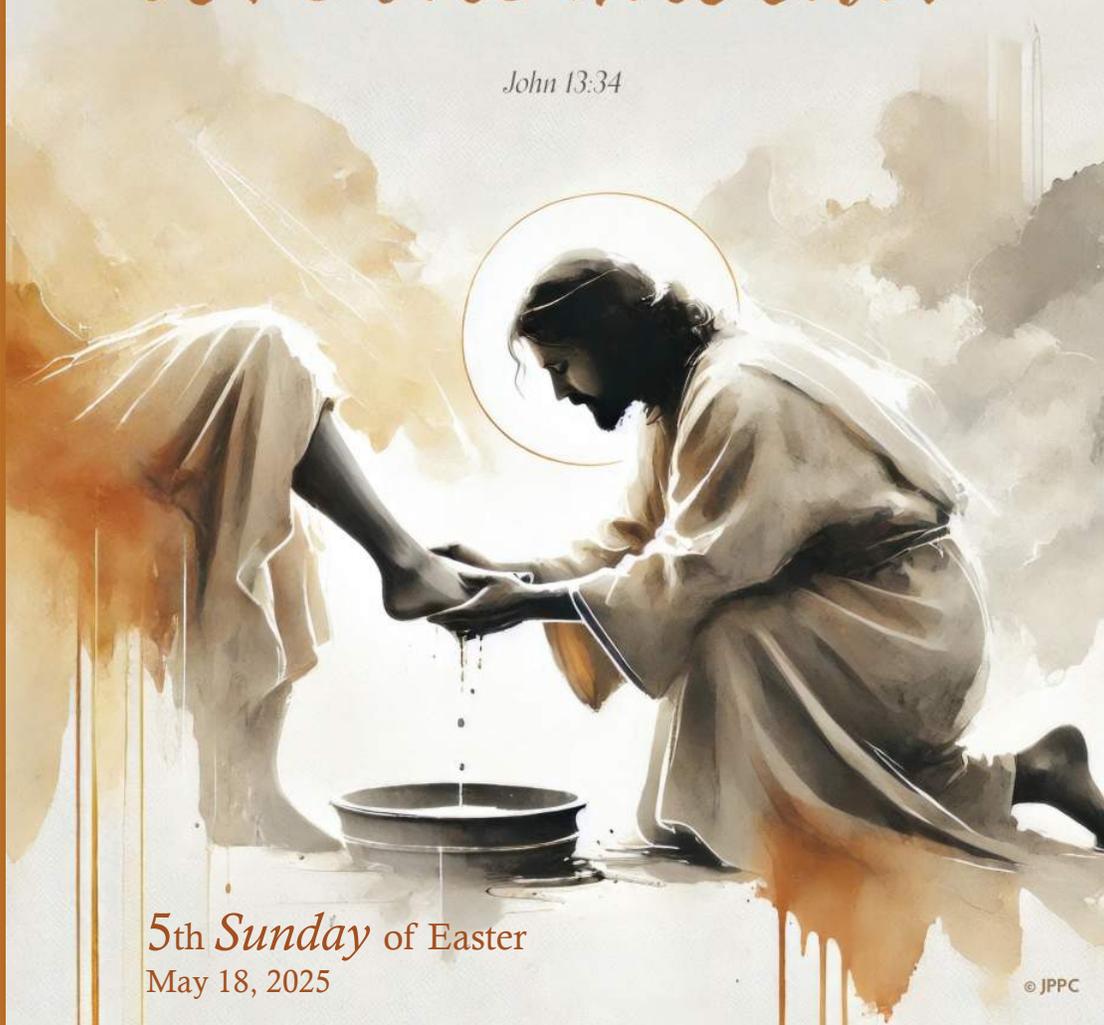


Saint Cecilia Church

I GIVE YOU A
NEW COMMANDMENT:

Love one another

John 13:34



5th Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

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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 ~ Second, third and fourth Sunday of 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 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK ~ First Saturday of the month following 8:30am Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Vigil 5pm (Saturday)

6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 5pm

Livestream Sunday Mass 9:30am

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

6:30am & 8:30am

SATURDAY

8:30am

All are welcome to worship with us!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 12pm-7pm

First Sunday of the Month

12pm-5pm

Spend time with Jesus

He loves to see you!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Praise God for your financial goodness to St. Cecilia!
Due to an early bulletin deadline by our printing company, we will update you on last week's collection in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Cecilia.

