

Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street
Philadelphia PA 19111

All are welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Vigil 5:00pm (*Saturday*)
6:30am, 8am, 9:30pm, 11am

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

6:30am & 8:30am

SATURDAY

8:30am



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

*God's mercy
is greater than our sins.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 12pm-7pm

First Sunday of the Month
12pm-5pm

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





Welcome to our Parish

Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street ~ Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives Through Faith Inspired Relationships

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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.

Praise God for your financial goodness to Saint Cecilia!

Collections for the end of the fiscal year - - -
June 21-22 \$15,831 (394 envelopes; 110 e-givers)
June 28-29 \$18,185 (439 envelopes; 112 e-givers)

Our collection for July 5 & 6 was an amazing \$21,564 (446 envelopes; 124 e-givers). Our goal for FY25-26 is \$19,135 a week. Thank you for your goodness!

Fr. Chris



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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.



SUNDAY, July 13
 8:00am – James Fleming
 11:00am – Michael Watson



MONDAY, July 14
 6:30am – Olga Serfilippo
 8:30am – Margaret & James Callahan

TUESDAY, July 15
 6:30am – Mary Wolbert
 8:30am – George Blackmore, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, July 16
 6:30am – Rachel D’Attilio
 8:30am – Intentions of Anne Berg (*living*)

THURSDAY, July 17
 6:30am – Sr. Lorraine Holzman, IHM
 8:30am – Pasquale Pezzano

FRIDAY, July 18
 6:30am – John P. Miller
 8:30am – Deceased members of McFadden Family

SATURDAY, July 19
 8:30am – Marie Devine
 5:00pm – Elizabeth & Thomas Falcone

Mass Schedule ~ July 19 & 20

Saturday (<i>Vigil</i>)	5:00pm	Celebrant: Fr. Phong (Deacon Bill preaches) Lectors: Kristin Weiler & Colleen Trahey Music: Leslie Aita w/Jean Martin
Sunday	6:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Callahan (Deacon Pat preaches) Lector: Mike Tate
	8:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Donna Moser & Bernice Purcell Music: Daniela Martinez w/Ken Houser
	9:30am	Celebrant: Fr. Phong (Deacon Bill preaches) Lectors: Alice McGee & Mike Tate Music: Colleen Mavroudis w/Ken Houser
	11:00am	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Lectors: Rose Messina & Donna Murt Music: Colleen Mavroudis w/Ken Houser

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.

**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) | |



Message from the Pastor

Did you know that Philadelphia’s Catholic Charities Appeal is a blessing for one in five people who live in the five counties of the Archdiocese? Through schools of special education, senior centers, social services, after-school programs, and more, the Church serves the needs of our family members and neighbors. While some of the services are funded through contracts with government agencies (although that has been greatly reduced in recent years), it is people like those in our parish who contribute \$10 million each year towards these services. The goal for Saint Cecilia this year is to raise \$94,000. So far, we have reached 26% of this goal.

As you are aware, in recent years, the diocese has changed the way the collection is conducted. None of it

was done through the parish as it had been for decades. Instead, you receive direct mail throughout the year with envelopes that you can return directly to the Archdiocese. They send multiple mailings a year, so often you are unsure if you gave or did not give. Many of you complained about this process. I complained as well. They have heard us, and the process will be returned to the Parish beginning next year. Until then, please use the envelopes provided or donate online to support these efforts.

I believe your donation is used well. I am confident the work being done is pleasing to the Lord and appreciated by those served. Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

Father Chris



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

Who have been the Good Samaritans in your life?

By offering someone hope, for whom will you be a Good Samaritan?

Happy Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native American Saint. She was born in 1656 to a Mohawk father and a Christian Algonquin mother in what is now upstate New York, near Albany. While a young girl, Kateri, contracted smallpox. Although she survived the disease, she was left with poor eyesight and scars on her face and eyes. Because of this, she was given the name "Tekakwitha," which in Mohawk means, "She bumps into things."

When she was 8 years old, her foster family arranged for Kateri to be betrothed, as per Iroquois tradition. Kateri refused to marry, stating that she wanted to dedicate her life to God. At the age of 18, she started to learn more about the Christian faith through Jesuit missionary Father Jacques de Lamber-



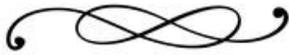
ville. Her uncle eventually permitted her to become a Christian as long as she did not leave the village.

Kateri began incorporating aboriginal concepts into her understanding of Christianity, such as the presence of God in nature. At the age of 21, she was baptized and

received First Holy Communion on Christmas Day in 1677. After being rejected by her community for her conversion, she walked to the St. Francis Xavier Mission near Montreal, Canada, to join a community of Native American women who had also converted to Christianity.

Kateri, who attributed her name to Catherine of Siena at the time of her baptism, died on April 17th, 1680. Tradition holds that her dying words were "Jesus, I love you" and that after her death, the scars on Kateri’s body began to heal, restoring the radiant appearance of her face. She was canonized on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome

(catholicapostolatecenter.com)



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**.

Spiritual Practices (which looks at key indicators for the practice of faith at Saint Cecilia):

- **Pace of Spiritual Growth:** we had a slight increase in those who said they were growing rapidly or steadily (44% in 2025; 38% in 2022).
- **A Relationship with Jesus,** being personal and vital, also had a slight increase (68% in 2025; 66% in 2022).
- Results were stable for **Spiritual Practices** like Reading the Bible, Personal Prayer, Mass Attendance, Devotions,

and Eucharistic Adoration (no increase, no decrease).

