

Saint Cecilia Church

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi Sunday

June 22, 2025



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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Please join us in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around our Campus following the 11am Mass. We will then gather at the steps of the school on Stanwood Street for Benediction.

We encourage our children to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits and help lead the procession.



Welcome to our Parish

Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street ~ Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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Advancement: 215-725-2821

Website: www.stceciaiafc.org

School: scsfoxchase.org

CYO Facebook: Saint Cecilia Catholic Youth Organization

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.



Happy 249th Birthday, USA!

Please join Saint Cecilia Church in marching down "The Pike" on July 4th at the Rockledge Parade! Parishioners of all ages are welcome to walk with us and show their love for our Parish (wear your red, white, and blue or your St. Cecilia Swag). If you have questions, please call the Parish Office. We will gather at 9:30am near Domino's Pizza on the Pike.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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



Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Summer! I heard someone refer to summer as “bird chirping weather”. I love it! I hope you can enjoy the lovely song of the birds and much more.

There are lots of summer construction projects happening around campus through your goodness and generosity: we installed new paving and a new concrete pad at the school dumpster that can better support the weight of the trash truck; we will have brick pointing done on the “old” school building and the Church this week; we had the wooden floors of three of our original classrooms refinished and a new wood floor installed in the Rectory Dining Room; the classrooms are being cleaned and floors stripped and waxed; we will paint some classrooms and our wonderful crew will keep the grass cut, plant new trees and water the flowers (essential work with the heat this week). Most significantly, we are collecting the bids for the renovation of the bathrooms at the Auditorium and have started the permitting process with the City. We hope that work can start in the next few weeks and, with the blessing of God, be completed by the start of school! Thank you for

making it possible to continually improve our campus.

Sister Koreen Marie, IHM has returned to Saint Cecilia. Sr. Koreen was our Vice Principal until 2020. She will be living in our Convent while continuing her work at the Shrine of Saint John Neumann. Welcome back, Sister!

Thank you for your concern for my eye. I saw my doctor on Monday. There has been some improvement with the optic nerve. My vision remains good. I wear the patch to eliminate the double vision caused by the nerve palsy. The issue ought to resolve itself in a few weeks, maybe more. I have no pain and I can continue my wonderful work in the parish. I am avoiding driving at night as much as possible. Please continue to pray for me.

Our Parish Finance Council met on Tuesday evening. We discussed reports from our four Committees: School Finance, Human Resources, Budget & Investments, and Buildings and Grounds. The parish remains in very good financial shape.

If you have questions about Parish Finances, Financial Policies, or suggestions, please connect with Eleanor Kerwick or me. We can also put you in touch with our Finance Council Chair (Joe Danella) or Vice Chair (Bob Rambo).

Father Chris

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!! Planning a Wedding?

Congratulations! Please visit our website to complete a form to get things started (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage). A deacon or priest will follow up with you!

Considering a Destination Wedding?

Please get in touch with one of our priests to explore how you can have your marriage become a sacramental marriage (couples need the grace of God to live the vocation).



Already Civilly Married? The Church has a simple process to allow your marriage to become a sacrament. There is no cost, and it can include as many or a few guests as you desire. Do not hesitate to complete the same form on our website (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage).



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

The challenge to “become what we receive” calls upon us to be ever more like Christ.

Do others see Christ in us?

Do we see Christ in ourselves?

SUNDAY, June 22

8:00am - Valentino Chillelli
11:00am - Vincent & Gloria Sands



MONDAY, June 23

6:30am - Betty Grilli
8:30am - Rose McGettigan

TUESDAY, June 24

6:30am - Patricia Natale
8:30am - Jim & Agnes Richards

WEDNESDAY, June 25

6:30am - Charles Murphy
8:30am - Eileen Powell

THURSDAY, June 26

6:30am - Catherine Dowrick
8:30am - James Finnegan

FRIDAY, June 27

6:30am - Fr. Richard Kuel (*4th Pastor*)
8:30am - Joseph Edward Kane

SATURDAY, June 28

8:30am - Conrad & Alice Scheb
5:00pm - Ann & Joseph Davino

Mass Schedule ~ June 28 & 29

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

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

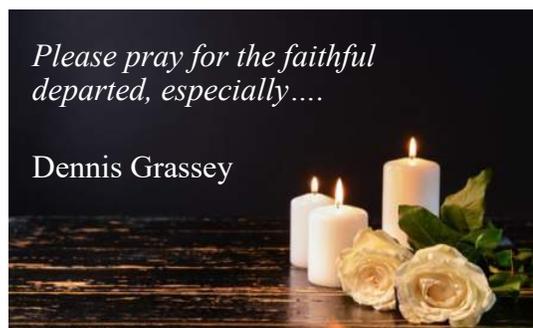
8:00am Celebrant: Fr. Phong
Lectors: Fran Diamond & Julie Kurdziel
Music: Brett Cuddy w/Jean Martin

9:30am Celebrant: Fr. Chris
Lectors: Dan Rackers & Matt Palmer
Music: Brett Cuddy w/Ken Houser

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

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

Dennis Grasse



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!

