



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



Saturday is the Feast of [Saint Peter Claver](#) - a Spanish Jesuit who ministered to enslaved Africans in the 1600s. He was based on Columbia and is said to have baptized more than 300,000 people as well as ministering to their material needs - food, healthcare, compassion! His compassion for the suffering is a model for us all...see the needs of the person in front of you and do something for them! ***Saint Peter Claver, pray for us!***

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Monday marks the 22nd Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Western Pennsylvania. Our nation and world were changed drastically that day and for those of us who were alive, it will remain a day of great shock, sadness and fear.

In recent years, as you may note on your calendars, it is referred to as Patriot Day. While not a "formal" holiday, it calls all Americans to great patriotism in honor of the fact that when the terrorists attacked our nation on 9-11-01, they were in fact attacking the ideals of our nation. Our founders envisioned a land where all people enjoyed life, liberty and the ability to pursue happiness. While it took us many decades to achieve and some are still struggling with this promise, it sets us as a light to other nations in the world. While the United States is not perfect, I am proud to live here and proud to call myself an American. This pride was heightened on Wednesday as I welcomed students to St. Cecilia School. So many of our students arrived with a parent or grandparent who was born in another nation. Who come to the USA for the same reason my grandparents arrived here in the last Century – to pursue a better path for their children.

Patriotism is a virtue. It makes us a better person. It calls us to greater selflessness as we seek to extend the prize of freedom to others, especially the unborn child. Please join us in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16th for our PA March for Life. It allows us to be a true Patriot and a bold Christian!

Father Chris



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**ARE
YOU BEING
CALLED?**

**PERMANENT DIACONATE
INFORMATION SESSION**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
VIANNEY AUDITORIUM
100 EAST WYNNEWOOD ROAD
WYNNEWOOD, PA 19096**

Scan QR Code to register or visit archphila.org/deacon



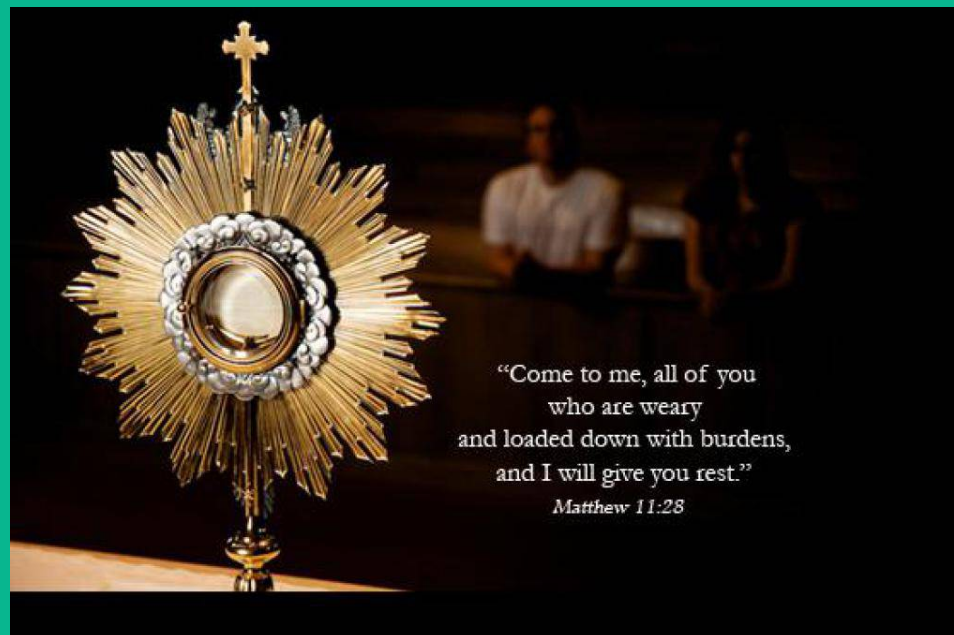
**BIBLE
STUDY**

Let's Dig In together

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!



[ABBIE 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! Consider making the trip with family or friends!



