

Saint Cecilia Church

*They offered Him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

MATTHEW 2:11

2020
January 5



Saint Cecilia Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 PM)

Closed on Holy Days of Obligation



SACRAMENTS

Baptism

First three Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. Attendance at a Pre-Jordan class is required for first time parents. Please pre-register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240.

Marriage

Couples must contact a priest six months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm

Homebound Visitation

Please contact the Rectory.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

FOCUS: Jesus is the Savior born for all.

Today we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all—as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others—that they, too, may come to share in it. May they too have an epiphany.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah prophesies that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. Paul tells the Ephesians that Gentiles are coheirs of God, along with the people of Israel. In the Gospel, magi arrive in Jerusalem from the east in search of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod is troubled by this, and the magi visit Mary and her child and offer gifts.

Pray For Our Troops

Jason Showmaker (Navy)

Mark Strecker (Navy)

Michael D'Antonio (Air Force)

Sean Lay (Army)

Brian A. Mason (Army)

Christopher J. Starrett (USMC)

Brandan Beaudet (USMC)

Michael Molz (Army)



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 5:00pm (Saturday)

6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Monday through Friday

6:30 and 8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30, 8:30, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Mass Schedule For January 11th & 12th

Saturday 5:00 PM	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Theresa Kuhar Altar Servers: Brian Raskauskas, Sebastian Velez
6:30 AM	Celebrant: Father Bonner Lector: Madeleine Litka
8:00 AM	Celebrant: Father Bonner Lector: Rita Malfara Altar Servers: Nicholas Migatz
9:30 AM	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Richard McIvor Altar Servers: Regan Welsh, Cole Welsh
11:00 AM	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Kate Meredith Altar Servers: Brady Finn, Sarah Lay

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Jeremy Clockadile
Kai Clockadile

Charismatic Prayer Group

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the gift of prayer? The 'People of Love' Prayer Group meets every Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Cecilian Room. You are always welcome to join us and renew your Spirit.



Caring For Friends

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring meals to our freezer and to our client-friends. If you would like to help, add an extra portion to your family meal, freeze it in the trays we provide, and bring it to the freezer. For more information please call Bernadette O'Donnell at 215-379-3448 or Caring for Friends at 215-464-2224.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program is for adults who would like to become full participating members of the Catholic Church. We welcome you to join one of our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm to learn more. Please feel free to call the rectory at 215-725-1240 for information.

Christmas Manger Donations

Donations placed in the Christmas Manger this year will be forwarded to St. Martin de Porres Parish on Lehigh Avenue in Philadelphia. Thank you for your gifts to the Christ Child.



Senior Citizen News

St. Cecilia Senior Citizens hold their meetings on Thursdays in the Auditorium from 10am to 2pm. New members (ages 50+) are always welcome to join and you can bring a friend. For more info, call our President, Maryann Stroud (215-342-4354) between 9am and 7pm.

St. William Seniors meet on Wednesdays. The next meeting held at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church will be January 8th at 12:00pm with a Board Meeting beginning at 11:00am. You are welcome to bring your own lunch! For information about St. William Seniors, please call Ro McElroy at 267-210-1524.

For tickets to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster to see 'Queen Esther' with a buffet lunch at Shady Maple on June 18, 2020, please call Betty Harding at 215-745-7199. Cost is \$115.

A Minute In the Church (by Gus Lloyd)

The Mass - *The First Reading*

After the Penitential Rite and the Gloria, Scripture is read at Mass. The Scriptures are proclaimed from a lectern called the ambo.

The first reading at a Sunday Mass is normally taken from one of the books of the Old Testament. The exception to this is the Easter Season. From Easter until Pentecost, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, the first book of the New Testament after the Gospels.

Why does the Church give such emphasis to the Old Testament? After all, aren't we a "New Testament" Church? In the three-year cycle of readings in the liturgy, the Church unfolds the story of salvation. This started "in the beginning," with the Book of Genesis and continued to Christ and the Church. Jesus Himself said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, we need to know what it is that Christ came to fulfill.

You see, the Old Testament points to the New. The prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament all pointed to Jesus. And the New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old. You can't fully understand one without the other. So the first reading helps us to understand part one of the greatest story ever told!



The Second Reading

At a typical Sunday Mass, the second reading comes from the New Testament letters, where we hear about the Church from its foundation, and how the teachings of Christ were to be applied to both Jew and Gentile. Many of the New Testament letters were meant in part to answer questions or clear up problems that were popping up in those early days. These letters were read at Mass from the very earliest times.

While the words of the second reading were written nearly two thousand years ago, they contain God's timeless wisdom that can still help us in our lives today.

At the end of the first and second reading, the lector will pause and then proclaim, "The Word of the Lord." As we ask God to enliven our hearts and our faith through hearing the Word proclaimed, the people reply, "Thanks be to God!" And after the second reading, we prepare our hearts to listen to the Gospel reading.

You are Made New

Chosen: Daughters, Sisters, Warriors—You are Made New Ministry

Women of all ages are invited to gather for an invigorating one day event on February 1, 2020 at Pope John II High School in Royersford, PA. We can get caught up in the noise of our hurried, unfulfilling and hyper-sexualized culture, becoming disconnected from the truth of who God says we are: beloved and chosen, of infinite value and undeniable dignity. Come spend the day with us as we remember our feminine genius, understand common spiritual obstacles we encounter as women and how to overcome them, gain tools to stand and stay in the Father's blessing, and talk about our Blessed Mother's role in protecting and strengthening us. Contact De Yarrison at 610-287-2989 or visit www.YouAreMadeNew.com/chosen-conference to learn more or register.

