

ST. CECELIA CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 29, 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.’ And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, ‘Who is this’” Mt21:9



*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

Mass Intentions & Memorials

Mass Intention \$10-Bread & Wine \$25
Altar Flowers \$75-Sanctuary Candle \$25
St Joseph & Blessed Mary Flowers \$50
Purgatorial Mass Card \$15
Sacramental Certificate \$10
3 Month Votive Candle \$75

Adoration Chapel

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

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

New to the Parish?

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

Sacraments

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

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

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

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

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

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

Marriage Preparation:

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

Wedding Etiquette

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

Floral Arrangements:

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

Additional Restrictions:

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

Ministry to the Sick or Homebound:

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

House Blessing

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

Devotions

Novenas- St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, after 8am Sat. Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet- on Fridays after 7am & 9:15 am Mass.
First Fridays- 6pm Adoration, and 7pm Mass.
2000 Hail Marys- Every 2nd Saturdays of the Month.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3/28/2026 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Special Intention - Steven Makil req. Simon Makil Vigil Mass
4:30pm †Deceased Members of the Keleher & Kolibas Families †Thomas Ellsworth req. Deacon Anthony & Lisa Pepe
Sunday 3/29/2026 Palm Sunday
7:30am Living & Deceased of the Parish
9:30am †Manuel Murillo req. Corazon Icasas †Thomas Ellsworth req. Sashya Hewavitharana
11:30am †Raymond Matos, Sr. req. John & Ivette Goicuria †Thomas Ellsworth req. Dolores Ciotto
Monday 3/30/2026 Holy Week
7:00am Special Intention - Vasquez Family †Franklin J. Cunneen req. Jacob Strassburger
9:15am †Thomas Ellsworth req. Judy Caliendo
Tuesday 3/31/2026 Holy Week
7:00am Special Intention - Reina Trujillo req. Elba Trujillo †Frank J. Pfeifer Jr. req. Joann Gill
9:15am †Casmir Tarnalicki req. The Neroda Family †Santos & Julia Trujillo req. Elba Trujillo
Wednesday 4/1/2026 Holy Week
7:00am †Edward Okoroji req. 7am Mass Attendees
9:15am †Asun Fillanadore & Bruna Sapuay req. Rose Garcia †Magiting Apolinario req. Ruby Geronimo
Thursday 4/2/2026 Holy Thursday
7:00 am No Mass
9:00am Prayer Service - St. James Church
7:00pm Intention of the Celebrant
Friday 4/3/2026 Good Friday (Fasting & Abstinence)
7:00am No Mass
8:30am Prayer Service - St. Anthony Church
3:00pm Passion of Our Lord Service
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4/4/2026 Holy Saturday
8:00am Prayer Service - St. Cecelia Church
12:00pm Blessing of the Food
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday 4/5/2026 Easter Sunday
7:30am Intentions of the Celebrant
9:30am Intentions of the Celebrant
11:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/



Lenten Schedule

Lenten Friday Retreat (5:30pm)

March 27

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Processional Mass or Solemn Entrance

Palm Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am Solemn Entrance

11:30am Processional Mass or Solemn Entrance

March 31st Tuesday: Chrism Mass

4:00pm St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

April 1st Wednesday: Tenebrae

7:00pm

April 2nd: Holy Thursday

9:00am Morning Prayer - St. James Church, Woodbridge

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 3rd: Good Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer - St. Anthony Church, Port Reading

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7pm Stations of the Cross

April 4th: Holy Saturday

8:00am Morning Prayer, St. Cecelia, Iselin

12:00pm Blessing of the Food

8:00pm Easter Vigil

April 5th: Easter Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

April 6th: Easter Monday

9:15am

Prayer of St. Gertrude:

Releasing Souls from Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.



A Time to Mourn

*Marcelas Alejera
Eleanor D. Bellas
Yvonne Ellong*

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

"Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, - I am in awe of Your sacrifice. You are the spotless Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Cleanse my heart, grant me mercy, and help me live in the freedom You won for me. In Your holy name, I pray. Amen."

