

Second Sunday of

Lent



Saint Cecilia Church
March 5, 2023

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Grow closer to Jesus

Confession

Make use of this wonderful Sacrament in order to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Chris & Fr. Lucas are available

Mondays 6pm to 7pm
Wednesdays 7am to 8am
Saturdays 4pm to 4:50pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 12pm ~ 7pm
First Sunday of Month 12pm~ 5pm
Spend some quiet time with Jesus

Weekly Mass

Monday thru Friday
6:30am & 8:30am

Thursday (during Lent)
7:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7pm

Please join us in Church each Friday of Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross. We have purchased several new books to use which will enhance the devotion. Bring your children and grandchildren to experience this wonderful Lenten custom for Catholics.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday
Vigil 5:00pm (Saturday)
6:30am, 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am

Monday through Friday
6:30 and 8:30 am

Thursday (during Lent)
7:00pm

Saturday
8:30 am

Livestream Mass ~ Sunday at 9:30am

Are you new to the area or our parish? Father Chris invites you to call the Parish Office and "register" so that we can get to know you and learn how best to serve you. Please call the office or email Sue at susan.cianfarini@stceciliafc.org. You are a blessing to our parish community!

NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Call the Rectory at 215-725-1240 for an appointment to register.

MOVING ~ Please notify the Rectory with any changes to your home address or when household members move to another residence.

BAPTISM ~ Every Sunday 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 and the godparents are also welcome. Please register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240. The selected godparents must be fully initiated Roman Catholics, in good standing with the Church, and at least 16 years old. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness," provided there is a Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian Witness.

MARRIAGE ~ Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call the Rectory for an appointment. All scheduling considerations, including the initial date selection and any alterations, must be discussed with a Priest.

RECONCILIATION ~ Mondays (6pm-7pm); Wednesdays (7am-8am); Saturdays (4pm-4:50pm)

HOMEBOUND VISITATION ~ Please contact the Rectory.

OFFICES

Rectory 215-725-1240
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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



This past Friday was the Feast of St. Katherine Drexel - a native of Philadelphia who served the Lord with great generosity. Katherine felt the tug of Jesus on her heart from the time she was a child and she was blessed the good example and holiness of her dad and step-mom (never doubt that the kids are watching) which inspired her in the ways of holiness. In time, she would found the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and in the year 2000 be declared a saint of the Church.

Her body is now in a Shrine at our Cathedral where it is venerated. There is much in her life worthy of imitation: her life of prayer, her love for the Eucharist, her commitment to justice, her simplicity of life, her desire to give of herself like Jesus.

Learn more about her and pray... *Ever Loving God, you called St. Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of Your Church, that we may be one in You. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

It has been great to see so many at Daily Mass and Stations the first week of Lent. Please consider making this commitment!

Father Chris

Greeter Ministry is Expanding!

We want to expand our Greeter Ministry to the 5pm Mass. Are you a person with a pleasant personality? Do you enjoy smiling and chatting with people? Do you attend the 5pm Mass and are you willing to commit to coming at 4:30 once a month and greeting people? We hope to launch just after Easter! Call Sherri at 215-399-6178.

Eucharistic Ministry

One of our greatest gifts as Catholics is the Holy Eucharist. When Catholics face illness or old age, not receiving the Eucharist is a great hardship. The parish wants to continue expanding our bringing the Eucharist to those at Jeanes Hospital (once a month commitment; ideally on a Sunday after morning Masses) and to the homebound (two to three times a month to one person). If you are a practicing Catholic (in a valid marriage) and would like to learn more, call Josie at 267-625-3693. Training will be provided.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: What the voice said at Jesus' baptism ("This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased...") is repeated on the mountain, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." But at the Transfiguration we also hear, "...listen to him."

During Lent we might resolve to be better listeners. To observe a kind of silence before we speak so as to listen better to those who speak to us in: informal conversations, classes, political speeches, Sunday preaching, etc. For as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins says, "*for Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his*".

It's not too late to make a Lenten resolution, to be attentive listeners to Christ who speaks to us in "ten thousand places."

So we ask ourselves:

- ◆ How can I practice a little more silence this Lent?
- ◆ Where can I go to hear Christ speak to me?
- ◆ What friend or relative always speaks the truth to me?



3 LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Fasting expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from

God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

Prayer changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



Reconciliation

Weekend ~ March 10-11

Celebrate God's love in the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation Weekend is celebrated across the Archdiocese March 10th and 11th. Plan to go to confession (a chance for a priest other than Fr. Bonner, Fr. Lucas or Fr. Chris) close by at other area churches:

Resurrection (Friday 7-9pm; Saturday 10am-4pm)

St. Albert (Friday 3:30-4:30pm or 6:30-8pm; Saturday 10am-3pm)

Take a brochure from next to our Church Confessionals to help prepare yourself and for a reminder on how to go to Confession. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good...His mercy endures forever.

