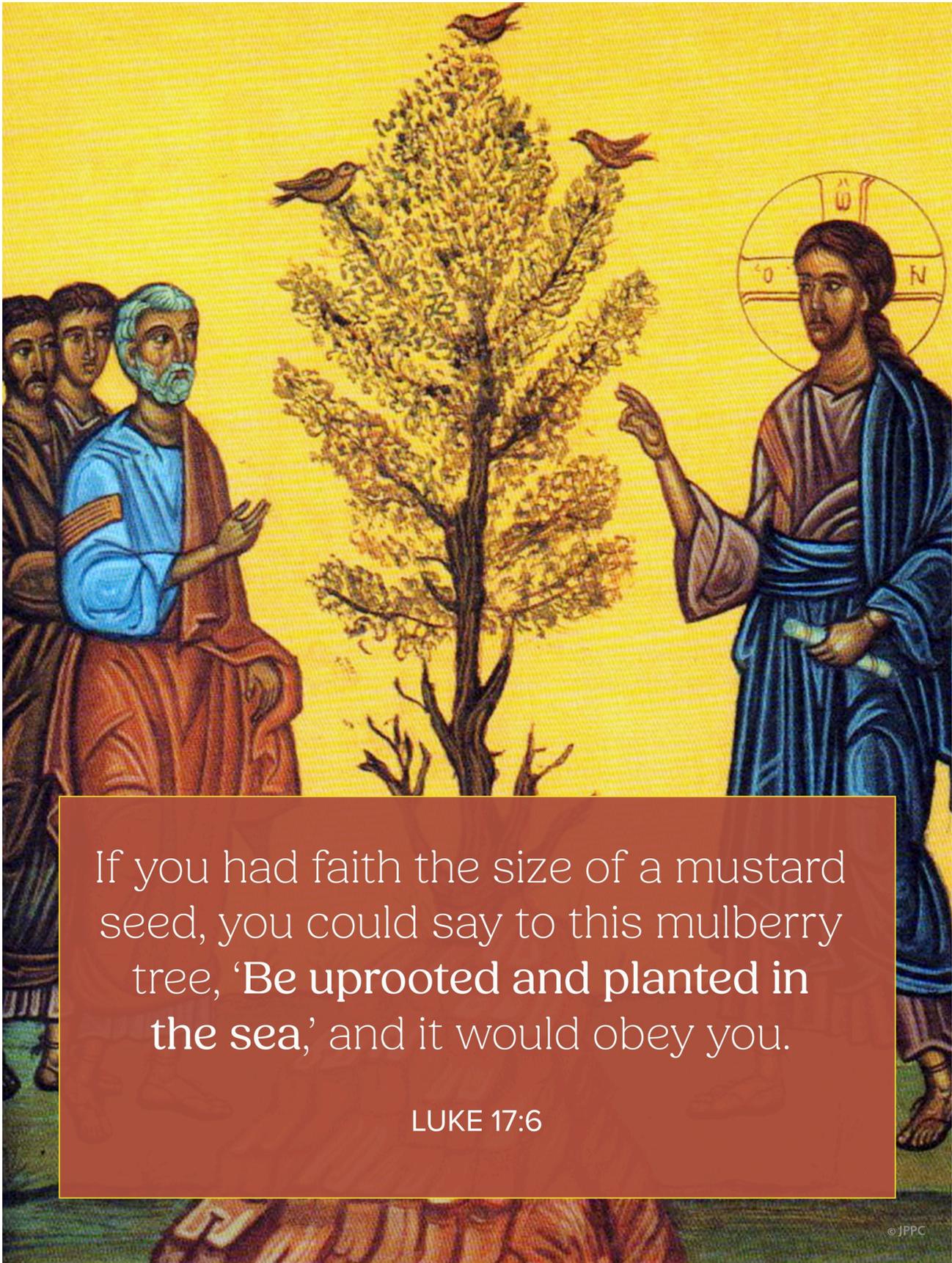


St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

October 5, 2025 - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives...

Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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 School: 215-725-8588
 Tuition: 215-725-2201
 PREP: 215-725-1240
 School Advancement: 215-725-2821

Parish: www.stceciliafc.org
 School: scsfoxchase.org
 CYO Facebook: Saint Cecilia Catholic Youth Organization

NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Visit our Parish Website and complete the form under "Connect". You are also welcome to call the Parish Office to initiate the process.

MOVING ~ Please notify the Parish Office with any changes to your home address or when household members move to another residence.

BAPTISM ~ We welcome children under seven to be baptized on the second, third and fourth Sunday of month at 12:15pm. Please complete the inquiry form on our website (Worship; Sacraments; Baptism) 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 also 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. Please complete the inquiry form on our website (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage). 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 get in touch with Ruth in the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK ~ First Saturday of the month following 8:30 am Mass. Also available by appointment with a priest. In case of emergency, please call the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

6:30am & 8:30am

SATURDAY

8:30am



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Spend time with Jesus
He loves to see you!

Thank you for your generosity!

Our collection for September 27th & 28th was \$16,969 (our goal is \$19,135 and our average is now \$19,285). Please consider using Electronic Giving!



27th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 5

8:00am – Keith Wood
11:00am – Toni Neri Cronin
5:00pm – Int. of Jessamyn Encarnacion

MONDAY, October 6

6:30am – Joseph Poling
8:30am – Giuseppe & Vicenzina Clerico

TUESDAY, October 7

6:30am – Dec. of Kucharski & Worobey Families
8:30am – Int. of Andrew M. Stewart

WEDNESDAY, October 8

6:30am – In Honor of St. Joseph
8:30am – Amanda Gleason

THURSDAY, October 9

6:30am – Joseph & Mary Lehman
8:30am – Ed & Ann Kopec

FRIDAY, October 10

6:30am – George Blackmore
8:30am – Deceased members of the Lemly Family

SATURDAY, October 11

8:30am – Hanh-Hoa Le
5:00pm – Dec. of Mealey & Bocchicchio Families

Let us pray for the brave women and men who serve in our Armed Forces...

- 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)
- Jason Showmaker (Navy)
- Jordyn Mason (Navy)
- Christopher Starrett (USMC)
- George C. Warren, III (Army)
- Ken Doherty (Air Force)
- Matthew Capriotti (Army)
- Kyle William Creswell
- Christopher Capriotti (Army)
- Katelynn Strecker (Navy)
- Andrew Woodruff (Air Force)
- Nathan Czapora (Army)
- Adam Rigler (Navy)
- Cecilia Glavin Harmon (Air Force)
- Michael Anthony Wlock (Coast Guard)
- Alex Smith (Marine Corp)



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.



Schedule for October 11 & 12

- 5:00 pm Father Phong
Music: Dorothy Smith & Jean Martin
- 6:30 am Father Joseph (Deacon Bill preaches)
- 8:00 am Father Joseph (Deacon Bill preaches)
Music: Colleen Mavroudis & Jean Martin
- 9:30 am Father Phong
Music: Adult Choir
- 11:00 am Father Phong
Music: Colleen Mavroudis & Jean Martin
- 5:00 pm Father Chris



God bless our newly baptized Ireland Mary Boyle

Join the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus on Monday evenings in October (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th) at 6:15 pm at Mary's Grotto for the Rosary. On Monday, October 13, the Children's Choir will join us to sing hymns before and after the rosary.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

Father Phong and I attended a meeting to priests in our area last Wednesday and will attend a larger gathering of priests this coming week. The meetings are to keep us informed of the new initiative of Missionary Hubs that have been launched in the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. Locally, a Missionary Hub will be based at Saint Matthew Church on Cottman Avenue and will seek to draw all of the local parishes into a collaboration in drawing many people to Christ and to the life of the Church. There are "Hubs" being launched in each of the four suburban counties that comprise our diocese as well. There will be more opportunities to learn and discuss in the days to come. Fr. Phong and I are happy to answer questions that you may have and assist in this new season for the life of our local Church!

My friend, Father Joseph from Uganda, will be visiting us for a few days this week. As always, he is happy to have a meal with you and give you a chance to learn about his wonderful missionary work. Father Joseph will help with Masses next weekend as I attend the Marriage Encounter Retreat.

Our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) started a few weeks ago. We are blessed to have ten adults (and six teens) preparing for the Sacraments of the Church and life with Christ! Pray for them!

