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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ----- 5:00 pm

Sunday ----- 8:30 & 11:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ---- 8:00 am

Tuesday ----- 7:00 pm

Holy Days ----- 8:00 am, 12:15 & 7:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS *(Sacrament of Reconciliation)*

Saturdays ----- 3:45 - 4:30 pm

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday ----- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Parish Office is closed on Holidays & Holy Days*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration for Respect Life Intentions is held every Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Church.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Our baptisms are typically held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, during the 11:00 AM Mass. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made anytime for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office when someone is looking to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

## MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for marriage must be made at least one year in advance of the wedding. Engaged couples must comply with all marriage preparation programs that are required by NJ Bishops. Please call to make an appointment with the parish priest to begin marriage preparation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The Religious Education program at St. Cecilia parish is committed to faith formation and formal training of children. The goal is to inspire and motivate children to develop love of the Father, have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ with guidance and knowledge of the Holy Spirit. We will build an understanding of the basic beliefs in the Roman Catholic faith and lay the foundation and encouragement to carry those beliefs to the community.

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is incorporated over a period of three years for grades 6-7-8. Parish service hours are a sacramental requirement.

Please visit the parish web pages for information regarding the specific times and locations, or email drescc@yahoo.com.

**Sponsors & Godparents:** The following are the mandated requirements to be a sponsor/Godparent at St. Cecilia parish:

- ✦ If married, the marriage MUST be valid within the Catholic Church
- ✦ At least 14 years of age
- ✦ Received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- ✦ Attend Mass regularly on Sundays (or Saturday evening) and Holy Days of obligation
- ✦ Receive the Sacrament of the Church regularly

Sponsors and Godparents must be an active parishioner and be attending Mass for at least 3 months to be eligible.

## Welcome to our Parish

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## PARISH

### MEMBERSHIP

Any new family who has moved into the parish area, and adult children 18 years of age and older, are invited to register as parishioners.

The definition of an active parishioner is: Once registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support of the church.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering: Instrumental Song

### Reading 1 [Dt 18:15-20](#)

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:

"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.

This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said,

'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.

Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.

But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

### Responsorial Psalm

*R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

### Reading 2 [1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

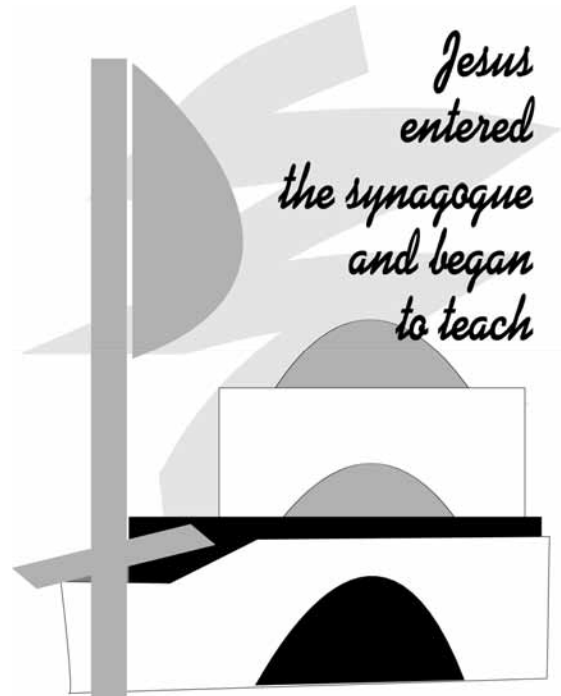
An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.

But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.

A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.



### Gospel [Mk 1:21-28](#)

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Have you come to destroy us?

I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said,

"Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another,

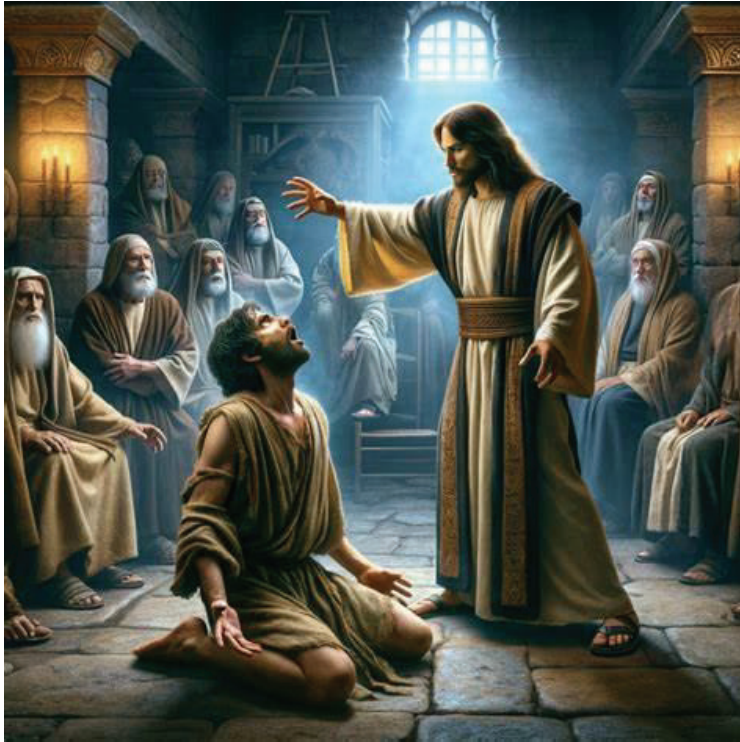
"What is this?