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, March 5

8:00am – Florence Wagner
11:00am – Vincent Serfilippo (7th anniversary)

MONDAY, March 6

6:30am – Patty & Tracey O'Rourke
8:30am – Teresa & William Hagan

TUESDAY, March 7

6:30am – Elizabeth Mallon
8:30am – George Blackmore

WEDNESDAY, March 8

6:30am – Tommy Burke
8:30am – Mary Jane Gretzula

THURSDAY, March 9

6:30am – Pauline Holzman-Hegedus
8:30am – John & Eleanor Winterberger

FRIDAY, March 10

6:30am – John A. Severino
8:30am – Charles Lewis

SATURDAY, March 11

8:30am – Pescatore & Costantini Families
5:00pm – Paul & Elizabeth Leszczyszyn

Martin Saints Classical High School

Annual Fish Fry ~ March 17 (4:00-7:00pm)
Order online and curbside pickup \$15
Holy Martyrs Church
21 Allison Road, Oreland, PA
<http://www.whymisc.org/fish-fry>

Second Collection Next Weekend

Bishop Octavio Cisneros invites you to help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America next weekend. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through the Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS ~ February 26

Church	\$14,346.00	(<i>env 458</i>)
E-Giving	<u>2,372.38</u>	(64)
TOTAL	\$16,718.38	

Our weekly average is now \$17,315.13. Thank you for helping us reach our weekly budgeted goal of \$16,200. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness. *Fr. Chris*

If you would like to sign up for Parish Giving instead of placing your contribution envelopes in the collection basket each week, please visit stceciliafc.org to find out how to apply.

Let us pray for the faithful departed,
especially...

Sister Marie Elaine Farabaugh, IHM
Grace McGinn



Love leaves a memory that no one can steal. Losing someone we love is often the hardest thing a person can experience. You do not have to do it alone. Christ desires us to walk with one another, learn from one another and support one another. St. Cecilia is considering a once-a-month (Saturday at 9:00am) gathering for coffee, cake, and conversation about losing a loved one (spouse, child, parent, friend). No lectures. No quick fixes. Just sharing and listening. If you would like to learn more, please email Paula Potts at ripleyned@aol.com or call her at 215-317-9802. We hope to hear from you.

40 Days for Life

Our Pro-Life group is participating in 40 Days for Life on Saturday, March 11. If you would like to give an hour or two of your time to pray with us in front of a local abortion clinic on March 11, we will be at two locations: Planned Parenthood Far Northeast Surgical Center, 2751 Comly Road (Comly Road just off Roosevelt Boulevard) and Philadelphia Women's Center, 777 Appletree Street (between 7th and 8th Streets, Race & Arch Streets) in Center City. Please call Chuck Kuhar at 215-694-3708 for more information.

Pre-Cana

St. Cecilia Parish is offering a Pre-Cana session on Saturday, March 18 at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, located at 3501 Solly Avenue. All engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church must attend a Pre-Cana session. The day will begin at 9:00am. We will all attend the 5:00pm Mass at St. Cecilia Church followed with a wine and cheese reception in the rectory. Pre-registration is required by contacting the rectory at 215-725-1240.

Catholic Charities Appeal

For 65 years the Catholic Charities Appeal has embodied the spirit of missionary discipleship by giving hope to those in need throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

What if our community food banks couldn't feed the hungry? What if our shelters for the homeless couldn't provide hot meals? What if our after-school programs weren't there to keep children safe? If any of those things couldn't happen, the results would be disastrous for close to a million people who count on us for help each year. If the Catholic Charities Appeal didn't receive much needed support from people like you, that dire scenario would be a reality.

So, thank you for giving hope to all. We remind you and ask you to please send your Catholic Charities donations directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope that was mailed to you. Our parish will not be taking up a separate collection here.

Senior Citizen Groups

St. Cecilia Seniors meet on Thursdays (10am-2pm) in St. Cecilia Auditorium.

St. William Seniors meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church (7701 Loretto Ave.) from 12pm to 3pm (doors open at 11am).

All are welcome at both groups and you do not have to be a member of the parish. Upcoming trips are: May 17 (Magic & Wonder Show and lunch); June 23 (Elvis Show and lunch). Call Betty Harding at 215-745-7199 for information.

