

St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

December 28, 2025 - Solemnity of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 28

8:00am – Luis Martinez
11:00am – Anna Senek
5:00pm – David Heller

MONDAY, December 29

6:30am – Patrick Kelly
8:30am – Kathleen Mannello

TUESDAY, December 30

6:30am – Ed & Jeannette Hennessy
8:30am – Teresa Guong Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, December 31

6:30am – Elizabeth Byrd
8:30am – Ann McCoy
5:30pm – The Intentions of The Hartey Family

THURSDAY, January 1

8:30 – Edward Berthcsi

FRIDAY, January 2

6:30am – John & Kathleen Tracey
8:30am – The Intentions of Tim & Kara Hartey

SATURDAY, January 3

8:30am – Joseph Vu & Maria Nguyen
5:00pm – Carol Pickford

mark  your **Calendar**

- Dec 30 at 10 am Happy Birthday Baby Jesus
Christmas Party for Families
- Dec 31 & Jan 1 Sol. of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 5 pm, 6:30 am,
8:30 am and 10 am
- Jan. 3 at 9am Anointing of the Sick
- Jan. 4 Noon-5pm Eucharistic Adoration
Adore like the Magi & Shepherds!
- Jan. 5 at 7:15 pm Meeting for ALL Ushers
Men and Women interested
- Jan. 7 at 7 pm Bible Study on Hebrews
- Jan 10 & 11 Celebrate your Child's Baptism
See information inside Bulletin



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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 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 December 13th and 14th was \$14,669.56. Our average is now \$19,850.63 (our goal is \$19,135). 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



Schedule for Sol. of Mary (Dec. 31 & Jan. 1)

5:00 pm Father Phong

Music: Leslie Aita & Philip Roberts

6:30 am Father Chris

8:30 am Father Chris

Music: Colleen Mavroudis & Philip Roberts

10:00 am Father Phong

No Music

Schedule for January 3rd & 4th

5:00 pm Father Phong

Music: Daniela Martinez & Philip Roberts

6:30 am Father Chris

8:00 am Father Phong

Music: Jeff Chapman & Philip Roberts

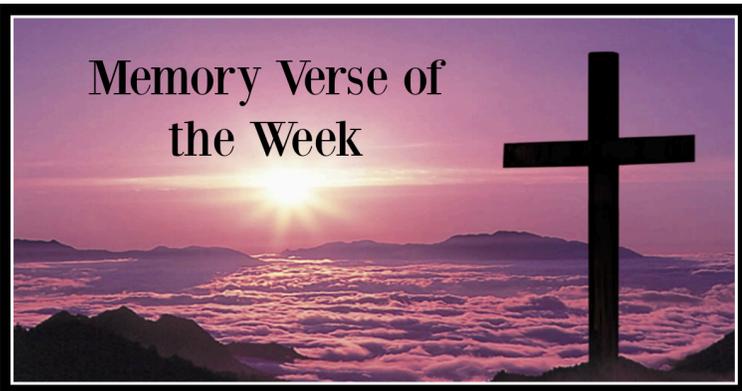
9:30 am Father Chris

Music: Jeff Chapman & Philip Roberts

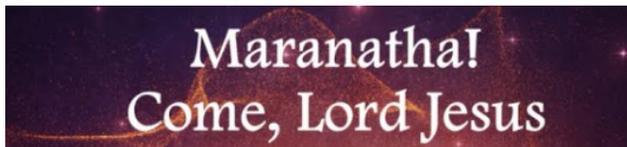
11:00 am Father Chris

Music: Jeff Chapman & Philip Roberts

5:00 pm Father Phong



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”
(Proverbs 3, 5).



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)



If there is a 2 hour delay for St. Cecilia School, there is no 6:30am Mass (only the 8:30am). If school is cancelled, there are no morning Masses but a 5pm Mass will be celebrated.



Isabela Luz Francisco
Welcome to life in Christ Jesus!
Do you have a child who needs baptism?
Contact the Parish Office.

Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

In 2024 Pope Francis met with those who work at the Vatican and their families. He offered a reflection at Christmas and offered these suggestions as possible New Year's Resolutions. I offer them to you as we begin this New Year.

I think the list is brilliant and we would all be well served in choosing one or two to focus on this year. Maybe clip the list out and put it on your fridge or bathroom mirror!

Be assured of my prayers as we begin this New Year!

Fr. Chris

New Year's Resolutions for a Blessed 2026

- *"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."*
- *"Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."*
- *"Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."*
- *"Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."*
- *"Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."*
- *"Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."*
- *"Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."*
- *"Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."*
- *"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."*

New Year Prayer

A Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of life and the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we enter into this new year, we humbly ask for Your abundant grace to be upon us. Grant us the wisdom to make righteous choices, the strength to face challenges, and the courage to follow Your path.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the precious gift of peace in our lives and in the world around us. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let Your calming presence be felt in our homes, communities, and nations. Bring reconciliation where there is discord, understanding where there is confusion, and unity where there is division.

Lord, we also lift up our physical and mental well-being to You. In the name of Jesus, we ask for Your healing touch to rest upon those who are facing illnesses or challenges to their health. Strengthen their bodies, comfort their spirits, and grant them the assurance of Your love and care. May the year ahead be marked by a renewed sense of vitality and health.

