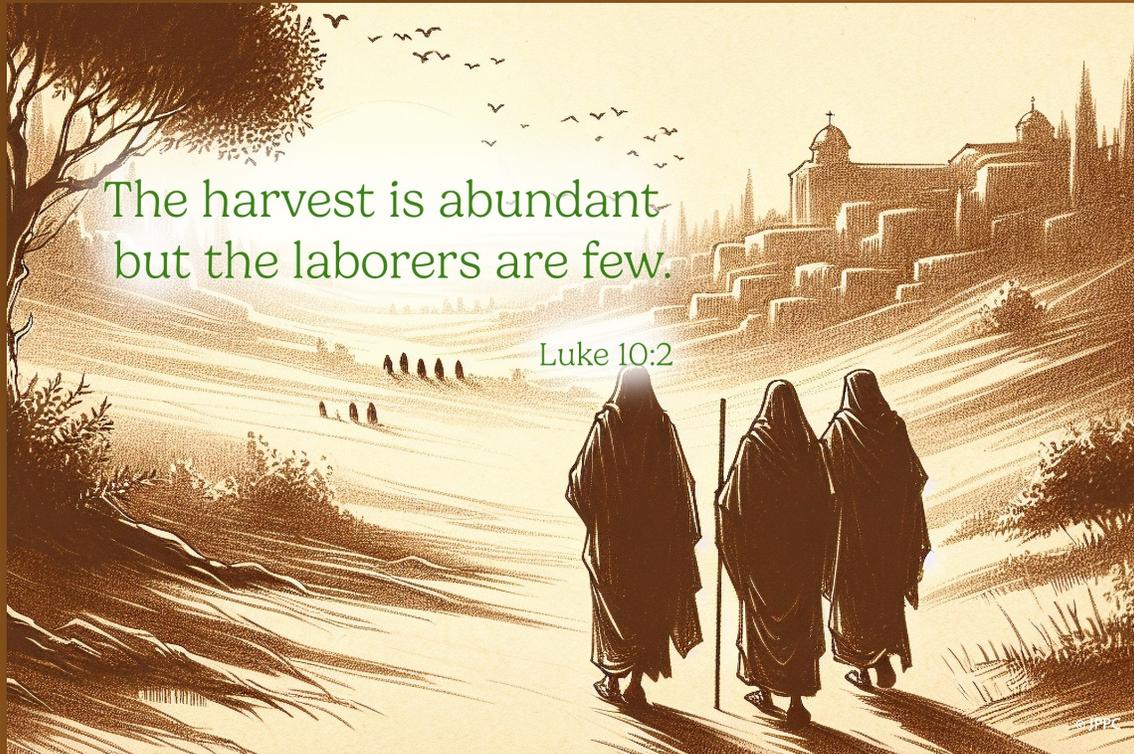


Saint Cecilia Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025



The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few.

Luke 10:2

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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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.

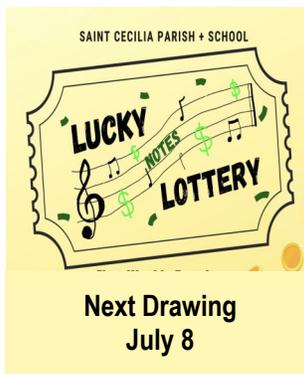
BAPTISM ~ Second, third and fourth Sunday of month at 12:15pm. Arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. Attendance at a Pre-Jordan class is required for first time parents and the godparents are also welcome. Please register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240. 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.

**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 more info at lottery@stceeciliafc.com.

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!!



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 with our printer—John Patrick Publishing Company, we will update you on last week's collection next week. We have finished the Fiscal Year in good condition. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Cecilia.
Fr. Chris



Message from the Pastor

July 6th is the Feast of Saint Maria Goretti. In addition to being the patron of our Principal Sister Catherine’s High School, she is an amazing model of virtue for all of us. Maria died in 1902 at the age of eleven as a result of a violent sexual assault. She resisted her attacker with pleas to choose the godly path, and after he was arrested and imprisoned, Maria’s last words were, “I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever.” Wow!

Saint Maria Goretti is certainly a model for all of us in her commitment to purity and chastity. We must be vigilant in what we watch, read, and think about. We must be godly in the way we speak to and about others, respectful of their dignity as a child of God. In addition, her willingness to forgive the person who assaulted

her and stabbed her to death is also exceptional. While Alessandro was in prison, Maria appeared to him in his dreams, urging his conversion. Maria’s mother also met with Alessandro and offered her forgiveness. Years later, on his release from prison, Alessandro lived as a lay brother at a Franciscan Monastery and worked as a gardener. He was present in Rome when Maria was canonized a saint in 1950!

