



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



[June is the months of the Sacred Heart!](#) May he teach us all to love like he loves. Please visit our beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and entrust yourself to his care.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.**  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me.**  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.**

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



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like Mass and Bible Study.**

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This weekend we celebrate the beautiful gift of the Holy Eucharist. It is an opportunity for each of us to renew our belief in Jesus' Real Presence in Holy Communion. Take some time to become acquainted with...

- The [National Eucharistic Congress](#) that will take place in Indianapolis in July 2024 - St. Cecilia Parish will send a family to represent us at the Congress and bring our Prayer Intentions.
- Read about the plans for [Eucharistic Revival in Philadelphia](#) and plan to join us for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Czestohowa in Doylestown on September 30th, 2023.
- Trying to better understand the Eucharist? [Visit this website](#) which catalogues all there is to read to form your mind as a disciple. [Go HERE for a simpler article.](#)



Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (in Latin, “Corpus Christi”). It is a day to renew our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and give praise and thanks to God for this precious gift. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: “The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”

The Church in the United States of America is in the midst of three years of Eucharistic Revival. The bishops, as our shepherds and teachers, desire a renewal in the way the Eucharist is celebrated at Mass, received in Holy Communion, worshipped in Adoration and understood in the hearts and minds of God’s people. I continue to work with our Liturgy Planning Team to bring “renewal” to our celebration of the Mass each weekend – so it truly is an experience of heaven on earth. In a practical way, we will look at our “communion lines” in the months to come and decide if there is a more efficient, yet reverent, way to distribute our Lord. I have been overwhelmed by your presence at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays and First Sundays and hope we can draw more people to this amazing devotion. Finally, our Fall and Lenten Bible Studies will have a Eucharistic focus (as we did last Fall) and we will have a few opportunities to grow in understanding what happens during the Mass.

Before or after you receive Holy Communion this weekend, please offer the prayer below. May the words impact our hearts and minds – for God’s glory and for our salvation!

*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 (Father’s Day). 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!**

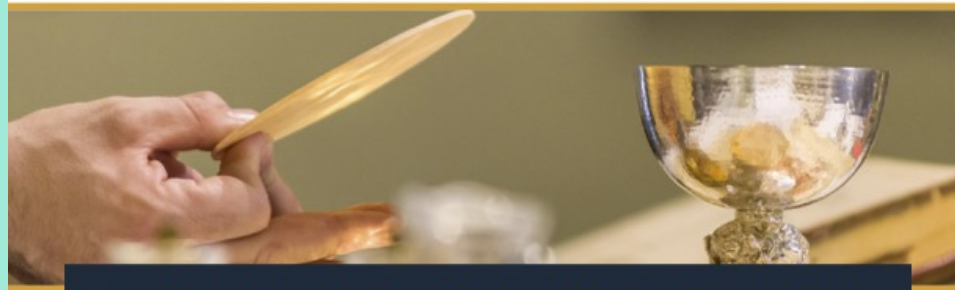
**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.**

*Fatima Prayer of the Guardian Angel of Portugal*



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



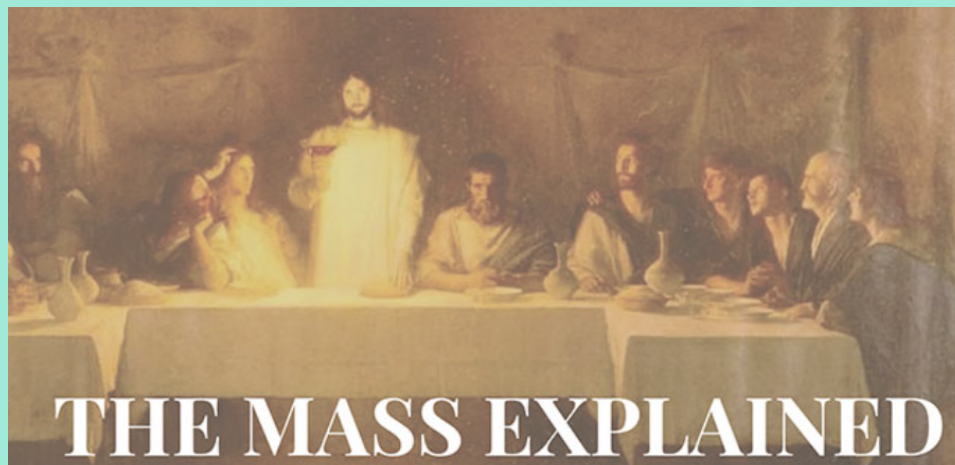
For additional information about the 2023 Eucharistic Congress and to register, please see: <https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>.

