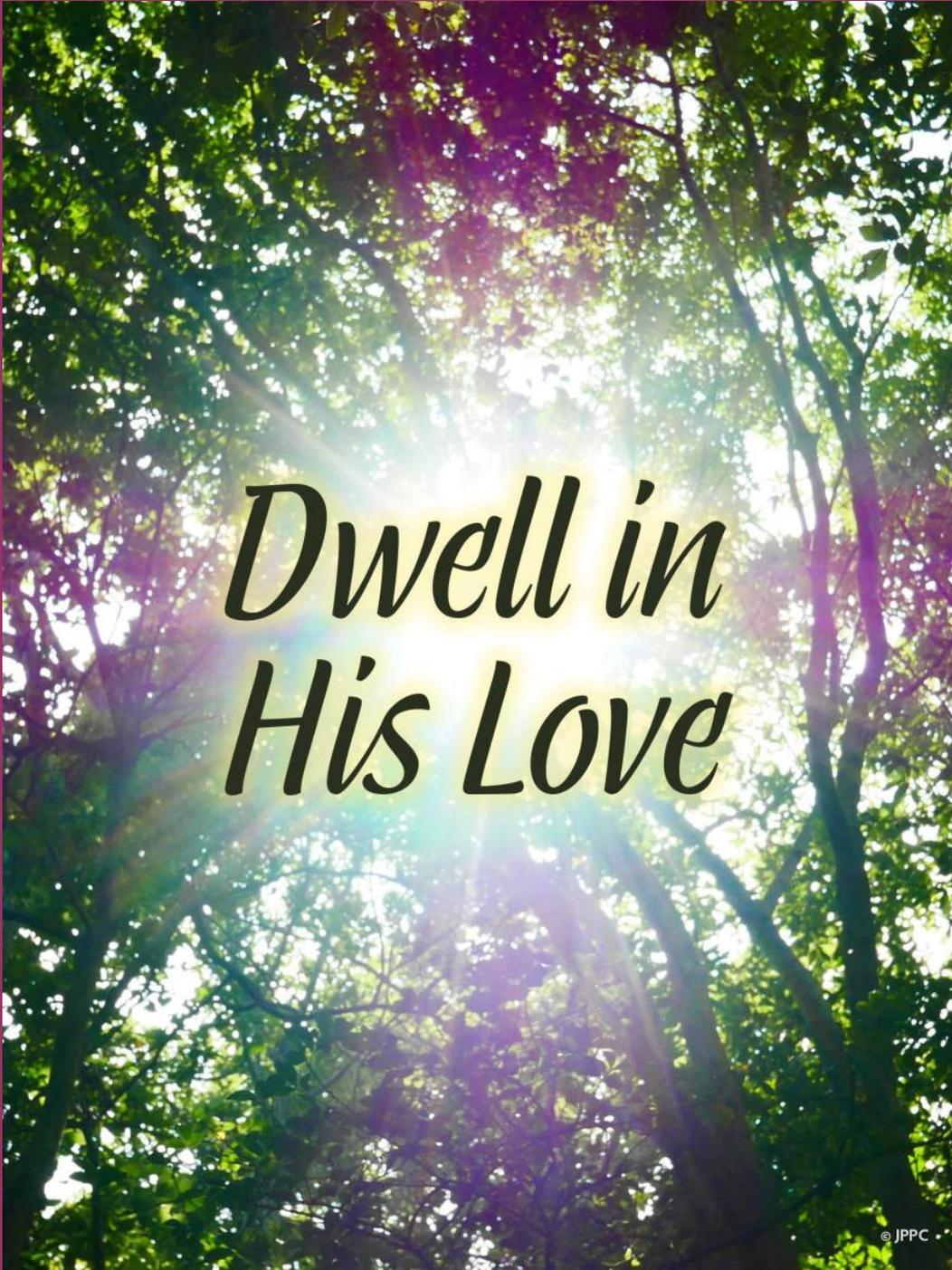


Saint Cecilia Church



6th Sunday of Easter ~ May 25, 2025



Welcome to our Parish

Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street ~ Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 12pm-7pm
First Sunday of the Month
12pm-5pm

*Spend time with Jesus
He loves to see you!*

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

Livestream Sunday Mass 9:30am

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

6:30am & 8:30am

SATURDAY

8:30am

All are welcome to worship with us!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Praise God for your financial goodness to St. Cecilia!
Fr. Chris

	MAY 3-4	MAY 10-11
Church	\$16,615 (490 env)	\$13,860 (470 env)
E-giving	<u>5,450</u> (107 givers)	<u>5,164</u> (113 givers)
TOTAL	\$22,065	\$19,024

Our new weekly average is now \$19,363.