Struggling to forgive someone? It can be difficult, I know. We can have a list of reasons why we cannot forgive. But there is one big reason to forgive: Jesus told us that if we want his mercy, we have to be merciful to others. Ask Saint Maria Goretti to help you forgive. I am sure you will be happy you did!

Father Chris



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!

Earth Day is Every Day

How to stay cool without blasting your air conditioner:

1. Lower shades/blinds during the hottest part of the day to keep heat out.

2. Use fans. Ceiling fans should go counter clockwise to create a downdraft.
3. Consider a dehumidifier. Less humid air makes it feel less hot.
4. Use appliances wisely. For example, run your dishwasher during



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

In the Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to announce the Good News of His love. Jesus sends you out after Mass through the dismissal of the deacon or priest. To whom is Jesus sending you this week? Who do you know that needs a word of encouragement, love or forgiveness?

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



YEAR OF HOPE Reflections

Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future. (Rev. Robert Shuller)

How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?

Pilgrimages

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 28th

More information coming soon!

5. Line dry clothes.
6. If you do not have a pool to jump into, take a cool shower.





SUNDAY, July 6

8:00am – Elizabeth Kurtz & Josephine Hurley
11:00am – Catherine Kelly

MONDAY, July 7

6:30am – W. Marga Bublitz & Chris Cullen
8:30am – John & Eleanor Winterberger

TUESDAY, July 8

6:30am – Frank A. & Stella V. Maciejewski
8:30am – John Le & Mary Pham

WEDNESDAY, July 9

6:30am – Margaret Gornal
8:30am – Andrew Martin

THURSDAY, July 10

6:30am – Kevin McCoy
8:30am – Edward & Catherine Potts

FRIDAY, July 11

6:30am – Thomas & Ruth Vezzosi
8:30am – Rita Leonard

SATURDAY, July 12

8:30am – Intention of the Tate Family
5:00pm – Joel Contreras Francisco, Jr.

Mass Schedule ~ July 12 & 13

Saturday (<i>Vigil</i>)	Celebrant: Fr. Chris
5:00pm	Lectors: Tom Leonard & Dale Tan Music: Leslie Aita w/Matt Mullin
Sunday	Celebrant: Fr. Phong
6:30am	Lector: Eileen Litka
8:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Phong Lectors: Christo Thankachan & Bernice Purcell Music: Daniela Martinez w/Matt Mullin
9:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Marian Reilly & Alyssa Jackson Music: Ensemble
11:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Callahan Lectors: Dave Montvydas & Terrie Cannon Music: Ensemble

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!

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!

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.

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 eileen@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-1240.



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) | Seth Lavelle (Navy) |
| Michael D’Antonio (Air Force) | Brian A. Mason (Army) |
| Vincent D’Antonio (Air Force) | Erin Bartholomew (Navy) |
| Jason Showmaker (Navy) | Jordyn Mason (Navy) |
| Christopher Starrett (USMC) | Nick Marteney (Navy) |
| George C. Warren, III (Army) | Ken Doherty (Air Force) |
| Matthew Capriotti (Army) | Christopher Capriotti (Army) |
| Adam S. Rigler (Navy) | Katelynn Strecker (Navy) |
| Kyle William Creswell | |
| Cecilia Glavin Harmon (Air Force) | |
| Michael Anthony Wlock (Coast Guard) | |

Saint Cecilia School will celebrate its 100th Anniversary during the 2025-2026 School Year. The school started with a small group of students in September 1925. We need your help in chronicling and cataloguing the 100 years of Saint Cecilia School.

- Can you write down memories (your own or those of your children)?
- Do you have photos you can donate as we build an archive?

Please contact Courtney Cligget Hanes in our Advancement Office (advancement@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-2821).

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)

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



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

SUMMER NIGHTS
AT THE MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

JULY 10TH
AUGUST 7TH
7-9 PM
AGES 18-39 WELCOME!

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND BEYOND!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SPEAKERS, ADORATION, AND A SOCIAL!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: INFO@MISSIONLOVEANDLIFE.ORG

Legacy Run ~ 2025

Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Legacy Run and especially to our corporate sponsors. This year we raised \$21,000 in scholarship money.

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