

THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO BE THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

*St. Cecilia Church*

120 Kearny Ave., Kearny, New Jersey 07032

www.stceciliakearny.org ~ March 22nd, 2020 ~ (Fourth Sunday of Lent)



**John 9:1-41**

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**Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri.  
9 AM-12 PM, 1 PM-5 PM**

**\*Wednesday**

**9 AM-12 PM, 1 PM-7:30 PM  
(the office is closed from 12pm to 1pm)**

**Saturday 9 AM-12:30 PM**

**Sunday 9 AM-2:00 PM**

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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 (Chapel)  
 Tuesday 7:00 pm Español (Capilla)  
 Wednesday 7:30 pm Português (Capela)  
 Saturday 8:00 am English (Chapel)

**All Masses in the Church**

Saturday 5:00 pm English (*Mass of Anticipation*)  
 Sunday 7:30 am English  
 9:00 am Português  
 10:30am English  
 12:00 noon Español

**Baptisms, Bautismos, Baptismos**

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

**English and Spanish** – Contact Fr. Juan Carlos Velasquez at (201) 991-1116 x20, or [jvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org](mailto:jvelasquez@stceciliakearny.org)  
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**Classes for Baptism are held the Saturday before the Baptism at 12 Noon in the Parish Center Chapel. Parents and Godparents are required to attend.**

**Reconciliation, Confesiones, Reconciliação**

Saturday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm & 4:00pm - 4:30pm

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

Classes are on Sunday (**Session I:** 9am-10:20am and **Session II:** 10:30am-11:50am). Sacramental Prep. classes one Sunday of the month from 1:15pm-2:45pm.

**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.

**This Week at Saint Cecilia's:**

**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCEL THIS WEEK TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS SPREAD.**



*Do the Five. Help stop the coronavirus.*

1. **HANDS** wash them often
2. **ELBOW** cough into it
3. **FACE** don't touch it
4. **FEET** stay more than 3ft. apart
5. **FEEL** sick? Stay home and Pray

**When you're facing a difficult situation,**  
*Hang On!*  
**The Word tells us to wait on the Lord...**  
*"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart."*  
**Psalm 27:14**

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**Collections/Colectas/Administração**

The collection amount will be placed in next week's bulletin.

*As always, thank you for your generosity.*

Masses for the Week of March 22nd, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Due to the coronavirus all Mass intentions from March 21 to March 28 will be rescheduled. Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

*Become a Part of St. Cecilia Church*



St. Cecilia is an active and vibrant parish within the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our parish is always changing and growing, and we warmly welcome new parishioners.

Have you been attending Mass here for many years and have not registered? Are you a new parishioner? Joining the parish is simple; the rewards are great! As soon as you have

the opportunity, visit the Parish Center office and introduce yourself to one of the priests or parish staff members. Online registration is available at St. Cecilia. It is fast and easy!

Go to our website, [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org) and click on REGISTRATION.

You can register at any time!!!

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



**BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE**



The Bonds of Marian Love Bilingual prayer group is held in the chapel **every Friday night from 7:30PM to 9:30PM.** For more information about any of Bonds' activities, please contact Natalia Aliaga at (201) 951-1740 or Leonidas Aliaga at (949) 354-1137.

**THERE ARE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT**



**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, Stella Dzievienko, 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, 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 Narozy, Leon Narucki, Gabriel Navia, Daren Nicholls, William Orr, Richard Miguel Ortiz, Oswaldo Ojeda, Andrea Ozovck, Estrabonia Perez, Frank & Bonnie Primavera, Brian Raftery, 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, 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:  
Infant Jesus of Prague  
Requested by:  
Sanchez-Rivera 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:*



*Especially, Osvaldo Ojeda.  
May they rest in God's eternal embrace.*

**Sunday Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn**

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 4:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38-39](#)). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70-71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By his death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

**CORONAVIRUS**

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.