Father Chris

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Elizabeth, the daughter of the king of Hungary, was born in 1207. At age 13, she married Prince Louis of Thuringia to forge a political alliance. Despite being arranged by their families, Elizabeth and Louis' marriage was a happy one. The young couple had several children, including a daughter, Gertrude, who later became an abbess.

Elizabeth took her faith seriously. She supported the followers of Francis of Assisi (who had recently settled in Germany), and helped them establish a monastery. While her position kept her from living a Franciscan lifestyle of poverty, she used her wealth to endow charitable works.

In 1227, 20-year-old Elizabeth became a widow when Louis died en route to the Crusades. His uncle seized the throne and drove Elizabeth and her children out of the palace. They found refuge in a nearby Franciscan monastery, and Elizabeth was forced to beg for food for her family.

Despite the hardship, she still thanked God for the opportunity to experience poverty. Because of her generosity to the poor, St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of homeless people, dying children, and widows. Her feast day is November 17.

What can YOU learn from Elizabeth's example of thanking and serving God in all circumstances?



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings.... *In the gospel, the rich man ignored Lazarus who sat at his door. How can YOU pay attention to those around you who need YOUR love and compassion this week?*

Journeying with St. Ignatius from the Armchair of your Living Room (via ZOOM) on Thursday Evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm beginning Thursday, October 9th and concluding Thursday, November 20th. THERE IS NO FEE. If you are interested in learning more about Ignatian Spirituality, which is a spirituality for everyday life, please email Sister Koreen Marie IHM at skoreencote@yahoo.com and include your name and email address by Thursday, October 2nd. She will send a Zoom link to all those who are interested by Monday, October 6th. The group is limited to 15 participants.



YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE
TO WASHINGTON, DC.

Please join people from across the Archdiocese on Tuesday, October 28th as we pray at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Our coach bus will depart 7:00 am. There will be a full day of devotions and prayer before our return home. Please bring a lunch and money for dinner on the way home. The cost is \$55 per person. Please drop off cash or a check (payable to St. Cecilia Church) to Kara in the Parish Office. If you have questions, please contact Mike Tate in the Parish Office.



Can you share an hour a week with some of the cutest kindergarteners you will ever meet? Our little ones need some help at lunch (Monday to Friday from 11:15 to 12:05) and when they go to Computer Class (Tuesday, from 1:45 to 2:35 or Wednesday from 1:45 to 2:35).

We also need recess volunteers to help our students have safe play. Join us one day a week from 11:30 am to 1pm.

Please contact Sister Ann at sisterannmark@stceciliafc.com

Life at Saint Cecilia School

As our school celebrates *100 years of Catholic Education*, classes are researching the past TEN DECADES and learning about world events, music, movies, TV and life at St. Cecilia. If you have photos from the many decades at St. Cecilia that you can share, please contact Courtney in our Advancement Office.

Trunk or Treat for kids of all ages on October 25th at 6:30 pm. Parishioners are invited to donate candy and also to be present to give candy out in the gym that night!

Our young disciples preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will gather at our 9:30 am Mass next Sunday. Please join us in praying for them!

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

September 23rd Winning Numbers
11 - 17 - 20 - 22 - 25
7,576 tickets sold
Next Drawing - October 7th
\$48,000

Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses at the back of church. If there is no jackpot winner, the jackpot increases each week by \$1,000. If you are interested in becoming a seller or a volunteer, please contact us!

lottery@stceciliafc.com

Thank you for your support!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

SaintCecilia School is looking to update our records if you or your children/grandchildren are graduates, visit the school website (or scan QR code) and fill out the Keep in Touch form under the Alumni tab.

scsfoxchase.org

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Did you know you can reduce your tuition costs simply by shopping where you already shop? Buy physical or eGift cards for your favorite grocery stores, restaurants, retailers, and more.

A percentage of each purchase is credited directly to your tuition account. Each retailer sets their own rebate rate. Most gift cards are available instantly or can be delivered straight to your home. Start saving while you shop! It's simple. It's smart. And it puts money back in your pocket!

We are a parish that "inspires a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ".

