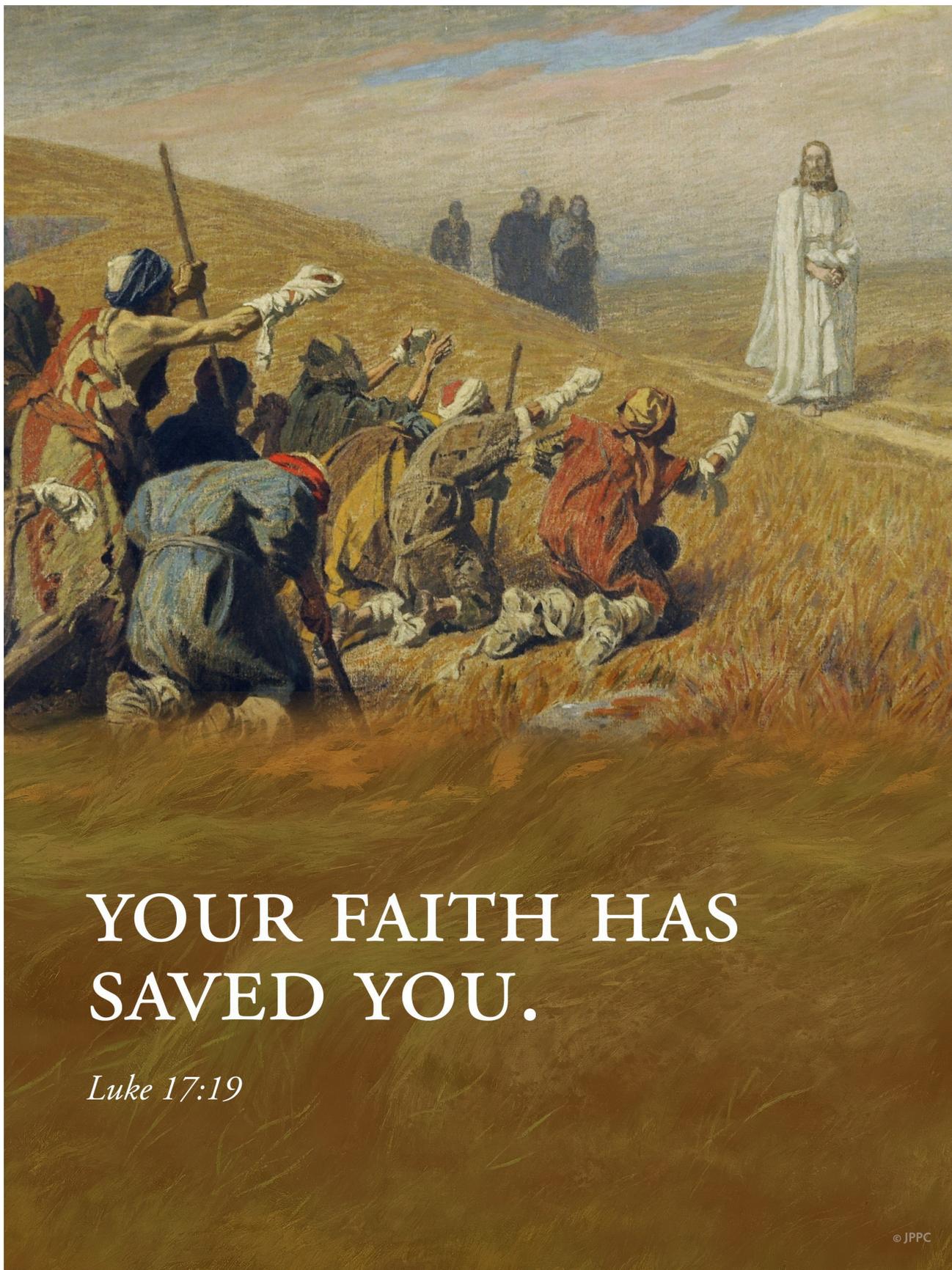


St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase



YOUR FAITH HAS
SAVED YOU.

Luke 17:19

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October 12, 2025 - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives...

Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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 Fax: 215-725-2130
 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 October 4th & 5th was \$24,661.13 (our goal is \$19,135 and our average is now \$19,669.25. Please consider using Electronic Giving!



28th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 12

8:00am – Tom & Tommy Burke
11:00am – James C. Corbett
5:00pm – Joseph Bradley, Sr.