*All Religious Education classes and activities have been canceled until further notice. Be safe and God Bless you! Pray the Rosary.*

**ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES**



The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in the Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows: April 19, 2020 at 3:00pm for 5 years and 25 years (All counties) and May 3, 2020 at 3:00pm for 50 years (All Counties) The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. **Please contact the office to register for the 2020 Anniversary Liturgies.** Registrations for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are due by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The registration for the Golden Anniversary is due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Congratulations to all our couples!!!**



**LOST & FOUND**

We believe your personal items are important to you. Therefore, we want to inform our parishioners and visitors that any personal belongings found in our church or chapel, or in and around our parking lot, are kept in the Parish Center office. Please feel free to contact our office if you have left or lost an item. A description of the item will be required when claiming your item. If anyone finds an item in or around our church property, please bring it to the Parish Center office. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**From Cardinal Tobin:**

We continue to monitor with concern the questions that are arising about the spread of the coronavirus. In regard to the liturgy, the uncertainty of how widespread and impactful it is and/or could be and as a precaution, I have directed the following:



- ◆ Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins or even using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion, as is practiced in so many of our parishes and institutions already.
- ◆ Assure the faithful that if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness they are not obligated to attend Mass, and even out of charity they ought not to attend.
- ◆ The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.
- ◆ Distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice is to be suspended.

**Safeguarding Children and Addressing Abuse The Archdiocese Acts to Protect Youth and Children**



The first responsibility of the Archdiocese is to protect children and young people and to provide healing and compassion to victims of abuse. The Archdiocese of Newark requires all staff and volunteers working with children and youth to undergo background checks and receive sexual abuse awareness training. More than 20,000 Clergy, Religious and Lay people have received this training and undergone criminal background checks. Nearly 95,000 children annually receive safe environment training through our Catholic schools and through opportunities offered to public school students in our religious education programs. The Archdiocese makes use of the services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to be the first contact with individuals bringing allegations of abuse so that counseling and other support services can be extended immediately – even before a determination can be made regarding the validity of an allegation. A full-time Office of Child and Youth Protection dedicated to supporting the work of protecting children works with parishes and schools to ensure that safe environments are in place throughout the Archdiocese.

**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**



*Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Newark*

**2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**1)** The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 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 other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

\*On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

**2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**

**3)**The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

**4)** The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.** **\*\*Canon 920, §1.** All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

# Boletín en Español

## Reflexión Bíblica Dominical del Dr. Scott Hahn

Dios ve las cosas de modo diferente a nosotros, escuchamos en la primera lectura de hoy. Jesús ilustra esto en el Evangelio: el ciego adquiere la vista y los fariseos se vuelven ciegos. El ciego representa a toda la humanidad. Él, que “ha nacido todo entero en pecado” ([Jn.9.34](#)), es hecho una nueva criatura mediante el poder salvador de Cristo. Así como Dios formó al primer hombre del barro de la tierra (cf. Gn 2,7), Jesús da una nueva vida al ciego al ungir sus ojos con barro. (cf. Jn 9,11). Así como Dios insufló en el primer hombre el espíritu de vida, el ciego no es sanado hasta que se lava en las aguas de Siloé, que significa “enviado”. Jesús es el “Enviado” del Padre para cumplir su voluntad (cf. Jn 9,4; 12,44). Él es el nuevo manantial de agua dadora de vida: el Espíritu que se derrama sobre nosotros en el Bautismo (cf. Jn 4,10; 7,38.39). Este es el Espíritu que viene sobre el rey elegido por Dios en la primera lectura. David es un pastor, como lo fue Moisés antes que él (cf. Ex 3,1; Sal 78,70.71); también es una figura del Buen Pastor, el rey que ha de venir: Jesús (cf. Jn 10,11). El Señor es nuestro pastor, como cantamos en el salmo de hoy. Por su muerte y resurrección nos ha abierto un camino a través del valle oscuro del pecado y de la muerte, conduciéndonos a las verdes praderas del reino de vida, la Iglesia. Él ha refrescado nuestras almas en las tranquilas aguas del Bautismo. Ha ungido nuestras cabezas con el aceite de la Confirmación; ha preparado ante nosotros la mesa de la Eucaristía y ha llenado nuestra copa hasta los bordes. Con el que una vez fue ciego, entramos a su casa para darle la alabanza a Dios, para renovar nuestro voto: “Creo, Señor”. Hoy escuchamos que “el Señor mira el corazón”. Que Él nos encuentre viviendo como hijos de la luz, tratando siempre de aprender lo que agrada a nuestro Padre, como San Pablo aconseja en la epístola de este día.

## MATRIMONIOS

Las parejas deben llamar al sacerdote un año antes de la boda.



