



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

And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day!

A LABOR DAY PRAYER

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

This weekend we will extend a BLESSING OF WORKERS at each Mass. Please invite friends and family to join us. In addition, join us for the 8:30am Mass on Monday and begin your Labor Day in prayer for workers and those looking for work. ***Did you know that the Catholic Church has a long history of teaching on the rights of workers? [CHECK IT OUT!](#)***

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



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR You Tube CHANNEL

We have 943 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!



Dear Friends in Christ,

While the arrival of Labor Day brings an end to days at the beach and wearing white shoes, it is also an occasion to give thanks to God for the opportunity to work and to give thanks to God for those whose work is a blessing to us. As Pastor of Saint Cecilia, I am blessed to work with an amazing group of people on our Parish Staff and our School Staff. Each person comes to St. Cecilia with a desire to give of themselves in order that the lives of others may be transformed. Like any non-profit, working for the Church has the benefit of serving a mission larger than yourself with like-minded individuals. In addition, like working at any non-profit it has the challenge of wage and benefits not always being as competitive as the private sector and often being stretched in your role. It is certainly my goal as Pastor to provide just compensation for our employees and be as generous as possible with our benefits. In addition, to always provide a work environment that adheres to the awesome vision set by the Church in her own documents on the rights and dignity of workers.

So, as you celebrate your Labor Day, be sure to take a moment and raise a prayer in gratitude for those who work at St. Cecilia Church and School, as well as those who serve the Church through the many ministries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. May they be blessed for their goodness and always know our appreciation.

Father Chris



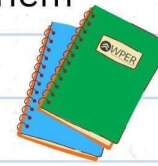
Verses to Pray Over Your Kids as They Head Back to School

Joshua 1:9

Thank God for always being with them

Ephesians 4:32

Ask God to help them be kind



Proverbs 10:9

Ask God to help them walk with integrity



Psalms 56:3

Ask God to help them trust Him

Philippians 4:6-7

Ask God to help them not worry

Luke 2:52

Ask God to help them grow

Proverbs 17:17

Ask God to give them good friends

Colossians 3:23

Ask God to help them work hard

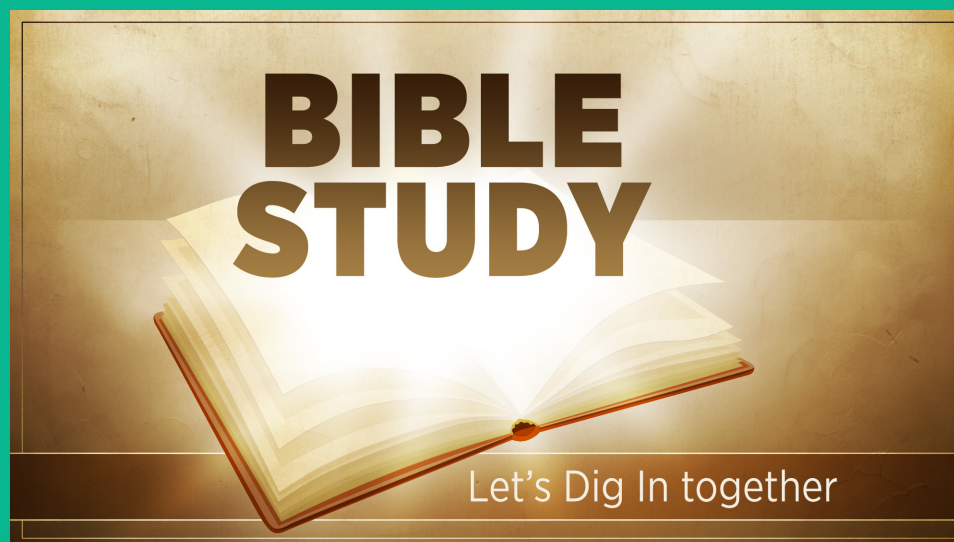
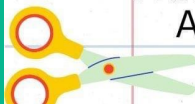