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.**



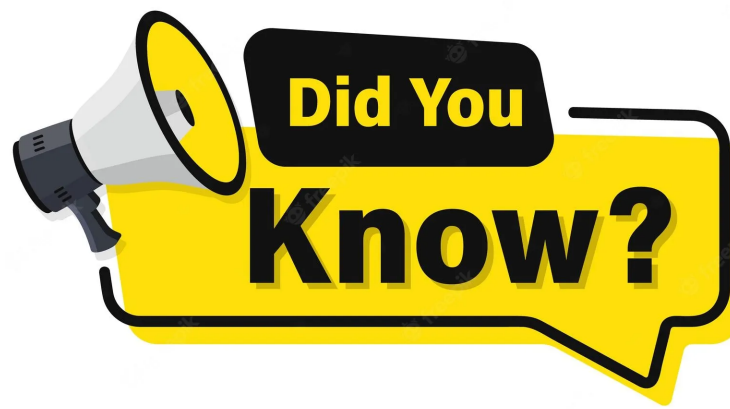
## THE MASS EXPLAINED

**The Gloria** - What's the number one song ever? The number one song ever, according to me, is the Gloria, which the Church has been singing for two thousand years, and it was first performed by the Choir of Angels over Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. It is a song of rejoicing because God

has sent us a savior! The Gloria has inspired composers down through the centuries to create stunningly beautiful musical scores for choir and orchestra. Some of the greatest are by Handel and Mozart. But the finest, most sublime setting for the Gloria, is from the Mass “Cum Iubilo”, a classic Gregorian Chant score. But we don’t know who composed it. It is reported that Mozart once said it was the most beautiful music he ever heard. On very special occasions, the bells are rung during the Gloria: Midnight Mass on Christmas, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, and Easter Vigil. *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.*



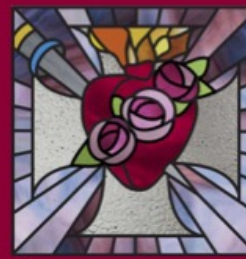
- Pope Francis' Intention for MAY: *For church movements and groups*  
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*Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelizing mission, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.*
- For Christians being persecuted in China, Pakistan, Sudan, Nigeria and Syria.
- For priests and sisters who are being missioned to new places - including Fr. Lucas, Fr. Phong, Sr Carolyn, Sr Marita and Sr. Bernadette.
- For the soul of STANLEY CZAJKA who is being buried from St. Cecilia on Thursday at 10:30am
- For those who are sick - especially Anna, Mary, Bill, John and Mary
- For the safety of all who travel and who celebrate this weekend
- For God to use our parish to draw many souls to Him and to salvation



- Father Bonner will be at St Cecilia this weekend. He will be the celebrant at the 5pm Mass on Saturday and the 6:30am Mass on Sunday.
- Two [new bishops in the US](#) were immigrants to the USA as teenagers
- There are many wonderful opportunities to grow in your faith throughout the Archdiocese in the weeks to come [CHECK THEM OUT](#)
- You may have received a mailing from [St. Charles Seminary](#) asking you to donate to their campaign to build a new seminary on the property of Gwynedd Mercy University (off of Rt. 309). The current campus on City Line Avenue was sold to Main Line Health a few years ago as the size of the campus, and significant maintenance needs, were judged beyond what was needed. They have purchased and will renovate two buildings at Gwynedd and hope to build a Chapel and Dormitory. This appeal is in addition the annual appeal the Seminary conducts in November. If you have further questions, you are welcome to contact Fr. Chris.
- A 2019 graduate of St. Cecilia School, [John Clark](#) is graduating from Father Judge and has been appointed to all FIVE Military Academies. He will attend the Air Force Academy.
- Through your generosity to our **Social Ministry Fund** (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to assist a senior citizen catch up on utility bills which had fallen behind. 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.



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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE 2023



*Created for Love*

Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother

*English Keynotes*



Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, OP  
*Created for Love:*  
Daughter, Sister, Friend, Bride, Mother



Sarah Swafford  
*Our Mission of*  
Spiritual Motherhood



Sr. Mary Peter, SOLT  
*Creada para el amor:*  
Hija, Hermana, Anija, Novia, Madre



Fr. Remigio Morales  
*Hija:*  
Construida sobre roca

*Spanish Keynotes*

*Opening Mass*



Archbishop  
Nelson J. Pérez  
Celebrant



Claudine Noel  
*Daughterhood:*  
Built Upon Rock



Mallory Smyth  
*Reclaiming*  
Friendship



Sisters of Life  
*What It Means to*  
Be a Sister



Bishop John J.  
McIntyre  
Presider

*Breakout Speakers*

Saturday, October 28, 2023  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road  
Doylestown, PA

- \$60 general admission
- \$50 groups of 5+
- \$20 college students
- \$15 religious sisters

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, hospitality bag and full-day conference access.

*Registration*



Register online:  
[catholicwomensconference.org](https://catholicwomensconference.org)  
Questions? Send us an email:  
[archphillycwc@gmail.com](mailto:archphillycwc@gmail.com)

[www.catholicwomensconference.org](https://www.catholicwomensconference.org)

Calling the women of our parish! Please consider joining us for the Annual Women's Conference on October 28th. Tickets sell fast so sign up NOW! St. Cecilia will be offering a bus to make travel easier and there are some scholarships available as well. Interested? Please email [Theresa Kuhar](mailto:Theresa.Kuhar)



As we prepare to bid farewell to Fr. Lucas, please make time to express thanks to him through a note or an email ([frlucas@stceciliafc.org](mailto:frlucas@stceciliafc.org)). Never under estimate the value of sharing with someone how they blessed your life: perhaps through his pastoral care at a time of illness, in confession, through a homily or some other way. Planning to be with us for his farewell gathering on June 11th (after the 11am Mass)? Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) or call the Parish Office and let us know so that we can plan well!

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!









**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.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: st cecilas phila to schedule an appointment.

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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.

Adam: I want a perfect soulmate

God: That will cost an arm & a leg

Adam: What can I get for a rib?

God:

