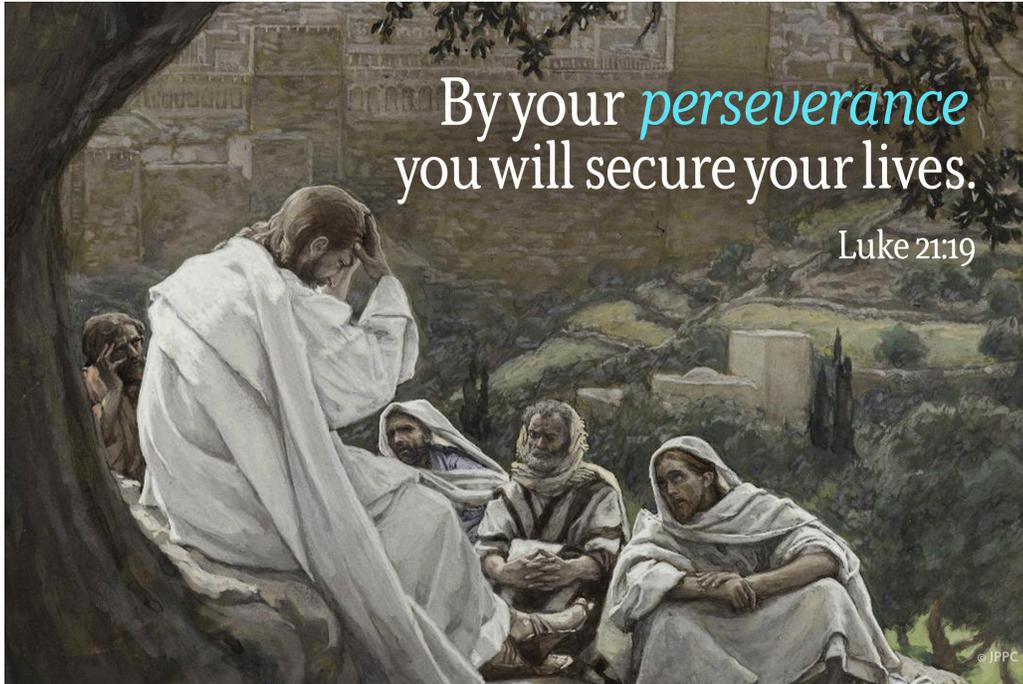


St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

November 16, 2025 - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 16

8:00am – Josephine Smalarz
 11:00am – The Int. of John Herbert
 5:00pm – Eileen DeGregorio

MONDAY, November 17

6:30am – James P. Callahan
 8:30am – Mathilda & Joseph Uricher

TUESDAY, November 18

6:30am – James Knotwell
 8:30am – John & Eleanor Winterberger

WEDNESDAY, November 19

6:30am – Stephen Francis Maye
 8:30am – The dec. members of the Walsh Family

THURSDAY, November 20

6:30am – Harry C. Cunningham
 8:30am – Joseph A. Berg, Sr.

FRIDAY, November 21

6:30am – Rosario Procaccino
 8:30am – Regina C. Maginnis

SATURDAY, November 22

8:30am – Sally Fisher & Daniel Burns
 5:00pm – Elizabeth Byrd

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 16, 17 & 18 Forty Hours Devotion
 Adoration day and night!
 Gatherings at 7pm each night

Nov 22, 9:30 am Pre-Plan your Funeral Mass

Nov 24, 7:15 pm Church Safety Meeting

Nov. 25, 10 am School Mass for 100th
 Anniversary

Nov 27, 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

Dec 3, 7 pm Catholicism 101:
The Bible in ONE HOUR

Dec 6 & 7 Giving Tree Collections

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
 Masses at 6:30, 8:30 & 10

Dec 13 at 6:30 pm Family Christmas Tree
 Lighting (All are Welcome)

Dec 22 6pm Holy Hour for Catholics we
 hope to welcome home!



Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

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Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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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

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 call Ruth in the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK ~ First Saturday of the month following 8:30 am Mass. In case of emergency, please call the Parish Office.

Low Gluton hosts always available for Holy Communion; go to the priest in the center aisle.

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 November 8th & 9th was \$22,433.66 (our goal is \$19,135) and our average is now \$20,045.56. Please consider using Electronic Giving!

SAINT JOHN PAUL II 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



The men of our Parish (and other parishes) are invited to spend time with the Lord and other men on Saturday, December 13th from 7am to 10am. Give yourself time to prayerfully prepare for Christmas and recommit to being a brother of the Lord! Father Matt Guckin will be our presenter. No cost. All are welcome. Dads, please bring your sons. RSVP to Mike Tate at 215-725-1240 or mike@stceciiafc.com so we can plan well!