James 1:5

Ask God to give them wisdom

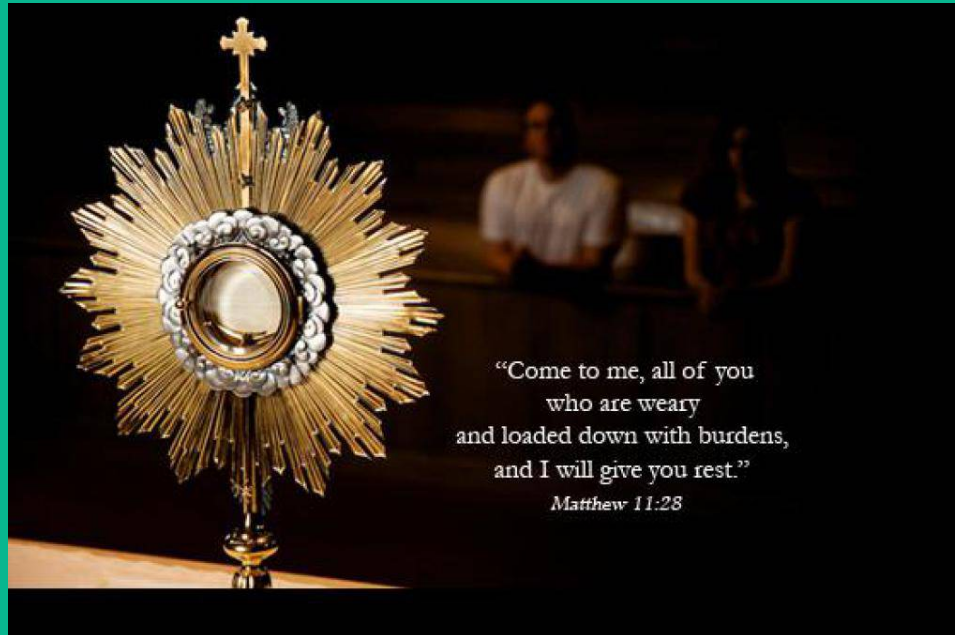
Philippians 4:12

Ask God to help them be content



Join us on Wednesday Evenings (7pm to 8:30pm) on September 13, 20 & 27 and October 4, 11, 18 & 25 to study to Old Testament & New Testament Scriptures that offer us insights and understandings on the Holy Eucharist. The final session on October 25th will be a TEACHING MASS in our Church that will offer all a chance to grow in appreciation of this wonderful gift of Jesus. Christ. No cost. No experience necessary. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED AS WELL. Join us every week or for

the weeks your schedule allows. Use [THIS LINK](#) or call Sue in the Parish Office to sign up!



“Come to me, all of you
who are weary
and loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

**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 FOR ADORATION THIS SUNDAY
NOON TO 5PM - PLEASE STOP IN!!!**

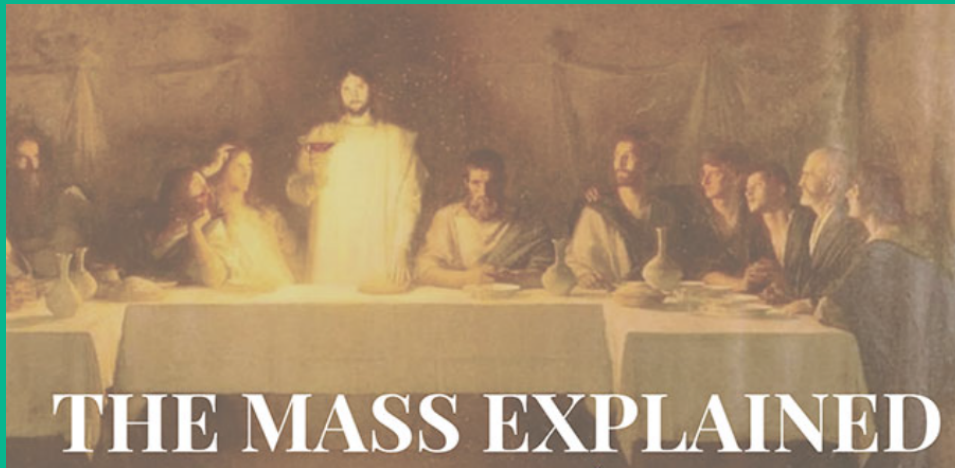
**THIS MONDAY - LABOR DAY - ADORATION WILL
BE FROM 9AM TO 10AM ONLY**



COFFEE TALK RETURNS! Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Many people find it helpful to talk through grief with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for a monthly COFFEE TALK at St. Cecilia. The next gathering is Saturday, September 23rd from 9am to 10:30am in the Cecilian Room (Building C, across from the Rectory). All are welcome. For more information, call the Parish Office.



