

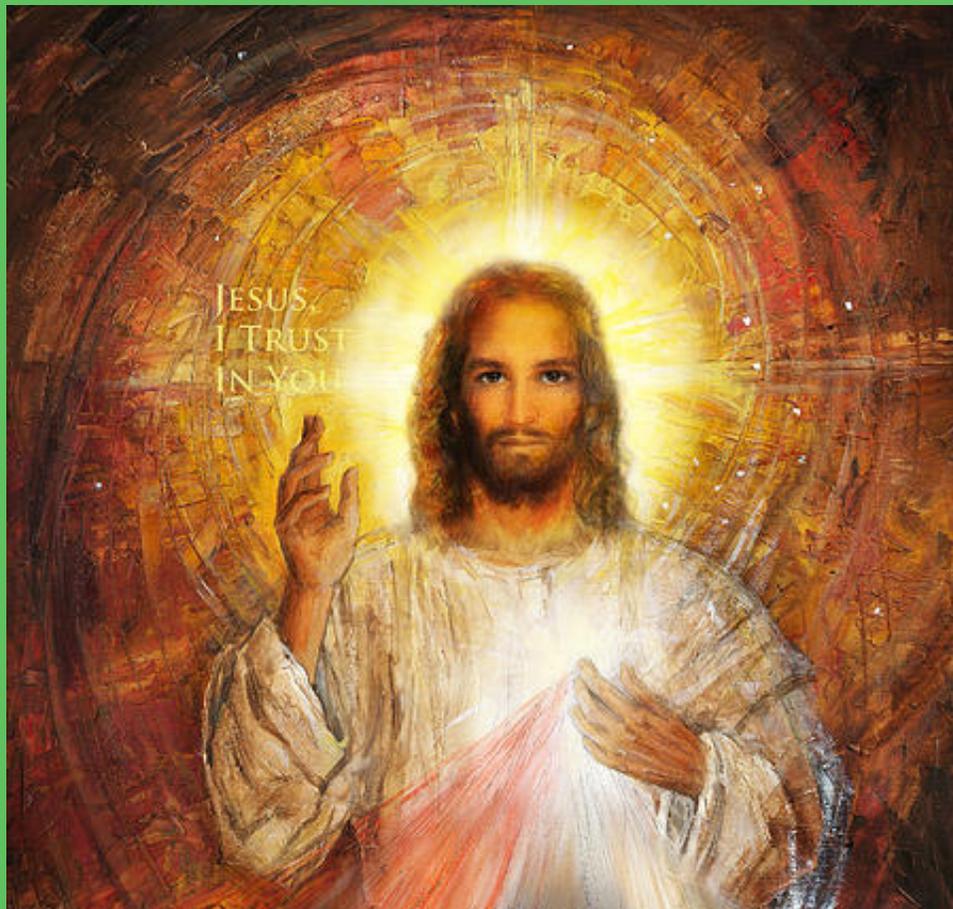
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Saint Cecilia Church

Transforming Lives Through Faith Inspired Relationships

OUR PARISH'S MISSION: *Proclaim the Good News, embolden all believers, and inspire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ so our parish will love and serve others generously.*





JOIN US TONIGHT - WED., NOV 5TH AT 7PM FOR OUR FIRST SESSION OF THE ART OF DYING WELL!

Dear Friends in Christ,

We join other Christians in praying for the souls in purgatory. We are not simply remembering those who died with gratitude, we are also praying that God have mercy on their souls, burn away any attachment to sin, and welcome them into glory.