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

I accompanied our eighth-grade class to Washington, DC, a few weeks ago for their class trip. We saw the monuments, toured a few museums, and took lots of pictures! We also visited the Memorial to those who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The students were respectful and reverent as we visited the Memorials and spoke of those who died and those who came home with many types of wounds. For most young people, war is something that seems distant. I suppose that is a good thing. However, if we do not remember, something is lost.

I have always loved Memorial Day. As a Cub Scout, I walked in parades. In high school, I volunteered to place flags in cemeteries. I have only known two people who died in service to our nation, but I cherish the gift of the hundreds of thousands who died in service to freedom throughout our history.



As I stood at the Memorial to Peace in Gettysburg with parishioners last week, I prayed the words prayed by so many:

Lord, bring peace to our nation and every nation so no parent will lose a child to war and no child a parent. Give us the courage and wisdom to build and maintain peace.

Please join me in this prayer as we celebrate Memorial Day.

Father Chris

PS – Next Saturday we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30am Mass. If you are dealing with chronic illness or having surgery or a procedure in the month to come, please join us and receive this gift from the Lord!



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

How can YOU imitate the unity that exists between the Father and Jesus in YOUR life?

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.



Year of Hope Reflections

Everyone who has his hope based on Him makes himself pure, as He is pure.

- John 3,3

How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?



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?

Prayer & Worship

SUNDAY, May 25
 8:00am - Giuseppie Amaturio
 11:00am - Elizabeth Smith



MONDAY, May 26 (Memorial Day)
 8:30am - Frank & Lucy Romea

TUESDAY, May 27
 6:30am - Kathleen Costello Bockol (9th anniversary)
 & Thomas J. Costello
 8:30am - Jean Warren

WEDNESDAY, May 28
 6:30am - Anthony & Elizabeth DeVincent
 8:30am - John Kuvik
 5:00pm - Frank & Marge Ruggeri

THURSDAY, May 29 (Ascension Thursday)
 6:30am - Clare Gilchrist
 8:30am - Isabel B. Dessalet & Mary Slavin Ormsby
 10:00am - Joseph O'Donnell

FRIDAY, May 30
 6:30am - Geraldine Black
 8:30am - John & Eleanor Winterberger

SATURDAY, May 31
 8:30am - Mary P. Keeley
 5:00pm - Anne Coyne Small

Mass Schedule ~ May 31 & June 1

Saturday (Vigil)
 5:00pm Celebrant: Fr. Callahan
 Lectors: Dale Tan & Tom Leonard
 Music: Colleen Mavroudis w/Steve Obarski

Sunday
 6:30am Celebrant: Fr. Chris
 Lector: Eileen Litka

8:00am Celebrant: Fr. Joseph
 Lectors: Fran Diamond & Christo Thankachan
 Music: Daniela Martinez w/Matt Mullin

9:30am Celebrant: Fr. Chris
 Lectors: Alyssa Jackson & Marian Reilly
 Music: Ensemble

11:00am Celebrant: Fr. Chris
 Lectors: Dave Montvydas & Terrie Cannon
 Music: Ensemble

Please pray for the faithful departed, especially....

John Firm



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



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: _____

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.

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



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| 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) | Jason Showmaker (Navy) |
| Nick Marteney (Navy) | Christopher Starrett (USMC) |
| Ken Doherty (Air Force) | George C. Warren, III (Army) |
| Matthew Capriotti (Army) | Christopher Capriotti (Army) |
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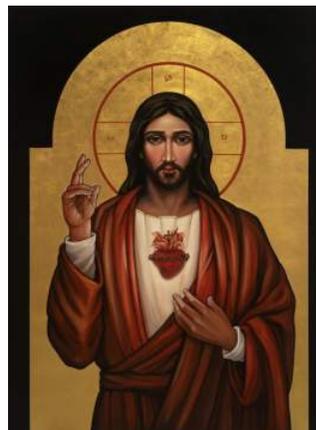
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love,
you provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve
the Church of Philadelphia
as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters.



Inspire those called from Saint Cecilia
to give a generous response.
Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your people
to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free
and renew the face of the earth!