Faith Formation

3/30/2026	Holy Week - No Faith Formation
4/6/2026	Easter Monday - No Faith Formation
4/13/2026	Faith Formation Classes 5:45pm– 7:15pm
4/20/2026	Faith Formation Classes 5:45pm– 7:15pm
4/27/2026	Faith Formation Classes 5:45pm– 7:15pm First Communion Practice
4/28/2026	First Communion Practice 6:30– 7:30
4/29/2026	First Communion Practice 6:30– 8:00
4/30/2026	First Communion Practice & Confession 6:30– 8:00
5/2/2026	First Holy Communion 10:00am
5/3/2026	May Crowning

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
 To register on line:

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

- **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.”

Baptisms & Baptism Class

Pre-Baptism class is required for all Parents and Godparents.

Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM**. **Baptism classes** are held monthly and should be completed **a few months prior to the baptism**. Please note that baptism classes are **valid for three (3) years**. All required documents for **both parents and godparents** must be submitted to the parish office **no later than two weeks before the baptism date**.

Please contact the **Parish Office at (732) 283-2300** to register and make an appointment for the baptism class.

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound July 23, 2026.



Join us for a wonderful Bus Trip. We will be boarding the buses at 6:30am from St. Cecelia Church parking lot for the 11:00am show. Adults \$160.00 & Children under 12 \$120.00. Your trip includes transportation, show, and lunch at Bird in Hand Restaurant. Sign up at the Parish Office or after all Masses in the Atrium.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry is in 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 -
Toothpaste - Shampoo - Bar Soap Broth
Cake Mix- Pancake Mix - 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!



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.

Knights Prayer

Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of Thy Divine Son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.



Pastor's Weekly Digest



Walking with Christ from the Cross to New Life.

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The Holy Week is the most sacred week in the life of the Church. Our journey through Lent has been a journey of prayer, fasting, and charity. For forty days, we have tried to draw closer to God, to turn away from sin, and to renew our hearts. Today, that journey reaches a turning point.

We begin this Palm Sunday Mass with joy, carrying palms and recalling how Jesus entered Jerusalem with people shouting, "Hosanna!" It was a moment of praise, a moment of hope. But very quickly, the mood changes. In the Passion reading we hear the same voices cry out, "Crucify Him!" This sentiment reminds us of one simple truth. It highlights how the human heart can change very quickly. One day we are faithful, another day we fall. One moment we follow Christ, another moment we deny him. Thus, Palm Sunday is not only about celebration. It is also about commitment. It asks us, *"Will you stay with Jesus, even when the journey becomes difficult?"*

Throughout this Lenten season, we have been preparing for this moment. We have walked with Christ in the desert. We have reflected on repentance, forgiveness, and conversion. Now, in Holy Week, we are invited to reflect and to follow him closely.

During this week, the Church gives us very powerful moments on different days. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus gave us the Eucharist and showed us the meaning of service by washing the feet of his disciples. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the Cross, where Jesus gives his life for us. It is a day of silence, sorrow, and deep love. Then comes the Easter Vigil, the most beautiful night of the year, when darkness is overcome by light, and death is conquered by life.

And on that holy night, something very special will happen in our community. Our candidates, who have prepared for two years and have been elected, will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist). This is the fruit of their journey, a journey they began over these months with faith and courage.

Dear candidates, we congratulate you. Your perseverance, your strength, and your openness to God's grace are truly inspiring. You have walked through this Lenten season with commitment, learning, praying, and growing. Now, you are about to enter fully into the life of Christ and his Church. May I remind you that this is not the end of your journey. It is the beginning of a new life in Christ.

