</b> 6pm Adoration 7pm Mass</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>7 Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>NO Healing Mass</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>8</b> 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Family Mass 9:30am Hosted by Grade 8 Presentation of Service Hours</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>9 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>10 OCIA 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>11 <b>Parents meeting for 1st Penance &amp; Holy Communion 6-7pm</b></p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>14 Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Wedding Anniversary Mass 10am</p> <p>2000 Hail Mary's</p> <p>Catholic Spirit</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p><b>15</b> 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Catholic Spirit</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>16 Presidents Day</p> <p>No Faith Formation</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>17 OCIA 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>Mass Schedule 7:00am 9:15am 12:00pm 7:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>20 Lenten Friday 6pm. Hosted by Fr. Albert</p>  <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>21 Confessions 9am-10:30am &amp; 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Improvement Fund</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>

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

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

En Jesús se cumplen todas las promesas de Dios. Las palabras de Isaías en la primera lectura nos lo dicen: "El pueblo que habitaba en las tinieblas vio surgir una luz brillante". El gozo se multiplicó y la alegría aumentó. La razón de la alegría del pueblo es sencilla: se rompió el yugo que los oprimía. Experimentar la libertad es algo maravilloso, y se puede gozar de muchas formas: desde una enfermedad, a quedar sano; de estar encarcelado, y ser puesto en libertad; de relaciones no buenas, a romper con ellas. En fin, existen muchos ejemplos. Pero hay uno que debemos seguir muy de cerca: "La gente que vivía en la oscuridad ha visto una luz muy grande; una luz que ha brillado para los que viven en lugares de sombras de muerte" (Mateo 4:16).

¿En nuestra vida, cuáles son los lugares de sombra y de muerte? ¿Dónde debe entrar la luz que ilumine nuestra existencia? La conversión del corazón debe ser la guía que oriente el timón de nuestra vida. San Pablo nos indica una de tantas direcciones: que no haya divisiones entre nosotros, sino, por el contrario, que exista concordia entre las familias y la comunidad. Claramente nos recuerda que pertenecemos a Cristo. La clave está en saber vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio. El Papa León XIV nos ofrece pautas seguras para llegar a Cristo: "Ayúdense los unos a los otros a construir puentes con el diálogo, con el encuentro, uniéndonos todos para ser un solo pueblo, siempre en paz". "La humanidad necesita de El como puente para ser alcanzada por Dios, por

25 de Enero 2026

3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Conviértanse, porque ya esta cerca el Reino de los Cielos". – Mt 4, 17

### Salmo Responsorial

*El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación. (Salmo 27)*

### Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de enero

Domingo: Is 8, 23-9, 3/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/1 Co 1, 10-13. 17/Mt 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17

Lunes: 2 Tm 1, 1-8 o Ti 1, 1-5 /Sal 96. 1-2a. 2b-3, 7-8a. 21-22. 25-26/Mc 3, 22-30

Martes: 2 Sm 6, 12-15. 17-19/Sal 25, 7. 8. 9. 10/Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-17/Sal 88, 4-5. 27-28. 29-30/Mc 4, 1-20

Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 18-19. 24-29/Sal 132, 1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14/Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes: 2 Sm 11, 1-4. 5-10. 13-17/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 6-7. 10-11/Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12, 1-7. 10-17/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/Mc 4, 35-41

### PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

**1ª Lectura:** Isaías profetiza un futuro cambio de fortuna para las personas que viven en la tierra de Zabulón y Neftalí. ¿Alguna vez has recibido un regalo o bendición inesperada?

**2ª Lectura:** Pablo insta a los corintios a estar unidos en mente y propósito, y a evitar las rivalidades. ¿Cómo reaccionas a los conflictos en casa o en el trabajo?

**Evangelio:** Mateo nos dice que Jesús comenzó su ministerio público llamando a sus discípulos: sanando a los enfermos y predicando la Buena Nueva del Reino de los Cielos. ¿Alguna vez has sentido un "llamado a la acción" para vivir tu fe?

## Cuaresma: 18 de febrero a 6 de abril

Todos los católicos que gozan de buena salud deben observar los siguientes días de ayuno y abstinencia:

**Ayuno:** la obligación de ayunar se aplica solo a los católicos entre los 18 y los 59 años. Significa limitarse a una sola comida completa, o dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa, durante el día para experimentar el hambre.

**Abstinencia:** según la tradición católica romana, significa abstenerse de comer carne (res, pollo, cerdo, pavo, etc.). Se aplica a todos los católicos mayores de 14 años.

1. Los días de ayuno y abstinencia son el **Miércoles de Ceniza (18 de febrero)** y el **Viernes Santo (3 de abril)**.

2. Los demás viernes de Cuaresma (**20 de febrero a 3 de abril**) son días de abstinencia.

3. Desde la Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo hasta la celebración de la Vigilia Pascual en la noche del Sábado Santo, se debe observar el ayuno pascual para que, con corazones alegres y dispuestos, estemos preparados para celebrar las alegrías de la Resurrección.

La obligación de ayuno y abstinencia, en su conjunto, es una obligación grave. Si bien el incumplimiento de un solo día penitencial en sí mismo puede no considerarse grave, el incumplimiento de todos los días penitenciales, o de un número considerable de ellos sin una causa justificada, se consideraría una falta grave. A quienes no puedan abstenerse por una razón válida en un viernes de Cuaresma se les pide que realicen otro acto penitencial o que se abstengan en otro día.



UNA COMIDA  
REGULAR



DOS COMIDAS  
PEQUEÑAS

Que juntas no igualen  
a una comida regular  
en tamaño



NO BOCADITOS  
O SNACKS

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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 Ucción 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 las 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, 26 de enero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.
- Lunes, 2 de febrero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.
- Domingo, 8 de febrero:** **Misa Familiar a las 9:30a.m. Organizado por Grado 8. Presentación de Horas de Servicio Comunitarias.**
- Lunes, 9 de febrero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm
- Miércoles, 11 de febrero:** **Reunión de Padres para La Primera Confesión y Primera Comunión 6-7pm.**
- Lunes, 16 de febrero:** **No hay Clases.**
- Lunes, 23 de febrero:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm. **Celebración del Sacramento de Reconciliación 6pm.**
- Lunes, 2 de marzo:** **No hay Clases.**

## Calendario de Cuaresma 2026

Miércoles de ceniza

**18 FEB**

Domingos de cuaresma

**22 FEB** **01 MAR** **08 MAR** **15 MAR**

**22 MAR** **22 MAR** **29 MAR** Domingo de Ramos

Jueves Santo **02 ABR** Viernes Santo **03 ABR** Sábado Santo **04 ABR** Domingo de Resurrección **05 ABR**

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- Día: Lunes 2 de febrero 2026
- Hora: 8:00 p.m.
- Concelebrante: Padre Jesús Ramos
- Traer Velas y niño Jesús.

Después tendremos un compartir

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Ofrendas +	In-pew \$ 6,082.00	In-pew \$ 6,851.00
	Faith Direct \$ 1,985.10	Faith Direct \$ 2,021.85
	Total \$ 8,067.10	Total \$ 8,872.85
	Educación Católica 2026	Educación Católica 2025
	In-pew \$ 1,271.00	In-pew \$ 1,685.00
	Faith Direct \$ 160.00	Faith Direct \$ 149.00
	Total \$ 1,431.00	Total \$ 1,834.00

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Los comprobantes fiscales estarán disponibles a finales de enero. Para solicitar su copia, por favor, entregue a la oficina parroquial un sobre con su nombre y dirección y con sello postal (9 1/2 x 4 pulgadas).

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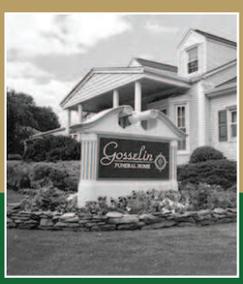
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