

St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 7

8:00am – Maria Rocco
 11:00am – Rosemary Rome McCauley
 5:00pm – Theresa Hawkinson

MONDAY, December 8

6:30am – John & Dorothy Mehler
 8:30am – Living & Dec. IHM Sisters
 of St. Cecilia Church
 10:00am - Phillip Collins

TUESDAY, December 9

6:30am – John Berthcsi
 8:30am – Patrick McGettigan

WEDNESDAY, December 10

6:30am – Daniel Rosa
 8:30am - The Dec. Members of The Cunningham
 & Ferguson Families

THURSDAY, December 11

6:30am - Frances Gillespie
 8:30am - Thomas O. Maginnis, Sr.

FRIDAY, December 12

6:30am – Michael McPeak
 8:30am – John Milley

SATURDAY, December 13

8:30am – Trung Hang Nguyen
 5:00pm – Pasquale Pezzano

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 17 at 7 pm	Lessons & Carols in Church
Dec 22 at 6 pm	Holy Hour for Catholics we hope to welcome home!
Dec 22, 6-8 pm	Extended Confessions for Advent
Dec 24 & 25	Celebrate Jesus' Birthday <i>Christmas Eve: 4 & 7</i> <i>Christmas Day: 6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11</i>
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

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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

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 the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd was \$21,838.29 (our goal is \$19,1325). Our collection for the weekend of November 29th & 30th was \$19,536.00. Our average is now \$20,021.10. 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



MEN'S RETREAT

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 13th & 14th

- 5:00 pm Father Phong (Deacon Bill)
Music: Leslie Aita & Ken Houser
- 6:30 am Father Chris
- 8:00 am Father Phong (Deacon Pat)
Music: Jeff Chapman & Ken Houser
- 9:30 am Father Chris (Deacon Pat)
Music: Jeff Chapman & Ken Houser
- 11:00 am Father Chris (Deacon Bill)
Music: Jeff Chapman & Ken Houser
- 5:00 pm Father Phong



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,

I was invited to be a "guest teacher" in one of our first grade classrooms this week. One of the students, learning this, asked what I was going to teach the class. Before I could answer, she smiled and said, "***I know, you are going to talk about Jesus.***" Of course, she was right.

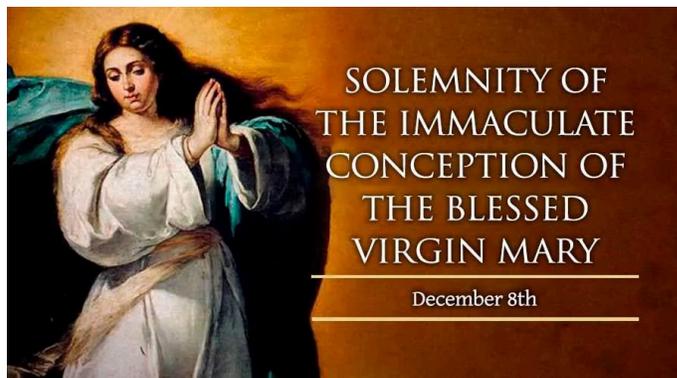
Talking about Jesus is certainly the best part of my life as a priest. The only thing better is spending time with Jesus in prayer and receiving Him in Holy Communion. Jesus is such a precious gift for me. I know you share that same belief and I see you act on it in so many ways.

I know this is why we faithful disciples become so sad when some of our family, friends or neighbors do not want to talk about Jesus, spend time with him, get to know him or receive him in the Eucharist. Do they not know what they are missing? Sadly, they do not.

So, what do we do? I hope we continue to give witness through our words and actions that Jesus makes a difference in our life. I hope that as Christmas approaches, your Christmas card has a message about Jesus' love for the world. I hope you can join us in prayer on Dec. 22nd at 6pm as we pray for those who need to come home. Jesus will like that! *Father Chris*



Do you know someone who needs a little help at Christmas? Our Parish may be able to assist in playing Santa! Please contact Ruth in our Parish Office.



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!



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



Through your goodness, St. Cecilia Parish was able to provide a Thanksgiving Meal Blessing to EIGHTEEN Families. Each is grateful for your generosity!



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



Please join our Church Family Monday to Saturday at 8 am (for our families and vocations) and Wednesday at 7 am (for an end to abortion) to pray the Rosary in our Church.

We want to "embolden all believers".

Help us decorate our Church for Christmas on Dec. 14th at 1pm and Dec. 23rd at 1pm. If able to assist, call Kara in the Parish Office.