MONDAY, October 13

6:30am – William & Michael O'Neill
8:30am – For the Intentions of Rosemary Trost

TUESDAY, October 14

6:30am – Louise & Peter Petruzzelli & Family
8:30am – Richard Kelly

WEDNESDAY, October 15

6:30am – John Joseph Hurley
8:30am – Adam & Georgina Kaniewski

THURSDAY, October 16

6:30am – Mary A. Walker
8:30am – Mary Alice Vozzelli Cummings

FRIDAY, October 17

6:30am – John P. Mehler
8:30am – George R. Bronisz

SATURDAY, October 18

8:30am – Edward Egan
5:00pm – John & Rose McCabe

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 18 & 19

- 5:00 pm Father Phong (Deacon Bill preaches)
Music: Bill Monaghan
- 6:30 am Father Phong (Deacon Pat preaches)
- 8:00 am Father Chris
Music: Brett Cuddy & Frank Close
- 9:30 am Father Phong (Deacon Bill preaches)
Music: Adult Choir
- 11:00 am Father Chris
Music: Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Father Phong (Deacon Bill preaches)



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

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.

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Gospel, Jesus rejoices in the one leper who comes back to say thank you. Gratitude is an important habit to cultivate and practice. Aware of this, I want to express my gratitude to all who made last weekend's Parish Fall Festival and Ministry Fair such a wonderful experience. The PEP Team did a phenomenal job, once again, in providing the parish with a great experience. I am grateful to each volunteer, to each person who donated a gift basket or a tent, those who cleaned up, and each person who attended. I am grateful for our ministry leaders who staffed the tables, our gracious hospitality team who fed all who stopped in, and each person who has volunteered to share their time and talent for the good of our Parish.

I am also grateful to Humanitas who are leading our efforts in October, which is Respect Life Month. Parishioners took 500 baby bottles. I look forward to you bringing them back at the end of the month. Allow the bottle to be a reminder to pray for couples facing an unplanned pregnancy. Pray to end abortion!

Finally, I want to express gratitude to Joe McCloskey, Mike Pinkl, and Eleanor Kerwick, who labored a great deal to make our new LED sign possible. Of course, your generosity makes it possible as well. All for His glory!

Father Chris

We rejoice in the young people formally beginning the process towards receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in the months to come. Please pray for them and their families!



AdA Faith Question



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings.... *How has Jesus cleansed you of doubt, fear and sin in your life leaving you completely healed like the leper in today's Gospel?*

Thoughts on Stewardship

For Catholics, 1978 was the year of three popes, including Pope John Paul I, who would serve only 33 days. Albino Luciani, born in 1912 was ordained to the priesthood in 1935. After many years of service in his diocese, he became bishop in 1958 and the Archbishop of Venice in 1969.

He shunned pomp and circumstance. He often walked or bicycled through the city streets, making himself as available as possible to them. He stressed service to the poor. When he was elected, he became the first Pope with "two names". His motto was "Humility". He emphasized the servant role of the pope. He was also the first modern pope to use "I" rather than "We" when he spoke. He died of a heart attack. His simplicity and approachability had people remember him as the "smiling pope".

Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Jesus was applying a common idea: tell me how you spend your time, your money, and your thoughts, and I'll tell you what is most important in your life. Pope John Paul II smiled because he chose to give everything to Jesus and His glory.

Think about it. **This past week, how did you spend your time, your money, and your thoughts? Do you need to make any changes this week so you can smile like Blessed John Paul I?**



**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

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

October 7th Winning Numbers
7 - 15 - 20 - 24 - 27
8,200 tickets sold
Next Drawing - October 14th
\$49,000

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!

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!

New Altar Servers: 18 of our school students are training this month to serve at Mass. Please encourage our newest servers; you will be seeing them on the Altar this month. May *Saint Dominguito del Val* be with them as they serve.

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.

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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'

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

Saturday, Oct. 25th at 6pm

TRUNK OR TREAT

Cars, Candy & Community

Tickets Required for Admission

Who will you invite to the Night of Mercy?

Donations of Candy can be brought to our Church Lobby

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

Saint Cecilia School

100

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 Auditorium. Cost: \$35.00 includes 10 rounds of bingo. BYOB & snacks, raffles, special rounds and door prizes! Information: 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

Friends of Fox Chase Cancer Center BINGO

Saturday, October 18 6:00-10:00 PM

St. Cecilia's Auditorium doors open at 6:00 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased at donate.foxchase.org/cashbingo.

This is our Halloween event, so costumes are encouraged, but not required.

BYOB and Snacks



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!

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

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WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION



BOYS:

JV - 5th + 6th Grade

Varsity - 7th + 8th Grade

Commissioner: Paul Dooley

cyoboybasketball@stceciliafc.com

GIRLS:

JV - 5th + 6th Grade

Varsity - 7th + 8th Grade

Commissioner: Megan MacDonald

cyogirlsbasketball@stceciliafc.com

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS: 9th - 12th.

Commissioner George Gaynor cyoboyshsbasketball@stceciliafc.com

SEASON BEGINS LATE NOVEMBER + RUNS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2026

COACHES NEEDED:

We field multiple teams each season and need coaches to support our program. Reach out to our Commissioners with questions about coaching or other volunteer opportunities. Clearances are required to coach or volunteer.

Required clearances include PA Criminal History, PA Child Abuse, Mandated Reporter and Protecting God's Children.

Register by 10/25!

