



A Weekly Update from St. Cecilia Church
Knowing, Loving & Serving Jesus
In Fox Chase, Rockledge, Burholme and Beyond...



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS: We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

- Rev. Chuck Currie

Please be sure to bring dad to Church this weekend. In addition to a wonderful blessing from God (and the chance to hear God's Word and receive Holy Communion), we will have a wonderful gift for all the dads and godfathers!

Watch a ***Weekly Update Video*** from Father Chris...



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR You Tube CHANNEL

We have 883 Subscribers.

**We need 1000 in order to do live videos
like Mass and Bible Study.**

Please visit our [Channel and SUBSCRIBE](#).

It costs nothing but will help many!



St. Cecilia Parish is participating in the 91st Rockledge Fourth of July Association Parade and YOU are welcome to participate.

PARADE DATE: Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 (gather at 8:30am)

LOCATION: Huntingdon Pike & Fox Chase Road*

PARADE LENGTH: Less than 1-mile; all flat surfaces
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY JULY 9 at 1:00 P.M.

If you plan to attend the 8:30am Mass, we will walk up at the conclusion of Mass. Wear Red White and Blue or your St Cecilia "BLING". All are most welcome - bring the kids and grandkids too! Want more information? Contact [George Warren](#).



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am most grateful to the wonderful crew that hosted our farewell to Fr. Lucas on Sunday. It was a beautiful event in every way. I hope that in the coming year we can find more opportunities to gather for socials after Mass. If we are going to be a true Christian Community, we need plenty of opportunities to get to know each other!

Have you signed up for a summer Book Club? Please consider it - reading is good for us all and to read books like the ones being offered is especially worthwhile. Send an email to the group leads today!

WE NEED YOUR BLOOD!!! Please sign up for the Blood Drive in July. There is a great need...we all have to do our part.

Father Chris

ALSO....On June 24th the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia will host the BIGGEST baby shower in Philadelphia's history. You can be a part of the excitement by bringing baby supplies (diapers, wipes, baby bottles, baby clothing and gift cards) to Church before June 18th (THIS WEEKEND). Members of Humanitas will bring them to the Philadelphia March for Life that day (join us for Mass at the Cathedral at 8:30, March starts at 10:30; ends at Independence Hall with a Rally at Noon). When you bring items to the Church, please place them in front of the St. Joseph Altar in Church.

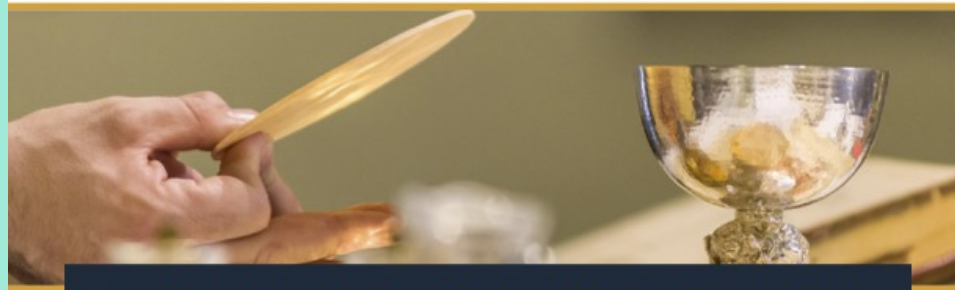


**Have you joined us for Adoration on Mondays?
Jesus wants time with you.
Join us from Noon to 7pm.
Come for 10, 20 or 30 minutes. Maybe even an hour!
Look at Him. Let Him look at you!**

**We need people that can commit to Adore Jesus on the 1st
Sunday of the month from 3pm to 4pm. If you can make this
commit to be with Jesus, please contact [Theresa Kuhar](#).**

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Eucharistic Congress

“THE GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT:
This is My Body Given Up for You”



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 | 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
654 FERRY ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA

PLAN NOW TO BE A PART OF THE EUCHRISTIC
CONGRESS AS A FAMILY AND WITH FRIENDS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

- **Holy Mass** at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day
- **Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** at 4:00 PM concludes the day
- **Talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist** by compelling speakers
- Opportunities for **Adoration, Confession and other Devotions**
- **Special track of events** in Spanish and for the Youth



