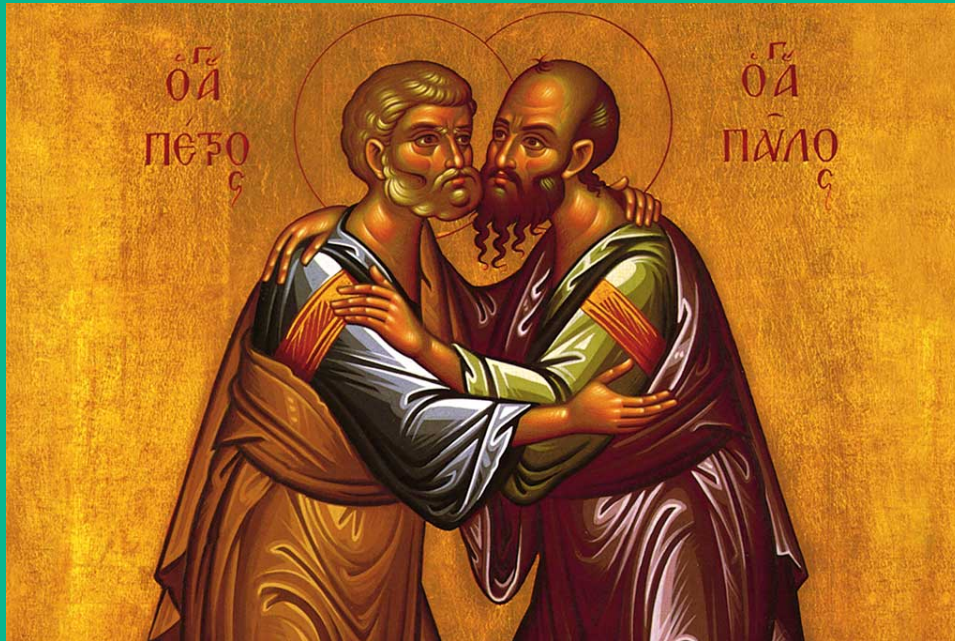




A Weekly Update from St. Cecilia Church
Knowing, Loving & Serving Jesus
In Fox Chase, Rockledge, Burholme and Beyond...



Today is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, patrons of our diocese and our Cathedral. The Church is founded on the faith and service of these two men...may we benefit from their prayers...

**Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we may be sustained
by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
that, as through them you gave your Church
the foundations of her heavenly office,
so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Have you ever visited our [Cathedral and its Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel](#)? It is an amazingly beautiful House of God and a precious gift to our Archdiocese and City. Why not make a pilgrimage this summer?

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



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We have 904 Subscribers.
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like Mass and Bible Study.**
Please visit our [Channel and SUBSCRIBE](#).
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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.

THERE WILL BE A 6:30AM MASS ON JULY 4TH AS WELL AS THE 8:30AM.

If you plan to attend the 8:30am Mass, 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](#).

THE LITANY OF AMERICAN SAINTS

St. Isaac Jogues, *pray for us*

St. Rene Goupil, *pray for us*

St. Jean de Lalande, *pray for us*

St. Kateria Tekakwitha, *pray for us*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, *pray for us*

St. Francis Cabrini, *pray for us*

St. Rose-Philippine Duchense, *pray for us*

St Anne-Therese Guerin, *pray for us*

St. Damien of Molakai, *pray for us*

St. Katherine Drexel, *pray for us*

St. Marianne Cope, *pray for us*

St. Junipero Serra, *pray for us*

Blessed Stanley Rother, *pray for us*

Blessed Leo William Miller, *pray for us*

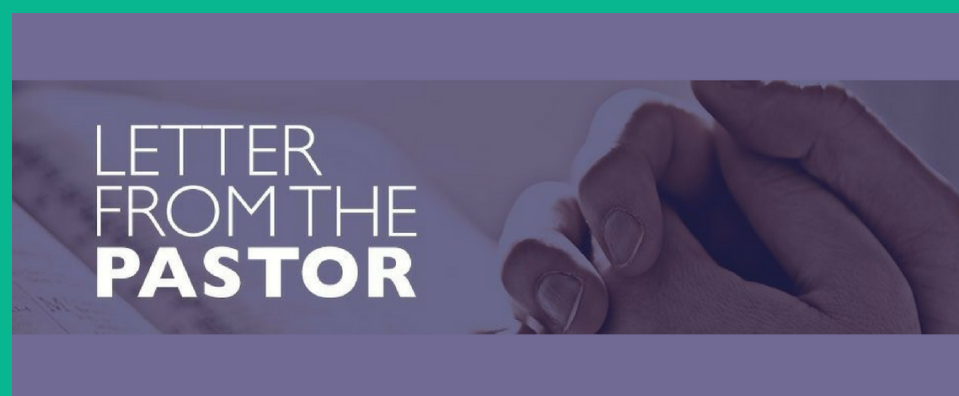
Blessed Francis Seelos, *pray for us*

Blessed Michael McGivney, *pray for us*

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, *pray for us*

Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriques, *pray for us*

All the venerable women and men, *pray for us*



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I mentioned in recent letters, the ENVISIONING PHASE for Next Generation Parish has come to an end and I am preparing to launch the IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. This Phase, which will last for the next 24-36 months, will seek to make the Parish Pastoral Plan a reality in the life of St. Cecilia Church. It is my hope that our Parish will reach the goals we set for our Priority Areas: (1) engage more young families in the life of the Parish,

