

St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 30

8:00am – William Gross
 11:00am – Theresa Roof
 5:00pm – Edward Murt, Sr.

MONDAY, December 1

6:30am – James West
 8:30am – Raymond & Catherine Kelly

TUESDAY, December 2

6:30am – Teresa Guong Nguyen
 8:30am – George Blackmore

WEDNESDAY, December 3

6:30am – Rose Ambrifi
 8:30am – Diogenes Rodriguez

THURSDAY, December 4

6:30am – Robert J. Werdt
 8:30am – Hilda Hryniuk

FRIDAY, December 5

6:30am – Sean Michael Connor
 8:30am – John Murphy

SATURDAY, December 6

8:30am – Rich Markowski
 5:00pm – Sean Michael Connor



Dec 3 at 7 pm	Catholicism 101: <i>The Bible in ONE HOUR</i>
Dec 6 & 7	Giving Tree Collections
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, 6-8pm	Extended Confessions for Advent
Dec 24 & 25	Celebrate Jesus' Birthday
Dec 30 at 10 am	Happy Birthday Baby Jesus Christmas Party for Families
Dec 31 & Jan 1	Sol. of Mary, Mother of God



Saint Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

Transforming Lives...

Through Faith Inspired Relationships



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Parish: 215-725-1240 Hours 8:30am-4:30pm (closed 12-1pm)
 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

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 will be reported next week. We are so blessed that our average weekly gift is now \$19,932. 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 December 6 & 7

- 5:00 pm Father Phong (Deacon Bill)
Music: Bill Monaghan
- 6:30 am Father Chris
- 8:00 am Father Phong (Deacon Pat)
Music: Colleen Mavroudis & Frank Klose
- 9:30 am Father Chris (Deacon Pat)
Music: Adult Choir
- 11:00 am Father Chris (Deacon Bill)
Music: Ensemble
- 5:00 pm Father Phong

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS of the NORTHEAST

PARABLES & PIZZA

Young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to join us for a Bible Study series focusing on the parables of Jesus!

2ND WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH
7:00-9:00PM

10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14,
2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13

Resurrection of Our Lord
Lower Level | Life Center
2000 Shelmire Ave. Philly
Come for one week or come for all! No RSVP required.

CONTACT US Email: cyanphilly@gmail.com Instagram: @cyanphilly



Luke Martin Linnow
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,

The Letter to the Romans gives us a great message as we begin Advent: awake from your sleep!

As I sit with those words, I am mindful of how much time my poor mother spent trying to wake me up for school (or church) when I was a kid! I was dead to the world as she called, smacked, yelled and threatened me to WAKE UP! Thankfully, I have gotten much better at waking up in a literal sense. Yet, spiritually, I have work to do!

I love the Lord. I want to go to heaven. I love being a priest and serving this wonderful parish. Yet, I have made so many "resolutions" that get abandoned. Some commitments cool far too soon. I settle into spiritual naps and fail to become the man God desires, the man you deserve.

So I begin again. I am waking up. My mom is not threatening, but the Lord is inviting. If you need to wake up in some area of your walk with the Lord, please set your alarm clock and join me in these weeks of renewal towards Christmas! Start somewhere, one small step. It makes a difference!

Fr. Chris



Plan to join our Parish for a wonderful evening of Scripture and Song on Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 7 pm. Please invite friends and family - esp. those who are away from the Church!



Small Groups for Advent have started. Want to join?.

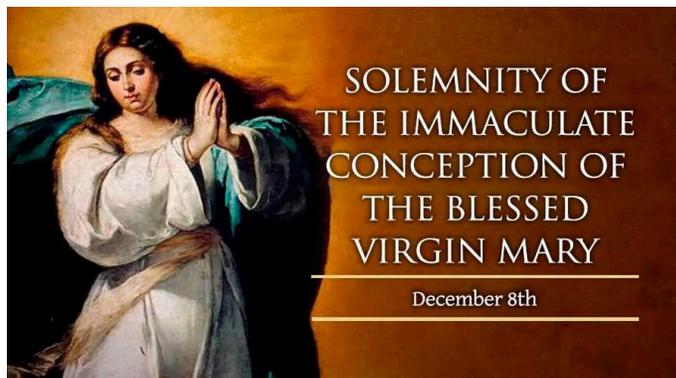
Contact Mike at
215-725-1240 or
mike@stceciliafc.com

GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025

One day. Huge impact.

Please plan to give to St. Cecilia Church or School this year! Links on Parish or School website - or write a check!



Please plan to join us for Mass on Monday, Dec. 8th at 6:30am, 8:30am and 10am (School Mass; doors are locked at 10am).

This holy day is a day of great celebration and renewal for our IHM Sisters (who will renew their vows at the 10am Mass).

Mary, be a Mother to us now!



Humanitas will be selling homemade Christmas Ornaments after Masses Dec. 13-14. Proceeds benefit Guiding Star Pregnancy Home.