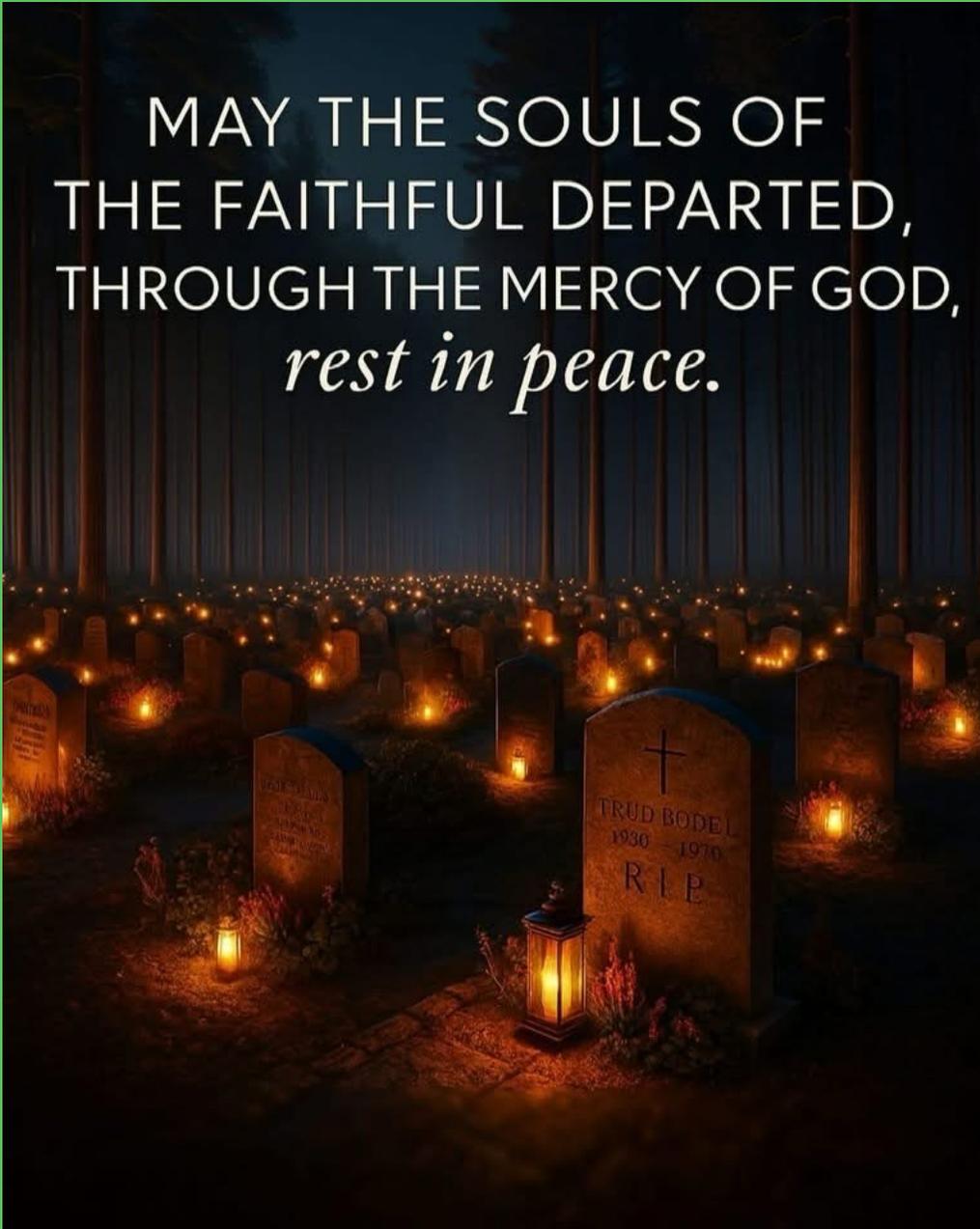
As we pray for the dead, we also seek to prepare for our own death. I invite you to join me this Wednesday (or Saturday) and next week for Eternal Rest - Dying Well. It is not so much about the practical things like wills, funerals and cemeteries as in the past. This is about spiritual preparations for what awaits us all. The video teaching, along with our discussion and prayer, will lessen our fear and worry as we await death. Join me. If you have questions, call the Parish Office.