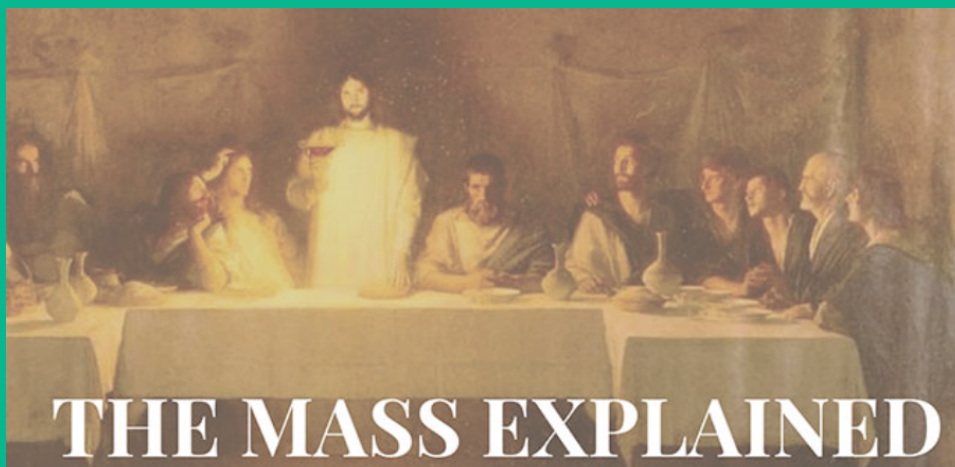
Have you joined us for Adoration on Mondays?
Jesus wants time with you.
Join us from Noon to 7pm.
Come for 10, 20 or 30 minutes. Maybe even an hour!
Look at Him. Let Him look at you!



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 Paula at 215-317-9802.



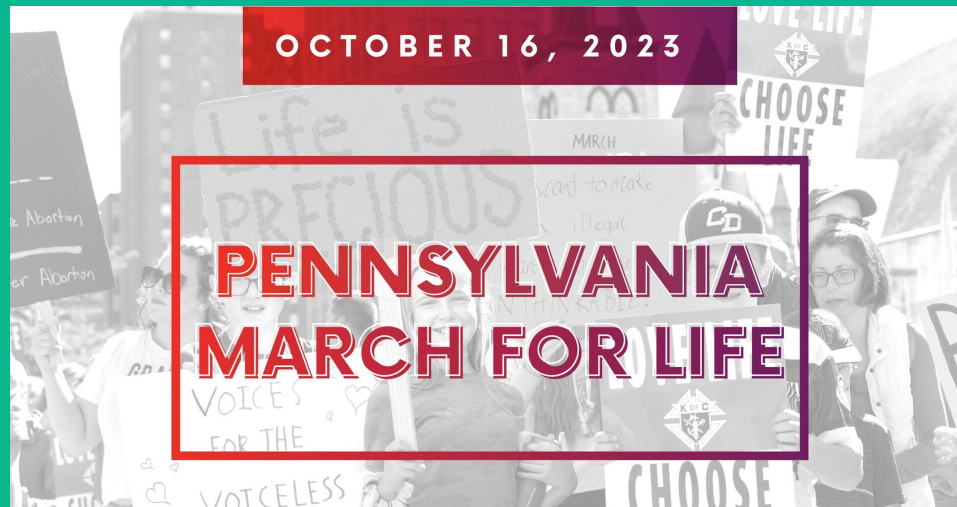
The Sept, 30th Eucharistic Revival is SOLD OUT! If you already have your ticket, you are welcome to ride our FREE bus to the Shrine. Please call Sue in the Parish Office. *If you bought a ticket, but can no longer use it, let Fr. Chris know as others will buy it from you.*



The Preface: The Mass is never boring if you know what's going on. Now, the great event of the Mass is about to take place: the miracle of the transubstantiation. As the Eucharistic Prayer begins, everyone is standing. The priest invites the people to pray with him by saying: "The Lord be with

you.” And the people respond: “And with your spirit.” If the people respond with energy and enthusiasm, it is a clear signal that they have faith and that they want to be there. And now begins the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer. It is prayed by the priest alone, it is the second-longest prayer in the Mass after the Eucharistic Prayer, and it changes daily and by the season, depending on the theme of the Mass. For instance, there are several different prefaces for the Advent season, Christmas season, Lenten season, Easter season, saints, martyrs, virgins, pastors, etc. The Preface ends with all singing (or speaking) the Holy, Holy, Holy!

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.



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.*



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raising a toast to support educational initiatives at
Saint Cecilia School!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

7:00 - 9:00PM

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\$10 ADMISSION



Why Join Us?