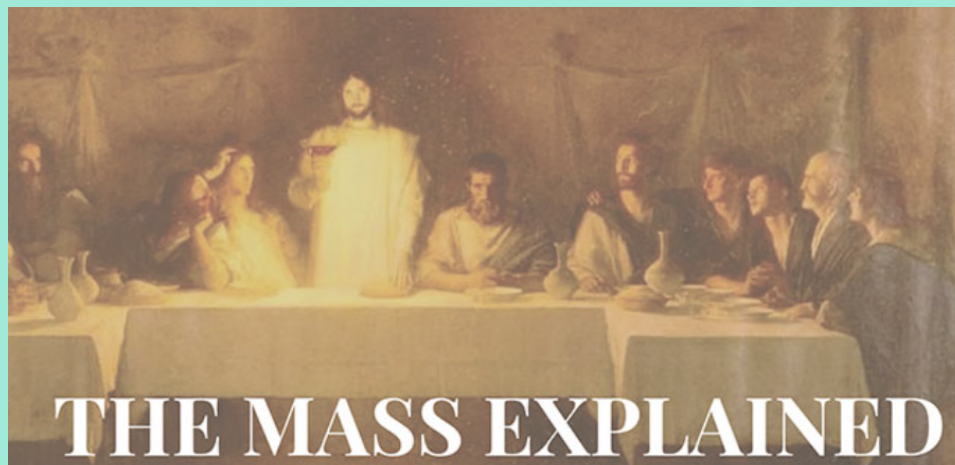
For additional information about the 2023 Eucharistic Congress and to register, please see: <https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>.

Please bring your own lunch. Plenty of parking is available.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Eucharistic Revival



St. Cecilia will have a bus to and from this wonderful day at the Shrine. More information to come very soon but please save Saturday, September 30th on your calendar.



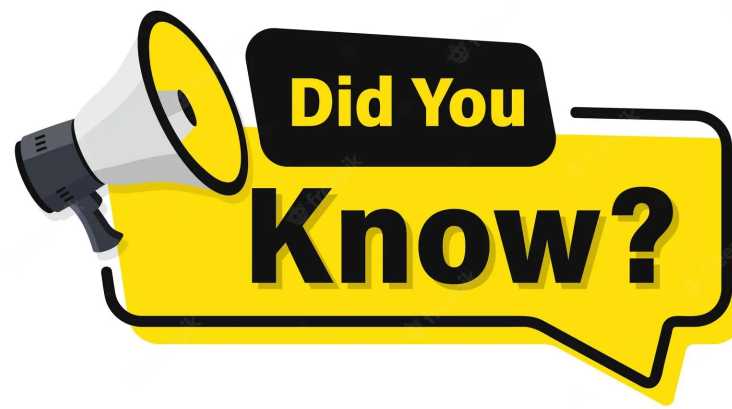
THE MASS EXPLAINED

The Collect - “Father, read the black, do the red.” Yes, that’s what she said: “Read the black. Do the red.” The red she referred to are the “rubrics” in the Roman Missal, or the reddish color of the ink for the directions on how to celebrate Mass. After the Gloria, here is what the rubrics state:

“When the Gloria is concluded, the priest, with hands joined says: ‘Let us pray.’ And all pray in silence with the priest for a while.” During that little while you can pray for family, friends, relatives, a child who is seriously ill, a new job, for vocations, the pope, upcoming elections, Relevant Radio ... whatever. After that moment of silence, the priest prays the Opening Prayer, also known as the Collect. And it is usually centered on the theme of the Mass, whether it be a saint, or a season, or a solemnity of the Lord. *This brief teaching is part of a series as we seek to grow in understanding the Mass throughout the Year of the Eucharist. Content is taken from Father Rocky at Relevant Radio.*



- Pope Francis' Intention for JUNE: : *For the abolition of torture: MAY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COMMIT TO A A CONCRETE PLAN TO ELIMINATE TORTURE AND SUPPORT VICTIMS.*
- For the soul of Romualda Waskiel who was buried from St. Cecilia on Tuesday
- For Beatrice Seybold who will be buried from St. Cecilia on Thursday at 10:30am
- For Mary Moser, mother of Deacon Bill Moser, who will be buried from St. Timothy on Thursday
- For priests and sisters who are being missioned to new places - including Fr. Lucas, Fr. Phong, Sr Carolyn, Sr Marita and Sr. Bernadette.
- For those who are sick - especially Anna, Mary, Bill, John and Mary
- For young people graduating from St. Cecilia School - bless with with the grace to choose to follow Jesus today and throughout their lives!
- For God to use our parish to draw many souls to Him and to salvation