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Our Parish data system is changing from PDS to Ministry Platform this week. Saint Cecilia, along with nine other parishes in the Archdiocese, will be early adopters of this system. I am grateful for your patience with our staff in this time of transition. You will not likely notice it, but it is happening. You will eventually be invited to have a portal like you do for your healthcare website.
Father Chris

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MAY THE SOULS OF
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
rest in peace.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PURGATORY



[Read our Weekly Church Bulletin](#)



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

SaintCecilia School is looking to update our records if you or your children/grandchildren are graduates, visit the school website (or scan QR code) and fill out the Keep in Touch form under the Alumni tab.

scsfoxchase.org

[SHARE ALUMNI CONTACT INFO](#)





HITS FROM THE

Broadway Stage

Sunday November 9 4:00PM

featuring

Philly Pops *Assistant Conductor* Jeff Smith

📍 Church of St. William | 6200 Rising Sun Ave Philadelphia, PA 19111

Adults \$10, Families \$15, Students/Seniors \$5

Tickets available at the door and online: www.artcinia.com

IN COLLABORATION WITH
Partners for Sacred Places



God is love. He didn't
need us. But he wanted us.
And that is the most amazing
thing.





Advent Retreat



Make time to be with Jesus

Retreat for Women

Join us on Saturday, November 22, from 9:30-11:30 at Resurrection Lower Church (2000 Shelmire Ave).

Our theme is **“Be Still and Know”**. The morning will include prayer, guided meditation, small group sharing, light refreshments and a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of a Happy Delivery.

Bring a non-perishable food item or baby item such as baby wipes as a donation. No cost for the retreat. All are welcome!

For planning purposes please RSVP to Valorie at tootsdaski@aol.com. Saint Cecilia is partnering with Resurrection Church in offering this and future Womens Retreats!

Retreat for Men

Join us on Saturday, December 13th from 7am to 10am at Saint Cecilia Auditorium.

The men of our Parish (and other parishes) are invited to spend time with the Lord and other men reflecting on **“Being a Godly Man”**.

Give yourself time to prayerfully prepare for Christmas and recommit to being a brother of the Lord!

Father Matt Guckin will be our presenter. There is no cost. All are welcome. Dads, please bring your sons. RSVP to Mike Tate at 215-725-1240 or mike@stceciliafc.com so we can plan well!



Safeguard Their Future Today



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. HONOR YOUR FAITH.



Write your Last Will and Testament for FREE, courtesy of the St. Cecilia Church and School.

Go to: MyCatholicWill.com/StCeciliaFC



Any questions? Courtney Cliggett Hanes (215)725-2821 or advancement@stceciliafc.com

Do you have a will? What is holding you back from completing one? Maybe the cost? Maybe, you are unsure how to start? St. Cecilia Parish and School are offering you a FREE will. It is legal in all 50 states and gives you the OPTION to make a gift to our parish or school when you pass. [CHECK IT OUT RIGHT NOW!](#) If you have questions, contact [Courtney in our Advancement Office](#) .

We have already received gifts in excess of \$100,000 from members of the Parish. Please act today!



Forty Hours Devotion

St. Cecilia Church - Fox Chase

Sunday, Nov. 16 at 7pm

We need people to adore

Adrianna Zones will encourage us to remain hopeful while we walk with young people.

Monday, Nov. 17 at 7pm

Dorothy Smith will encourage us to remain hopeful in the midst of losing a loved one.