Connect with old friends

Toast to your memories

Have a drink in your grade school



Use the QR code to RSVP



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Questions? Contact us! alumni@stceciliafc.com

Must be 21+ to attend. Please drink responsibly.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. CECILIA PARISH
535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111

FALL FESTIVAL

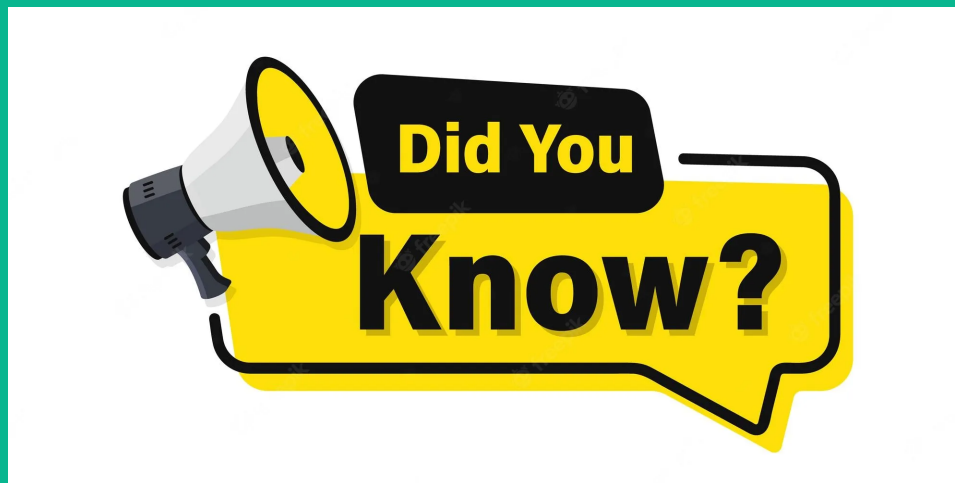
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH
11AM - 3PM

Free Event

CRAFT FAIR FACE PAINTING	BOUNCE HOUSES BALLOON ANIMALS	GAMES FOOD TRUCKS
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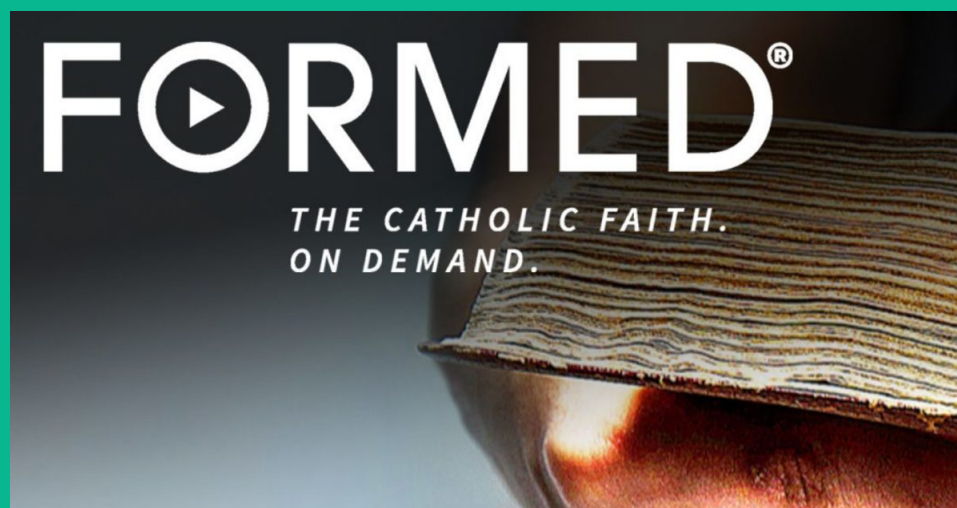
- Pope Francis' Intention for AUGUST: *that the recent World Youth Day in Portugal will help all young people live as witnesses to Jesus Christ*
- Pray for those being impacted by the hurricanes along the coast of Florida
- For Eileen and Michael and Mike (recovering from surgery)
- For Father Paul Quinter, Pastor of Maternity BVM who is being treated for cancer.
- For MaryKate and Jacob who will be married at St. Cecilia on Friday afternoon



- SOCIAL MINISTRY FUND: Through your generosity to our Social Ministry Fund (including the Poor Boxes and Candle donations) our Parish was able to help a couple catch up on their electric bill after the lost time at work due to illness. Thank you for being a blessing to our sisters and brothers!
- We are having a **DONUT SOCIAL** on Sunday after the 11am Mass in the Auditorium.
- You can spread love [through a smile?](#)
- If you would like to send a donation to the folks in Maui who are struggling after the fires, [USE THIS LINK](#) OR please mail it here (and note Fire Relief)
Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation
1184 Bishop Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
- Gov. Shapiro has ended the funding of [Real Alternatives](#) in our state. This sad decision will impact many of our Catholic Ministries and their

service

- **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
- **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!
- **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



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