Fr. Chris

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

By now, we have learned a great deal about Pope Leo XIV. Every aspect of the man's life (and that of his family) has been investigated and commented on by the media and many of us. I hope that we can all be graceful and allow time to come to know him as Pope. He is a human being. He has made mistakes as a priest, religious superior, and bishop. I am sure he has learned from his mistakes (like all of us) and moved forward in hope. As he assumes this new role for the Church, he will be given exceptional graces to lead our Church. Jesus himself promised that (Matthew 16:18-19). Let us rejoice in his first words to us from Saint Peter's Balcony: *"The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us."*

Like you, I have been grateful to the many news stations for providing information and showing interest in the death and burial of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo. Most coverage has been favorable. I am hopeful that some of the coverage may lead to a rebirth of a desire to know the Lord and his Church. There is a saying: *the Lord is to be sought where Peter is*. It is a reminder that the Catholic Church is the Church founded by Jesus Christ. I do not say this in arrogance, but as a reminder of the great responsibility we have, as individuals and as a Parish, to introduce people to Jesus Christ through our words and actions. People hunger to know God's presence in their lives. Many will look for Him at Saint Cecilia and rightfully so! May we give them what they are looking for at this time and always.

As we approach Memorial Day and the summer months, please remember that there is no vacation from our vocation to holiness. If you are traveling in the weeks to come, please plan well to find a parish where you can attend Mass. Bring me back a bulletin and any ideas about what they are doing well in that community. In case you do not know, there is a website to help you: masstimes.org (it is a real thing and it is amazing). *You can find a Mass across the world, so you can keep the Sabbath holy while you travel!*

Speaking of travel, Father Phong will be visiting Vietnam for a friend's ordination to the priesthood. He leaves on May 26th and will return in mid-June. Please hold him and his friend in prayer. My friend Father Joseph, who leads an amazing high school in Uganda, will be with us for a portion of the time to assist with Mass and confessions. I know you make him feel welcome.

Father Chris



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings....

Would everyone know you are a disciple of Jesus by the way you live your life?

A Prayer for our New Pope

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on our new Holy Father, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd. Grant, we pray, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Cecilia Parish has a goal to welcome TWELVE people into the Church through Baptism at Easter Vigil 2026.

Could you, your spouse, or a neighbor be one of the twelve? Please contact Mike Tate (mike@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-1240) to learn more.



If you think the person is a possible candidate but you are not sure how to approach the person, ask Mike for advice or ask Mike to make the contact with the person (he loves to talk with people about Jesus and our faith).



Year of Hope Reflections

"All it takes is one good person to restore hope." (Pope Francis)

How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?

SUNDAY, May 18
 8:00am - Mary Chilleli
 11:00am - Aleja Roman
 5:00pm - David Olar



MONDAY, May 19
 6:30am - Intentions of Michael Murphy
 8:30am - Una & Patrick McGettigan

TUESDAY, May 20
 6:30am - James & Carolyn Malone
 8:30am - Kathleen Miller

WEDNESDAY, May 21
 6:30am - George Blackmore
 8:30am - Pat & Vera Lanciotti

THURSDAY, May 22
 6:30am - Chuck Meyrick
 8:30am - Dec'd members of Burns Family

FRIDAY, May 23
 6:30am - Regina Curran
 8:30am - Shelley Family

SATURDAY, May 24
 8:30am - Ann Kuvik
 5:00pm - Anne Murphy

Just a reminder: the last 5:00pm **Sunday** Mass is this weekend. This Mass will not be celebrated for the summer. The Mass will return on the Sunday after Labor Day.