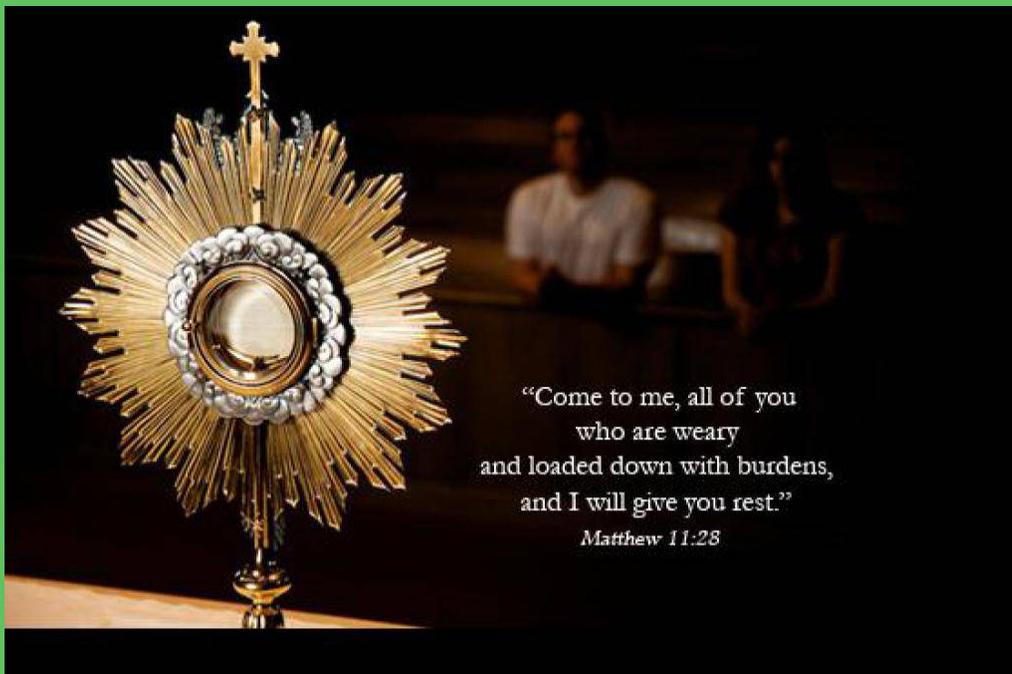
Tuesday, Nov 18 at 7pm

Mike Tate will encourage us to remain hopeful while we walk with loved ones who have addictions.

Jesus in our Church from Sunday at Noon until Tuesday evening. We especially need help covering overnight hours. Please use this QR code or call the Parish Office. to sign up for an hour with Jesus!



[SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR OF ADORATION](#)



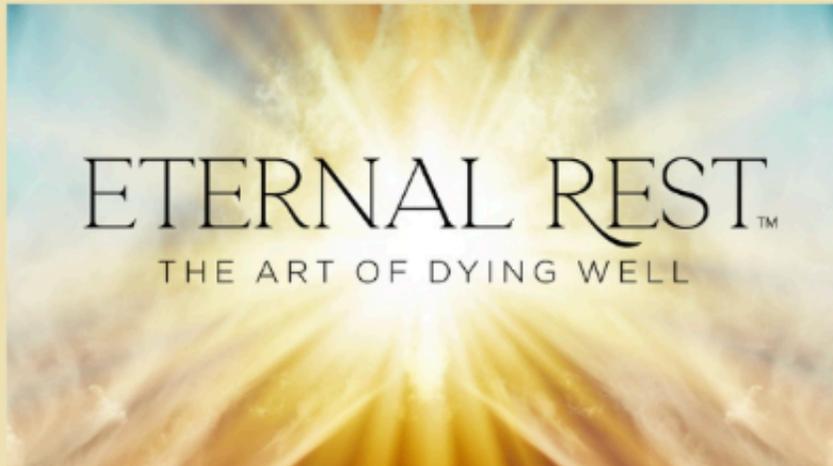
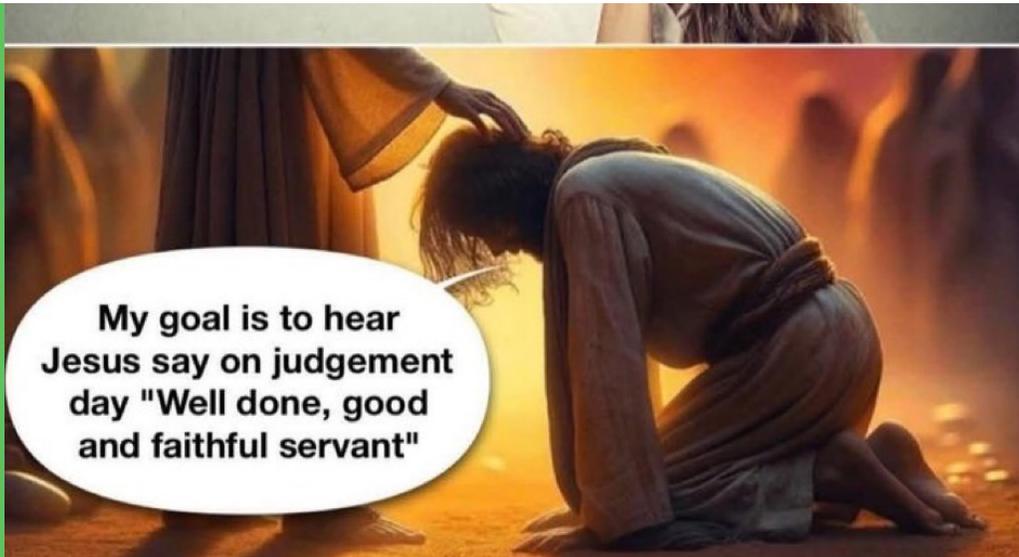
*“Come to me, all of you
who are weary
and loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28*