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



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)
Adam S. Rigler (Navy)
Cecilia Glavin Harmon (Air Force)
Katelynn Strecker (Navy)
Kyle William Creswell
Michael Anthony Wlock (Coast Guard)

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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.

Mexican Martyr, Blessed Miquel Pro’s Prayer to the Sacred Heart:

Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to Thee; but so enclose it in Thee that it may never be separated from Thee. Heart of Jesus, I am all Thine; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete sacrifice of my life. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Year of Hope Reflections

“Hope is the last thing ever lost. (Italian proverb)

How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?



Year of Hope Pilgrimages ~ Save the dates!

Pilgrimages are being planned for the following:

- ◆ Shrine of St. John Neumann and St. Rita on Saturday, September 13th
- ◆ 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!

Prayer for Those Who Grieve

Dear Heavenly Father, in this time of sorrow, we lift our weary hearts to You. We ask for Your loving embrace to surround this grieving family. May they find solace in Your constant presence and feel the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. O Lord, grant them strength for each step of the way. Amen.

HAPPY Graduation

Saint Cecilia School Community joyfully celebrates the accomplishments of the Class of 2025.

With pride and gratitude, our parish recognizes their hard work, perseverance, and faith throughout their academic journey.

Our 67 graduates have received over \$1.5 million in scholarships to various Catholic high schools in the area. SCS '25 possesses diverse academic, athletic, artistic, and musical talents. We know they will take all they have learned at Saint Cecilia with them out into the future. Please pray for these young men and women as they take their next steps.

If you would like to help keep Saint Cecilia School education affordable for working families and allow for future students to excel, please contact Courtney Cligget Hanes in our Advancement Office (advancement@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-2821).

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!

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For information and to get started, contact Eleanor at 215-725-1240 or ekerwick@stceciliafc.com

There will be lots of wonderful things happening at Saint Cecilia in the months to come so please mark your calendars (details will be shared as the events get closer):



- ◆ Create “Angels in Motion Blessing Bags” for Kensington (July 23rd at 6:30 pm)
- ◆ Cooking for Friends (Aug. 16th at 6:30 pm)
- ◆ Did Jesus really start the Catholic Church? (Sept. 3rd at 7 pm)
- ◆ Fall Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Nicene Creed (Sept. 17th through Oct. 22 at 7 pm)
- ◆ Join us once a month to watch The Chosen (starting Monday. Sept 22 at 7:15 pm)
- ◆ Vivaldi’s Four Season with a string quartet, fee in our Church (Sept. 28th at 2 pm)
- ◆ Fall Night of Mercy on October 29th

Praise God for your financial goodness to Saint Cecilia! Our collection for June 14 & 15 was \$17,432. We are now averaging \$19,326 (with our goal being \$18,846). Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Cecilia.



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.



Saint Cecilia had 588 parishioners complete the DMI survey in Lent 2025 (we had 399 participants in 2022 when it was first taken). Over the summer, we will share “the results” of the survey. Father Chris, the Next Generation Parish Team, the Parish Staff, and others will begin reviewing the results to set new goals for our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2026-2029. There will be listening sessions for the whole parish in the Fall to gain more feedback and ideas as we move forward, guided by the Holy Spirit!

The first set of data we will review is called the **Four Factors for a Thriving Parish**. These data points, based on research with parishes across the United States, help us be a “thriving” parish, leading others to Christ and living as authentic missionary disciples. The four areas are: *Leadership, Sunday Experience, Spiritual Practices, and Missionary Impulse.*



Leadership Indicators (the number shared is the percentage of parishioners who “strongly agree”; the second number was the percentage in 2022 to show movement):

- the Parish is involved in making decisions 32% (10%);
- the Parish practices Financial Transparency 44% (29%),
- the Parish follows up when I want to get involved 36% (18%),
- the parish provides opportunities for me to serve 45% (26%),
- I would recommend my Pastor 70% (51%),
- I would recommend the Parish 69% (44%),
- I would recommend the Parish Staff 60% (38%),
- I would recommend priests in the Parish other than Pastor 57% (23%).

