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*St. Cecilia Church*

120 Kearny Ave., Kearny, New Jersey 07032

www.stceciliakearny.org ~ November 29th, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Advent



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Monday - Saturday

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Parish Code: DQNKPN



## Parish Statement

*We, the people of God called to be the Catholic Community of St. Cecilia, are a diverse and multi-cultural community of believers, joined together by a common bond of love for our Lord Jesus Christ while preserving the uniqueness and traditions of our ethnicity. With a united spirit, we strive to serve our Lord, His Church, and our community through prayer, worship, ministry and evangelization, and to share our faith and our talents in service to one another.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	7:00 am and 12:00 pm-English
Tuesday	7:00 pm Español
Wednesday	7:30 pm Português
Saturday	8:00 am English
Saturday	5:00 pm English ( <i>Mass of Anticipation</i> )
	6:30 pm Español ( <i>Misa de Anticipación</i> )
Sunday	9:00 am Português
	10:30am English
	12:00 noon Español

### Baptisms, Bautismos, Baptismos

1o Domingo da mes as 1:30pm	<b>Português</b>
2do Domingo del mes a la 1:30pm	<b>Español</b>
3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm	<b>English</b>

Contact Fr. Juan Carlos Velasquez at (201) 991-1116 x20, or [jcvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org](mailto:jcvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org)

**Classes for Baptism are held the Saturday before the Baptism at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. Parents and Godparents are required to attend.**

### Reconciliation, Confesiones, Reconciliação

Saturday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the Church.

### Religious Education, including First Communion and Confirmation (CCD) for children


Classes will take place remotely over Zoom on Sundays from 8:45am-10am. Sacramental Prep classes will be on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30pm via Zoom (for all those within their two preparatory years of the Sacrament).

### Marriage, Matrimonios, Casamentos

Please call the priest at least one year in advance.  
 Por favor llamar al sacerdote un año antes de la boda.  
 Deven falar com o sacerdote com um ano de antecedencia.

### Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick, please call the Parish Center.  
 Unción de los enfermos, llamar al Centro Parroquial.  
 Unção dos Doentes, Por favor chamar Centro Parroquial.



*We are not powerless in the face of this threat. We have the power of prayer and we have an all powerful God who could end this crisis whenever He wills. If you are feeling overwhelmed or tormented by fear, pour out your heart to our loving savior Jesus Christ. He is the divine mercy of God. The prayer of faith strengthens us and gives us the confidence to face each day with joy and hope. May God and our Blessed mother intercede for you and your families.*

*Fr. John*

### FOOD PANTRY



The Community food Pantry is open every Friday from 10:30am to 1:00pm at the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Kearny Ave. and Laurel Ave. We also need donations of non perishable food items to be distributed at the community food pantry on Fridays. Also we will be needing volunteers for preparations and distribution. All safety precautions/wearing masks/social distancing – must be observed if you want to help. Please contact Deacon Arcadio.

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Mass Readings,

#### November 29th, 2020


**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7**

**Psalm: 80**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Gospel: Ma4k 13:33-37**

To sign up to give online, go to:  
[www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org)  
 or [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org).



Masses for the Week of November 29th, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 28

- 5:00pm +Junior Teixeira
- 6:30pm(S) +Mercedes Blancas Bringas

Sunday, November 29

- 9:00am (P) People of the Parish
- 10:30am +Iluminado Aldea (Birthday Remem.)
- 12:00pm (S) +Carlos & Gloria Sudario

Monday, November 30

- 7:00am People of the Parish
- 12:00pm +Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00pm **Advent Penance Service**

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:00am +Claire V. Bralczyk (1st. Anniv.)
- 12:00pm +Rosemary Groszman
- 7:00pm(S) +Maria Martha Valdés

Wednesday, December 2

- 7:00am +Pablo Alarcón
- 12:00pm +Helder Esteves
- 7:30pm(P) People of the Parish