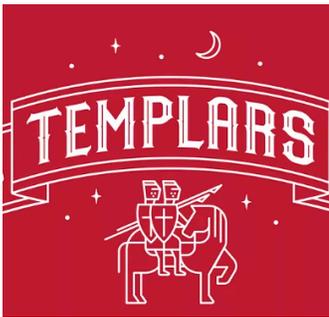


SCHOOL NEWS



Thank You to all who donated to the school on GivingTuesday. We appreciate your support of Catholic education!

School News... Lots of music filling the halls at SCS. Our students in the music program will be performing a Band Concert on December 10th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. On December 15th at 6:30 pm there will be a Strings Concert.



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.



Our PreK spent time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament recently. After prayer, they taught Fr. Chris a few new songs!

SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL

November 25, 2025
4 - 7 - 12 - 14 - 35

NO JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER

4 Consolation Prize Winners (\$250 each)
 Jim (seller: Zappone-Edwards)
 L. Dougherty (seller: Migatz)
 B. Zappone (seller: Zappone-Edwards)
 J.Himes (seller: Tierney)

Next Drawing: December 2nd at 7:00pm

Next Jackpot Prize
\$56,000

We are not responsible for typographical errors.



Shop Smarter, Save on Tuition with RaiseRight!

Did you know you can reduce your tuition costs simply by shopping where you already shop? With RaiseRight, it's easy! Buy physical or eGift cards for your favorite grocery stores, restaurants, retailers, and more—and a percentage of each purchase is credited directly to your tuition account.

Every retailer sets their own rebate rate, and many even run bonus promotions throughout the year—so your savings can really grow!

Most gift cards are available instantly as eGift cards or can be delivered straight to your home. For added convenience, some local grocery store cards are still shipped to the school. Place your order by Monday at noon, and pick it up at school by Thursday!

Start saving while you shop! It's simple. It's smart. And it puts money back in your pocket!

Gifts that give back

Get inspired with the 2025 Holiday Gift Guide—now available



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! For the most recent lottery winning numbers, please visit St. Cecilia School website.

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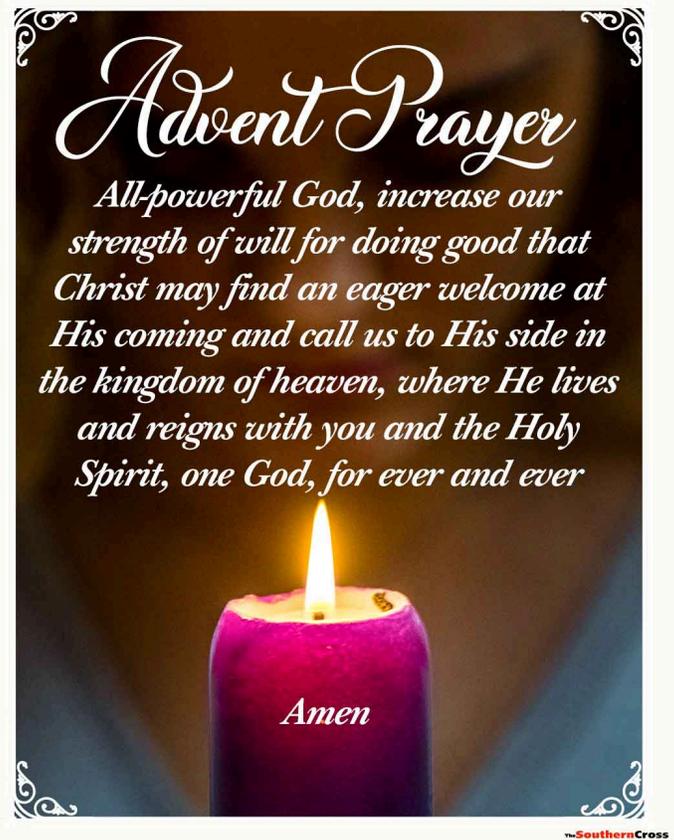
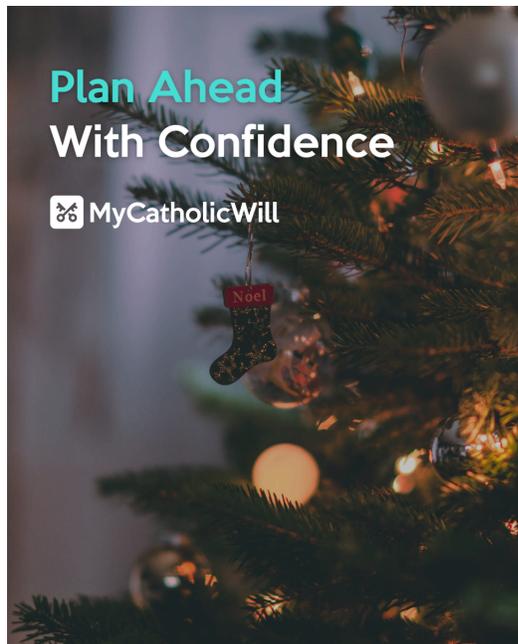
Únase a nuestro grupo de oración en español los jueves a las 6:30 p. m. para presentar las necesidades de su familia al Señor y a su Madre. Para más información, llame a María al 267-770-8846.



