

SAIN T CECILIA CHURCH

28th *Sunday*
in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023



God of Love, we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures.
War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.
Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews.
Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.
Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.
We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

SATURDAY
8:30am

CONFES SIONS
Mondays (6pm-7pm)
Wednesdays (7am-8am)
Saturdays (4pm-4:50pm)

A photograph of a silver chalice with intricate gold filigree on its base and a golden cross standing behind it. The background is dark and out of focus.

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**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**

Mondays 12pm-7pm

First Sunday of the Month
12pm-5pm

Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street ~ Philadelphia, PA 19111

NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Call the Parish Office for an appointment to register.

MOVING ~ Please notify the Parish Office 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office.

Parish: 215-725-1240 Hours 8:30am-4:30pm (*closed 12-1pm*)

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School: 215-725-8588

Tuition: 215-725-2201

PREP: 215-725-2821

Website: www.stceciliafc.org

School: scsfoxchase.org

CYO Facebook: Saint Cecilia Catholic Youth Organization

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Responsorial Psalm this weekend we pray: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. The response is coupled with the beautiful 23rd Psalm and is a beautiful cry for people of faith. Yet, there is also sadness as we sing the words because not everyone is living in the house of the Lord these days. In fact, the majority of Americans, including those baptized as Catholics, are not in the house of God each week. We know this as we look at our own family, friends and neighbors.



Throughout October, parishes in Philadelphia "count the sheep" so that we have a sense of whether our attendance is up (hopefully up since last year), down (hopefully, not) or the same as last year (not a bad thing). Once we finish the count, I will share the information so you have a sense of where we are compared to recent years. The numbers matter for one reason: Jesus gave us a job to do, we must go out and make disciples of all the nations, including Fox Chase, Burholme and Rockledge!

As a Christian, I know the huge difference Jesus makes in my life. He is my comforter, my encourager, my teacher, my shepherd, my Savior and my Lord. Jesus has brought me great joy and that joy also comes through my being a part of the Church he founded. I want everyone to have the experience of Jesus that I have had and I want them to desire to live in the house of the Lord all of their days as well. I hope that you feel the same way and will continue to allow your relationship with Jesus to grow and radiate from you to others as we grow and grow and grow – for God's glory and the good of those not yet with us!

Father Chris



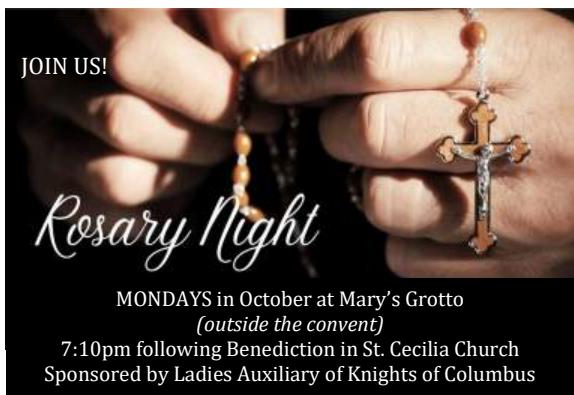
As we continue in these years of Eucharistic Revival, St. Cecilia Parish will begin celebrating a 40 Hours Devotion once again. The devotion which began in Milan, Italy in 1530, had parishioners spend 40 consecutive hours adoring Jesus. The devotion arrived in the U.S. through St. John Neumann. We also hope to have a Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion on Tuesday followed by a social to celebrate St. Cecilia's Feast Day. More info to come. Please mark your calendars.



Our Implementation Team will meet on Tuesday night and is beginning to build out their teams. Each priority area will have a working group of 5-7 people to assist in making our Pastoral Plan become a reality.

Look for more information about the Team next week!

The Year of the Eucharist Understanding the Mass
The Doxology: Do you know what the Doxology is? No matter which Eucharistic Prayer we use (1, 2, 3, 4 or the various Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation or Masses for Children) they all end the same with the "Eucharistic Doxology." A "doxology" is the English translation of a Greek word which means a short hymn of praise to God. The priest proclaims: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever," as he raises the Eucharistic Lord in the consecrated Host and in the Precious Blood in the sacred chalice for the entire congregation to see and ponder. Who is the "him" in this hymn of praise? Jesus Christ, of course. So, this short prayer is a Trinitarian formula of praise to God the Father through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit. The Mass is clearly a prayer of praise to the Father, by the Son, through the Holy Spirit. There's a lot going on at each Mass, isn't there?