Thursday, December 3

- 7:00am +Abraham Navia
- 12:00pm +Norman Rutan

Friday, December 4

- 7:00am +Jully John
- 12:00pm +Dalmacio & Feliciano Benavidez


Saturday, December 5

- 8:00am People of the Parish
- 5:00pm +Abelino Santos
- 6:30pm(S) +Carlos Villa

Next Sunday, December 6

- 9:00am (P) + Jose Peneda
- 10:30am +Francis Buczynski (Birthday Remem)
- 12:00pm (S) +Mastrapa Family

( P - Portuguese S - Spanish)



**THE SICK:** Luis Acevedo, Hilda Ajila, Marco Almeida, Margie Augusto, Vicente Avila Nuñez, Efausto Aybar, Naomy Bernales, Romulo Bernales, Fabricio Blancas, Joan Gresw Bobowski, Adrienne F. Brown, Ramon Caicedo, Cecilia Cappello, Fanny Carmona, Barbara Carter, John Carter, Monica Colon, Adolfo E. Coria, Alice Crist, Aquila Cruz Ricra, Lila Czaplicki, Gary Davila, Edward De Simon, Patricia Elson, Harold Faulk, Janette Faulk, Victor Ferdinandi, Florence Frederick, Yancey Garcia, Adolfo Gonzalez Sr., Lucilia Gorge, Sahara Goyenechea, Morgan Greco, Jason T. Gude, Stan Guziejewski Jr, Jay Harris, Edna Hasselwander, Juana Herrera, Ida Iccles, Charlie Ide, Roberto Jude, Kevin Kane, Luz LaBoy, Edna Leverock, Magdalene Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Helen Macchia, Josh Maher, Erick Marrquin, Rosemary Martens, Roberto Matos, John McDonald, Molly McGovern, Linda McKenna, Julia Mendez, Emily Merrill, Honore Metzinger, Sherri Moorman, Natalie Morris, Kimberly C. Mossey, Kevin Murphy, Eleanor Narozny, Leon Narucki, Gabriel Navia, William Orr, Richard Miguel Ortiz, Andrea Ozovck, Estrabonia Perez, Frank & Bonnie Primavera, Brian Rafttery, Isabel Ramilo, Maria Ressurreição, Rose Rivelini, Olivia Roach, Esperanza Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Jose Manuel Rodriguez, Jose R. Rodriguez, Piedad Rodriguez, Ernesto Rosabal, Elsy Ruiz, Eduardo Sanabria, Sarah Saraiva, Matilde Serrano, Francisco Silva, Priscila Costa Tuffner, Mariko Valente, Lisa Marie Van Egmond, Shayne Vaykovich, Madeline Verdinho, Heather Wharton, Cathy Wintjen, Gayle Wright, Victor Wysocki.


*\*Please notify the Office when a name can be removed from the sick list.*

*The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in the Church:*  
 Manuel Marinho  
*Requested by:*  
 Riveiro Family

*The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in the Chapel for*  
 People of the Parish  
*Requested by:*

*The Bread and Wine is offered this week for*  
 Priests of the Parish  
*Requested by:*

*Remember in your prayers those who have died:*



*May they rest in God's eternal embrace.*

**Sunday Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn**

The new Church year begins with a plea for God’s visitation. “Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,” the prophet Isaiah cries in today’s First Reading. In today’s Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne – to save and shepherd His people. Today’s readings are relatively brief. Their language and “message” are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today – as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God’s covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can’t we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel’s sake and for ours – to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift – especially the Eucharist and penance – to strengthen us as we await Christ’s final coming. He will keep us firm to the end – if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning – repeated three times by our Lord in today’s Gospel – to be watchful, for we know not the hour.

**ST. CECILIA’S GOT “FORMED”**

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.*

*(Jeremiah 1:5)*



God is a potter who wants to form out of the clay of our lives something beautiful.

Formed.org is not just a website to teach us intellectual ideas or Catholic doctrine, but an instrument God wants to use to form us into the persons we were meant to be. I’m excited about this organization that we have contracted with to be available to our parish providing parish good solid catholic formation.

I hope you will take the time to look at it. *Fr. John*

Register at [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org)  
Parishioners, enter code: **DQNKPN**



-All classes will take place remotely over Zoom on Sundays from 8:45am-10am. Sacramental Prep classes will be on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30pm via Zoom (for all those within their two preparatory years of the Sacrament). We will reevaluate the possibility of meeting in person at the end of 2020. Registration is now closed for this school year.