The Sept, 30th Eucharistic Revival is SOLD OUT! If you already have your ticket, you are welcome to ride our FREE bus to the Shrine. Please call Sue in the Parish Office. *If you bought a ticket, but can no longer use it, let Fr. Chris know as others will buy it from you.*



Prayer over the Gifts: Just as we say grace before meals, now the priest prays the prayer over the gifts. There are three prayers which are unique for each daily Mass: the Opening Prayer, the Prayer over the Gifts, and the Prayer after Communion. If the Mass is in honor of the Blessed Mother, those three prayers will be related to her. If the Mass is in honor of a martyr, the three prayers will be related to that martyr, etc. When the priest prays the Opening Prayer and the Prayer after Communion he invites everyone present to pray by saying, "Let us pray." But he does not make this invitation for the Prayer over the Gifts, because the people just stood to pray the "Orate Fratres" and they are already in a disposition of prayer. The rubrics state: "With hands extended, the priest sings or prays the prayers over the gifts, at the end of which the people respond 'Amen.'" Why does the priest extend his hands (what is called "Orans" position)? Once again it is 'body language' that shows that he and all of the congregation are 'open' to the gifts that God wants to give them.

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.



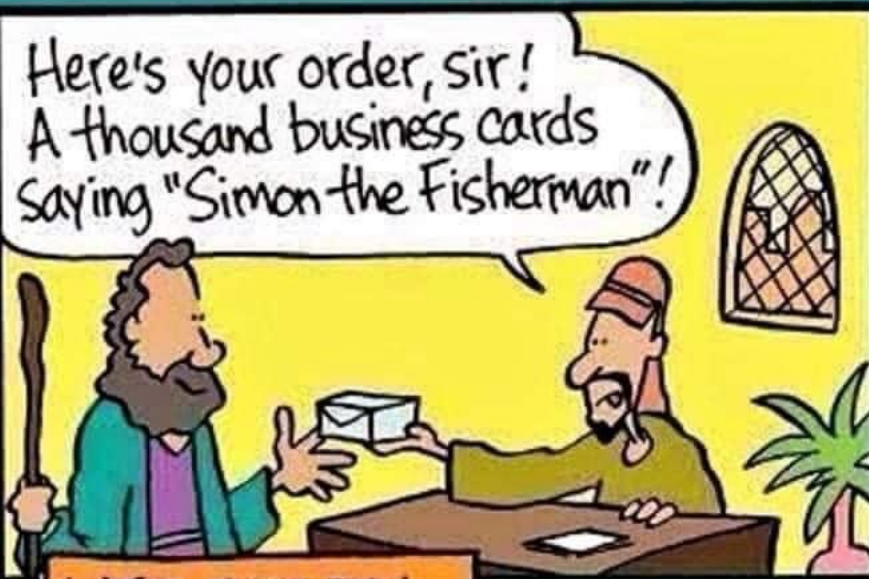
Welcome Sister Ann Mark, IHM In addition to Sister Catherine being able to hire all of the teachers needed, we are also blessed that the IHM Sisters have sent us a new Sister! Sr. Ann Mark will serve as our Assistant Principal! She grew up in Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Fishtown and is the oldest of two brothers and a sister. Sr. Ann attended Hallahan High School, Immaculata University and received her Masters in Special Education at Trenton State University and Autism Certification from Holy Family University. She has taught grades 1 through 8, opened Resource Rooms in two school and loves teaching and working with parents and guardians to help their children reach their best potential possible. *Welcome Sister Ann Mark Morris, IHM!*



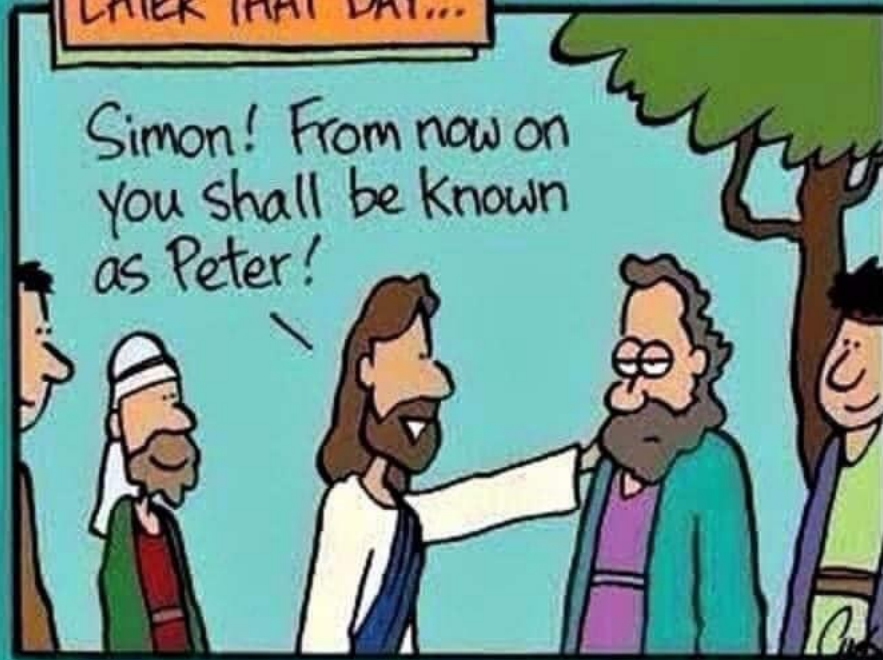
Catholic Social Services is in need of more baby supplies! Please use [THIS LINK](#) to shop electronically or shop in your on and have items delivered to (or dropped off at) **Amy Stoner, Catholic Social Service, 222 N. 17th Street, Phila PA 19103**. God bless your goodness in sharing your blessings with families in need.