SUNDAY, October 15

8:00am – Joel Contreras & Family
11:00am – George McNesby

MONDAY, October 16

6:30am – Mary & Bill Bowes (*anniversary*)
8:30am – Mary A. Walker

TUESDAY, October 17

6:30am – Frank & Rose Palmer
8:30am – George R. Bronisz

WEDNESDAY, October 18

6:30am – Kimberly Markowski
8:30am – Pasquale Pezzano

THURSDAY, October 19

6:30am – Karen Leigland
8:30am – Angeline Carfagno

FRIDAY, October 20

6:30am – Joseph J. Berthcsi
8:30am – Patricia Fenningham

SATURDAY, October 21

8:30am – John Walker
5:00pm – Donald Stoduto

MASS INTENTION BOOK OPENS OCTOBER 18TH

The 2024 Mass Intention Book will "open" at 9am on October 18th. The Parish will use the same procedure as last year: you are welcome to come to the Auditorium between 9am and 1pm and our Parish Staff will be available to satisfy your requests. Forms are now available in Church. Questions? Contact Sue or Ruth in the Parish Office.

A Prayer for the Synod on Synodality:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



Anthony Lugrine & Jamie Apgar



God Bless
Grace Emilia Petruska
Hazel Grace Haas

Salty Air Retreat: Beach Replenishment: Holy Ground Then & Now

DATE: Thursday, November 9 TIME: 8:00am—3:30pm

PLACE: Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
Stone Harbor, NJ

COST: \$60

Join Sister Patricia Mengel, IHM for a day and discover what erodes our faith and wears away at our ‘coastline.’ Learn what facets of faith and nature assist us in rebuilding our ‘dunes’ and places of security. Mass at 8:00am.

For more info and to register, visit VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7696 for other Fall Retreats. Questions—email S.ERebalsky@VMbytheSea.com.

St Cecilia School is now participating in a program called **RAISE RIGHT** that allows you to earn money towards a child's tuition. Unlike traditional "scrip" programs with gift cards, this is entirely electronic through an app on your phone. It does allow you to purchase Gift Cards as well. Please help our families with tuition. If you do not know a child in the school, you can raise money for "ANY CHILD" when you set up your account. Call the Parish Office to get OUR CODE and use it at www.raiseright.com. If you have questions, contact Eleanor in our Parish Office.

Social Ministry Fund

Through your generosity to our Social Ministry Fund (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to provide a wonderful meal for families participating in programs at The Cenacle in Frankford. The meal was prepared and served by members of Humanitas, our pro-life ministry.

World Mission Sunday

As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.

Next weekend, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. As we prepare to observe this special day celebrated internationally, may we be reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable around the world.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS ~ OCT. 8

Church	\$15,454.00	(433 env)
E-Giving	3,947.07	(85)
TOTAL	\$19,401.07	

Our weekly average is now \$17,467.43 We are striving for an average each week of \$18,585.

Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness to the parish and may God bless you for all that you do.

Fr. Chris

Why do we do that at Mass?

On Wednesday, October 25th we will have a "Teaching Mass" at 7pm in our Church. Father Phong will celebrate Mass and Father Chris will offer a live "commentary" explaining what is happening and why we do it as part of the Sacred Liturgy. The Teaching Mass serves as a conclusion to our Bible Study but all members of the parish are welcome to join us in the Church at 7pm. The evening will begin with an explanation of the architecture of the Church and there will opportunities to ask questions as we all grow in appreciation of the beautiful gift of the Holy Mass. Invite your family and friends!

Manna Food Drive

Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items to the vestibule of the church this weekend. God bless you for thinking of your brothers and sisters in need.



All Saints & All Souls Liturgies

We will praise God for all of the saints in heaven on Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 5pm and Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 6:30am, 8:30am and 10:00am. We will pray for the souls in purgatory on All Souls Day, Nov. 2nd at 6:30am, 8:30am and 7:00pm.

On Sunday, November 5th we will have our Annual Remembrance Mass and pray for the souls of those who were buried from St. Cecilia since last November (a social will follow in the Auditorium). All who attend that Mass are invited to write the names of their loved ones who have passed and have those names placed on the Altar during Holy Mass. In addition, we will have a Book of Life in front of Saint Joseph's Altar once again this year for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. May they rest in God's peace!

