

Catholic Church

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# Saint Cecilia Church

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CYO Facebook: Saint Cecilia Catholic Youth Organization

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 parish office at 215-725-1240 or email Sue at susan.cianfarini@stceciliafc.org. You are a blessing to our parish community!

# MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY** 

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

MONDAY thru FRIDAY 6:30am & 8:30am SATURDAY 8:30am

Livestream Sunday Mass ~ 9:30am

Mondays 12pm First Sunday of Month 12pm

12pm ~ 7pm 12pm ~ 5pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Spend some quiet time with Jesus

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 29
Eucharistic Adoration during Holy Hours only
7am-8am & 9am-10am

#### Low-Gluten Hosts Available

Do you have an issue with gluten? We have "very low" gluten hosts available at each Mass. Please present yourself for Holy Communion in the center aisle and tell the priest you need a low gluten host. Praise God for this opportunity to make Jesus available to those with this health condition.

**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.

# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

On May 9th, I had the privilege of accompanying our 8th grade to Washington, DC. Amongst our stops were the Memorials to those who gave their

lives during World War II and the War in Vietnam. The students looked at the gold stars representing more than 400,000 lives lost in WWII and found names of some of the men from Father Judge who died in Vietnam. It was a moment of grace as another generation of Americans began to realize that freedom is not free. It comes at a cost to the brave women and men who serve in our Armed Forces and the families that are left behind in grief. While we continue to pray that we will one day live in a world without war, we remain grateful for those willing to stand guard.

As our nation celebrates Memorial Day on Monday, please join us at 8:30am for Holy Mass (there is no 6:30am Mass on national holidays any longer). It is my hope that we have a full Church to pray for the souls of those who die in war, in particular the war dead of St. Cecilia and our neighborhood. Please bring your children and grandchildren so that we might grow the virtue of patriotism.

Father Chris

P.S. – Please RSVP for the Farewell to Father Lucas gathering on June 11th after the 11am Mass. I hope that you can join us for light refreshments and time to say thank you and farewell.

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

Shannon Marie Collins Michael Murphy Joel Contreras, Sr. Lorena Contreras Joel Contreras Daniel Contreras Bishop Ed Cullen



The Year of the Eucharist Understanding the Mass ~ Part 9 Mea Cupla - Do you remember how Beethoven's Fifth Symphony begins? Beethoven's Fifth begins with just four notes. But he repeats it over and over, because anything worth doing is worth overdoing. The same thing happens in the Confiteor when we repeat just four syllables: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa, which is the Latin original for, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault!" We say that three times because important truths need to be repeated over and over again or we just don't get it. Much like a mother who shouts "Do not touch it!!" three times – and each time louder! — as her little boy runs to touch the whistling teapot. "Don't touch it!" Humble yourself as we admit our faults!

This brief teaching is part of a series as we seek to grow in understanding the Mass throughout the Year of the Eucharist.

#### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHURCH BELLS?

Many have noticed that our Church Bells have stopped ringing. There is a technical problem with the electronic devices (sorry to break the news, but we do not have "real" bells) and they have been shipped to Connecticut for repair. Once we get them back, our bells will ring again! Please let your neighbors know as some have been asking!



# Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday ~ May 27

The VFW Post 2819 will be selling poppies to support their care of Veterans before and after the 5:00pm Mass. Thank you for your support.

Monday ~ May 29

Holy Hours: 7am-8am & 9am-10am

Mass: 8:30am to pray for those who died in service.

PLEASE NOTE TODAY there is NO 6:30am Mass, NO Confessions NO rosary at Mary's Grotto

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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) Brian A. Mason (Army) Vincent D'Antonio (Air Force) Seth Lavelle (Navy) Erin Bartholomew (Navy) Jordyn Mason (Navy) Daniel Montvydas (USMC) Nick Marteney (Navy) Christopher Starrett (USMC) Ken Doherty (Air Force) George Boone (Army) Jason Showmaker (Navy)

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## SUNDAY, May 28

8:00am - Thomas Staszewski 11:00am - Louis & Catherine Catalano

# MONDAY, May 29 (Memorial Day)

8:30am - James Nguyen & Maria Le

# TUESDAY, May 30

6:30am - Larry Zeigenfuss 8:30am - Rosemary Rabbit

#### WEDNESDAY, May 31

6:30am - Verna Family 8:30am - Mary P. Keeley

#### THURSDAY, June 1

6:30am - Teresa Swartz 8:30am - Francis X. Tobin, Jr. & James J. Tobin

#### FRIDAY, June 2

6:30am - Antonio Leva

8:30am - Schmitt & Appell Families

#### SATURDAY, June 3

8:30am - George Blackmore

5:00pm – Anna M. Lugrine

#### **Social Ministry Fund**

Through your generosity to our Social Ministry Fund (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish send \$500 to Catholic Relief Services to assist in flood relief in South Sudan. Thank you for being a blessing to our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

# **Donations to Guiding Star Home**

Thank you to Humanitas, our Care for Life Ministry, for coordinating our Mother's Day rose give away and donation collection for the pregnancy home. The parish is sending them a check for \$2,500 to help their care of women and their children. Thank you so much! If you would like to make a donation directly, please mail it to: Guiding Star Home, 1940 Chelten Avenue, Phila PA 19138. Please visit www.quidingstar.org to learn more!

# SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ May 14, 2023

\$14,641.00 Church (env 427) E-Giving 3,888.06 (77)TOTAL \$18,529.06

Our weekly average is now \$17,705.71. Thank you for helping us reach our weekly budget goal of \$16,200. May God bless you for your generosity Fr. Chris and kindness.

If you are interested in electronic giving rather than placing your envelope in the collection basket, please visit our website ~ stceciliafc.org and click on Parish Giving.

#### FAREWELL FATHER LUCAS

Everyone is welcome to join us as we say 'farewell' to Fr. Lucas on Sunday, June 11 following the 11:00am Mass. We will gather in the Auditorium. If you plan on stopping by, please let us know by calling the rectory, so we can plan well. We will serve light refreshments.



Victoria Durso & Michael Orlen

#### **Humanitas**

Life-minded parishioners at St. Cecilia have formed a new group called Humanitas, whose focus is to promote the sanctity of life from conception through natural death. We are participating in "Philly's Largest Baby Shower." If you would like to be a part of that, please bring diapers (all sizes) and wipes to church and deposit them in the boxes in front of St. Joseph. The collection runs until June 18. All donated items will benefit Birthright. Guiding Star Mother's Home. and The Cenacle at the Padre Pio Ctr. For more information contact Chuck Kuhar at 215-694-3708.

# In Remembrance

All are invited to a screening of the documentary "Remembering the 27 Crusaders," following the 9:00am Mass on Monday, May 29 at Resurrection of Our Lord Life Center, 2000 Shelmire Ave. This film details the experiences of the families of 27 Father Judge graduates who lost their lives during the Vietnam War. Q&A will follow with Dr. Gene Halus, Presentation native son and a member of the production team.

#### Sacred Heart Novena

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Nun of the Monastery of Paray-le-Monial, France received the Great Revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Visitation Nuns throughout the world honor the Heart of Christ in a special manner with this novena of Masses in June. All are welcome!

Dates: June 8 to June 16 Time: 7:00pm each evening Place: Michael J. Smith Memorial Chapel—St. Joseph Univ.

2525 Cardinal Ave. (parking

lot entrance)

#### **IHM Nun Run**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit www.ihmnunrun.org

## **Fatima Holy Hour**

You are welcome to join us from May to October at 7:00pm to pray for World Peace at the following:

June 13 ~ Maternity BVM, 9220 Old Bustleton Ave.

July 13 ~ Our Lady of Consolation 7051 Tulip St.

Aug 13 ~ St. Martin of Tours 5450 E. Roosevelt Blvd.

Sept 13 ~ St. Albert the Great 212 Welsh Road

Oct 13 ~ St. Timothy 3001 Levick Street

#### Northeast Catholic Alumni

Assn. invite everyone to their annual Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Church on May 29 at 9am. Following Mass there will be a Memorial Service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima outside the Alumni Office at 2700 Rhawn St.



Save the Date & Save a Life Tuesday ~ July 11 1:30-6:30pm St. Cecilia Auditorium



We are looking for people to welcome those coming into Church before Mass on the weekends. Would you like to join this Ministry? Call Sherri at 215-399-6178 for more information.

#### Caring For Friends (Aid For Friends)

To learn more about how you can help our client-friends by making meals and breakfast bags, contact Bernadette O'Donnell at 215-379-3448.

#### St. William Priests Retiring

Some of you may know Fr. Al Concha, Pastor of St. William Parish, and his brother Fr. Gus Concha. Both of them will soon be retiring and leaving St. William Parish. For our students who are from St. William Parish and others who may attend Mass there regularly, you are invited to stop by and say 'farewell' to both of these fine priests as we gather

DATE: Sunday, June 4 TIME: 1:00pm—3:00pm St. William Parish Hall PLACE: corner of Argyle St. & Robbins St.

#### SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday ~ June 3 10am to 12pm St. William Church 6200 Rising Sun Avenue Parking lot across from church



## **Coffee Talk**

The next Coffee Talk gathering will be Saturday, June 17 in the Cecilian Room in School beginning at 9:30am. We gather to listen to one another and share our stories and suggestions about the lose of a loved one and how we grieve. Join us for some comfort and coffee. Pre-registration is required by contacting Paula Potts at 215-317-

Saint Cecilia Parish

# SUNDAY CHILL SESH & OPEN GYM

June 4 ~ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

## OPEN GYM FOR 9TH & 10TH GRADERS

Our teens are welcome to join us in the Gym for food and the opportunity to learn more about our awesome For more info, contact Mrs. Weiler at kweiler@stceciliafc.com

# Temple Health—Jeanes Campus

We are offering a support group for those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and their families. We will meet the 2nd Wednesday every other month and discuss your challenges and work to empower each other facing this disease.

DATES: June 14, August 9, October 11,

December 13, February 14

6:00-7:00pm

PLACE: Cheltenham Friends Meetinghouse, 7604 Central Avenue

To register call June Ro, NP at 215-707-

2619 or email

Jungyoon.Ro@tuhs.temple.edu

#### Pilgrimage to Padre Pio

Sodality from St. Adalbert Church hosting trip to National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto. PA on Wednesday. June 14. Cost \$50 incl. hot buffet lunch. Bus leaves 8am from 2645 E. Allegheny Ave. Call 215-813-2780 or 215-922-1700.



## Girl Scout Camp ~ July 24-28

Have you ever wanted to be a Girl Scout? Do you want to experience Girl Scout

Camp? Here is your opportunity, scan the QR code and receive a free one-year membership and a free week of

camp.

Cost: **FREE** 5th to 12th Grades:

Location: George Washington High School

10175 Bustleton Avenue

# **Catholic Women's Conference**

Registration for the 2023 Conference on October 28 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown is now open. Save the date and watch the bulletin for further details on a group rate and bus.

Night at the Phillies Friday ~ June 9 ~ 7:05pm Phillie's vs. Dodgers Ticket cost \$17



Link for purchase https://scsfoxchase.org/phillies-tickets

Join St. Cecilia School at Citizens Bank Park!



The following students from our parish attending FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL have achieved Academic Excellence for the 3rd quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

First Honors: Matthew Christian, John Clark, Alexander Zolynski, Vincent Riccobono, David Dorman,

Joseph McGough, Joshua Kent, Alexander Matthews, Joseph Mullin

Second Honors: Emmanuel Cruz, Nathan Patton, Steven Rohr, Luke Zorawski, Luke Brandi, Nicholas Carey,

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Dylan Fitzgibbon, Michael Gallagher, Owen Zidow, Robert Clark, Michael Curran, Nicholas Kehl,

Christian Matthews, Brady McCusker, Sean McGarry, Rory Zolynski



Shane Barnett Alex Bednarsky Paige Bednarsky Maria Bradley Robert Brennan Michael Callahan Chuck Clunk Sloane Coyne Frieda D'Auria Alberta DeMasi Tim Dempsey Fr. Anthony Dieckhaus Brian DiCriscio Stephen Eppinger Lonna Evans Alexander Flagg Sr. Kathleen Gannon Cruz Gonzales Msgr. Robert Grudowski Gina Grasso Nora Hartey Ed Hayel Anna Hoenisch John Hogan Thomas Holmes

Peter Karaso Mary Keeley Joan Komse Richard Kovacs Stanley Kulak Jean Layton Don Liebsch Dilynn Listman Richard Lucas Fr. David Machain Concetta Manello Mary Matthews Marian Meisenzahl Diane McAndrews Mary McAvery Jack McMahon Thomas McManus Leonard McTaggart Monica Mongiello Patricia Montgomery Catherine Needham Lori Klaski Newlin Hugh O'Donnell Debra Oliveti Paul Olson

Edna Orlando Patricia Padden Carolyn Pinnelli James Potts Carmen Pratts Chava Quinn Mary Reese Baby Henry Robinson Rick Schmidt Rose Schmidt Carl Schneider Kenneth Sharp Deacon Ralph Shirley Josephine Smith William Sonneborn Barbara Stoduto Betty Swartz Helen Tobin John Walls Mark Warren John Wieckowski Bob Wright Joanne Zappile

Mary Zinni

# Mass Schedule ~ June 3 & 4

Saturday (Vigil) Celebrant: Fr. Chris

5:00pm Lectors: Richara Krajewski & Patrick Gleason

Cantor: Leslie Aita

Sunday Celebrant: Fr. Lucas

6:30am Lectors: Theresa Kuhar & Ed Lieber

8:00am Celebrant: Fr. Lucas

Lectors: Rita Malfara & Fran Diamond

Cantor: Jeff Chapman

9:30am Celebrant: Fr. Chris / Deacon Pat

Lectors: Dolores Bryant & Richard McIvor

Cantor: Jeff Chapman

11:00am Celebrant: Fr. Chris / Deacon Pat

Lectors: Connie McCalla & Rose Messina

Cantor: Guitar Group