As we all reflect today, we must see ourselves in this story of the Passion. Sometimes we are like Peter, who promises loyalty but falls. Sometimes we are like the crowd, and we are easily influenced by others' opinions. Sometimes we are like Simon of Cyrene, called to help carry the cross. And sometimes, by God's grace, we are like the faithful ones who remain with Jesus to the end.

The message of today is clear to all of us. And this message is to know that to follow Christ means to walk with him in moments of joy and in moments of suffering. The cross (our sufferings) is not the end. It is the path to resurrection (our successes). Therefore, as we enter this Holy Week, let us not be spectators. Let us be participants. Let us walk with Jesus from the palms of victory, through the pain of the cross, to the glory of the resurrection.

May this week renew our faith, strengthen our commitment, and prepare our hearts to truly celebrate Easter. Amen.

Have a wonderful Holy Week.

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 clearly print 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 Parish Soft: 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.

Parish Soft provides you the opportunity to give to our weekly and special collections.

SCAM ALERT - URGENT

Please be advised that scammers have intensified their efforts by impersonating Fr. Denis & Fr. Ignatius. If you receive an email or text stating you have a debit or any correspondence requesting financial payments from St. Cecelia delete and/or call the Parish Office to verify.

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 (91/2 x 4).

	March 22, 2026	March 23, 2025
Offerings +	In-pew \$ 8,097.00	In-pew \$ 7,603.00
	Faith Direct \$ 3,280.10	Faith Direct \$ 2,078.60
	Total \$ 11,377.00	Total \$ 9,681.60
	Parish Improvement 2026	Parish Improvement 2025
Offerings +	In-pew \$ 2,731.00	In-pew \$ 2,817.00
	Faith Direct \$ 0.00	Faith Direct \$ 796.00
	Total \$ 2,731.00	Total \$ 3,613.00

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of March 20, 2026, the Diocesan Development Office has received pledges totaling **\$28,720.50** and payments totaling **\$27,252.00** from parishioners of St. Cecelia. This represents **45%** of our **\$64,000 goal**. Please consider giving generously.

You may give on line at:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>—

or simply scan the QR code below to contribute. If you prefer to give by mail, please send your donation to:

Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal
PO Box 4000
Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

Thank you for your generosity and support!



97% OF OUR PLEDGE GOAL & 75% OF OUR CASH GOAL FROM OVER 220 PARISHIONERS!
There Is Still Time to Make Your Pledge

If you are making your **Capital Campaign contribution during regular Mass donations**, it is **extremely important that you place it in a separate envelope** clearly marked "Capital Campaign." Also, in the memo section of your check please write "Capital Campaign."

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 \$423,287.00 cash on hand or 75% 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 \$732,165.00
Received \$423,287.00



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

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

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.

2000 HAIL MARY'S

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY
2nd SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM IN THE
ADORATION CHAPEL.

WHETHER YOU ARE A REGULAR PARISHIONER OR A FIRST-TIME VISITOR, WE EXTEND A WARM INVITATION TO ALL!

Memorial Mass for Fr. Ignatius' Brother

On Friday, April 10 at 6:30 PM, a Memorial Mass will be offered for Edward Okoroji, the brother of Fr. Ignatius. We invite parishioners to join us in prayer for the repose of his soul and for comfort for Fr. Ignatius and his family.

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 4:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen, will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

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.



The Parish Office will be Closed for Holy Week Observance

4/2 Holy Thursday
4/3 Good Friday
4/6 Easter Monday



RECEIVING THE HOST IN THE HAND:

Hands open, one over the other. Respond "Amen."
Receive the Host in your palm and consume immediately facing the altar.

RECEIVING THE HOST IN YOUR MOUTH:

Respond "Amen." Tilt head back, open mouth, extend tongue. Receive and consume reverently.

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>
Mobile URL: <https://diometuchenmobile.ethicspoint.com>

EASTER FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of...