A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.*

*He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.*

*Amen*



**January 28, 2024**

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Intentions - week of January 29, 2024*

- MONDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Pauly**  
**8:00 A.M.** Margaret Wolven r/o The Wahl Family
- TUESDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Timothy Eck**  
**7:00 P.M.** Carmen Feola r/o Emma & Ray Flordeliza
- WEDNESDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Pauly**  
**8:00 A.M.** Mary Ellen Sickles r/o Rick Caves
- THURSDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Timothy Eck**  
**8:00 A.M.** Jerome Pereira r/o The Goan Society of NJ
- FRIDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Pauly**  
**8:00 A.M.** Joseph Bannion r/o The Lepre Family
- SATURDAY** **Vigil Mass – Fr. Dennis Weezorak**  
**5:00 P.M.** Vincent O'Byrne r/o Jake & Gerry
- SUNDAY** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Msgr. Charlie Cicera**  
**8:30 A.M.** Andres Vazquez r/o The Vazquez Family  
**11:00 A.M.** Mass for the People

### **Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers:**

Robert Cleary, Denise Pedersen, John Anthony Criscuola, Barbara McLaughlin, Edward Jurewicz, Valerie Dietrich, Jim Waltzak, Jack Ruggiero, Monica Spengler, John Troendle, Brother Carmen Ciardullo, Rafael Bautista, Stephen Soehngen, Ron Lewis, Helen Morris, John Milano, Samantha Blodgett, Anne Cacavio, Grace Smink, Paul Seidel, Susan Capellupo, Margaret Fimbel, Kenny O'Connor, Augustine Nieves, Gladys Milazzo, Arlene Bellinger, Joyce Valenti, John Smyth, Bill Sharp, Susan Marantz, Maryann Hughes, Michael Banko, Mary Elizabeth Clark, Jake Holmes, Marie Valenti, Diane Brennan, Lil White, Liam Robilotto, Cheryl Salus, Joseph Longo, Fe Abila, Colleen Lettieri, Evan Wadyka, Cody Salus, Rosalind Henry, Michelle Leblanc, Emma Fernandez, Bradley Opdyke, Lynn Killmurray, Kristen Herman, Vanina Jean-Claude, Peg Gray, Gloria Franklin, Freddy Oliveria, Jay LaRusso, Gary Johnson, Carlos Maldonado, George Currie, Carmen Hernandez, Peggy Schiller, Kim Borredon, John Gambatese, Charles Micale, Cole Joannette, Joseph Tete, Stevie Skaats, Taryn Wrotny, Bob Ulshafer, Christopher Duffet, Brandan Novak, Stephen Szackas, Scott Morganlander, Janice Trojanowski, David Miele, David Mahn, Annie Maiorano, Andrew Schuddeboom, Catherine Simmons, Carol Szymanski, Denise Mosco, Nancy Messina, Ray Robertson, Angelo Lepre, Anthony Monderine, Colin Coakley, Lisa Trombino, Fran O'Neill & Mary Lou Noonan.

