

St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

November 23, 2025 - Solemnity of Christ the King



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 23

8:00am – Wesley Wall
 11:00am – Wayne Braddock
 5:00pm – Paul Anzalone

MONDAY, November 24

6:30am – Rosario Procaccino
 8:30am – Milton Charles McKiernan

TUESDAY, November 25

6:30am – Teresa Guong Nguyen
 8:30am – Doris Jones Kavanagh

WEDNESDAY, November 26

6:30am – Teresa Guong Nguyen
 8:30am – The dec. members of the
 Murphy & Waskin Families

THURSDAY, November 27

8:30 am - In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 28

6:30am – Rosa Ambrifi
 8:30am – Mary Gallagher Leonard

SATURDAY, November 29

8:30am – Harry C. Cunningham
 5:00pm – Jack Marynowitz



- 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 7 at 6 pm Youth Group Begins!
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
Masses at 6:30, 8:30 & 10
- Dec 8 at 6 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour
- Dec 13 at 6:30 pm Family Christmas Tree
Lighting (All are Welcome)
- Dec 22 at 6 pm Holy Hour for Catholics we
hope to welcome home!
- Dec 22, 6-8 pm Extended Confessions for
Advent



Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives...

Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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OFFICES

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 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

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 Gluten 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 15th & 16th was \$17,178.19 (our goal is \$19,135) and our average is now \$19,932.50. 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@stceciliafc.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 29 & 30

- 5:00 pm Father Chris
Music: Ensemble
- 6:30 am Father Phong (Deacon Bill)
- 8:00 am Father Chris (Deacon Bill)
Music: Colleen Mavroudis & Ken Houser
- 9:30 am Father Chris (Deacon Pat)
Music: Adult Choir
- 11:00 am Father Phong (Deacon Pat)
Music: Parish Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Father Phong



Louisa Elizabeth Bertha
Welcome to life in Christ Jesus!

Do you have a child who needs baptism?
Contact the Parish Office.

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

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

With the celebration of Christ the King, we bring an end of the liturgical year. Next week we begin Advent. You will see purple throughout the Church and on the priests and deacons. The candles of the wreath will be lit week by week. Christmas will be here in just a month. Amidst all the tasks you have to complete for Christmas, please also make time to prepare spiritually. Making a good confession? Perhaps worshipping at Daily Mass a few days a week? Perhaps reading a good book?

As we approach the end of 2025, please consider an "end-of-the-year gift" to our School or Parish. I am grateful to all who have contributed to the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift, which will be received gratefully.

As we gather on Thursday for Thanksgiving, please know that I will be giving thanks for you and all you do for our Parish and School. I am grateful to each of our staff and volunteers who do so much for so many. When I stand at the altar on Thursday for the 8:30 Mass, you will be in my heart. Please enjoy your time. May you be blessed with a grateful heart and a full belly!

Fr. Chris

PS - Our Parish Office will be closed from Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26th until Monday morning for the holiday.



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

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

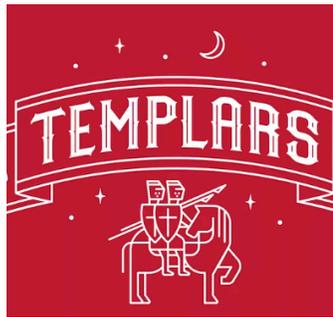
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA



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



Congratulations! Saint Cecilia School is proud to announce our Neumann Scholar, Fernando Martinez. Fernando will receive a four year scholarship to the Archdiocesan high school of his choice.

Chromebooks are here! Thank you to all who contributed to our campaign.



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 10:00 am as the doors will be locked when Mass begins.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL



November 18, 2025
11 - 13 - 18 - 25 - 36
NO JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER

10 Consolation Prize Winners (\$100 each)

- F. Donahue (seller: Diana Donahue)
- M. Crego (seller: Holly Crego)
- B. Rotchford (seller: Rich Beck)
- P. Dickson (seller: Lisa Hernandez)
- Pat B. (seller: AMC)
- J. Bender (seller: Bender)
- E. Corchiolo (seller: P. Miz)
- C. Jones (seller: Terry Foley)
- C. Simpson (seller: Terry Foley)
- J. Cahill (seller: Terry Foley)

Next Drawing: November 25th at 7:00pm

IMPORTANT NEWS
There will be no drawing on Tuesday, December 23rd.

