

# St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

## January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of Our Lord



Mass Intentions



### SUNDAY, January 4

8:00am – The Intentions of Chandelere Joseph  
 11:00am – Francis H. Slavin & Alice E. Slavin  
 5:00pm – The Int. of Chandelere Joseph

### MONDAY, January 5

6:30am – The Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Michala Lodise  
 8:30am – John & Manus McGettigan

### TUESDAY, January 6

6:30am – Sue Murphy  
 8:30am – Robert Albus

### WEDNESDAY, January 7

6:30am – Luann Marziani  
 8:30am – Debbie Mitchell

### THURSDAY, January 8

6:30 – Richard Kerr  
 8:30 – Martin & Cathrine Griffin

### FRIDAY, January 9

6:30am – Dolores & Bob Graefe  
 8:30am – Andrea Menniti

### SATURDAY, January 10

8:30am – Marie T. O'Hagan  
 5:00pm – Joel Contreras

- Jan. 4 Noon-5pm Eucharistic Adoration  
*Adore like the Magi & Shepherds!*
- Jan. 5 Feast of St. John Neumann
- 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 at 1 pm Reader Training (option 1)
- Jan 10 & 11 Celebrate your Child's Baptism  
*See information inside Bulletin*
- Jan 11 Donut Social  
(after 11 am Mass)
- Jan 14 at 7pm Reader Training (option 2)
- Jan 17 at 9am Humanitas Meeting



# 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)  
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 Tuition: 215-725-2201  
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 School Advancement: 215-725-2821

Parish: [www.stceciliafc.org](http://www.stceciliafc.org)  
 School: [scsfoxchase.org](http://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 are 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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>st</sup> was \$18,890.65. Our average is now \$19,832.61 (our goal is \$19,135). Please consider using Electronic Giving!

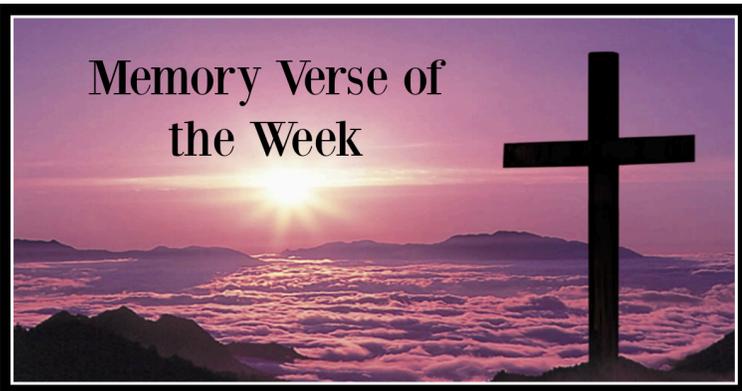
**SAINT JOHN PAUL II PRAYER FOR PEACE**

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 January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 pm Father Chris  
Music: Leslie Aita & Ken Houser
- 6:30 am Father Phong
- 8:00 am Father Phong  
Music: Daniela Martinez & Frank Klose
- 9:30 am Father Chris  
Music: Adult Choir
- 11:00 am Father Chris  
Music: Parish Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Father Chris



**Memory Verse of the Week**

“Be still and know that I am God.”  
(Psalms 46, 10).



*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.



*Maggie Rose Luig and Callie Grace Pojuls-Roche*  
**Welcome to life in Christ Jesus!**

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



Archbishop Perez is leading our Archdiocese in the ways of Missionary Discipleship. Learn more about what this “looks like” on Sat., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at a meeting from 9am to 11am in the Auditorium. Join us and bring your questions!

*Message from the Pastor*



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the coming of the Magi to the newborn King, I offer these reflections from the saints who have gone before us:

St Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us that Epiphany makes us fools for the worldly mentality in order to enter the saving life it profusely gives. *What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you becoming foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.*

Moreover, the solemnity of Epiphany calls to our attention three gifts Jesus gives us when we approach him with an open heart. These gifts, according to St Alphonsus Liguori, are his love, prayer and self-denial. *These gifts help you and me to be faithful to Our Lord till the end. He writes: Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the grace to be faithful to Thee!*

For St John Chrysostom, Epiphany shows us the tripartite character of the Christ Child as King, God and Man. He says: *For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.*

Finally, Epiphany is a gracious exchange between heaven and earth. In order for us to fully appreciate this magnificent wonder we have to step in faith. Only the latter can actually help us to savour Epiphany thoroughly and benefit from its saving power. St Peter Chrysologus tells us: *Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.*

May these words help us all become wiser as we seek Jesus like the Magi!

Father Chris



# 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.



*Our Annual Appeal Collection is at \$39,866 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](http://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

**ST. CECILIA SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION**

2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR  
OPENS JANUARY 9, 2026

[scsfoxchase.org](http://scsfoxchase.org)

**ENROLL SOON**

### What is the EITC Program?

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](mailto: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.

