



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



Today is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles. She loved Jesus and placed her faith in Him - a model for us all as we move forward each day as disciples. [Learn about her life](#) and pray for her intercession...

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.
Amen.

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



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like Mass and Bible Study.**

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LETTER FROM THE **PASTOR**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel this weekend gives us lots of think about as always. Jesus reminds us that the weeds exist alongside the wheat. We want the weeds gone – and rightfully so! But Jesus asks that we allow them to remain and he will take care of them in the end. Do you trust Jesus on this one? Do you trust that the people who do evil things and hurt you and others will be “taken care of by Jesus”? Are you okay if he “taking care of them” Jesus means that he is going to be merciful and patient, hoping for their conversion and welcoming them into paradise? There that Jesus goes again...messaging with our heads!

As God often reminds us: his ways are not our ways. He is patient. He is kind. He is forgiving. He is always hopeful. We like that about God when it related to ourselves, but when it is towards those...not so much.

Pray as I do...LORD, EXPAND MY HEART THAT I MAY LOVE AS YOU LOVE. He is a good God who is wants to give you what you need.

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!

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](#).



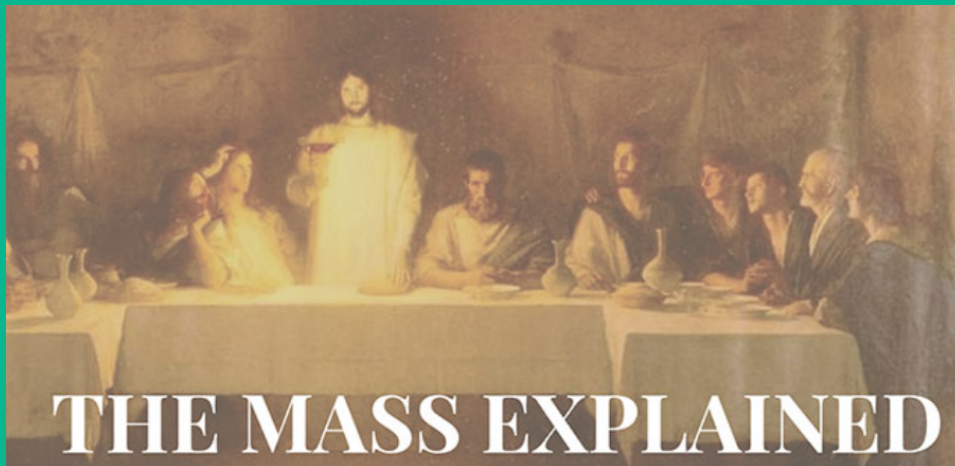
Please plan to join us for a Pilgrimage to the Shrine in Doylestown on Saturday, September 30th as part of Philadelphia's EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

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 Homily: It was St. Paul who set the record for the longest homily ever. It might have been ten hours. That's right. The homily lasted all night long, and it took place in Troas, and a young man named Eutychus fell asleep during the homily, tumbled out of the third story window where he was sitting on the window sill, and died. St. Paul resuscitated him and then continued the rest of his homily until dawn. True Story. You can read it for yourself in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 20. These days, Pope Francis

encourages priests to “Speak concisely. Say much in few words.” Homilies should be related to the Readings of the Mass, and be clear, concise, convincing, and inspiring. But more important than the preparation of the homily, is the preparation of the homilist. So, don’t forget to pray for your priests and deacons!

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.

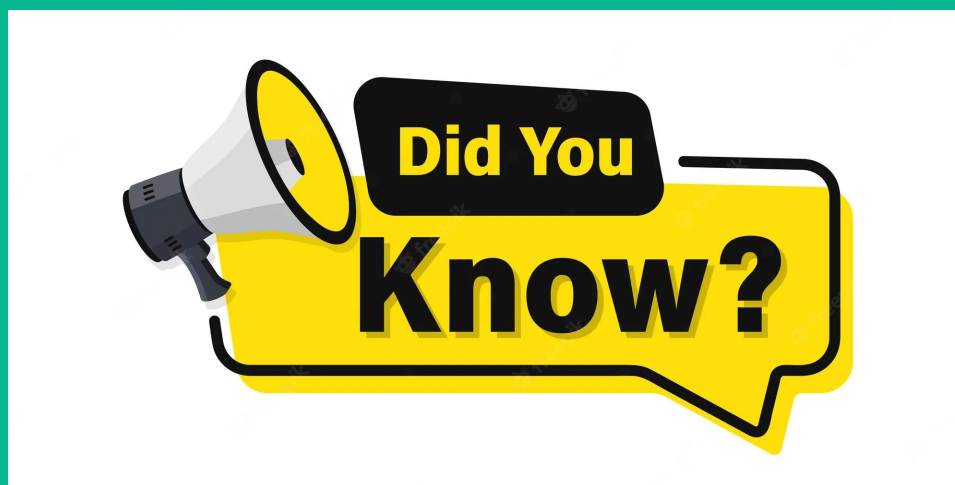


You will never look into
the eyes of someone
God does not love.