Next Jackpot Prize
\$55,000

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.

scsfoxchase.org



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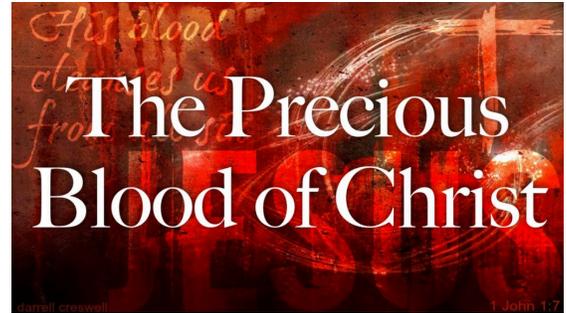
A percentage of each purchase is credited directly to your tuition account. Each retailer sets their own rebate rate. Most gift cards are available instantly or can be delivered straight to your home. Start saving while you shop! It's simple. It's smart. And it puts money back in your pocket!

Since December 2024, the Lottery has raised \$52,695 in Tuition Vouchers for Families and \$88,800 towards the SCS Operating Budget. Thank you for playing!

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.



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!



Thank your for contributing on December 6th & 7th.



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.... *As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it for your own life?*

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



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 Huntington 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!

From: **God**
To: **You**

Message: **I heard
your prayer.
Trust my timing.**

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!!!

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!

Pro Life Holy Hour

Monday
Dec. 8th 6-7 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY



Be a part of the "re-launch" of Youth Ministry at St. Cecilia. We will build on the great things that happened here for our young people in years past. We invite current 8th & 9th grade students to join us on Sunday, December 7th, after the 5 pm Mass for food and fun! Want to learn more? Please contact Fr. Phong at frphong@stceciliafc.com or use QR Code.

JESUS IS MY GOD
MY KING
MY LORD
MY SAVIOR
MY HEALER
MY REFUGE
MY PROVIDER
MY STRENGTH
MY DEFENDER
MY PROTECTOR
MY PEACE. MY JOY
MY LIFE. MY ALL
MY EVERYTHING!

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.



MANNA Food Collection—Please bring non-perishable food items to Church (place in the room off of Church lobby) December 20th & 21st. The food will be shared with local food cupboards! *Praise God for your goodness.*

Prayer for Departed Loved Ones

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen. Prayer of Commendation I commend you, my dear (name) to almighty God.

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.

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!

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.



We invite children 8 and under (older siblings are welcome too) to our Annual Party for Jesus in the Auditorium on Dec. 30th from 10am to Noon. More info to come!



You are welcome to use the envelopes in the back of Church to make a donation towards our Christmas Flowers in honor of (or in memory of) a loved one!



Please pray for the souls of all who died this year. May Kathleen Dillon 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 6 pm-9 pm 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!**



We rejoice in the following who have chosen to "join" St. Cecilia:
Diana DeMatteo

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

www.stceciliafc.org 215-725-1240

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 Flag
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

Jerry King
Bonnie Colbe
Gary Kula
Rob Lash
Jean Layton
Christian Leibbrandt
Thomas Linqvist, Sr
Dilynn Listman
Mrs. Lang Luc
Fr. David Machain
Michael MacLacklin
Ed MacNew
Colleen Maguire
Concetta Manello
Cait Mann
Abigail Massari
Mary Matthews
Elizabeth Maydascher
Timothy McMenamin
Peggy McPhillips
Marian Meisenzahl
Diane McAndrews
Mary McAvery
Patty McCarthy
Walt McGinty
Jack McMahan
Dorreen McTaggart
Leonard McTaggart
Monica Mongiello
Galina Monsonogo
Marian Montgomery

Jerry Negler
John Nickey
Loretta O'Donnell
Carol Palladino
Thomas Peterson
Tony Pizzo
William Purtle
Don Ralston
Mary Reese
Gianna Rivera
Thomas Rohan
Richard Romeo
Dominic San Tran
Maureen Schatzman
Judi Schein
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 Louie Rose Gould

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1000 bulletins

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