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



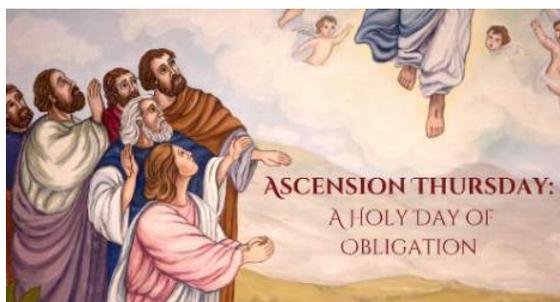
Lord Jesus, Let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in Your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed, whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in Your own divine Heart, continually under Your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen.
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**JOIN US FOR MASS
ASCENSION THURSDAY**

MAY 29

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

**VIGIL—WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
5:00pm**



Please cut out this photo and prayer as a reminder to pray for Pope Leo XIV as he begins this work of leading our church.



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.



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@stceciaafc.com

Next Drawing
May 27

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 entrance of church. Contact the facilitator if you are interested in joining one of these.



Manna Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for being faithful to the Drive these past months. May 18 was the last Sunday we are collecting food before the Summer. We will resume in the Fall. God bless you for your support and your kindness to 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@stceciaafc.com and include your name and the year you graduated.

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 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

 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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Wonder Junction

Register Now!

Vacation Bible Camp at St. Cecilia - Fox Chase
6/23 - 6/27 6:30pm - 8:30pm

No Cost! Engaging faith formation activities for the family, a parent with kids, or teens/adults alone!

FAQ or Register with QR above or at:
<https://stceciliafc.org/news/vacation-bible-camp>
To volunteer, email eileen@stceciliafc.com

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ST. CECILIA SCHOOL ANNUAL WALK A THON

May 29, 2025

**STREAM into the Future:
Walking for Tech & Education**

The annual St. Cecilia School Walk-a-Thon raises essential funds for classroom resources, technology, and enrichment programs that benefit every student.

This year, we invite you—our parish family—to join us by sponsoring a student, a teacher or our Principal.

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- ✓ Every gift helps us reach our goal!

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<https://scsfoxchase.org/2025-walk-a-thon-1>



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TO SPONSOR
A STUDENT
A TEACHER
OUR PRINCIPAL



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/rdpFaEZyAjbJmSZF6>



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 Briscella at gbriscella@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.



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

Volunteers for Food Cupboard

Where: Catholic Social Services Food Cupboard
7340 Jackson St., Phila. 19136

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Requirement: clearances and training are required. Must be able to lift 25 lbs.

If interested call Rebecca Thompson at 215-624-5920 or email rthompson@chs-adphila.org

Earth Day is Every Day

Try to avoid microplastics in your kitchen:

1. Skip single use plastic bottles. Use glass or metal.
2. Don't microwave food in plastic even if containers are labeled "microwave safe." When heated, chemicals like BPA can leach into your food. Transfer food to glass or ceramic containers before heating.
3. Trade plastic wrap for Beeswax wraps, which are naturally biodegradable, compostable, and reusable. These wraps preserve food better than plastic, and do not leach harmful chemicals.



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.

Martin Saints Classical High School Summer Camps

- ◆ Filmmaking ~ learn the art of filmmaking from idea to finished film. July 7-11 (9am-12pm) Info: Bill Rose at brose@joyfulfilms.com
- ◆ 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

Kids camp at Holy Family University Calling all 1st—8th graders!

Come join our defending champions, the Holy Family University women's basketball team for a fun week of skill development and games at our day camp—June 16-20.

Visit athletics.holyfamily.edu and select women's basketball for more information.

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
June Augustino
Baby Elliya
Baby Alleya
Melissa Baxter
Mary Bednarsky
Paige Bednarsky
John Berthesi
Charles Bocchicchio
Christi Boothman
Maria Bradley
Joanne Briganty
Loretta Bunoza
Georgette Caffrey
Michael Callahan
Ray Capella
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Sloane Coyne
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Dante Di Nezza
Brian DiCriscio
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James W. Donnelly, Sr.

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Lorraine Fletcher
Baby Emma Rose McCabe
Gerald Gallagher
Jack Gannon
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Sr. Kathleen Gannon
Cruz Gonzales
David Gonzales
Brian Guglielmo
Marilyn Gutekunst
Kara Marie Granger
Bernadette Guzzo
Francis Harrod
Norah Hartey
Ed Hayel
John Hogan
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Jean Layton

Christian Leibrandt
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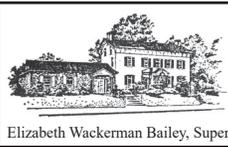
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