**Your donation will help make Catholic Education more affordable, with little out of pocket expense.**

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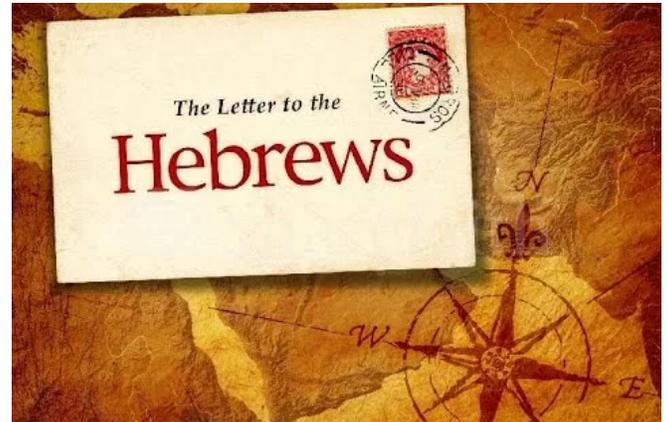
Use this QR Code to create your Raise Right account to purchase gift cards that can be used to help families with their tuition (at our school or another school)

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Start the New Year Right!**

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Honor Your Faith.**

**Write your Last Will and Testament for FREE.**

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A question to ponder this week based on our Scripture Readings.... *In the Psalm we pray, Lord let every nation on earth adore You. How do you make adoration a part of your prayer?*

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



**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](mailto:Mike@stceciliafc.com)

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# 100<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

CELEBRATION  
FOR ST. CECILIA  
SCHOOL

Saturday, March 28, 2026

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

School Auditorium \$35 per ticket  
BYOB. beer and food provided  
Tickets on sale 1/15/26

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](http://WWW.STCECILIAFC.ORG)



We invite current 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm Mass  
or Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

Our **Caring for Friends Freezer** needs your help! Can you make a few meals a week to help keep it stocked? Some of our homebound neighbors rely on these meals to be delivered to them each week. Trays and containers provided. No commitment. Contact Kristen for more information. [caringforfriends@stceciliafc.com](mailto:caringforfriends@stceciliafc.com) or 267-456-7758

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**MONDAY**  
**FEB. 16, 2026**



**American Red Cross**

## 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!



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God, in your unending 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!



**DONATE**



THE MAGI BROUGHT GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR GIFT TO JESUS AND OUR PARISH THROUGH PAYPAL, VENMO OR APPLE PAY WITH THE QR CODE

## Senior Citizen Groups



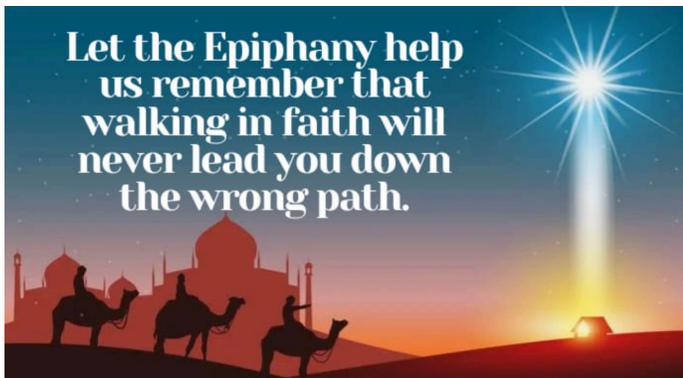
**St. Cecilia Seniors** meet each Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. They are meeting in our Auditorium once again - starting January 8<sup>th</sup>!

**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 in recent days, especially Jeff Craney, Lorraine Gildein and Robert McGonigle. May all our deceased loved ones be welcomed into paradise and their loved ones given comfort.*



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

## The Epiphany House Blessing

*It has been a tradition in several European cultures to pray a blessing over the home on the Feast of the Epiphany. Sometimes known as 'chalking the door', this Epiphany blessing is one way that families and individuals can invite God's blessing into their home and family life throughout the year. The letters C, M, B have two meanings: they are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar and they also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which stands for "May Christ bless the house." For the Blessing, the family gathers near the main entrance to the home and begins with the Sign of the Cross +.*

**Leader:** Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

**Reader:** When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then, they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. Allow time for faith sharing for prayers for particular members of the family who are in need.

All who are present should pray together: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our home and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness, and faithfulness to the commands of your Son, Jesus. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all we meet each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Take one of your Christmas Cards that has an image of the Magi visiting the child Jesus and tape it over the front door of your home (on the inside of the house)*

## *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  
Father Slim Callahan  
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

Erica Kelly  
Jerry King  
Gary Kula  
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Mrs. Lang Luc  
Fr. David Machain  
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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  
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Jack McMahan  
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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  
Judi Schein  
Rose Schmidt  
The Schultz Family  
Dot Slavin  
Joan Angela Smalarz  
Eileen S. Smith  
Joan M. Smyth  
Susan Snyder  
Paul Stolarz  
Anna Stolzer  
Betty Swartz  
Helen Tobin  
Helen Vanderslice  
Elvis Vincon  
Samantha Wagner  
Mark Warren  
Martina Warren  
John Wieckowski  
Baby Louie Rose Gould

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