We entrust our plans, dreams, and aspirations for the coming year into Your hands, O Lord. May everything we do be guided by Your will and directed towards Your glory. Help us to be a source of love, compassion, and encouragement to those around us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We want to "embolden all believers".



Our Annual Appeal Collection is at \$31,341 towards our goal of \$70,000 for new Church doors.



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.



SAINT CECILIA PARISH + SCHOOL



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

SCHOOL NEWS



What is the EITC Program? How can you be like Santa for our kids?

The Pennsylvania tax credit scholarship program, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit, represents a win/win for families in need and qualifying businesses or individuals. You can donate pennies on the dollar to a scholarship organization like the Foundation for Catholic Education. Designate St. Cecilia School as the recipient of your generosity and receive up to a 90% credit on your state taxes. For more information contact Courtney Cliggett Hanes 215-725-2821 or email advancement@stceciliafc.com. There will be an informational breakfast on January 27, 2026 from 7 am to 8 am. Join us and learn more about our School and EITC.

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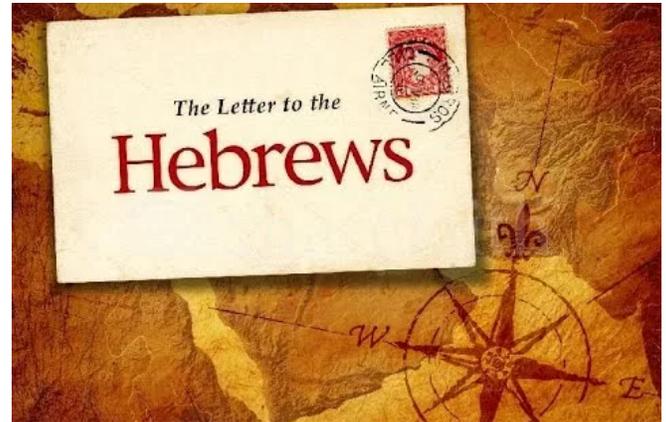
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We are a parish that "inspires a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ".



St. Cecilia TEXTS
Sign up today to receive messages! You choose the kind of messages you want to receive! You can also sign up for our weekly email message!



New Bible Study

Join Father Chris and dozens of other disciples for a five week study of the Letter to the Hebrews. This New Testament Letter offers us great insights on living our faith today. We gather Wednesdays, starting January 7th at 7pm in the Auditorium. Free child care is available as well, Bring a friend. Tell your neighbors. No cost. No experience necessary. Bring a Bible or download one on your phone. If you have questions, contact Mike Tate in the Parish Office.

After you enjoy your Christmas cards, please consider contributing the front covers to our Giving Tree project to serve as tree tags in the coming years. Baskets will be at the exits of the church during the month of January. Simply remove the front covers, place them in a baggie or envelope, and drop them in the "Giving Tree Tags" basket when you come to church. Thank you and God bless you!



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A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings....

We are called to bear with each other, have patience with our loved ones and to forgive. How will you let the peace of Christ control your heart this Christmas season?

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

Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa, pray for us



Reader Training: All those who proclaim the Word of God at St. Cecilia are expected at one of our "ongoing formation" sessions on either Jan. 10 (1-2pm) or Jan. 14 (7-8pm).

Please plan to join us for a very important **Usher's Meeting** on Monday January, 5th at 7:15pm. We will meet in the Cecilian Room to discuss safety, accountability and expectations. It's time to step up our game and be the hospitable and accommodating hosts we're called to be. Please RSVP to Mike@stceciliafc.com

Holiday schedule changes



There is no 5pm Mass on January 1st

Parish Office Hours:

Wed., Dec. 31st - Closes at Noon
Thurs. & Fri., Jan 1st & 2nd - Closed

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, January 4th 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.

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!



MANNA Food Collection—Please bring non-perishable food items to Church (place in the room off of Church lobby) January 17th & 18th. The food will be shared with local food cupboards! *Praise God for your goodness.*

Mary, Our Lady of LaVang, pray for us



COFFEE AND DONUTS!!!

Join us on January 11th after the 11:00 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!



SAVE THE DATE
BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY
FEB. 16, 2026



**American
Red Cross**



Mary, Mother of Africa, pray for us

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.



Praying for the Dead

God's purpose

Please pray for the souls of all who died in recent days, especially Robert Dougherty and John Buto. 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 Church or St. Cecilia School.

Please date checks 2025 to be counted for the current tax year contributions. God reward you!

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

Please join us for this wonderful event this week!



We rejoice in the following who have chosen to "join" St. Cecilia: Kathleen Prince, Courtney Curran & Joseph Greenberg, Pasquale & Bernadette Saladino



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
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
Jeff Craney
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

Erica Kelly
Jerry King
Gary Kula
Rob Lash
Jean Layton
Christian Leibrandt
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
Carmelo Otero
Christina Pohuly

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
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Rose Schmidt
The Schultz Family
Dot Slavin
Joan Angela Smalarz
Eileen S. Smith
Joan M. Smyth
Susan Snyder
Paul Stolarz
Anna Stolzer
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Helen Tobin
Helen Vanderslice
Elvis Vincon
Samantha Wagner
Mark Warren
Martina Warren
John Wieckowski
Baby Louie Rose Gould

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