**No habrán Bautizos durante la Cuaresma**

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



*Las clases de Catecismo han sido canceladas por el coronavirus hasta nuevo aviso. Por favor manténganse informados de todo lo que está pasando con esta epidemia. Que Dios los cuide y bendiga.*

## **Nota del Cardenal Tobin:**

El Cardenal Tobin nos ha dirigido a seguir ciertas precauciones acerca del Coronavirus:

- ◆ No habrá distribución de la Preciosísima Sangre.
- ◆ No habrá contacto físico al darse la Paz.
- ◆ Si la persona se siente enferma ó presenta síntomas, no está obligada a asistir a la Misa. Por caridad a los demás no debería asistir.

## *Bienvenidos a Nuestra Comunidad de Fe!*



Les damos la bienvenida a usted y a su familia a la parroquia de Santa Cecilia. Si usted está aquí por primera vez o ha estado asistiendo nuestra parroquia por unas semanas o meses, estamos bendecidos por tenerlos como parte de nuestra familia en la parroquia.

Si usted ya se ha registrado como miembro de Santa Cecilia, le damos las gracias. Si aún no se ha registrado en la parroquia, le sugerimos llenar un formulario de registro. El formulario está disponible en la oficina del Centro Parroquial y en el sitio web, [www.stceciliakearny.org](http://www.stceciliakearny.org). Además, es necesario registrarse para aquellos que necesitan una carta para inmigración o para ser padrino. Esten seguros que toda la información personal será completamente confidencial y protegida por los miembros de nuestra oficina.

Cuando tienes la oportunidad, visita a nuestro Centro Parroquial. Queremos conocerte!! El horario de nuestra oficina está en la primera página del boletín.

***Oración - Ayuno - Limosna***

# Boletim em Português

*Antes de te haver formado no ventre materno,  
Eu ja te conhecia.*

(Jeremias 1:5)



Deus é o oleiro que quer formar da argila da nossa vida algo de bonito.

Formed.org não é so um site da internet para nos ensinar ideias intelectuais ou doutrina Católica, mas um instrumento que Deus quer usar para nos formar nas pessoas que fomos destinados a ser.

Estou entusiasmado sobre esta organização com quem contratamos para estar disponível aos nossos paroquianos formação solida na nossa fé Católica.

Espero que tiram um pouco de tempo para o visitar.

*Pe. John*

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## CASAMENTOS

Deven falar com o sacerdote com um ano de antecedencia.



## NÃO HÁ BATISMOS DURANTE A QUARESMA

*atividades da igreja são canceladas devido ao coronavirus.*



## 4º DOMINGO DA QUARESMA

As leituras deste Domingo propõem-nos o tema da “luz”. Definem a experiência cristã como “viver na luz”. No Evangelho, Jesus apresenta-se como “a luz do mundo”; a sua missão é libertar os homens das trevas do egoísmo, do orgulho e da auto-suficiência. Aderir à proposta de Jesus é enveredar por um caminho de liberdade e de realização que conduz à vida plena. Da acção de Jesus nasce, assim, o Homem Novo – isto é, o Homem elevado às suas máximas potencialidades pela comunicação do Espírito de Jesus. Na segunda leitura, Paulo propõe aos cristãos de Éfeso que recusem viver à margem de Deus (“trevas”) e que escolham a “luz”. Em concreto, Paulo explica que viver na “luz” é praticar as obras de Deus (a bondade, a justiça e a verdade). A primeira leitura não se refere directamente ao tema da “luz” (o tema central na liturgia deste domingo). No entanto, conta a escolha de David para rei de Israel e a sua unção: é um óptimo pretexto para reflectirmos sobre a unção que recebemos no dia do nosso Baptismo e que nos constituiu testemunhas da “luz” de Deus no mundo. *Portal dos Dehonianos*

## *Bem-vindo!!!!*



A paróquia de St. Cecília é uma comunidade bastante activa dentro da Arquidiocese de Newark.

A nossa paróquia está sempre a mudar e a crescer e acolhe carinhosamente dando as boas vindas a novos paroquianos.

Talvez muitos de vós têm assistido à missa por muitos anos nesta Igreja e nunca pensaram em se registarem na paróquia, assim como novos paroquianos. É bastante fácil e os benefícios são muitos, toda a informação é confidencial. Assim que puder visite o escritório da paróquia e apresente-se a qualquer um dos empregados.

Também se pode registar online pedindo informação no escritório.

Poderá encontrar os horários do escritório na primeira página do boletim. Esperamos por si e será um prazer ajudá-lo (a)

*Obrigado...*