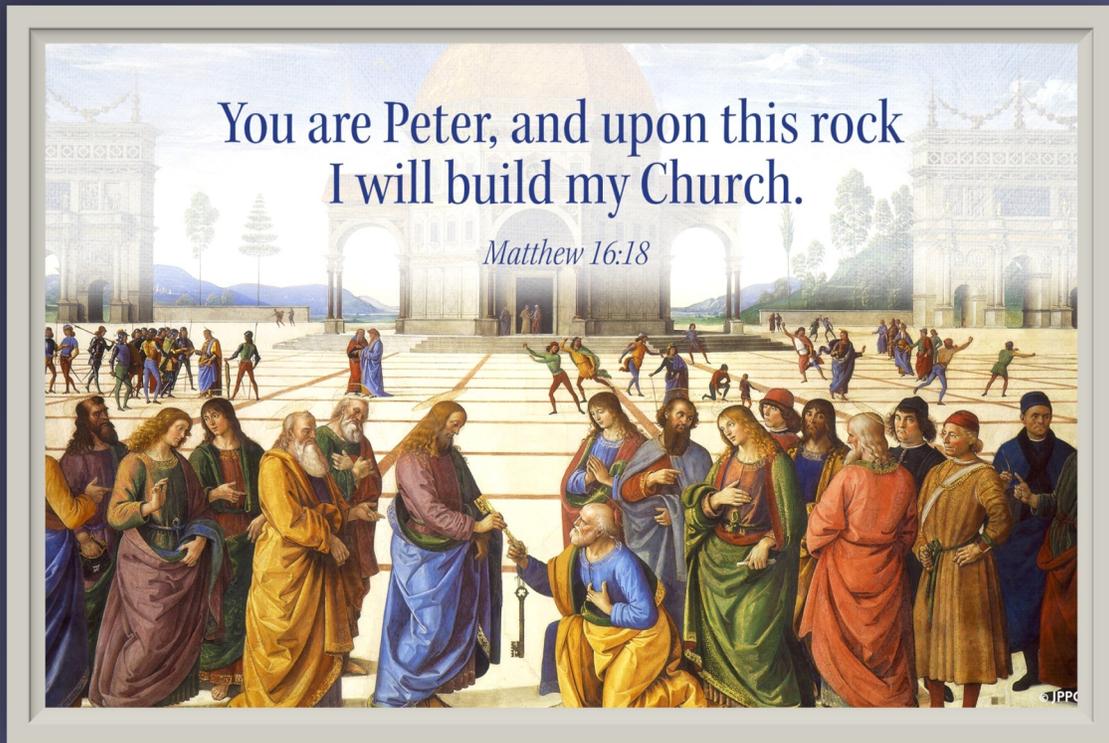


Saint Cecilia Church

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 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



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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.



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.



Message from the Pastor

Since Easter, the Catholic Press has been reporting an increase in the number of young adults becoming Catholic and people of all ages returning to the Catholic Faith. This is good news indeed. A PEW study from a few months ago showed that almost half of the people in the U.S. have “some” connection to the Catholic Church (often a family member), and the trend in attitudes to the Church (and clergy) is more positive than in recent studies. It also shows an increase in Catholics identifying their relationship with Jesus as a priority, which we see in our DMI results as well. All good news. So, how do we build on this at Saint Cecilia? I am glad you asked...

I need you to invite someone to consider joining the Catholic Church. Maybe they have never expressed interest in Catholicism or any other religion. Maybe you have never talked about it. Maybe they were once religious but had a bad experience. But maybe, just maybe, they have been waiting for you to ask. Maybe they are among those Americans who are favorable to us, especially since watching the Church since the election of Pope Leo XIV!

How do you do it? First, as always, pray. Who ought you invite? A spouse or in-law or neighbor, or co-worker? Once you know, spend some days or weeks praying that God moves in their heart to receive your invitation. Second, practice your invitation with another friend who is a churchgoer. Then take your shot! Tell them how much faith and life with Jesus at St. Cecilia means to you, and that we are starting OCIA (Order for the Christian Initiation of Adults) in September, and that you were wondering if they might be interested. Listen to them. Then, third, keep praying! God will do the rest. Truly!

If they are interested or have more questions, call Mike Tate, and he will walk with them through these first steps. I would love to welcome twelve new Catholics next Easter. I need your help.

Father Chris

PS – Fr. Phong and I will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, July 5th after the 8:30 am Mass. If you are dealing with a chronic illness or have a surgery coming up, please come and receive this wonderful gift. Also, please join us for Adoration next Sunday afternoon from Noon to 5 pm.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!!

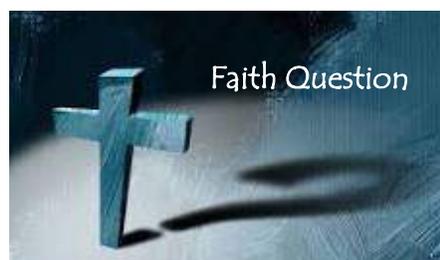
Planning a Wedding?

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....

Before the Resurrection, Peter denied Jesus three times. But in today’s Gospel, we hear about a Peter who has unshakable faith. He clearly proclaims that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. What can you do to strengthen your faith and draw nearer to Christ?