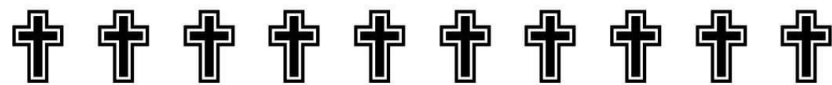


PA MARCH FOR LIFE: Witness to the Sacredness of Human Life at the Pennsylvania Capitol Building on Monday, October 16th Join Fr. Chris, Fr. Phong and members of our Parish for the Third PA March for Life. Mass at St. Cecilia (535 Rhawn Street) at 7:30am. The bus departs 8140 Verree Road (around the corner from Church at Verree Road and Solly Avenue) at 8:30am. The bus will return to Fox Chase by 4:30pm. Cost per person is \$25. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Drop off payment (Checks payable to St. Cecilia Church) with your name and phone number to save your seat. Questions? Call 215-725-1240. Join us. All are welcome (especially students)! *We are grateful for a grant from the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia that subsidizes the cost of our coach bus.*



LATER THAT DAY...





HOW DO PEOPLE CHOOSE A CHURCH?



2% VIEWED ADVERTISEMENT

6% ASKED BY PASTOR / PRIEST

6% EVANGELIZATION CAMPAIGN

86% INVITED BY FRIEND / FAMILY



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

ST. CECILIA PARISH

535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111

**FALL
FESTIVAL**

*Free
Event*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

11AM - 3PM

**CRAFT FAIR
FACE PAINTING**

**BOUNCE HOUSES
BALLOON ANIMALS**

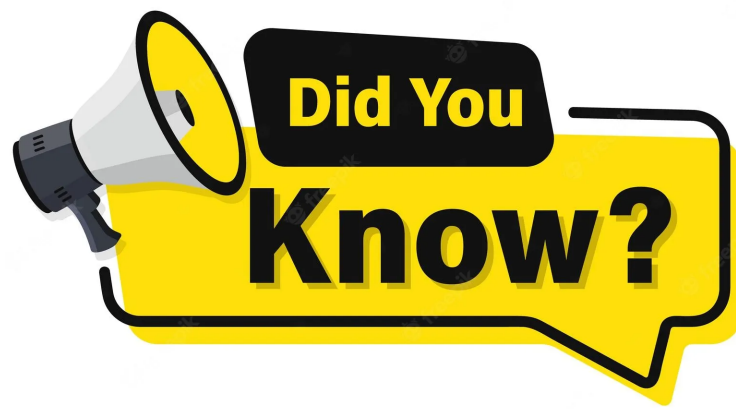
**GAMES
FOOD TRUCKS**



SCS ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR: Spread the word to all graduates of our school. On Friday, Oct. 6th from 7pm to 9pm we will have a Happy Hour (actually TWO HAPPY HOURS) to gather all of our graduates to reconnect and begin planning the celebration of St. Cecilia School's 100th Anniversary! More information on tickets next week!