- *Ralph Jacobsen, Anna Fiatarone, Angelina Duke
- *Walter G. Clark, Liberato DeLeone
- *John McCormac
- *Reimund Moyer, Joseph Flowers III, Joseph Sr. & Sue Flowers
- *Joan Parisi
- *Kushmerick & DeVugilus Families
- *John & Irene McDowell
- *Joe & Loretta Flowers Jr.
- *Lucille Butfiloski
- *Ronald Wrabel
- *Tante Victoria, Maximo & Ely Balbin, Susan Luna
- *Clifford, Edward, Mark, & Lisa Kraft
- *Ruth Moonsummg
- *Patria Aragon, Napoleon Amarra, Rio & Jocelyn Antonio
- *Gerard Bellino, Kristina Bellino Faeth
- *Mr. & Mrs. John Bacskay, Thomas Bacskay, Mr. & Mr. Frank Rura, Carol Smarck
- *MaryAnn Reid
- *Stanley E, & Joanne Chase
- *Jeyaram, Shanthi, Jeyadhinesh & Raju
- *Raymond Rigby
- *Anna Leone & Claire Burns

In Honor of...

- *Mr. & Mrs. Bienvenido Vidal
- *Mrs. Bridget Timoney
- *Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Wertz
- *Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Beebe Jr.
- *Rolando Echeverria
- *Mr. & Mrs. Raymond C. Napiorski
- *Mrs. Niemczyk
- *Mr. & Mrs. Aldo Velez
- *Ms. Gonzaline Theodorine
- *Mr. & Mrs. Randy Martin
- *Michael A. Sasjack
- *Mr. & Mrs. Peter Fernandes
- *The Gift Shop

LENT & EASTER

<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS</p>  <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">DAYS OF FASTING</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY</p> <div style="background-color: #ccccff; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">WHAT IS FASTING?</p> <p style="margin: 0;">One full meal and two smaller meals.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">DAYS OF ABSTINENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT</p> <div style="background-color: #ccccff; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?</p> <p style="margin: 0;">No meat.</p> </div> </div>	
<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">PALM SUNDAY</p>  <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">HOLY THURSDAY</p>  <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.</p> </div>	
<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">GOOD FRIDAY</p>  <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center; margin: 0;">40</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.</p> </div>	
<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!</p>  <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Alleluia! The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!</p> <div style="background-color: #ccccff; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.</p> </div> </div>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">PILLARS OF LENT</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div> </div>

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

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-58
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

WHAT

ABSTINENCE

NO MEAT
Mammals or Fowl

FISH IS OK
See also Amphibians and Reptiles

WHEN

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

FASTING

1 REGULAR MEAL AND **2 SMALLER MEALS**
that together do not equal the regular meal in size

NO SNACKS

ABSTINENCE






ASH WEDNESDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAYS IN LENT

March/April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>7:30am & 9:30am Solemn Entrance</p> <p>11:30am Processional Mass</p> <p>Clergy Retirement Fund</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>30 Holy Week</p> <p>No Faith Formation</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>31 Chrism Mass</p> <p>4pm St Francis Cathedral</p> <p>OCIA No Class</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>1 Tenebrae Service</p> <p>7pm St. Cecelia Church</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>2 Holy Thursday</p> <p>9am Morning Prayer St. James Church</p> <p>7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p>Holy Thursday Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>3 Good Friday</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer St. Anthony Church</p> <p>3pm Passion of the Lord</p> <p>7pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Holy Land Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday</p> <p>No Confessions</p> <p>Morning Prayer 8am St. Cecelia Church</p> <p>12pm Blessing of the Food</p> <p>8pm Easter Vigil</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p>5 Easter Sunday</p> <p>7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30 am Masses</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>9 Easter Monday</p> <p>9:15am Mass</p> <p>No Faith Formation</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>7 OCIA No Class</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>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>11 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p>11 Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>13 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>14 OCIA 7:15 pm-8:30pm</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>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>18 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>
<p>19 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>20 Faith Formation Grades 1-8 5:45pm-7:15pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>21 OCIA 7:15 pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>	<p>25 Confessions 9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm</p> <p>Rosary via Zoom</p>

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

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO



29 de marzo 2026

Domingo de Ramos

“Hosanna en las Alturas!”