Mass Schedule ~ May 24 & 25

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
 Celebrant: Fr. Chris
 Lectors: Connie McCalla & Richara Krajewski
 Music: Colleen Mavroudis w/Jean Martin

Sunday 6:30am
 Celebrant: Fr. Phong
 Lector: Theresa Kuhar

8:00am
 Celebrant: Fr. Callahan
 Lectors: Theresa George & Joanne Taubenger
 Music: Jeff Chapman w/Jean Martin

9:30am
 Celebrant: Fr. Chris
 Lectors: Dolores Bryant & Matt Palmer
 Music: Jeff Chapman w/Ken Houser

11:00am
 Celebrant: Fr. Phong
 Lectors: Rita Malfara & Donna Murt
 Music: Jeff Chapman w/Ken Houser

Saint John Paul II's Prayer for Peace

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all,
 who have so much trust in you,
 from wars, hatred, and oppression.
 Make us learn to live in peace
 and educate ourselves for peace.
 Teach us to do what is demanded
 by justice and respect the rights
 of every person so that peace
 may be firmly established. Amen.



The Shepherd is looking for some sheep! Since COVID many people who once worshipped at St. Cecilia have stopped coming. Some fell out of the habit. Some felt hurt by the Churches being closed.

Some have become homebound. Some...something else. If you know one of these people, can you help us help Jesus connect to them? Please fill out this simple form and put it in the collection basket next week. Thank you!

Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

(or at least street)

Comments: _____

Let us pray for the brave men and women currently in the military.



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| 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) | Jason Showmaker (Navy) |
| Nick Marteney (Navy) | Christopher Starrett (USMC) |
| Ken Doherty (Air Force) | George C. Warren, III (Army) |
| Matthew Capriotti (Army) | Christopher Capriotti (Army) |
| Adam S. Rigler (Navy) | Cecilia Glavin Harmon (Air Force) |
| Katelynn Strecker (Navy) | Kyle William Creswell |
| Gianna Rivera | |

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word
and to recognize his voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps,
to go forth from our land
and to receive his promise.
Help us to be touched by his love,
that we may touch him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him
and to believe in his love,
especially at times of trial,
beneath the shadow of the cross,
when our faith is called to mature.
Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
Remind us that those who believe
are never alone.
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that he may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith always increase in us,
until the dawn of that undying day
which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!



Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Many adults have "missed" the Sacrament for some reason. It is not too late! Contact Mike Tate, and we will prepare you to receive the Sacrament when the Bishop visits St. Cecilia next year!



mike@stceciliafc.com

¿Has recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación? Muchos adultos se han perdido el sacramento por alguna razón. ¡Aún estás a tiempo! Contacta a Mike Tate y te prepararemos para recibirlo cuando el obispo visite Santa Cecilia el próximo año.



PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join us to pray the rosary Monday evening May 19 as we gather at Mary's Grotto in front of the Convent at 7:10pm.

Bring your chair or park close to the Grotto. Kids are welcome!!

Rosary led by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #5036

Bring your beads and your needs!



Do you have plans for Memorial Day?

Usually, when people ask the question, they are asking about heading to the beach or a cookout in someone's backyard. Ideally, it is meant to ask about your plans to remember the women and men of the US Armed Forces who gave their lives for the freedom of our nation.

Perhaps you and your family (especially the young) can attend the annual gathering at Lawnview Cemetery or another such event? Perhaps you can join us for Mass at 8:30am that day? There is no 6:30am on Memorial Day. Perhaps you could walk through a cemetery and pray the rosary for the war dead?

Do you have plans for Memorial Day?



SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

Lucky Notes Lottery

Next Drawing
May 13
JACKPOT—\$27,000

Lucky Notes Lottery

Purchase tickets after weekend Masses at the back of church. If you want to be a seller or help as a volunteer, contact the lottery team for info at lottery@stceciliafc.com

If no winner this week, the jackpot increases each week by \$1,000

Saint Cecilia School News

Do you have a child or grandchild who could be served well by our school? Please contact the School Office for more information. Many of our classes have waiting lists. But we do have openings and would delight in welcoming a new student in September. In addition, our School Stewardship Report is available on the home page of the school website!

Book Clubs Return!

Saint Cecilia Parish is offering Book Clubs beginning in June. There are 8 different books and facilitators meeting on various days/nights and locations. A list is available at the entrances of church. Contact the facilitator if you are interested in joining one of these.



Manna Food Drive

Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items for our Manna Drive this weekend. Please bring the items to the vestibule of the church. They are always in need of canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly. God bless you for your kindness in thinking of others.



SAVE THE DATE!

2025 marks the 100th Anniversary of Saint Cecilia School
We are planning an All Class Reunion and Celebration
November 22, 2025
Mark your calendar now!

Find us on Facebook
St. Cecilia Grade School Alumni—Fox Chase, PA
The Alumni Committee is looking for any grade school pictures—please share them with us and send them via email to alumni@stceciliafc.com and include your name and the year you graduated.

ST. CECILIA CLASS OF 1970

55th Reunion

Saturday ~ June 14 ~ 6:00-10:00pm

St. Cecilia Auditorium

\$40 per person includes food, soft drinks, DJ

BYOB event

Info call 610-392-9242

Year of Hope Pilgrimages Save the dates!



Pilgrimages are being planned for the following:

- ◆ Shrine of St. John Neumann and St. Rita on September 13
- ◆ National Shrine of the Blessed Mother in Washington, DC on Tuesday, October 28. Parishes from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather to celebrate the Year of Hope!

More information will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



St. Cecilia participates in a wonderful program that provides homemade meals to seniors who live alone. You prepare the meal at home (usually from your leftovers) and drop off frozen meals and soup in the room between the Church and Parish Office.

HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 6pm
Saturday & Sunday: 8:30am to 5pm

Want to learn more or perhaps get involved in delivering meals to a person? Contact Kristen at 267-456-7758 or email her at Kpoekert@gmail.com. *This is a wonderful way to involve your whole family in being mindful of the needs of others!*



We encourage you to consider donating online. It is secure and easy. Call Eleanor in the Parish Office, click on this QR code, or visit our parish website and click on the DONATE button.



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Register at: <https://stceciliafc.org/news/vacation-bible-camp>

To volunteer, contact us at: eileen@stceciliafc.com



St. Cecilia Parish Children's Choir

Our newly formed Parish Children's Choir will begin practicing in May!

Who's invited? All children in grades 2-8.

Open to our school students, PREP students, homeschool students and any other students who worship here at St. Cecilia and like music.

Please reach out to Mrs. Mavroudis at musicdirector@stceciliafc.com or fill out the signup form

<https://forms.gle/rdpFaEZYAjBmSZF6>



ST CECILIA BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 18, 2025
1:00pm -6:00pm
St Cecilia School Auditorium



Register early to get your preferred time!
Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>
If assistance is needed for sign up or you have donation eligibility questions, please reach out to 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to give will receive a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Get something that will make you feel good – you deserve it! You will also automatically be entered for a chance to win one of two \$7000 gift cards (terms apply).