(2) guide our members in spiritual growth, and (3) become a parish where our members are actively engaged in service to others. In order to assist me, I will be putting together an IMPLEMENTATION TEAM.

The Team will be composed of eight people, including myself and one person who will assist me as a Co-Ordinator of the Team. There will be two people for each of the three priority areas mentioned above. In addition to the Implementation Team, there will be 5-7 people gathered for each of the priority areas to assist with the implantation. I am grateful to those who have put forth their names. In some cases, I may have misplaced your email so if you do not hear from me – please reach out this week. It will take many hands for this lift but I am very excited about what will come from this effort.

Finally, we begin our book clubs this week (and some next week because of the 4th of July Holiday). I am grateful to those who are leading the groups and look forward to hearing about the fruits of these conversations. Even if you are not in one of the groups, please try to pick up a book this week and read. There are plenty of selections in our Parish Library at the back of the Church!

Father Chris



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!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, NOON TO 5PM

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION AT 5PM

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](#).



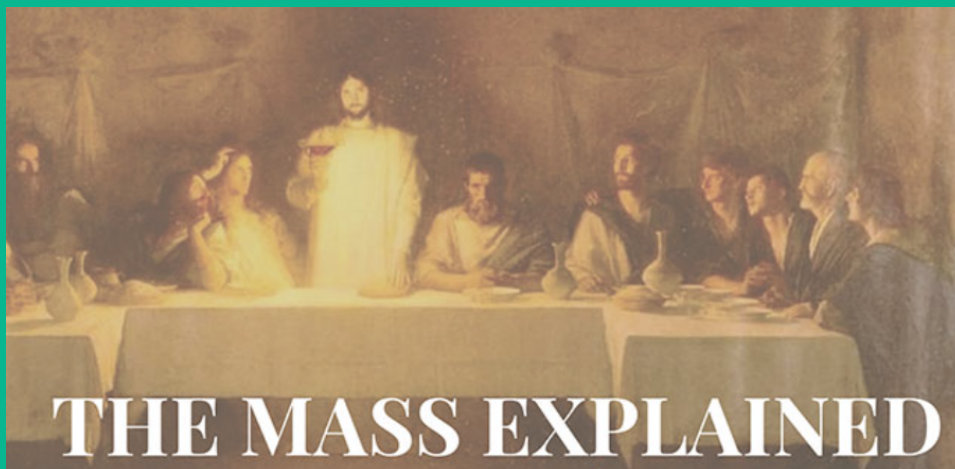
Please plan to join us for a Pilgrimage to the Shrine in Doylestown on Saturday, September 30th as part of Philadelphia's EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

Each person is responsible for their own registration...

[PLEASE SEE THE LINE UP OF SPEAKERS AND EVENTS](#)

[PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER](#)

St. Cecilia will have a FREE bus to and from this wonderful day at the Shrine. There is a cost of \$25 to register for the day.