Salmo Responsorial

Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Sal 22)

Las lecturas del 29 de marzo

Domingo: Mt 21, 1-11 (37)/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/Is 50, 4-7/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7/Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14/Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38

Miércoles: Is 50, 4-9/Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34/Mt 26, 14-25

Jueves: Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18/1 Co 11, 23-26/Jn 13, 1-15

Viernes: Is 52, 13-53, 12/Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 y 25/Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9/Jn 18, 1\ 19, 42

Sábado: Vigilia de la Pascua de Resurrección: Gn 1, 1-2, 2 o 1, 1. 26-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 (30) o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 (5)/Gn 22, 1-18 o 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18/Sal 15, 5. 8. 9-10. 11 (1)/Ex 14, 15-15, 1/ Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 (1)/Is 54, 5-14/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 (2)/Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/Bar 3, 9-15. 32-4, 4/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 (Jn 6, 68)/Ez 36, 16-17. 18-28/Sal 41, 3. 5; 43, 3. 4 (42, 2)/Rom 6, 3-11/Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Mt 28, 1-10

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

1ª Lectura Isaías habla de su respuesta obediente a la llamada de Dios a pesar de su sufrimiento. ¿Alguna vez has sufrido por tu fe?

2ª Lectura Pablo relata cómo la vida de Jesús se caracterizó por la humildad y la obediencia. ¿De qué manera vives según estas virtudes?

Pregunta del Evangelio Hay numerosas características únicas en el relato de Mateo sobre la pasión del Señor, incluidos los detalles del suicidio de Judas. ¿Qué partes de la narrativa de la pasión te parecen más atractivas?

Con el Domingo de Ramos damos comienzo a la Semana Santa, también llamada Semana Mayor. Hoy se proclaman dos evangelios en la Misa: uno a la entrada del templo, para caminar alegres con palmas en la mano al encuentro de Cristo, y el otro durante la Liturgia de la Palabra: la Pasión del Señor. El Papa Francisco, en la Exhortación Apostólica La Alegría del Evangelio, escribe lo siguiente: “La verdadera fe en el Hijo de Dios hecho carne es inseparable del don de sí, de la pertenencia a la comunidad, del servicio, de la reconciliación con la carne de los otros. El Hijo de Dios, en su encarnación, nos invitó a la revolución de la ternura” (EG 88). La ternura y la misericordia de Dios se hacen especialmente presentes durante la Pasión del Señor.

La Semana Santa es un tiempo especial para nuestra renovación espiritual. Como cristianos bautizados, somos seguidores de Jesús y debemos alzar los dinteles de nuestra alegría, porque va a entrar en nuestro corazón el Rey de la Gloria. “¡Hosana al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosana en lo más alto de los cielos!” (Mateo 21:9). Aclamación y súplica es lo que repetimos año tras año durante el Domingo de Ramos. Somos bendecidos al poder participar en esta celebración que nos invita a vivir la vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor: la Pascua gloriosa, centro de todo el Año Litúrgico.

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 NO BOCADITOS O SNACKS

Que juntas no igualen a una comida regular en tamaño

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HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes 8:00 am - 4 pm

Viernes 8:00 am -12 pm

Visitas al Santísimo esta disponible en el horario de oficina.