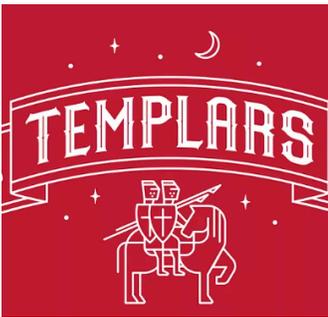
Please join our Church Family Monday to Saturday at 8 am and Wednesday at 7 am to pray the Rosary in our Church.



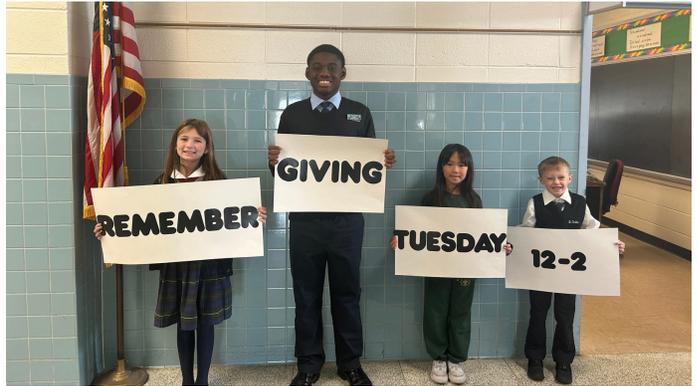
2026 Church Calendars will be available next weekend. We are grateful to the Givnish, Wackerman, and Wetzal Funerals Homes for their generosity in making them available.



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



Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement on December 2, 2025. Join the movement and give, whether it's some of your time or a monetary donation. You can "Give Catholic" as part of the global day of giving to support to our school or the parish. Checks can be made directly to Saint Cecilia School or you can visit the school website scsfoxchase.org and find a link there.

First Reconciliation will take place Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 10:00 AM. 52 students from our school and the PREP program will have the opportunity to reconcile with God and receive His grace and forgiveness. Pray for them!

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

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

LUCKY NOTES LOTTERY

Due to the holiday, the bulletin needed to be printed before we had this week's results. Please visit www.scsfoxchase.com and click on the Lucky Notes Banner.

Thank you for supporting the Lottery. You are helping families choose a Catholic School!

Want to volunteer to sell or process tickets on Tuesday Evenings?
Need more information? Contact us!

LOTTERY@STCECILIAFC.COM

Since December 2024, 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!

ShopSmarter
Save on Tuition with RaiseRight!

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".



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.



Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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



**Plan Ahead
With Confidence**

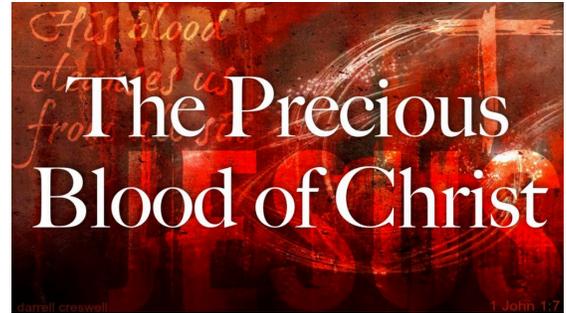
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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. HONOR YOUR FAITH.

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

Go to: MyCatholicWill.com/StCeciliaFC

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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!



During Exposition on Mon., Dec. 22nd, we will have a "**Holy Hour for Catholics We Hope to Welcome Home**" at 6 pm. We will gather to pray for our family and friends who have strayed from the Church. Following Masses on Sunday, December 21st, you will be invited to write the names of those people you would like to pray for. Please join us in calling upon our Good Shepherd, Jesus our Lord, to guide them home.

You are welcome to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas Flowers in memory of (or in honor of) a loved one. Please use the special envelopes bear the bulletins.



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings...*In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus uses the days of Noah as a warning: people carried on with ordinary business, unaware that the flood is coming. In your personal life, ask - Am I living as though Christ's coming matters? Do my daily choices reflect that I believe salvation is near, not distant?*

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

All are invited

Home for Christmas
at Saint Cecilia

December 13th 6pm (after 5pm Mass)
Join us for this **FREE** event
School Auditorium

Christmas Tree lighting
Bring a family ornament to decorate the tree

Blessing of Baby Jesus
Bring your baby Jesus for a blessing

Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and more!
Christmas caroling and crafts for the family

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

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

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.

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER

By Fr Henri JM Nouwen



Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear Your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to Your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of Your presence.

We are Your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

LAURENCE

The Christmas Novena prayer is prayed fifteen times daily from November 30th until Christmas Eve. Perhaps a way to "wake from your sleep"? ***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires (mention your intentions here), through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. 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 or (or in memory of) a loved one!



Please pray for the souls of all who died in recent days, especially Martin Coyne. May all our deceased loved ones be welcomed into paradise and their loved ones given comfort.



Please consider a Year End Gift to St. Cecilia as part of our Annual Parish Appeal.

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



We rejoice in the following who have chosen to "join" St. Cecilia:
Cynthia Ryan, Heather Rodgers & the Hershock Family

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 Bohem
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

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
Marian Montgomery

Jerry Negler
John Nickey
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

Please print
1000 bulletins

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