Save the Date for 'Dying Well'

On Wednesdays, November 8th & 15th, our pro-life ministry HUMANITAS will host sessions that will help prepare you for the inevitable – death! On Nov. 8th, Fr. Chris will present on medical ethics and decisions associated with "end of life" (hospice, life support and more). That evening will also include a discussion on planning your own funeral liturgy. On Nov. 15th we will have a variety of end of life attorneys, funeral directors and representatives from the Catholic Cemeteries to make presentations and answer questions as we begin the process. More info to come...

Mass & Family Consecration to Divine Mercy

All are invited to St. Eleanor Catholic Church on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:00pm for the Celebration of Mass followed with Consecration of Families to Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The theme is *Mercy and the Eucharist* with Fr. John Stokely and Concelebrant and Guest Homilist, Fr. Dermot Roache, author of "*I am the Virgin Mother of God and your Mother Too.*" We are located at 647 Locust St., Collegeville, PA. For more info call 610-489-1647.



St. Cecilia Parish is offering a Pre-Cana retreat day on Saturday, October 21, at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center at 3501 Solly Avenue (next to Fr. Judge High School). All engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church must attend a Pre-Cana session. The day will begin at 9am. To conclude the day, we will all attend the 5pm Mass at St. Cecilia Church. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory at 215-725-1240.

Mass Schedule ~ October 21 & 22

Saturday (<i>Vigil</i>)	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Paula Potts & Connie McCalla Cantor: Leslie Aita
5:00pm	
Sunday	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lector: Theresa Kuhar
6:30am	
8:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Joanna Marzullo & Fran Diamond Cantor: Colleen Mavroudis
9:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Phong Lectors: Alice McGee & Ruem Tan Cantor: Colleen Mavroudis
11:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Phong Lectors: Frank Slavin & Donna Murt Cantor: Dorothy Smith

Bishop McDevitt HS Alumni Memorial Mass

DATE: Sunday, November 5

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Luke the Evangelist Church
2316 Fairhill Avenue, Glenside

There will also be a luncheon in the parish hall following Mass.
All are welcome. Email friendsofbishopmcdevitt@gmail.com

Archbishop Ryan High School Mass of Remembrance

Thursday—November 2 at 7:00pm

Everyone is welcome as we honor the deceased members of the Archbishop Ryan Family. Enter through Chapel doors.
RSVP by Oct. 27 to alumni@arhs.org

Knights at the Races & Monte Carlo

Come out for an evening of horse racing and betting in our Auditorium. Buy a horse for \$5 and you could win \$25 if your horse wins that race.

There will be 10 races, so you could buy 10 horses (one for each race). You don't have to be present to win. Use the QR code or the link below.

Hosted by Fr. Thomas Ryan Council of the Knights of Columbus.

DATE: Saturday ~ November 11

PLACE: St. Cecilia Church Auditorium

TIME: Doors open 6:00pm

COST: \$35 (includes dinner & set-ups);
\$5 horse

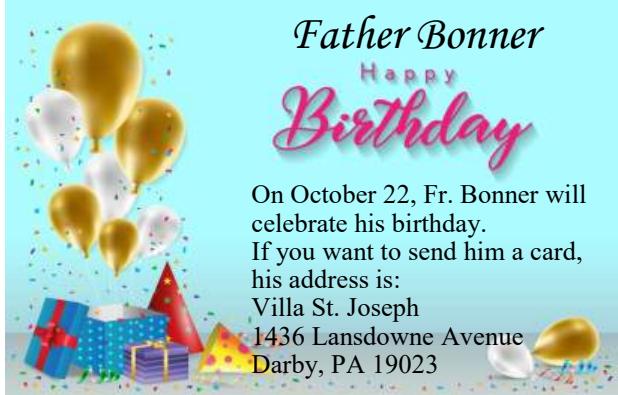
This is a BYOB event. Must be over 21.

For more info call George at 215-495-7310.