-There will be **No Class** on Sunday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

-CD’s and DVD’s for First Communion and Confirmation are ready for pick up during office hours.

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**RCIA SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS  
IN ENGLISH**

**Contact Fr. John E. Wassell for more information  
Registration forms are available in the Parish  
Center office.**



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are requested to contact Fr. Juan Carlos Velasquez at (201) 991-1116 ext. 20 or his email at:

[jcvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org](mailto:jcvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org) .

**BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE**



The Bonds of Marian Love virtual prayer group will resume their regular Prayer meetings every Friday evening at 7:30pm Please contact Natalia Aliaga at (201) 951-1740 or Leonidas Aliaga at (949) 354-1137.

**MASS BOOK OPENING**

The Mass Book for 2021 is now open. There is a limit of 12 Mass Intentions (5 Sunday Masses and 7 weekday Masses.) Please Come to the Parish office Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12pm & Sunday 10am to 1:30pm.

**PORTUGUESE ROSARY**

The Portuguese Community will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday night at 7:00pm before the 7:30pm Mass in the Church.

## Boletín en Español

### EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



Todas las clases van hacer Online por Zoom los domingos de 8:45am-10am. Las clases de preparación para los Sacramentos serán el primer domingo de cada mes a la 1:30pm por Zoom (para los estudiantes en los dos años de preparación para un Sacramento). En Enero 2021 vamos reevaluar la posibilidad de reunirnos en persona. Si tienen algunas preguntas, por favor contactarse con Leonidas Aliaga, nuestro Director de Formación de Fé ..

-No habrán clases el Domingo, Noviembre 29 por el Día de Acción de Gracias.

-Los Cd's & DVD's de los estudiantes de la Primera Comunión y Confirmación ya están disponibles en la oficina.

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### DIVINA MISERICORDIA

El Grupo de la Divina Misericordia se reúne todos los sábados a la 1pm en la iglesia en Adoración al Santísimo. Todos son bienvenidos!!



## Boletim em Português

### TEMA DO 1.º DOMINGO DO ADVENTO

A liturgia deste domingo apresenta um apelo veemente à vigília. O cristão não deve instalar-se no comodismo, na passividade, no desleixo, na rotina, na indiferença; mas deve caminhar, sempre atento e vigilante, preparado para acolher o Senhor que vem e para responder aos seus desafios. A **primeira leitura** convida os homens – todos os homens, de todas as raças e nações – a dirigirem-se à montanha onde reside o Senhor. É do encontro com o Senhor e com a sua Palavra que resultará um mundo de concórdia, de harmonia, de paz sem fim. A **segunda leitura** recomenda aos crentes que despertem da letargia que os mantém presos ao mundo das trevas (o mundo do egoísmo, da injustiça, da mentira, do pecado), que se vistam da luz (a vida de Deus, que Cristo ofereceu a todos) e que caminhem, com alegria e esperança, ao encontro de Jesus, ao encontro da salvação. O **Evangelho** apela à vigília. O crente ideal não vive mergulhado nos prazeres que alienam, nem se deixa sufocar pelo trabalho excessivo, nem adormece numa passividade que lhe rouba as oportunidades; o crente ideal está, em cada minuto que passa, atento e vigilante, acolhendo o Senhor que vem, respondendo aos seus desafios, cumprindo o seu papel, empenhando-se na construção do “Reino”.

*Portal dos Dehonianos*

## Novena y Misa 2020 en Honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Jueves	3 de Diciembre	7:00 PM
Viernes	4 de Diciembre	7:00 PM
<b>Misa con Antorcha 8:00 PM</b>		
Sábado	5 de Diciembre	7:30 PM
Domingo	6 de Diciembre	1:00 PM
Lunes	7 de Diciembre	6:30 PM
Martes	8 de Diciembre	6:30 PM
Miércoles	9 de Diciembre	6:30 PM
Jueves	10 de Diciembre	7:00 PM
Viernes	11 de Diciembre	7:00 PM
Sábado	12 de Diciembre	

**7:00 PM Santa Misa de la  
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## #WHATSMYNAME

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