TO REGISTER, VISIT bit.ly/3KnZJXs

REGISTRATION FEE

\$145

INCLUDES UNIFORM + WARMUP

***HS FEE \$120**

INCLUDES TSHIRT AND WARM UP

Cadet Basketball (3th + 4th Grade) runs March to April. Registration will open in the New Year!

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



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.*



When you vote in November, choose those who choose the protection of human life!



For more than 65 years, the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has brought Christ's love to one in five people across our region.



Scan here to learn how you can Give Hope to All!



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.

Because of *You*— They are Ready to Lead.



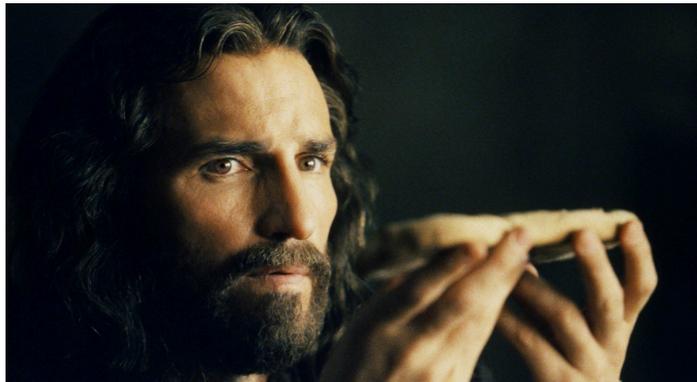
Support the formation of our future priests.

Your gift to the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal prepares them to lead the Church with wisdom, compassion, and the heart of Christ.



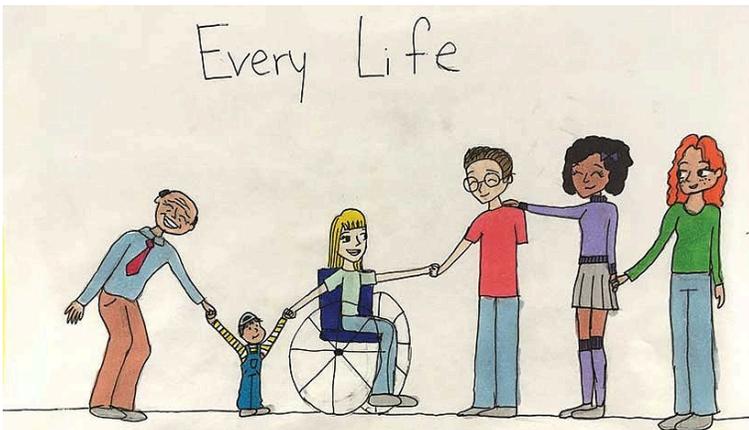
Donate Today at scs.edu/appeal or Scan Here

If you prefer to give by check, mail your gift to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
CL# 5315, P.O. BOX 95000-5315, Philadelphia, PA 19195-0001



Please pray for the soul of Bob Little who passed away in recent days. May all our deceased loved ones be welcomed into paradise and their loved ones given comfort.

Every Life



cherished • chosen • sent

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
Jim Comet
Joe Cooney
Guerline Coriolan
Monica R. Coyle
Sloane Coyne
Marge Daniel
Frieda D'Auria
Brian Devine
Dante Di Nezza
Brian DiCriscio
Claudio Di Iorio
Lita Di Iorio

Marie O'Hara
Fiona Dittman
James W. Donnelly, Sr.
Donna Eckerle
Alexander Flagg
Shane Noah Flaum
Lorraine Fletcher
Baby Emma Rose McCabe
Gerald Gallagher
Jack Gannon
Joe Gillen
Mavrix Gillen
Sr. Kathleen Gannon
Cruz Gonzales
David Gonzales
Karen Gorlaski
Kara Marie Granger
Brian Guglielmo
Marilyn Gutekunst
Francis Harrold
Norah Hartey
Joanne Hawkinson
Ed Hayel
John Hayes
John Hogan
Thomas Holmes
Catherine Hufnagel
Mary Keeley
Joanne Keller
Jerry King

Bonnie Colbe
Gary Kula
Rob Lash
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Mrs. Lang Luc
Fr. David Machain
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Monica Mongiello
Galina Monsonego
Marian Montgomery
James Netuhal

John Nickey
Tony Pizzo
William Purtle
Don Ralston
Mary Reese
Gianna Rivera
Thomas Rohan
Richard Romeo
Dominic San Tran
Maureen Schatzman
Rose Schmidt
The Schultz Family
Dot Slavin
Joan Angela Smalarz
Eileen S. Smith
Joan M. Smyth
Susan Snyder
Paul Stolarz
Betty Swartz
Helen Tobin
Helen Vanderslice
Elvis Vincon
Anne Visco
Samantha Wagner
Mark Warren
Martina Warren
John Wieckowski
Baby Boy Roman
Baby Louie Rose Gould
Baby James D'Amore

Please print
1000 bulletins

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