Caring For Friends (Aid For Friends) is very grateful for the contributions of the St. Cecilia Parish Community. Our volunteer opportunities are homemade meals in our containers and breakfast bags which hold items for breakfast but not frozen. For information call Bernadette O'Donnell 215 -379-3448 or CFF 215-464-2224.

SUNDAY CHILL SESH

OPEN GYM

WHO: 9th & 10th grade students
WHAT: Open gym, socialization, food
WHERE: Saint Cecilia School Gym
WHEN: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Join us from 7:00 to 8:30pm on February 19.
 For more info contact Kristin Weiler at kweiler@stceciliafc.com



This is a young adult event hosted by CYAN (Catholic Young Adults of the Northeast) for those ages 21-40 that will be filled with a ton of laughs. Hear different insights on an array of modern topics from the perspective of young nuns and priests in our church. The audience votes throughout the evening on their favorite answers. Winning side will get the prize money donated towards the retired sisters at Camilla or retired priests at the Villa.

Date: Wednesday, March 8
Time: Event begins 7pm; doors open 6:30
Place: Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Life Center, 2000 Shelmire Ave.

Mass Schedule ~ March 11 & 12

<u>Saturday (Vigil)</u> 5:00pm	Celebrant: Fr. Lucas Lectors: Kristin Weiler & Patrick Gleason Cantor: Rudi Trickel
<u>Sunday</u> 6:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Celine Severino & Eileen Litka
8:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris / Deacon Pat Lectors: Bernice Purcell & Ed Lieber Cantor: Daniela Alvarez
9:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris / Deacon Pat Lectors: Fran Diamond & Theresa Kuhar Cantor: Daniela Alvarez
11:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Lucas Lectors: Rita Malfara & Connie McCalla Cantor: Guitar Group

Let us keep the brave men and women in the military and their families in our prayers.

- Mark Strecker (Navy)
- Michael D'Antonio (Air Force)
- Vincent D'Antonio (Air Force)
- Brian A. Mason (Army)
- Erin Bartholomew (Navy)
- Nick Marteney (Navy)
- Daniel Montvydas (USMC)
- Christopher Starrett (USMC)
- Jordyn A. Mason (Navy)
- Seth Lavelle (Navy)
- Ken Doherty (Air Force)

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

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1 mile Walk Adult	\$25
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The SCS Legacy Run and events will provide scholarship opportunities to students at Saint Cecilia School who have a parent who is an alum of the school.

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Here & There

**Fox Chase Cancer Center presents
Cash Bingo**
Saturday ~ March 25 ~ doors open 6pm
St. Cecilia Auditorium
\$35 in advance; \$40 at door
Tickets ~ donate.foxchase.org/cashbingo

Spring Craft Fair
Villages at Pine Valley Clubhouse
900 Pine Valley Blvd.
Saturday ~ March 25 (10am-3pm)
Vendors contact Kathy (215-722-1501)

Quizzo Night at Archbishop Ryan HS
Friday ~ March 10
7:30pm (doors open 6:30)
\$10 advance; \$15 at door
Tickets ~ archryanlax@gmail.com
Reserve a table for 8 or more in advance

Catholic Daughters Flea Market
Saturday ~ March 11
St. Dominic Church, Marian Hall
8532 Frankford Avenue (8am-2pm)
Vendors, food, cake sale, basket raffles

**Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons
with Disabilities, Deaf Community,
Family, Friends, Caregivers**
Sunday ~ March 26 ~ 3:00pm
Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul
Reception following Mass
RSVP www.opdarchphilly.org or call
215-587-3530

Memorial
Medical Mission Sisters invite you to visit the *Memorial to the Lost* from February 26 thru April 8 in their labyrinth. It is located to the left of the circle on their property on Pine Road. This Memorial remembers the countless Philadelphians and others in the surrounding area who have lost their lives to gun violence. The labyrinth is a place of prayer and reflection and you are welcome to visit any time.

St. Martin of Tours celebrates 100 years on Sunday, April 30th. School alumni, current and past parishioners are invited to 100th anniversary Mass at Noon, then to Cannstatter's (2:00-6:00) for food, music and prizes. Tickets \$35 at rectory or send payment to St. Martin of Tours Church, 5450 Roosevelt Blvd., 19124, Attn: Centennial Celebration.

**Cardinal Dougherty Class of '73
50th Reunion**
Saturday ~ April 1 (7pm to 11pm)
FOP Hero's Ballroom
11630 Caroline Road
Info contact Colleen James Matysik at
267-251-6693

**St. Cecilia Class of 1983
40th Reunion**
Saturday, April 29 (7pm)
St. Cecilia Auditorium
More information to come

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