SUNDAY, June 29

8:00am – Harry Sanders
11:00am – Joseph Le & Joseph Nguyen

MONDAY, June 30

6:30am – Leona McFarland
8:30am – Virginia Constantino



TUESDAY, July 1

6:30am – Special Intention
8:30am – Carolyn S. Tolin

WEDNESDAY, July 2

6:30am – George Blackmore
8:30am – Jack Marynowitz

THURSDAY, July 3

6:30am – Barbara Maleno
8:30am – Lisa Marie Stanton & Family

FRIDAY, July 4

8:30am – Brian Rocks

SATURDAY, July 5

8:30am – Thomas & Marie McGoldrick
5:00pm – Bob Mitchell

Mass Schedule ~ July 5 & 6

Saturday (<i>Vigil</i>)	Celebrant: Fr. Callahan
5:00pm	Lectors: Richara Krajewski & Tom Falcone Music: Bill Monaghan
Sunday	Celebrant: Fr. Phong
6:30am	Lector: Celine Severino
8:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Phong Lectors: Sr. Lisa Lettiere & Theresa George Music: Colleen Mavroudis w/Frank Klose
9:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Sadie Migatz Music: Brett Cuddy w/Frank Klose
11:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Patrick Gleason & Lucas Gleason Music: Brett Cuddy w/Frank Klose

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

Stephen Maye



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



A quote from Pope Leo XIII, who in 1899 consecrated the Church to the Sacred Heart:

“We must have recourse to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We have gone astray and we must return to the right path: darkness has overshadowed our minds, and the gloom must be dispelled by the light of truth: death has seized upon us, and we must lay hold of life.”

Year of Hope Reflections

Guide me by your fidelity and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long (Psalm 25,5).

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!

God bless our newly baptized

Congratulations



Chloe Nora Mangano
Adriana Nicole Ferino
Lainey Rae Lang

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.

Living a Fruitful Life in the Holy Spirit

Father Chris is presenting a Day of Retreat at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Wednesday, August 6th from 9:30am to 3:30pm. There is no cost to attend but you need to register and get a ticket (www.padrepio.org; click on the “Events”). Bring your own lunch or purchase one when getting a ticket. Father Chris will have a few seats in his car if you would like to ride with him to the retreat day! We can also organize carpooling!



Dear Father God,
On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price.

Saint Cecilia School is preparing to welcome 495 students in September! While many of our classes have a waiting list, we do have room in 3rd, 5th, 6th & 7th grade if you have a potential student.



Did you know you can redirect your PA Income Taxes to become a scholarship and 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 call her at 215-725-2821).



We are extremely grateful for all who came out on June 18th for another successful St Cecilia-sponsored blood drive! The Red Cross staff were able to collect 44 units. As always, our parishioners and community friends are kind and giving. We were blessed to have 3 first-time donors and 4 donors

who completed a Power Red (2 unit) donation. We were also very pleased to have an increase in the number of “younger” donors – one as young as 17 years old – hopefully starting down the path of regular donation by another generation. St Cecilia has held 25 drives to date, collecting a total of 848 units of blood. We do this for the patients in need, and they and their families are incredibly grateful to all of you! THANK YOU! The Date for the February 2026 drive is February 16 (President’s Day).

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 St. Cecilia! Our bulletin had to go to the printer early because of Independence Day. We will give you a report next week. We have finished the Fiscal Year in good condition. 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.

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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*.



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

- ◆ I feel welcomed at Mass 58% (33%)
- ◆ The Mass at our Parish helps me grow in faith 56% (20%)
- ◆ The music deepens my participation at Mass 37% (18%)
- ◆ Homilies help me grow in faith 53% (19%)

If you have thoughts about how Sunday Mass at Saint Cecilia could be “improved” to help you encounter Jesus more fully, do not hesitate to share that in the Suggestion Box or an email to someone on our Pastoral Staff. We want to hear your ideas!

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

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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 is collecting monetary donations to benefit Special Olympics after the Masses THIS WEEK-END (June 28 and 29). Your support of this wonderful program is greatly appreciated.

If you are a man interested in learning more about the Knights, please talk to one of the Knights this weekend.

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!

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



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)

Earth Day is Every Day

Avoid microplastics in your kitchen



1. Get rid of your plastic cutting board. Opt for bamboo or glass.
2. Swap conventional sponges for au natural. Plastic sponges shed tiny bits of plastic leaving your plates and pots and pans coated with plastic. Also, micro plastics travel into the water and the ground.
3. The average American uses about 1500 bags every year and onl for about 12 minutes before they're thrown out. Bring your own reusable bags to the grocery store, to the deli, and to the department store.

Joined By Bishop Eren Esmilla:



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At the Malvern Retreat House

July 5th 9am-11am

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9:00-9:20 Rosary
9:30-10:30 Mass
10:30-11:00 Adoration and Confession

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June Augustino
Baby ELLIYANA
Baby Alleya
Melissa Baxter
Mary Bednarsky
Paige Bednarsky
John Berthesi
Charles Bocchicchio
Christi Boothman
Maria Bradley
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