Feel free to contact a St. Cecilia blood program co-leader with questions: Fran Diamond at granfran509@gmail.com or Cecilia McAleer at septafox@aol



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Job Opportunities

- ◆ **Pastoral Care Assistant** at Philadelphia Protestant Home (PPH) - part time 18-20 hrs/week. Candidate should possess strong communication skills, physical stamina to walk the PPH campus, organizational and leadership skills with a commitment to assist in providing spiritual and emotional support to residents. Candidates can apply through **Indeed** or contact Margo Arrington at HR@pphfamily.org
- ◆ **Summer Nurse** at Merion Mercy Academy for summer programs to support students ages 12-18. Part time, temporary position from June 30 to July 25. Requirements include: current and valid RN, LPN, or equivalent nursing license; CPR and first aid certification. Contact Gina Brisella at gbrisella@merion-mercy.com
- ◆ **Tuition Officer** at Holy Innocents School (part time). Candidate should have experience in FACTS, EITC, BLOCS, Word, Google, Excel and be bi-lingual. Contact Fr. Tom Higgins at frtom54@gmail.com or call 215-743-2600.
- ◆ **Housekeeping** at Mount Nazareth Convent (2755 Holme Ave. Phila. 19152) Full or part time—hours 7:30am to 3:30pm—3-5 days per week (days are negotiable). Employee benefit package is accessible. If interested contact Sister Celine Warnilo at 215-543-0176 (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)
- ◆ **Teller** with computer experience at Northwood Federal Credit Union (Castor Ave. & Longshore St.). Part time position—9am to 3pm one to three days per week. Contact Carolyn 215-725-8100.



Donut Day

Sunday—May 18
after 9:30am Mass

Join us in the Auditorium for refreshments and fellowship.

Get to know your fellow parishioners!

Music in Your Neighborhood

With the No Name Pops, Future Philly Pops

HITS FROM THE BROADWAY STAGE

May 18 ~ 4:00pm

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Adults \$10; families \$15;

Students/Seniors \$5

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Senior Citizen Groups

St. Cecilia Seniors meet Thursdays (10am-2pm) in St. Cecilia Auditorium. All are welcome! For information contact the parish office at 215-725-1240.

St. William Seniors meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, 7701 Loretto Avenue from 10:30am to 2:30pm. The last meeting for the Summer will be May 28th. Meetings will resume in September. For information about St. William Seniors, contact Betty Harding at 215-745-7199.



ART in the PARK

Art ~ Vendors ~ Music
Family Fun

SATURDAY—May 31

2:00-5:00pm

Lions Park in Fox Chase

Info: Theresa at
Tompkins Community Bank
215-722-4566

**Martin Saints Classical High School
Summer Camps**

- ◆ Fiber Arts ~ 5 day workshop on sewing, embroidery and weaving. Open to students ages 8-15. June 9-13 (9am-2:30pm) Info: hguertin@martinsaintsclassical.org
- ◆ Woodworking ~ 5 day workshop for 6th-8th graders June 9-13 (9am-2:30pm) Info: khiet.luong@gmail.com
- ◆ Robotics Workshop ~ 5 day workshop July 7-11 (9am-12pm) Info: John Rogers at info@waysidestem.com

Our Lady of Calvary Bereavement Ministry welcomes those who are grieving for a seven-week series on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, starting April 29th and ending June 10th. Each week, a unique topic will be presented and discussed in the lower Church of Our Lady of Calvary. Topics include: spiritual elements of grief, stages of grief, surviving loneliness, and more!

Pray for the Sick

Theresa Anderson
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June Augustino
Baby Eliyana
Baby Alleya
Melissa Baxter
Elizabeth Beaces
Mary Bednarsky
Paige Bednarsky
John Berthesi
Charles Bocchicchio
Christi Boothman
Maria Bradley
Joanne Briganty
Loretta Bunoza
Georgette Caffrey
Michael Callahan
Ray Capella
Joe Caponetti
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Brian DiCriscio

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Jack Gannon
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Stephen Maye
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Timothy McMenamin
Peggy McPhillips
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Leonard McTaggart
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Albert Monsonogo
Galina Monsonogo

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John Nickey
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The Schultz Family
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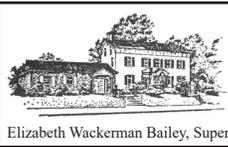
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