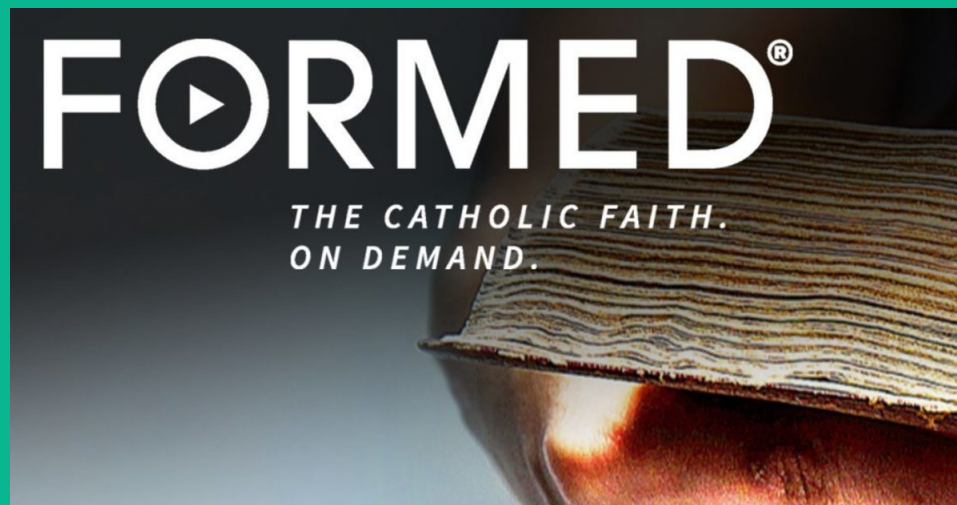
- Pope Francis' Intention for AUGUST: *that the recent World Youth Day is Portugal will help all young people live as witnesses to Jesus Christ*
- Pray for those being impacted by the hurricanes along the coast of Florida
- For Eileen and Michael and Mike (recovering from surgery)
- For those who work for the rights and dignity of workers
- For the leaders of schools as they prepare for a new academic year and hire new staff
- For those who have lost their job in recent weeks, may they remain hopeful and be blessed with new opportunities
- For **Thomas McGarrity** who will be buried today (Thursday) at 10:30 and the comfort of his family
- For **Eileen Schaffer** who will be buried on Friday at 10:30 and the comfort of her family
- For **Lawrence Keeley** who will be buried on Monday at 10:30 and the comfort of his family, including his brother Joe who worships with us
- For **Frank McDermott** who will be buried on Tuesday at 10:30 and the comfort of his wife and family



- **SOCIAL MINISTRY FUND:** Through your generosity to our Social Ministry Fund (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to send \$500 to our sisters and brothers in Hawaii suffering because of the devastating fires. Thank you for being a blessing to our sisters and brothers! If you would like to send an additional donation, [USE THIS LINK](#) OR please mail it here (and note Fire Relief)
Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation
1184 Bishop Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
- **HELPING A FAMILY FROM AFGHANISTAN** Catholic Social Services has asked St. Cecilia to provide support and mentorship to a family of 6 (mom, dad and four young children). Is God calling you to this beautiful work? The team of people (ideally 5-6) would work together to help the family learn English, find work and adjust to life in America (they live near St. William Church). St. Cecilia Church did this beautiful work in the past with refugees from Vietnam, we hope we can do it again. Please contact Father Chris to learn more. TWO PEOPLE HAVE STEPPED UP - WHO IS NEXT???
- **RETROUVAILLE is a Catholic Weekend that will bring a LIFETIME OF RENEWAL to your Marriage.** There will be a weekend on OctOber 6-8 in Malvern. You will build communication skills that lead to greater intimacy and a stronger marriage. Call 215-766-3944 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org
- **ABBEY FEST** is an amazing one day (noon to 9pm) Catholic Music Festival on September 16th in Paoli. It features wonderful music and will be a true shot in the arm as you seek to live as a disciple of Jesus!
- **Do you know a homebound parishioner who would like to have a priest visit with Holy Communion?** The parish is aware that many who once attended Mass each week are no longer able to come to us and we would like to bring Jesus to them! If you know a family member, neighbor or someone you once sat with who is no longer in the pews, please call [Ruth in our Parish Office](#) and let her know about this person so that we can provide them the Pastoral Care they deserve as God's beloved child!
- **SYMPATHY:** Father Bob Lucas' brother Richard passed away after many months of health challenges. The funeral was Friday in Lancaster and members of our Parish were able to attend to pray with Fr. Lucas. We will have a Memorial Mass on Tuesday, October 3rd that Fr. Lucas will return to celebrate so that we can pray with him

for his brother and for Rick's family. If you wish to send Fr. Lucas a sympathy card, his address is: St. Francis de Sales Church, 4625 Springfield Avenue, Phila. PA 19143.

- [How does your faith influence your financial investments?](#)
- **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!
- 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



Need a break from Netflix?

Want something that feeds your soul?

Create a FREE account with [FORMED.ORG](#) (another benefit of being a member of Saint Cecilia-Fox Chase).

Start watching movies, documentaries and amazing videos that will teach you our Catholic Faith!



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!