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to share them with someone on the Parish Staff or use the Suggestion Box in the back of the Church. **The parish will share the next set of results for the next weeks.**



SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

**Next Drawing
June 24
\$33,000**

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 at lottery@stceciliafc.com for information.

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

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
For only \$1 you have a chance to win the Jackpot!!

The Parish Event Planners

The PEP Committee is accepting new members, volunteers and your suggestions!

How can you help?

Do you have great ideas and enjoy planning events?

Would you like to volunteer during our events?

Do you have suggestions on businesses or talent that will help make our events awesome?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, reach out to

Mary Weymer at 215-287-2792
parisheventplanners@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus



Special Olympics

The Fr. Ryan Council of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting monetary donations to benefit Special Olympics after the Masses on Saturday, June 28 (5pm) and Sunday, June 29 (8am, 9:30am, 11am). Your support of this wonderful program is greatly appreciated.

Angels in Motion is an organization dedicated to providing aid and comfort for those struggling with addiction. Join us on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria to build blessing bags for this wonderful organization. Registration is required. Please reserve your spot by emailing Service@stceciliafc.com

Pro-Life Union

The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is grateful to Saint Cecilia for our donation of \$3,000 for Guiding Star Pregnancy Home. These funds were collected by Humanitas on Mother's Day and additional funds came from our Parish Social Ministry Fund. God rejoices when we care for our sisters and brothers who are in need. God bless your goodness in supporting women choosing life for their children!



Urgent! Critical need for meals this summer as the main kitchen on Townsend Road gets updated. Any meals that cannot fit into our church freezer will be transported to Caring for Friends to be distributed out. If you're able to make meals for our homebound to fill our freezer and to take to the warehouse, please reach out to Kristen at 267-456-7758 or Kpoekert@gmail.com. Thank you for your kindness.

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

Can you cook? During the summer months, Caring for Friends has an increased need for frozen meals to supply dinner for our sisters and brothers who are homebound. You can set a time to make a bunch of meals or make a meal with your leftovers each night. This can be a great activity with your children and grandchildren as well. Our parish can supply the containers, and you bring the frozen dinner to a fridge in the Rectory. Jesus rejoices when you feed the hungry!

Need more information? Contact Ruth in the Parish Office (215-725-1240 or rmccabe@stceciliafc.com)



Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #5036 who prepared 100 Breakfast Bags for Caring for Friends. The Ladies assist the Knights, while also doing social, spiritual and outreach projects and events. If you want to learn more about the Ladies Auxiliary, you are welcome to contact them at ladiesauxiliary5036@gmail.com



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11AM-1PM
RAINDATE: JULY 17TH 11AM-1PM**

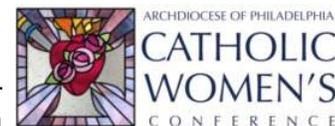
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Join women from Saint Cecilia and across the area on Saturday, October 18th (9 am to 4 pm) at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown (carpooling available). Great speakers and beautiful experiences of grace in a sacred setting. The cost for the day is \$50 (the normal cost is \$60, but there is a discount if you register with our parish; the Parish has some scholarships available as well). The event sells out every year, so act today. Drop off your check (payable to St. Cecilia Church) with your name and phone number. Questions? Contact Eileen Litka at 215-725-1240 or eileen@stceciliafc.com



Earth Day is Every Day

Do you like to use a straw? Do you know you can get metal or glass ones to use again and again? Or drink directly from the glass. You'll get used to it.



We live in a throw away society and we need to think about—Where is **away anyway?**

please join for an

80th

BIRTHDAYBASH

in honor of

**Cardinal Dougherty High School
Class of 1963**

Friday, September 26, 2025
Noon to 4:00 pm

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Summer Concert Series

Tri-County Band ~ Friday, June 27
6:30pm gates open; 7:30 music begins
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FREE concerts—bring the family
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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

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
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Frieda D'Auria
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Sr. Kathleen Gannon
Cruz Gonzales
David Gonzales
Kara Marie Granger
Brian Guglielmo
Marilyn Gutekunst
Bernadette Guzzo
Francis Harrold
Norah Hartey
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John Hogan
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Abigail Massari
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Margaret Maye
Stephen Maye
Elizabeth Maydascher
Timothy McMenamin
Peggy McPhillips
Marian Meisenzahl
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Mary McAvery
Walt McGinty
Jack McMahan
Dorreen McTaggart
Leonard McTaggart
Monica Mongiello
Albert Monsonogo
Galina Monsonogo
Ed Murt
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The Schultz Family
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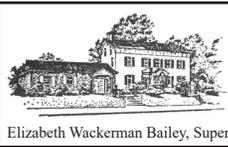
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