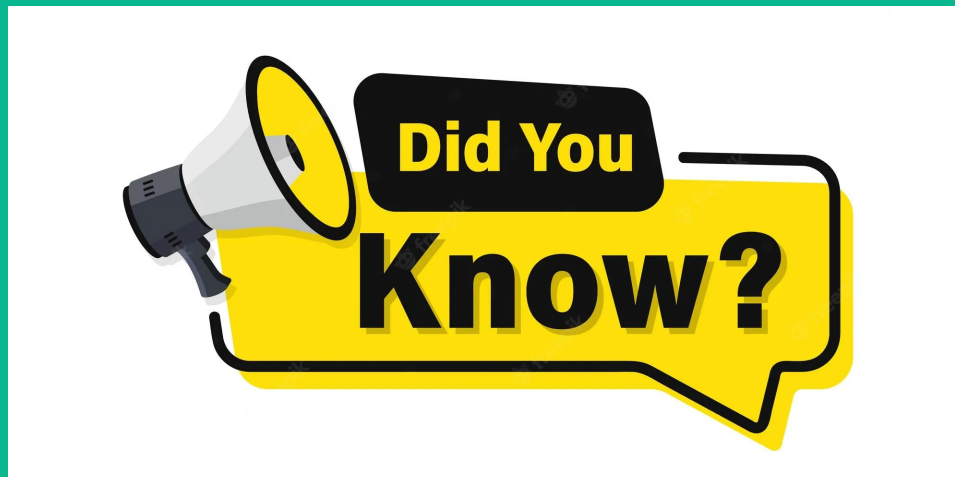
THE MASS EXPLAINED

The Psalm: It's right about this point that people get distracted at Mass. After the First Reading, comes the Responsorial Psalm. And if you were not paying close attention to the First Reading, you will be distracted at this point, and you'll need to regain your concentration. So grab your Breaking Bread and do the response. Every day we have a Psalm during the readings at Mass, and because the congregation participates in the singing or chanting of the Psalm by repeating a selected phrase, we call this a 'response'; hence, 'Responsorial Psalm.' King David composed many of the Psalms and there are 150 in all. It is remarkable that even though these

Psalms were composed thousands of years ago, we see that human nature has not changed during the course of time. The creature hungers for his Creator, repents of his sins, longs for protection and the goodness 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 Holy Spirit to guide the IHM Sisters who are gathered for the Chapter and electing new leadership in the days to come.
- For young people trapped in the cycle of crime and violence - Lord, break them free and help them think of others.
- For those who are fighting mental illness.
- For God to use our parish to draw many souls to Him and to salvation
- For all the sick and suffering at Fox Chase and Jeanes Hospital



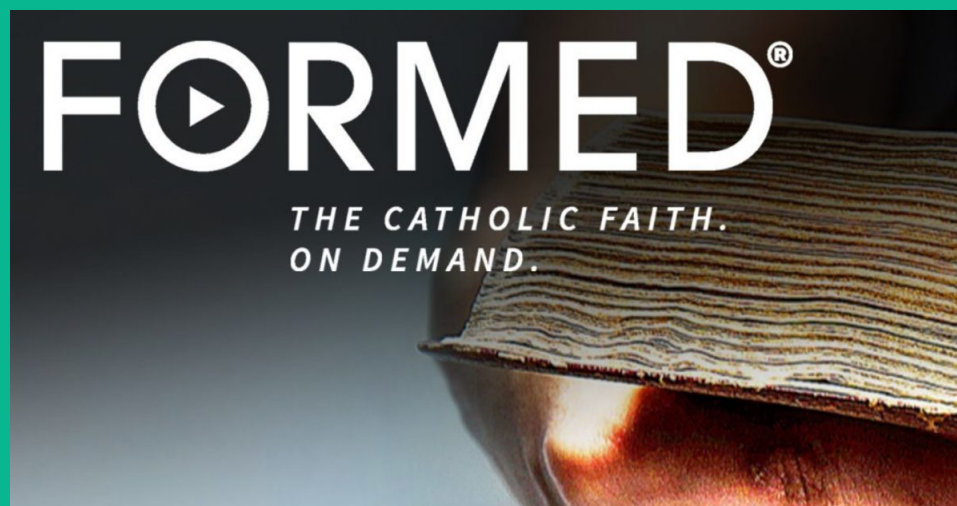
- They have revealed the planned interior of the rebuilt Notre Dame Cathedral in Parish - [some are happy and some are not](#)
- St. Bede Parish in Holland will have a [Patriotic Concert on Monday, July 3rd - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND](#)
- Over the past 100 years, the number of Catholics around the world as tripled from 291 million in 1910 to 1.1 billion in 2010. Percentage wise, the population has remained relatively stable, constituting 17% of the world population in 1910 and 16% in 2010.

- An Irish Nun who spent her life caring for the poor in India passed away - [God reward her goodness in eternity](#).
- Through your generosity to our **Social Ministry Fund** (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to assist a family in our neighborhood whose father lost his job. Thank you for being a blessing to our sisters and brothers!
- What do YOU need to know about the [National Eucharistic Renewal](#)?
- 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. Phong 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.



When was the last time you read a good book? Why not join one of our Summer Book Clubs and gather with 5-7 other members of the Church to discuss a great spiritual book and help each other grow in faith, hope and love? Groups will meet at the Rectory for 6 weeks in July and August. If you are interested, please contact the group leader directly.

Space is limited, so act today. You are responsible to purchase the book on your own. Life of the Beloved by Henri Nowen (about the gift of the Eucharist) will meet on Tuesday at 7pm and is led by Sam Scharf (267-400-0858; sammyscharf@gmail.com) (this is group is for Young Adults ages 19-25). The Apostles by Pope Benedict (exploring the lives of the men chosen by Jesus to be the foundation of the Church) will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm and is led by Mike Pacitti (215-268-8450; v56mike@verizon.net). The Story of a Soul by St Therese of Liseaux (the spiritual diary of the Little Flower) will meet on Thursday at 7pm and will be led by our new Parochial Vicar Fr. Phong (215-725-1240; frphong@stceciliafc.com).



Need a break from Netflix?
Want something that feeds your soul?
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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.