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)
- Dillon Higgins (Marine Corp)



Schedule for November 22 & 23

- 5:00 pm Father Chris
Music: School Choir, Mrs. Smith & Mr. Klose
- 6:30 am Father Phong (Deacon Bill)
- 8:00 am Father Chris (Deacon Bill)
Music: Daniela Martinez & Jean Martin
- 9:30 am Father Chris (Deacon Pat)
Music: Daniela Martinez & Jean Martin
- 11:00 am Father Phong (Deacon Pat)
Music: Daniela Martinez & Jean Martin
- 5:00 pm Father Phong



Advent Mini Retreat for Women All women are invited to attend the retreat at Resurrection of Our Lord, 2000 Shelmire Ave, on Saturday, November 22, from 9:30-11:30, in the lower church. Please use the back door in the small parking lot and come down the stairs. Our theme is "Be Still and Know". The morning will include prayer, guided meditation, small group sharing, light refreshments and a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of a Happy Delivery. In the spirit of the season, if you're able, please bring a non perishable food item or baby item such as baby wipes. Bring a friend, all are welcome. For planning purposes please RSVP to Valorie at tootsdaski@aol.com. Saint Cecilia will partner with Resurrection in offering this and future Women's Retreats!



Ezkiel Jasper Ishaq, Maeve Carmella McCabe & Michael James Walker
Welcome to life in Christ Jesus!

We are a parish that "proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ".

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you have received the Annual State of the Parish letter, which provides information on the spiritual, pastoral, and financial wellness of our Parish. I am grateful for all that is done by so many to keep us in a good situation.

Our Annual Appeal will be used for new exterior doors for our Church. While the current doors are indeed unique and beautiful with their stained glass design, after more than fifty years, they have become worn and we can no longer get the parts to replace the handles and locking mechanism. We have tried. In addition, as we develop an overall plan for safety and security for our Church, replacing the doors was a clear priority. While the new doors may not be as beautiful or unique, they will serve us well in terms of safety, which, sadly, must be our priority in 2025.

I am hopeful that the days of prayer we begin for an Annual Forty Hours Devotion will bring many graces to you, your family, and our Parish. I know you are busy, but I hope you can make the time to be with Jesus. He will speak to you in the quiet of your heart. In addition, our three wonderful speakers (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7 pm) will each share a great message of HOPE for all of us. Be ready to be inspired and encouraged!

Finally, please make an effort to join us for our 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, November 22nd, to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cecilia, our beloved patroness.

Fr. Chris



St. Cecilia, Pray for Us

GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025

One day. Huge impact.

Please plan to give to St. Cecilia Church or School this year!



Volunteer Opportunities 18+

Give back to the community

Volunteer Positions:

- Weekend Community Programs & Events
- Garden & Greenhouse Support
- Animal Care Support
- Administrative Volunteer during events
- General Grounds Care
- Weekly & Monthly Highlights Newsletters
- Farm Educational Ambassadors.

How to Volunteer

Contact Angela at 215-400-3310 option 3 or email acaristo@philasd.org

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA



Please join our Church Family Monday to Saturday at 8 am and Wednesday at 7 am to pray the Rosary in our Church.



Join us on Monday, November 24th at 7:15 pm in the Cecilian Room to share ideas, concerns and move towards a plan for our Church.



The Templars are a group of young men, 8th to 12th grade, who will serve at Mass together and also meet to support each other in growing in goodness. Interested? Contact Fr. Phong.



SCHOOL NEWS

School Mass on 11/25. Faculty, Staff, and Students will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 100 years of SCS. Please join us before 10 am as doors will be locked when Mass begin.

In the Classrooms: Pre-K spent time at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Fr. Chris taught them about growing closer to God in the presence of Jesus.



Support our school families...

You can redirect your PA State Taxes to help St. Cecilia School families afford the Catholic Education they deserve and receive a 90% tax credit. The program is called Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Call or email Courtney Cliggett Hanes to learn more call (215)725-2821 or email advancement@stceciliafc.com

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

November 11, 2025
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NO JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER

8 Consolation Prize Winners (\$125 each)

- E. Wible (seller: Janda)
- B. McCulla (seller: Bratton)
- D. Marcinek (seller: MacDondald)
- M. McGill (seller: Hernandez)
- S. Stever (seller: Miz)
- J. Ruch (seller: DeFelice)
- Joanne H./Gary B. (seller: Skahan)
- M. Mulray (seller: Vandevender)

Next Drawing: November 18th at 7:00pm

Next Jackpot Prize
\$54,000

We are not responsible for typographical errors.

CONTACT US: LOTTERY@STCECILIAFC.COM

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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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.

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

Únase a nuestro grupo de oración en español los jueves a las 6:30 p. m. para presentar las necesidades de su familia al Señor y a su Madre. Para más información, llame a María al 267-770-8846.



YOU MATTER



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. HONOR YOUR FAITH.

Write your Last Will and Testament for FREE, courtesy of the St. Cecilia Church and School.

Go to: MyCatholicWill.com/StCeciliaFC



 MyCatholicWill



The Precious Blood is now offered at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. This is a fuller expression of holy communion. You can approach the Minister of Holy Communion from either side. Respond "amen" and take the chalice to consume a small bit of our Lord's Blood. Please remain cautious and mindful of others around you as you move around the area. God rejoices in you!

Jesus fed the hungry! Jesus wants his disciples to do the same. Our Parish will give Food Gift Cards to families having a tough time at Thanksgiving (many because of SNAP benefits ending). If you know someone in need, please share their information with Ruth in our Parish Office. If you want to donate a gift card (Giant or Acme) please mark "Thanksgiving" and put in Sunday Collection or drop to the Parish Office. God reward your goodness!



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings.... *In what ways can I strengthen my faith so that I am ready for the trials that may come my way?*

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

Don't Worry! Be Happy!

Are you, or someone you know, struggling to overcome worry and anxiety in your life? Are you tired of feeling stressed & overwhelmed every Advent as you prepare for Christmas? We invite you to listen to Gary Zimak, leading Catholic speaker on overcoming worry & stress, as he discusses ways to "Find Peace in Advent." Gary will be at St. Albert the Great parish in Huntingdon Valley on Monday, November 24th at 7:00 pm in the church. This event is free of charge & all are invited. Let's begin to experience the peace that "surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) at Christmas and all year long!



Small Groups for Advent start this week and next week. Contact Mike at 215-725-1240 or mike@stceciliafc.com

COFFEE AND DONUTS!!!

Join us on December 21st 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. There is no cost, and all are welcome!



St. Cecilia Giving Tree is up and ready for you to "take a tag"! As always, we need lots of helpers to collect gifts (Dec. 6th & 7th) and deliver the gifts on Dec. 8th. Please sign up with the QR Code above! Parents, please bring your kids to help too!

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



Forty Hours Devotion St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

Sunday, Nov. 16 at 7pm

Adrianna Zones will encourage us to remain hopeful while we walk with young people.

Monday, Nov. 17 at 7pm

Dorothy Smith will encourage us to remain hopeful in the midst of losing a loved one.

Tuesday, Nov 18 at 7pm

Mike Tate will encourage us to remain hopeful while we walk with loved ones who have addictions.

We need people to adore Jesus in our Church from Sunday at Noon until Tuesday evening. We especially need help covering overnight hours. Please use this QR code or call the Parish Office. to sign up for an hour with Jesus!



Planning Your Final Liturgy: A Gift of Love for Your Family

While none of us likes to think about our own passing, one of the most loving gifts we can leave our families is the peace of knowing our final wishes are already in place.

When a loved one dies, families are often grieving, overwhelmed, and unsure of what their loved one would have wanted. Would Mom have preferred a particular hymn? Was there a Scripture passage that held special meaning for Dad?

By taking time now to plan your funeral liturgy, you can give your family comfort and clarity when they will need it most — allowing them to focus on remembering, praying, and celebrating your life.

Our parish bereavement team will be offering two planning sessions: **Wednesday, November 19, 7–9 PM or Saturday, November 22, 9–11 AM**

Pre-registration is required. After you register, you'll be contacted to schedule a time to meet with a member of our bereavement team. Together, we'll walk you through the planning process and help you create a first draft of your wishes. You can make changes anytime — simply call the rectory office, where your plan will be kept on file. All conversations are completely confidential.

To register or for more information, please contact Kara in the Parish Office. *Give yourself and your loved ones this lasting gift of peace.*

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) Nov. 15th & 16th. The food will be shared with local food cupboards! *Praise God for your goodness.*

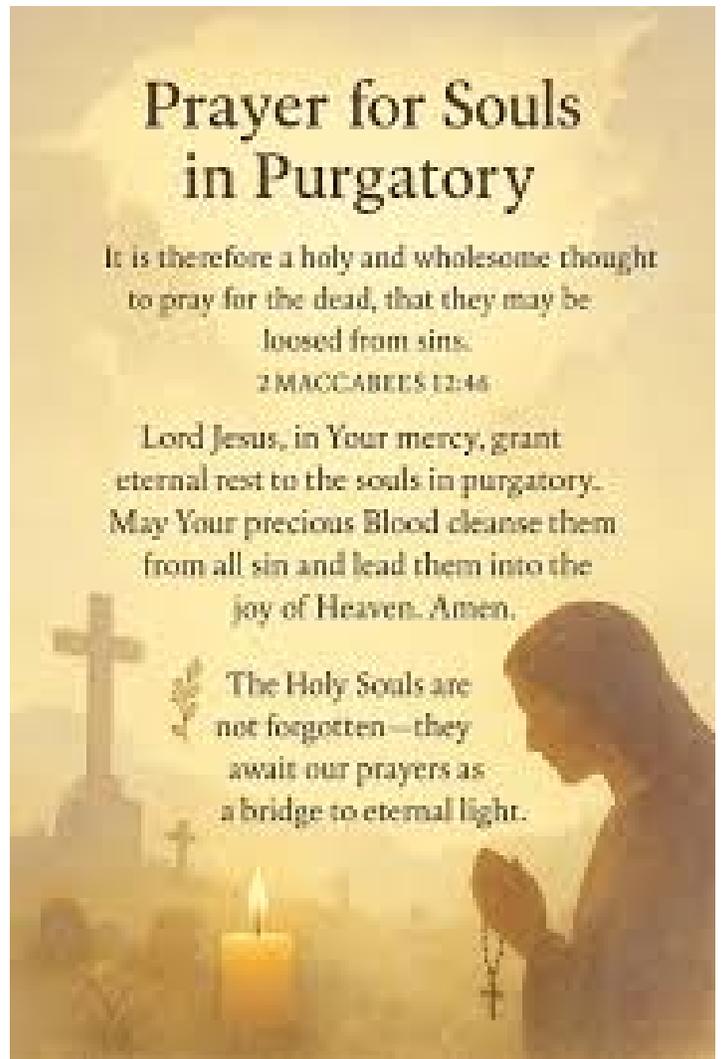
Prayer for Souls in Purgatory

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.

2 MACCABEES 12:46

Lord Jesus, in Your mercy, grant eternal rest to the souls in purgatory. May Your precious Blood cleanse them from all sin and lead them into the joy of Heaven. Amen.

The Holy Souls are not forgotten—they await our prayers as a bridge to eternal light.



Have you had a Mass offered for your living or deceased family members? It makes for a wonderful gift at Christmas! We still have Announced Masses (\$10 donation) available.

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.



Please pray for the souls of all who died this year. May Luann Marziani and all our deceased loved ones be welcomed into paradise and their loved ones given comfort.

SCS Home & School will hold a **Pop Up Shop** on Sunday, Nov 23rd, after Mass from 8:30 am-12:30 pm in the lower meeting room. Also, Monday, Nov 24th, from 6pm-9pm in the lower meeting room. Buy some St. Cecilia School clothing!

The Knights of Columbus will sell Christmas Cards and Magnets after Mass on Nov. 29th & 30th. **Keep Christ in Christmas!**

Night of the Races on Sat., Nov 22nd at 6:30pm at Presentation Church Hall to benefit Semper Fi's Americans Fund. \$30pp. Call 215-435-1293 for info.

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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.

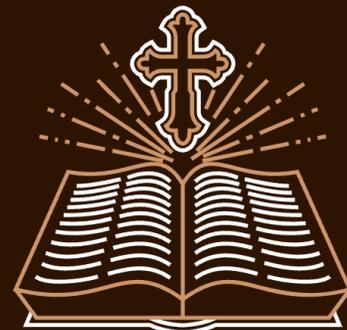


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If you prefer to give by check, mail your gift to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
CL# 5315, P.O. BOX 95000-5315, Philadelphia, PA 19195-0001



THE BIBLE IN ONE HOUR



Join Fr. Chris for an engaging introduction to the Bible that will help you understand how it was formed, how to interpret it, and how God's Word can speak to you today!

DECEMBER 3, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Saint Cecilia Auditorium in Fox Chase
Free Childcare Available

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Pray for the Sick

Don Agregado
Theresa Anderson
June Augustino
Baby Elliyana
Baby Alleya
Baby James D'Amore
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
Michelle Eppinger
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
Timothy Hartey
Joanne Hawkinson
Ed Hayel
John Hayes
John Hogan
Thomas Holmes
Catherine Hufnagel
Salim John
Agnes John
Mary Keeley
Joanne Keller

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Bonnie Colbe
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