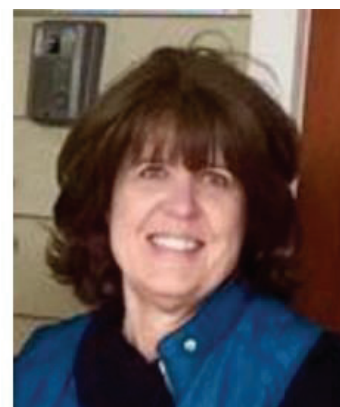
### **Please Pray for Those in the Military:**



Richard Melendez, Brian Hopkins, Eddie Israel, Bryan Kelly, Evan Ruffini, Matthew Frank, Jamie Ruzyski, Christopher Williams, Patrick Hurley, Nicholas DiGirralmo, Justin Burgos, Neil Hart, Rob Steffan, Salvador Barriga, Dominique Braker, JT Collins, Rolanda Ferdinand & Vincent Jaidullo & Riley Kleber



We offer our hearty congratulations to Dan Farago, who was nominated by Fr. Charlie and has received the Diocesan *Pro-Vita Award* from Bishop Checchio this past Sunday at St. Francis Cathedral for all his pro-life efforts over the years. We are so pleased that the Bishop has chosen to honor him for all he has done and continues to do in support of a greater respect for God's gift of human life.

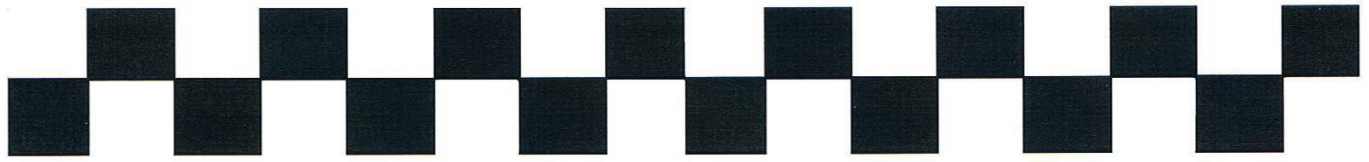


We congratulate Pat Sommero who was also nominated by Fr. Charlie and received the *Pro-Vita Award* from the Bishop in recognition of her work for many years at the Center for Great Expectations, caring for mothers in difficult pregnancies, as well as her many other efforts in support of human life. May God bless Dan and Pat and all those who make a difference through their reverence and respect for life from conception to natural death.



### **Coffee Time Returns Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

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## Food Drive for the South Brunswick Food Pantry Non-perishable Food

The St. Cecilia Columbiettes will be holding a donation drive for the South Brunswick Food Pantry to collect non-perishable food items. Please help us support our neighbors.

**February 17th**

The Food Pantry is specifically requesting:

Coffee/tea, boxed potatoes, oatmeal, canned meats/tuna, low fat/sugar healthy snacks, peanut butter, jelly, Macaroni and cheese, canned pastas, Parmalat shelf stable milk, paper goods and personal products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc...) Any and all non-perishable foods items are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

## This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Pink envelope

*Together in Charity* Diocesan collection is scheduled for this weekend – the entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

### Your Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory	1/21/24	\$ 7,049.00
Online	1/21/24	\$ 2,430.00

## Prayer Requests

The Lord allows prayer as a powerful way to assist others in need. There is a faithful group of prayer warriors in our Church family that are ready, willing and able to pray for the needs of our parish and beyond. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers of any kind - spiritual, mental, physical, emotional - feel free to send your prayer requests. Place your petitions in the Prayer Box (located at the back of the Church)

*We welcome those petitions!*

St. Padre Pio said, *"The Rosary is the weapon"*

St. Francis de Sales said, *"The greatest method of praying is saying the Rosary"*

St. Louis de Montfort said, *"When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory"*



**You are invited to Pray the Holy Rosary**

**When:** Every **first Saturday** of the month at **4:15pm** AND Every **Wednesday** of the month after 8:00 am Mass. **Join us next on Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Presented by: Faith In Action Ministry

In addition, we have a Rosary team that prays for the intentions of the parish *every day*! Each person prays one decade each day on their own. If you would also like to pray for the parish each day, please contact Patty Klag at [patty.klag@gmail.com](mailto:patty.klag@gmail.com) to be added to the schedule.

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."* – Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima

## Thank You from the Giving Tree for making Christmas Special!



## Prolife Thoughts

If you ever wonder what to say to someone who does not agree with the prolife position there is an easy argument to use. Please read the attached article which makes it very plain and simple.

[One, two, three: A simple and persuasive way to explain your pro-life view - NRL News Today \(nationalrighttolifenews.org\)](https://nationalrighttolifenews.org)

## Interested in becoming a Catholic?

**~ O C I A ~**

Is God calling you to become a member of His church? If you are interested in learning about the process of becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

## 2023 END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to have your yearly contribution statement prepared, simply email your request to [parishsect@stceciliaparish.net](mailto:parishsect@stceciliaparish.net) and your statement will be emailed to you in a **pdf** file

**OR**

Kindly fill out the form below and return it to the parish office – or drop it in the collection basket. Your request will be filled within one week and mailed to your home.

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