COME SPEND A SATURDAY WITH US ON THE FARM!



EAT YUMMY PANCAKES,
ENJOY A SCENIC HAYRIDE,
PAINT A PUMPKIN, AND MORE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
10A.M.-2P.M.
\$20 per person



Includes pancake breakfast, hayride, and pumpkin painting

Rain Date: Sunday, October 19 11AM-3PM
Register at Redeemvalleyfarm.org under 'events'

We are grateful to the late John Harrison, SCS Class of 1968, and his siblings Patty and Tom, who donated a beautiful framed painting of Saint Cecilia. The painting has been hung in the Auditorium and is given in memory of Sister Bonaventure, IHM who was John's favorite teacher during his time at in our school.

Night of Mercy

Wednesday, October 29th
6:30pm -8:30pm

10+ Priests available for Confession

No matter how long it has been...Jesus wants to forgive and heal you!

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH - FOX CHASE
www.stceciliafc.org

The Villages of Pine Valley will host a community wide **Yard Sale** on Sat., October 18th from 8am to 2pm. Please enter off of Veree Road (near CORA).

Celebrate with us!
All parishioners past & present
All Class Reunion

Saint Cecilia School

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November 22, 2025
6pm-10pm
Saint Cecilia Auditorium

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION 100

Have class pictures to share? Email to alumni@stceciliafc.com

\$65/person includes music, hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda Scan QR code for info & tickets Questions: advancement@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-2821



We are a parish that "loves and serves others generously".



BAGS & BUCKS BINGO!

Please join LAOH Division 25 at their annual bingo and a night of fun on Saturday, November 15th at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm). St. Cecilia's Parish Hall. Cost: \$35.00 includes 10 rounds of bingo. BYOB & snacks, raffles, special rounds and door prizes! Informaton: laohdiv25bingo@gmail.com

All proceeds support the division's local charity work in the community.

Pray the Rosary to End Abortion each Wednesday at 7am in Church

Grieving a loved one? Our Lady of Calvary Parish is offering a SEVEN-WEEK course (Lower Church Meeting Room, enter on Rectory Side) from 7 pm to 8:30 pm starting Tuesday, September 23rd. Each week covers a different topic associated with grief. All are welcome!



Starting this weekend, we will offer the Precious Blood at the 9:30 am Mass. The priest will offer direction on our procedure to share in this fuller expression of receiving Holy Communion.

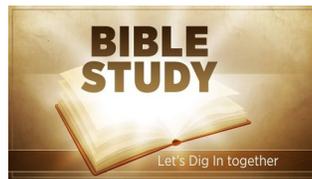


2026 MASS CALENDAR
October 16 - 9am—1pm
Pick up a Mass Intention Request Form in the Church

ST. CECILIA PRESENTS
MOVIE NIGHT
THE CHOSEN
SEASON ONE
MONDAYS
7 PM TO 9PM
Sept. 22, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 19, Feb 23, March 16, April 20, and May 11
NO COST BRING THE KIDS

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
535 RHAWN STREET
WWW.STCECILIAFC.ORG

COFFEE AND DONUTS RETURN!!!
Join us October 12th after the 9:30 am Mass for coffee, tea, juice and donuts. More importantly, there is time to meet others in the parish as we share life together. There is no cost and all are welcome!



Join us each Wednesday (through Oct. 22nd) at 7pm in the Auditorium for a Study of the Biblical Foundations of the Nicene Creed. Free child care. No costs. No experience needed. Join us to grow in faith, wonder and community!

**This month:
Monday October 13th @
7:15pm
watch Season 1, Episode 2**

Please join St. Cecilia Serves on Saturday, October 11th (9am-11am) to make chili and stock our Caring for Friends freezer. If willing to help, email service@stceciliafc.com or call Ruth in the Parish Office.





Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming space to share your feelings with others who understand what you're going through? Saint Cecilia Parish offers Coffee Talk—a free and confidential gathering where you can share your thoughts, emotions, and fears with others walking a similar journey of grief, supported by faith and hope. There are no counselors, speakers, or formal themes—just a group of caring Christians offering a listening ear, encouragement, and companionship, along with a light breakfast. Coffee Talk meets one Saturday a month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Cecilia. Our next meeting is Saturday, October 18th. To learn more or to let us know you'll be attending, please contact Paula at ripleynd@aol.com or 215-317-9802.