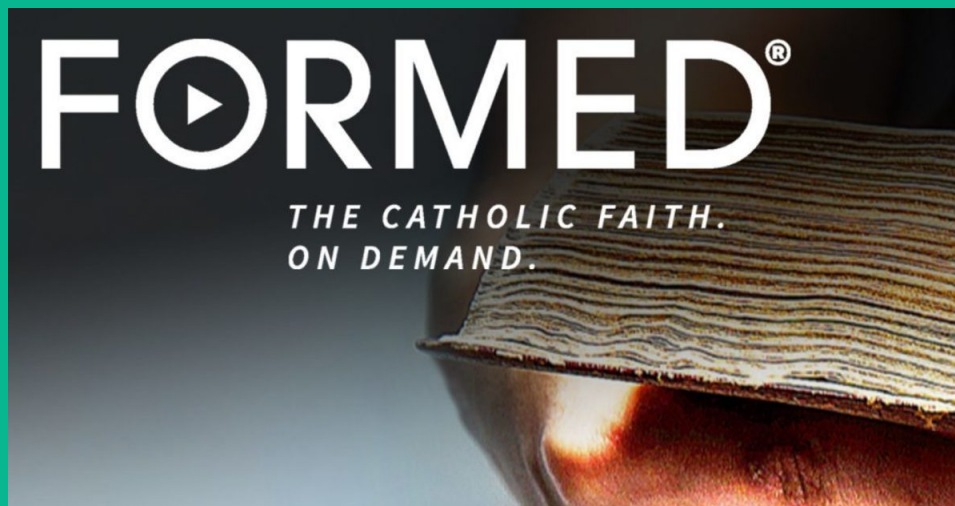
- Pope Francis' Intention for JULY: *For a Eucharistic Life - that the celebration of the Eucharist be at the heart of our lives, transforming us in deep ways and opening us to encounters with our brothers and sisters.*

- For Cecilia as she recover from surgery and for Ed who is on hospice care.
- For victims of human trafficking
- For the leaders of schools as they prepare for a new academic year and hire new staff
- For **Gordy Hawkinson** whose funeral will be at St. Cecilia on Friday, July 21st at 10:30am.
- For **Madge O'Neil** who passed away and whose funeral will be at St. Cecilia on Saturday, July 22nd at 10:30AM; please pray for her husband Bob (they were together 71 years; married for 70 years).
- For all the sick and suffering of our parish and those seeking healing at Fox Chase and Jeanes Hospital



- Millions of young Catholics (including hundreds from the Philadelphia area) will head to Portugal next week for [WORLD YOUTH DAY](#)
- There are now [Children's Bulletins](#) available for our young disciples. They are in a rack outside of the Children's Chapel and offer activities that will help young people engage with the message of faith that week. Please offer any feedback to Fr. Chris
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME:** August 1st is the National Night Out Against Crime. Can you join us at the St. Cecilia Table from 6pm to 8pm and help invite people to become a part of our Parish? If you want to be with us, please contact Father Phong by calling 215-725-1240 or email [Father Phong](#).
- [Pope Francis is headed to Mongolia](#) in August - a country with a Catholic Population of less than 2,000 people!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Do you have a child enrolled in a non-Catholic School who needs to receive their religious education? Do you have a child who has not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? Please contact Kelly Roney at 215-725-2821 or [EMAIL KELLY](#) to get your child enrolled!
- The movie [Sound of Freedom](#) is a MUST SEE for people of good will - it exposes the horror of human trafficking in the world.
- August 5th and 6th we will welcome **Brother Richard Kessler** of the LaSalle Christian Brothers to St. Cecilia to speak on behalf of the Brother's work in Kenya. This is our annual **Mission Appeal** and your support is appreciated.
- There will be no 6:30am Mass Monday to Friday during August. Thank you for your understanding!

- Through your generosity to our **Social Ministry Fund** (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to assist THE FOOD BANK at Saint 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. 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
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
 - **Assumption** Holyday Masses on August 14th & 15th
 - **Fall Bible Study** on Wednesday Night Starting September 13th
 - **Blessing of Animals** on October 4th at 6:30pm
 - St. Cecilia **School Alumni Gathering** for ALL Graduates on October 6th
 - **Parish Fall Festival** on October 14th



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**July 26th is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne
they are the grandparents of Jesus.
Join us at 7pm for our First**

Grandparents' Mass & Blessing

**Come with or without the grandchildren.
Join us after Mass for a Social and
chance to brag about your grandkids!**



**Congratulations to Alyssa and Christopher who
were married at Saint Cecilia on July 15th.
May God bless them with many happy years together.**



**Do you enjoy young people?
Do you want to contribute a few hours of service each week?
Do you want to strengthen our Parish School?
WE NEED YOU!!!**

St. Cecilia School needs volunteers to assist in many ways: reading 1:1 with students, assisting a teaching in the classroom, assisting teachers at lunch or recess, providing additional "eyes" at arrival (7:30am to 8:00am) or dismissal (2:30pm to 3:15pm).

Please email [Sister Catherine, our Principal](#) and we will find a place for you to use your gifts. All volunteers will need to pass background checks and receive training before volunteering. Classes will be held on our campus in August!

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