**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.**

Let Us Pray

- Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Melissa - may they be delivered from anxiety and have the resources to rebuild.
- Pray for the safety of our children
- Pray for the conversion of those who steal cars, commits acts of vandalism and choose unloving acts.
- Pray for the sick, especially Mike C., Helen W., James S
- Pray for our homebound parishioners, for those on hospice and for those hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.
- Pray in thanksgiving for all who came to our Night of Mercy and for the gracious and kind priests





Session One: The Story of Death

Wed., Nov. 5th at 7pm or Sat., Nov. 8th at 9am

Join us for a 90 minute conversation on where death comes from and God's response.

Session Two: The Afterlife

Wed., Nov. 12th at 7pm or Sat., Nov. 15^h at 9am

Join us for a 90 minute conversation on judgement, heaven, hell and purgatory.

Please join us for these two sessions to
prepare your SOUL for death!
Invite family and friends. It matters. Really!

DONATE TO ST. CECILIA ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Gifts will go to nine different
charities helping others!

Tags will be available
Nov. 12th to December 6th

COLLECTION DATE & TIMES

Sat, Dec. 6th 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 7th 6 am - 12 pm
& 4 pm - 5:15 pm

UNWRAPPED AND UNBAGGED
TO THE AUDITORIUM

Volunteers needed to collect gifts
and deliver boxes on Mon., Dec 8th
(morning deliveries around Philly.
Please use this QR Code to volunteer
to serve Dec. 6th, 7th or 8th!



[SIGN UP FOR HELP WITH THE GIVING TREE](#)



NIGHT
**THE
CHOSEN**

SEASON ONE

MONDAYS

7 PM TO 9PM

*Sept. 22, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8,
Jan 19, Feb 23, March 16,
April 20, and May 11*

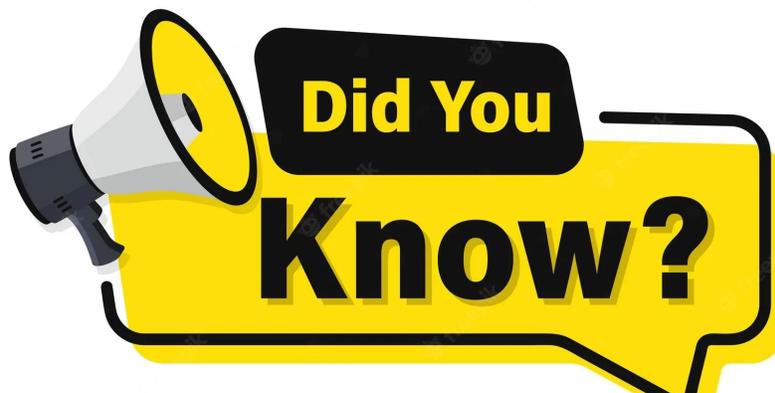
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BRING THE KIDS**



**SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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WWW.STCECILIAFC.ORG**