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 of service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, so that we may announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth!



MANNA Food Collection—Please bring non-perishable food items to Church (place in the room off of Church lobby) October 19. The food will be shared with local food cupboards! *Praise God for your goodness.*

Mischief, Mayhem & Music

Join us at The Lafayette for a live concert celebrating the iconic troublemakers of stage and screen, featuring hits like 'Cruella De Vil' and 'All That Jazz'! Enjoy toe-tapping tunes, fall treats, and a Q&A about vibrant senior living at The Lafayette. When: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Where: 8580 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111. RSVP at (215) 214-2821 or register at redeemerseniorliving.org/events-news.



Presentation Parish (100 Old Soldiers Road in Cheltenham) will host a Rummage Sale with all sorts of wonderful items. Stop by on Friday, October 17 (10 am to 4pm) (or Saturday, October 18th (9am to 1pm).

THE FABULOUS GREASEBAND

Tickets for Saturday, October 11th at St. Albert the Great Church Hall are available. Doors open at 6 PM, Show starts at 7:30 PM.

Admission includes show, dance floor, dinner and beer. BYOB.

Use this QR Code.



Senior Citizen Groups



St. Cecilia Seniors meet each Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. For the next 2 months, while the bathroom at Saint Cecilia Auditorium is being renovated, they will meet at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church (7701 Loretto Ave)

St. William Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (10:30 am to 2:30 pm). New members are always welcome. Meet at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church (7701 Loretto Ave)

For information about the Seniors, call Betty Harding at 215-745-7199.

**SAINT
CECILIA
PARISH &
SCHOOL**

Protecting God's Children Classes

Register Online

This class is a requirement for ALL
volunteers including:

- Homeroom Parents
- Class Trip Chaperones
- CYO Coaches
- Home & School Volunteers
- Special Event Volunteers
- Lunch Volunteers

October 6, 2025

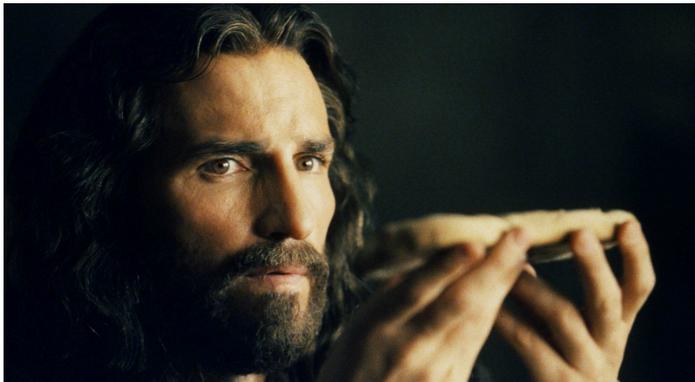
6:30 - 9:00pm

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Contact Kristin Weiler for information

safe@stceciliafc.com



Please pray for the souls of James Zale and Virginia Vassallo who passed away in recent days. May they be welcomed into paradise and their loved ones given comfort.

Upcoming Programs at
Cranaleith Spiritual Center
13475 Proctor Road, Phila., PA 19116

For more information, please check out
our website, www.cranaleith.org and click
on calendar or call 215-934-6206, ext.

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So many events to check out!

THANKS FOR THE HELP

HUMANITAS WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION TO HELP GUIDING STAR HOME

Pick up a bottle October 4th & 5th
Fill it with cash and coins
Bring a FULL BOTTLE back Oct. 25th & 26th
Question? Call the Parish Office

Donate Online to help a mom!




Pray for the Sick

Don Agregado
TheresaAnderson
June Augustino
Baby Elliyana
Baby Alleya
Melissa Baxter
Mary Bednarsky
Paige Bednarsky
Charles Bocchicchio
Lorraine Bocchicchio
Tony Bohan
Christi Boothman
Maria Bradley
Joanne Briganty
Loretta Bunoza
Georgette Caffrey
Michael Callahan
Ray Capella
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Joe Cooney
Guerline Coriolan
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Kara Marie Granger
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