Link: <https://donorbox.org/events/486678>



Father Bonner
Happy
Birthday



On October 22, Fr. Bonner will celebrate his birthday. If you want to send him a card, his address is:
Villa St. Joseph
1436 Lansdowne Avenue
Darby, PA 19023

Fall Festival

What a day we had at the Fall Festival! We thank everyone who came out for a day of fun and greeting and meeting your neighbors and friends. In next week's bulletin, we will share more, especially the winner of the beautiful raffle prize. We take this opportunity to thank our PEP (Parish Event Planners) team who worked so hard putting this day together - Mary Weymer (Chairperson), Linda Quirk, Kathleen McAnaney, Judi Schein, Kelly Roney, George Meimaridis, Knights of Columbus, Scouts and so many other volunteers. We could not have done this day without everyone's help.

HELP WANTED - Our after school program (CARES) needs adults who enjoy young people to help fill some shifts from 3pm to 6pm a few days a week. Earn some extra money while encouraging our youth! For more information or to apply, contact Eleanor at 215-725-1240.

Trunk or Treat

Our Parish, Parish School and the Lion's Club are partnering once again for a fabulous event for our young people. Join us on Saturday, October 28th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. You are welcome to bring and supervise young children (in costume) to participate and collect some goodies! In addition, you are welcome to set up your TRUNK (decorate your car; give out candy) for a \$10 fee (arrive at 6pm; please register on the St. Cecilia School Website). In addition, you can bring CANDY and sit at a chair in the Auditorium with others and give candy to the kids! If you can't make it that night, but want to participate, drop off CANDY DONATIONS in the back of Church NEXT WEEKEND! Questions? Call the School Office at 215-725-8588.

Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band Concert

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

Place: St. Cecilia's School Auditorium



Come out to hear the CD Alumni Band in concert. This is a free concert not a fund raiser. Please feel free to bring your own food, snacks and beverages.

The concert program will include marches, show tunes, patriotically, light classical, and some solo pieces.

The concert is sponsored by Life Celebrations by Givnish.

For more information, contact parishioner Joe Friend joefriend@msn.com or call 215.906.8025

Pray FOR THE SICK

June Augustino
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 Paige Bednarsky
 Lisa Betsch
 Maria Bradley
 Robert Brennan
 Michael Callahan
 Chuck Clunk
 Sloane Coyne
 Frieda D'Auria
 Alberta DeMasi
 Tim Dempsey
 Fr. Anthony Dieckhaus
 Brian DiCrisco
 Stephen Eppinger
 Lonna Evans
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 Shane Noah Flaum
 Sr. Kathleen Gannon
 Cruz Gonzales
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 Peter Karaso
 Mary Keeley
 Joan Komse

Jerry King
 Richard Kovacs
 Jean Layton
 Don Liebsch
 Dilynn Listman
 Fr. David Machain
 Colleen Maguire
 Concetta Manello
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 Diane McAndrews
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 Walt McGinty
 Jack McMahon
 Thomas McManus
 Leonard McTaggart
 Elena Mendez-Tadel
 Monica Mongiello
 William Morgan, Sr.
 Catherine Needham
 Florence Niewood
 Lori Klaski Newlin
 Hugh O'Donnell
 Debra Oliveti
 Paul Olson
 Edna Orlando
 Patricia Padden
 Carolyn Pinnelli
 James Potts
 Carmen Pratts
 William Purtle

Chava Quinn
 Mary Reese
 Rick Schmidt
 Rose Schmidt
 Carl Schneider
 William Scott
 Deacon Ralph Shirley
 Josephine Smith
 William Sonneborn
 Betty Swartz
 Helen Tobin
 Tony Vicente
 Mark Warren
 John Wieckowski
 Bob Wright
 Mary Zinni

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

Mark Strecker (Navy)	Ean Cruz (Air Force)
George Boone (Army)	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)	Jason Showmaker (Navy)

Here & There

- ◆ Saint Cecilia School **Open Gym** (9th, 10th, 11th graders)
 Sunday, October 15 (6:00pm—7:30pm)
 Games, food, community service opportunities
- ◆ **Concert** at St. William Lower Church—October 15 at 2:00pm
La Luz Del Son ~ Tribute to Adalberto Alvarez
 Tickets at door—\$10 adults; \$5 students & senior citizens
- ◆ **PA March for Life**—Monday, October 16
 Mass at 7:30am in St. Cecilia Church; bus leaves Verree & Solly at 8:30am. \$25/person. Bring lunch and snacks.
- ◆ **CASH Bingo**—Saturday, November 4th in St. Cecilia Auditorium hosted by LAOH Div. 25. Doors open 6:30pm.
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