Do You Know Your Tribunal?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

For more info, please find us at archphila.org under the "How Do I" tab or call 215-587-3750.

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Neumann Scholars

Mr. Tim Durkin, Vice President of the Connelly Foundation, and a graduate of St. Cecilia School, visited our school to announce that our school community had two

new Neumann Scholars. At a special assembly with our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, Mr. Durkin awarded prestigious Neumann Scholarships to Daniel Brady and Brennan Dillenbeck. This honor entitles these students to a four-year scholarship of standard parental tuition to an Archdiocesan high school of their choice.

Daniel and Brennan competed with 606 students from the Archdiocesan elementary schools who qualified to sit for the scholarship examination in September. Of that number, 41 students were named Neumann Scholars.

We congratulate these students, their families, and their teachers both past and present for this outstanding achievement. Since the initiation of the Neumann Scholars Program in 1995, St. Cecilia School has had 38 Neumann Scholars over the years. This is quite an accomplishment and it reflects our commitment to academic excellence.



Fifth Grade 'Blessing Bags'

As part of a November of gratitude and charity, our students in grade 5 and their teachers prepared 'Blessing Bags' to be distributed to homeless veterans. These bags included such things as socks, Chapstick, snacks, gloves and scarves. We are so proud of our fifth graders for their participation in such a wonderful project.



Thank You to Police and Firefighters

To celebrate Thanksgiving, our students worked with their buddies and made cards to thank our first responders for their wonderful service to the local community. The Student Council and Service Commission under the direction of Ms. Roney and Mrs. Brewster baked delicious cookies to accompany the cards which were delivered to several police districts and fire departments. This thoughtful gesture was gratefully received by all who enjoyed our gifts.

National Memorial for Preborn & Parents

If you are going to the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24, 2020, you are invited to the Mass at 7:30am at DAR Constitution Hall (1776 D. Street, NW). Large groups welcome. Let them know you will be coming by visiting www.NationalPrayerService.com.

It's Not Too Late!

It is never too late to register your GIANT card and designate our school as your non-profit organization.



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Creative Beginnings Early Childhood Program

We are currently recruiting for energetic on-call daycare substitutes to join the teaching team of our well-established early childhood education program, serving dependent children of Temple Univ. Health System and Fox Chase Cancer Center employees. We provide comprehensive high-quality care and education for children ages 6 weeks through 6 years.

Candidates must be able to work 8 shifts per month between hours 6:30am and 6:00pm. Must be at least 18 years of age with High School diploma or equivalent. Salary is commensurate with experience. For info, call 215-728-5330.

Father Judge High School

Mandatory 8th grade entry exam—Sunday, January 12

- All students applying for the Class of 2024 must take this test. Register on homepage @ fatherjudge.com

Winter Open House—Thursday, January 30

- Register on homepage @ fatherjudge.com and click on Admissions Tab/8th Grade Admissions

Orthopaedic Center at Jeanes

You are invited to attend a *Total Joint Replacement Education Class* if you are considering a hip or knee replacement at Jeanes Hospital.

Tuesdays - Jan. 14 or Feb. 11 (11am-12pm)

Tuesdays - Jan. 28 or Feb. 25 (6pm-7pm)

Classes will be held in 2nd floor Pathology conference room of Patient Care Center. Please pre-register at 215-728-3944.

Rosary Project for Africa

If you have extra rosaries and would like to participate in this project, please place them in the box in the back of church. These rosaries will be sent to Africa. Since the Rosary Project for Africa began, hundreds of thousands of rosaries have been distributed, thus bringing more people into the Catholic faith.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 6

MONDAY, January 6

6:30am – Tammi Kissinger
8:30am – Andrea Menniti & Family

TUESDAY, January 7

6:30am – John & Helen Praskac
8:30am – Louis & Catherine Catalano

WEDNESDAY, January 8

6:30am – Suzanne Azzarano
8:30am – Debbie Mitchell Walsh

THURSDAY, January 9

6:30am – Sybil Cronin
8:30am – Alice E. Slavin & Francis H. Slavin

FRIDAY, January 10

6:30am – Mrs. Dorothy Hawryliw (*living*)
8:30am – Angelo DiSandro & Antoinette Verrecchia

SATURDAY, January 11

8:30am – Helen Nugent
5:00pm – Francis McAnaney, Jr. & Julie Grassie

Remember Those Who Have Died

Patricia O'Rourke Martin
Maria Fitzpatrick

Carolyn Malone



Remember Our Sick and Suffering

Walter Hnat
Christopher Rodgers
James J. Tobin
Ann Marie Tobin Masgai
Charles Friel
Joan Marie Reiley
Rita Kravitz
Maki Turner
Janet Fox
Stephanie Morgan
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Mary Benson
Mary Jane Brough
Stephen Ruczynski
Mike McKee
Melissa Fischer
Patricia Greenleaf
Daniel Mitchell
Anna Thackray
Linda Reinboth
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Timothy Martin
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