- Archbishop Perez has appointed **Deacon Bill Moser** to serve at St. Cecilia Church. Deacon Bill has been serving at St. William since being ordained. He teaches at Father Judge and his wife Donna teaches in our PreK. Keep him in prayer, his mom passed away and will be buried on Thursday. FYI: Deacon Pat will remain with us as well (he continues to generously service in his retirement).
- In addition, St. Cecilia will be welcoming **Father James Callahan** to live in our Rectory in his retirement. Fr. Callahan is retiring as Pastor of Christ the King Church and will be living at St. Cecilia until the end of the year (and maybe beyond). You will see him at Mass on occasion and we will be blessed by his goodness, faith and humor!
- Monday is the commemoration of [JUNETEENTH](#) - a national holiday to commemorate the end to the horror of slavery. Last week, Archbishop Perez issues a [Pastoral Letter on Racism](#). Please take the time to read it and pray for an end to bigotry and hatred in all its forms
- Four young men will receive the **EAGLE SCOUT AWARD** this Saturday in our Auditorium through Troop 290. Congratulation to Ethan Keeley, Cole Welsh, John Clark and Ryan Brady. Well done men and congratulations to your families as well!
- Through your generosity to our **Social Ministry Fund** (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to assist the Food Cupboard at St. Benedict Church in Germantown. Thank you for being a blessing to our sisters and brothers!
- We are grateful to those who have inquired about supporting our school through the Tax Credit Scholarships (possible donations are now in excess of \$8,000). [Want to learn more \(if you are a business owner or have a personal tax liability to the State of PA](#) in excess of \$1,000), please contact [Father Chris](#).
- Fr. Chris and Fr. Lucas are available for [CONFESSION](#) on Monday (6pm to 7pm); Wednesday (7am to 8am) and Saturday (4pm to 4:50pm). Please make use of this wonderful Sacrament in order to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Did you read last Sunday's [Church Bulletin](#)? Be sure to take a minute to keep up on the great things happening at St. Cecilia
- You can name St Cecilia Parish or School in your will or planned giving? [Father Chris](#) is happy to introduce you to professionals who will assist you in making these planned gifts.

Join us IN A PRAYER SERVICE

where we will unite for peace, ensuring the safety of our children as they embark on their summer vacation, and expressing our gratitude for the dedication and protection provided by our police officers.

Where: **St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church**
3001 Levick St, Philadelphia, PA 19149

When: **June 22nd at 7PM**



Dear Parishioners,

Looking back on the last nine years, I can clearly see the hand of God working in my life and the lives of the people of St, Cecilia Parish. He has blessed me abundantly as I ministered to you, showering me with his grace to strengthen me at all times. I have seen his power among us as he leads people to conversion of mind and heart. I have seen you demonstrate your love for God and your desire to draw closer to Him. I have witnessed the generosity and kindness the Lord has inspired within you which you have demonstrated repeatedly.

And so it is with a heavy heart that I depart from our parish and move on to a new assignment. You accepted me into the parish family from the very beginning and have always been a source of spiritual and emotional support. As I have led you in prayer, provided the sacraments, and labored alongside you in various parish ministries, I have come to be deeply entrenched into our parish community. Though I leave for a new challenge working as a hospital chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital, I realize my heart will always have a place in this great parish.

Many thanks to those who have been so generous to me in this last month with all of your kind gifts, your warm goodbyes, your participation at the farewell event on June 11, and most importantly, your continued prayers. I am deeply humbled by your outward demonstration of (dare I say it) your love for me. Please know that I return that love to you and will always. God bless you abundantly.

Father Bob Lucas

Thank you for your nine years of service to our parish. May God bless you Fr Lucas in your new ministry to the people of God at HUP and CHOP. May you be a minister of healing and hope!

Please note that after June 19th Fr. Robert Lucas can be contacted at: St Frances de Sales Church 4625 Springfield Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143 (215) 222-5819. Please keep Fr. Lucas and all priests moving to a new assignment in your prayers. These times are not easy, but God's grace is amazing!



This Friday is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Can you join us for Mass at 6:30am or 8:30am? We will also have Mass at 9:30 with the



Blood Drive
St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church

Auditorium
535 Rhawn Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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WE NEED YOU!!! As we continue to develop the experience of worshipping God each weekend, we need more help. In particular, we would like to add 15 more readers to our rotation so that each person only needs to proclaim

God's Word once per month. We will provide the training. Please call Dave Schein at 215-725-0903. We also need 5-7 people to join our Greeters at either the 5pm or 9:30am Masses. You will be a blessing to us all. Please Call Sherri at 215-399-6178.