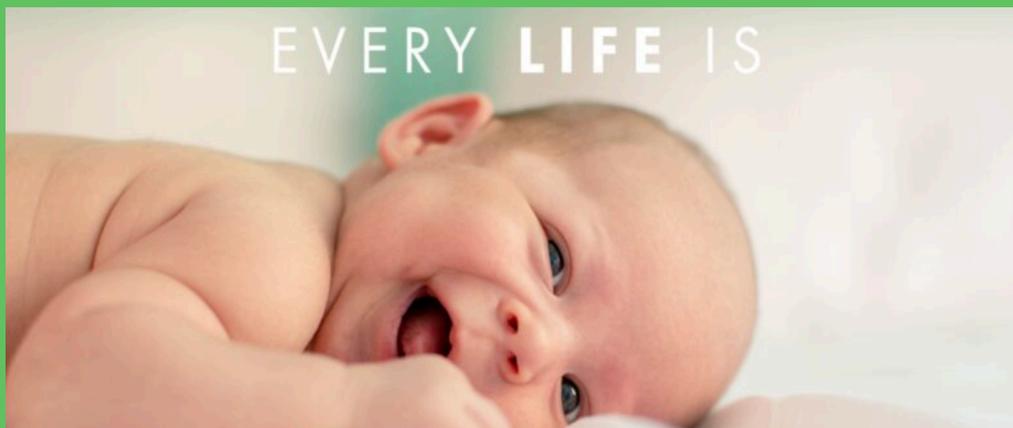


**Join us Monday, November 10th at 7:15 pm
Bring the kids and grandkids. No charge,
You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks!**



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- **FREE CONCERT** - Join us on Saturday, November 8 after the 5:00 PM Mass. Life Celebrations by Givnish is proud to sponsor a free concert featuring the **Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band** in the school auditorium. The event is a BYOE (bring your own everything - food and drink). Feel free to bring your family and friends to this event.
 - Saint Stephen Orthodox Cathedral (8598 Veree) will have an **Ethic Food Fair** on Sat., Nov 8th (11 am to 5pm) and Sun., Nov. 9th (Noon to 2pm). Stop by!
 - **COFFEE TALK AT ST. CECILIA.** Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming space to share your feelings with others who understand what you're going through? Saint Cecilia Parish offers *Coffee Talk*—a free and confidential gathering where you can share your thoughts, emotions, and fears with others walking a similar journey of grief, supported by faith and hope. There are no counselors, speakers, or formal themes—just a group of caring Christians offering a listening ear, encouragement, and companionship, along with a light breakfast. *Coffee Talk* meets one Saturday a month from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Cecilia. Our next meeting is **Saturday, October 15**. To learn more or to let us know you'll be attending, please contact Paula at **215-317-9802** or ripleynd@aol.com.
 - **Jesus fed the hungry!** Jesus wants his disciples to do the same. Our Parish will give Food Gift Cards to families having a tough time at Thanksgiving (many because of SNAP benefits ending). If you know someone in need, please share their information with Ruth in our Parish Office. If you want to donate a gift card (Giant or Acme) please mark "Thanksgiving" and put in Sunday Collection or drop to the Parish Office. God reward your goodness!
 - **Planning Your Final Liturgy: A Gift of Love for Your Family** While none of us likes to think about our own passing, one of the most loving gifts we can leave our families is the peace of knowing our final wishes are already in place. When a loved one dies, families are often grieving, overwhelmed, and unsure of what their loved one would have wanted. Would Mom have preferred a particular hymn? Was there a Scripture passage that held special meaning for Dad? By taking time now to plan your funeral liturgy, you can give your family comfort and clarity when they will need it most — allowing them to focus on remembering, praying, and celebrating your life. Our parish bereavement team will be offering two planning sessions: Wednesday, November 19, 7–9 PM or Saturday, November 22, 9–11 AM Pre-registration is required. After you register, you'll be contacted to schedule a time to meet with a member of our bereavement team.

Together, we'll walk you through the planning process and help you create a first draft of your wishes. You can make changes anytime — simply call the rectory office, where your plan will be kept on file. All conversations are completely confidential. *To register or for more information, please contact [Kara](#) in the Parish Office. Give yourself and your loved ones this lasting gift of peace.*



Precious

Thank you Saint Cecilia for taking 500 Baby Bottles home AND BRINGING BACK MORE THAN 275! We have raised over \$4300 and will continue to gather bottles for two weeks. Bring them back - even if they are empty so they can be used again!

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