TIEMPOS DE MISA

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

Sábado 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

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

1:30pm (Español)

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

HORARIO DE LA TIENDA

DE REGALOS

Lun—Jueves 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Viernes Cerrados

Sábado 3:00 pm—6:00 pm

Domingo 10:00 am—12:30 pm

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

La Despensa de Comida

Martes 10am-12pm

REGISTRACIÓN:

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

BAUTISMO:

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

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

Quilificaciones para Elegibilidad de Padrinos:

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

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

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

MATRIMONIO:

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

MINISTERIO A LOS ENFERMOS:

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

BENDICIÓN DE LA CASA

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

Procedimientos de Bodas:

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

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

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

Alerta

Si recibe mensajes de texto, correos electrónicos o llamadas de un número sospechoso, por favor, no interactúe. Cualquier tipo de correspondencia solicitando donaciones de tarjetas de regalo o información financiera, incluyendo enlaces, repórtelo a ReportFraud.ftc.gov. La Iglesia no solicitará donaciones de tarjetas de regalo, información financiera ni enviará un enlace para donar.

CATEQUESIS

- Lunes, 30 de marzo:** No hay Clases. Semana Santa
- Lunes, 6 de abril:** No hay Clases. Semana Santa
- Lunes, 13 de abril:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.
- Lunes, 20 de abril:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm.
- Lunes, 27 de abril:** Catequesis 5:45pm-7:15pm. Primera Practica para La Primera Comunión.
- Martes, 28 de abril:** Practica para La Primera Comunión 6pm-7:30pm.
- Miércoles, 29 de abril:** Practica para La Primera Comunión 6pm-7:30pm

Calendario de Cuaresma 2026

Domingos de cuaresma

29
MAR
Domingo de Ramos



Jueves Santo

02
ABR

Viernes Santo

03
ABR

Sábado Santo

04
ABR

Domingo de Resurrección

05
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Misa Crismal

La Catedral de Saint Francis, Metuchen, El martes 31 de marzo de 2026, 4pm, el Obispo Paul G. Bootkoski, Obispo Emérito de Metuchen, celebrará la Misa Crismal con los sacerdotes de la Diócesis.

Jueves Santo

2 de abril 7pm
En el Salón de la Iglesia



VIERNES SANTO

3 de abril
Vía Crusis 12pm
Misa 3pm
En el Salón de la Iglesia



Viaje en autobús a Sight & Sound el 23 de julio de 2026.

Abordaremos los autobuses a las 6:30 a. m. desde el estacionamiento de la iglesia de Santa Cecilia para el espectáculo de las 11:00 a. m. Adultos: \$160, Niño \$120. El viaje incluye transporte, espectáculo y almuerzo en el restaurante Bird in Hand. Inscríbese en la Oficina Parroquial o después de cada misa en el O después de la Misa.

	22 de marzo 2026		23 de marzo 2025	
Ofrendas	In-pew	\$ 8,097.00	In-pew	\$ 7,603.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 3,280.10	Faith Direct	\$ 2,078.60
	Total	\$ 11,377.00	Total	\$ 9,681.60
	Fondo de Mejoría 2026		Fondo de Mejoría 2025	
	In-pew	\$ 2,731.00	In-pew	\$ 2,817.00
	Faith Direct	\$ 0.00	Faith Direct	\$ 796.00
	Total	\$ 2,731.00	Total	\$ 3,613.00

Declaración de Donaciones

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).

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.



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Meta \$ 750,000

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Donaciones Recibidas \$423,287.00

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2026

La Oficina de Desarrollo Diocesano ha recibido promesas de donaciones por un total de \$26,645.50 y pagos por un total de \$25,045.75 de feligreses de Santa Cecilia. Esto representa el 45% de la meta de \$64,000. Si desea enviar una donación por correo, envíela a: **Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000** o: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Cerrado

Oficina parroquial cerrada por la conmemoración de la Semana Santa.

- 2 de abril: Jueves Santo
- 3 de abril: Viernes Santo
- 6 de abril: Lunes de Pascua

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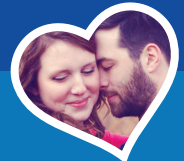


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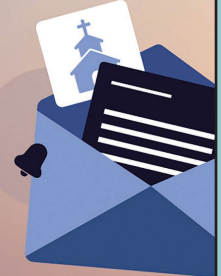
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