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.



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



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



A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings....*This Advent how can we find time to humbly remind ourselves that preparing for Christmas is not quite the same as preparing the way of the Lord?*

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

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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

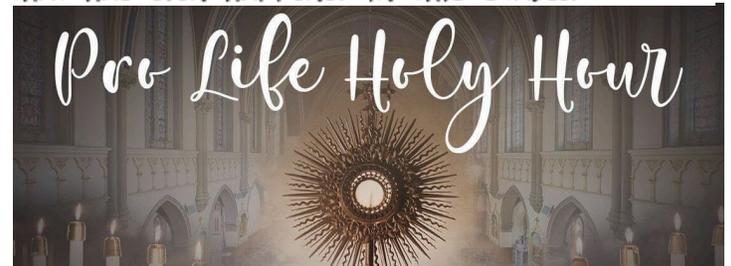
Blessing of Baby Jesus
Bring your baby Jesus for a blessing

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



Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010

THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!



Join us in praying for an end to the horror of abortion and a renewed appreciation for every human life.



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



We invite current 8th & 9th grade students to join us on Sunday, December 7th, after the 5 pm Mass for food and fun! The next meeting will be on 18th at the same time. Want to learn more? Please contact Fr. Phong at frphong@stceciliafc.com or use QR Code.

Celebrate the Baptism of Jesus & the Baptism of Your Child



St. Cecilia Church wants to pray with you and for your child and all those baptized at our Church in 2025. Please invite your child's godparents and other family members.

Saturday, January 10th at 5:00 pm Mass
or Sunday, January 11th at 11:00am Mass

Join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass

RSVP using this QR Code

If our parish can assist you in any way, please call our Parish Office. We look forward to being with you!



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!



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.*

WARM HEARTS WARM BLANKETS

Visconto Family 20th Annual St. Francis Inn Blanket Drive Please consider donating a new or gently used blanket on December 7th or December 14th from 1-4pm @ **Visconto Funeral Home 2031 Vista Street** or call **215-637-8184** (they will pick up).

SAVE THE DATE

BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY

FEB. 16, 2026



American Red Cross

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.



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 in recent days, especially Anne Visco. 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.



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

Happy Birthday Baby Jesus Party

Tuesday, December 30th 10-11:30am
St. Cecilia Auditorium

Nativity Play - Christmas Caroling, - Holiday Crafts, Games, Snacks and Birthday Cake!!

This FREE event is open to all children accompanied by an adult. If you are able, we ask that you bring a present for Baby Jesus.(diapers, wipes, or other baby essentials) These will be laid at the manger at the end of the play. The gifts will be shared with a local crisis pregnancy center.



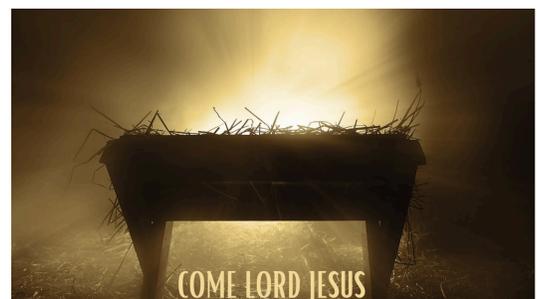
RSVP with the QR Code

Teen Volunteers are needed!



Questions?

Call the Parish Office



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
Bonnie Colbe
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
Gary Kula
Rob Lash
Jean Layton
Christian Leibrandt
Thomas Linquist, 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
Samantha Wagner
Mark Warren
Martina Warren
John Wieckowski
Baby Louie Rose Gould

Please print
1000 bulletins

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