- Those who “**Went to Confession**” *at least a few times in the year) increased by 10% (62% to 72%), likely because of our Night of Mercy.
- Those who “**Attended at least One Faith Formation Session/Bible Study**” also increased from 28% to 41%.
- And those who “**Attended a Social Event**” at the parish increased from 50% to 83%, as a result of our offering more opportunities.

Do you have questions, comments or insights? Please share with Father Chris or a staff member!



YEAR OF HOPE

Reflections

“Let us never lose hope! God loves us always, even with our mistakes and sins.” (Pope Francis)

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 28. Parishes from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather to celebrate the Year of Hope!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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!

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL



LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

Winning numbers July 8
4-6-7-8-12

Next Drawing - July 15
\$36,000

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 more info at lottery@stceciliafc.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!!

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).



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.

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.

Our Corporate Sponsors

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Angels in Motion Motion is an organization dedicated to providing aid and comfort for those struggling with addiction.

Join us on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria to build 500 Blessing Bags (juice, snacks, a resource for getting sober) for this wonderful organization! Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring young people to serve as well.

Registration required—please reserve your spot by emailing service@stceciliafc.com

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).

Our Advertisers

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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 at 215-725-1240 or email rmcca-



Join us as St. Cecilia Serves on Saturday, August 16th in the Kitchen (in Gym, Next to Auditorium) as we make meals to be shared through Caring for Friends. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring young people to serve as well.

We need two crews of people: cooking the food will take place from 9 am to 10:30 am. Packing the Food will take place from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Please let us know you are coming by emailing service@stceciliafc.com

Earth Day is Every Day

Did you upgrade your thermostat yet? You can save energy and money if you get and use a programmable thermostat. You may be able to get rebates to cover part of the cost.



Getting rid of an obsolete computer, old phone, or TV? DO NOT put these items in the trash. According to the UN, electronic waste is the fastest growing stream of trash in the world. What to do? Take these items to a Sanitation Convenience Center or use a service like Retrievr or Anything With a Plug for pick ups or take items to Best Buy or Staples. Suggestion—call the store first to verify what they will take.

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):



- ◆ 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

Maternity BVM School

Class of 1975 is hosting a 50th reunion on November 22nd. It will begin with 4:30pm Mass at Maternity BVM Church followed by the reunion in the Hall from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. For more information contact Denise Voisard at dvoisard@maternitybvm.net

Job Opportunity

The Sisters of the Redeemer are looking for a Cook to work 6:30am through 3:00pm, Monday through Friday, with occasional weekends and holidays. The location is the Magnificat Center at the Spark Building, 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006. For more information, please call Sr. Ellen Marvel at 215-914-4003.

Honor Roll

Saint Cecilia Parish congratulates the following students from our parish who attend Saint Hubert High School and have achieved Academic Honors for the final quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

First Honors:

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| Gianna Marzullo | Amelia Colon |
| Megan Titus | Molly Black |
| Charlie McGlashen | Juliet McGough |

Second Honors:

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| Elizabeth Hein | Charlotte McKee |
| Alyssa O'Neill | Daley Black |
| Sadie Eberle | Molly Mastalski |
| Ava Tierney | Madelyn Bergmann |
| Maura Brown | Caitlyn Ryan |

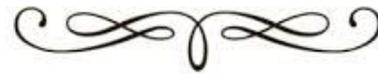


ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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.

For more information, contact Eileen Litka at 215-725-1240 or eileen@stceciliafc.com.



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

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

Miller's Ale House
2300 Easton Road, Rear Deck
Willow Grove, PA 19090

rsvp to Pat Fallon
prpatf@verizon.net




GET YOUR BOOTS ON
and scoot on over to
Redeemer Valley Farm's

BARN DANCE

Food. Music. Dancing.
Saturday, September 13, 2025
6-9 p.m.

Tickets: \$55
Food provided by Sweet Lucy's BBQ
Beer, wine, lemonade, iced tea available

Purchase your tickets at
Redeemervalleyfarm.org
under 'events'

or scan the QR code



Questions?
Email redemervfarm@holyredeemer.com



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521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Temple University Hospital - Jeanes Campus

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BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Donors are needed!
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Cheltenham Friends Meetinghouse, Upper Level
7600 Central Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19111

Walk-ins will be accepted as time permits, but appointments are preferred.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions.



Scan this QR code to register or find more information on this blood drive. Or please visit www.redcrossblood.org. Enter "TUH Jeanes Campus" for location.

 **Temple Health**
Jeanes Campus

Pray for the Sick

Theresa Anderson
June Augustino
Baby Elliyana
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
Jim Comet
Monica R. Coyle
Sloane Coyne
Marge Daniel
Frieda D'Auria
Dante Di Nezza
Brian DiCriscio
Michelle DiMarco
James W. Donnelly, Sr.
Donna Eckerle
Alexander Flagg
Shane Noah Flaum

Lorraine Fletcher
Baby Emma Rose McCabe
Gerald Gallagher
Jack Gannon
Joe Gillen
Sr. Kathleen Gannon
Cruz Gonzales
David Gonzales
Kara Marie Granger
Brian Guglielmo
Marilyn Gutekunst
Bernadette Guzzo
Francis Harrold
Norah Hartey
Joanne Hawkinson
Ed Hayel
John Hogan
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Peggy McPhillips
Marian Meisenzahl
Diane McAndrews
Mary McAvery
Walt McGinty
Jack McMahan
Dorreen McTaggart
Leonard McTaggart
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Martina Warren
John Wieckowski
Baby Boy Roman
Baby Louie Rose Gould