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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.*



**HAPPY
FEAST DAY,
OUR LADY
OF
GUADALUPE!**

PRAY FOR US!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Blessed Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. We recall Mary appearing in the Americas (today's Mexico). [Do you know the story?](#) May she pray for our nation!

The men of the Parish (and other parishes) are welcome to join us on Saturday, Dec. 13th for an **Advent Retreat** from 7am to 10am. It will be a great experience of God's goodness and love. No cost. No need to register. All are welcome.

Snow is predicted. Did you get your milk and bread? Please join us for the 5pm Mass on Saturday before the snow. Or join us on Sunday night at 5pm when the snow is cleared. Be cautious. We will have Mass and work hard to keep the parking lot and steps cleared, We are selling homemade ornaments after Mass - bring some cash or a credit card. Proceeds benefit a pregnancy home.

Join us in the Auditorium Saturday night at 6pm for our **Tree Lighting** and sing a long. Come alone or with the kids and grandkids. No cost. Lots of fun in the 90 minutes we gather!

Come, Lord Jesus. Please Come and be with us!

Father Chris



YOU'RE TAKING YOUR GIFTS THERE?
I JUST HAD MY MYRRH DELIVERED



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The Men's Retreat is THIS WEEKEND - all are welcome. We will meet in the Cecilian Room across from the Rectory at 7 am,



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!

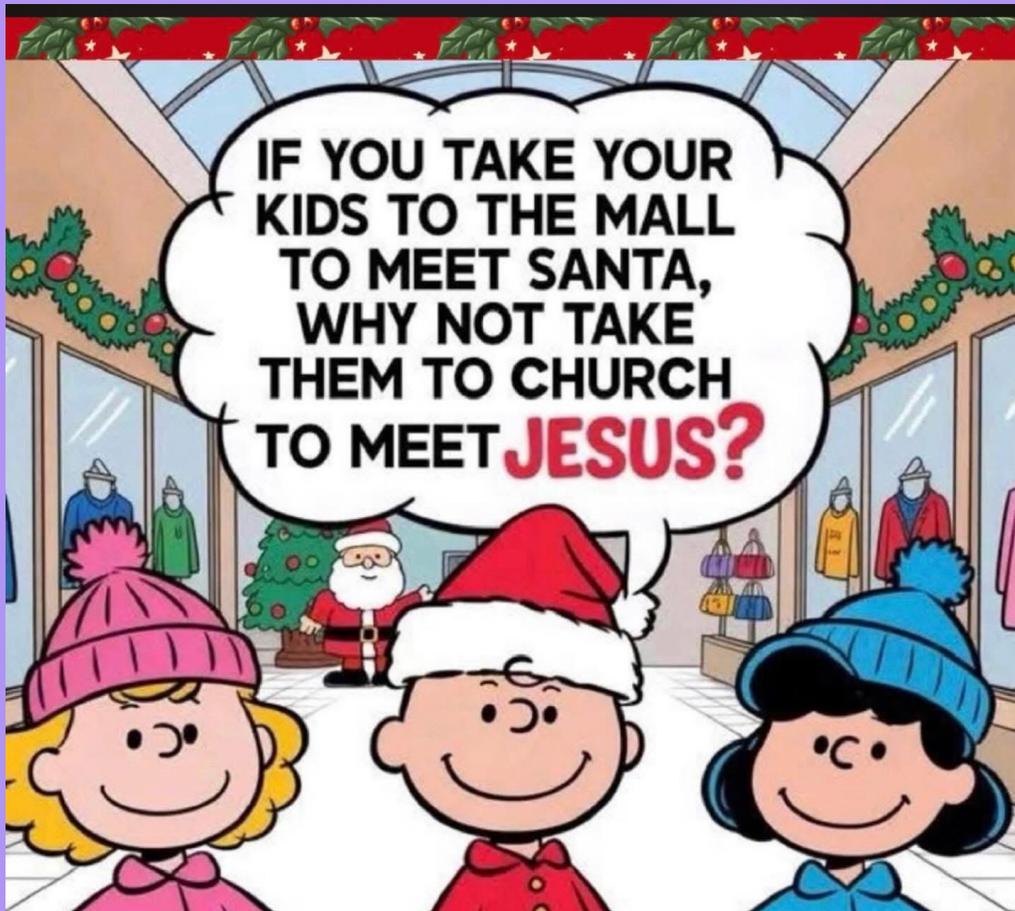
Retreat for Men

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"**.

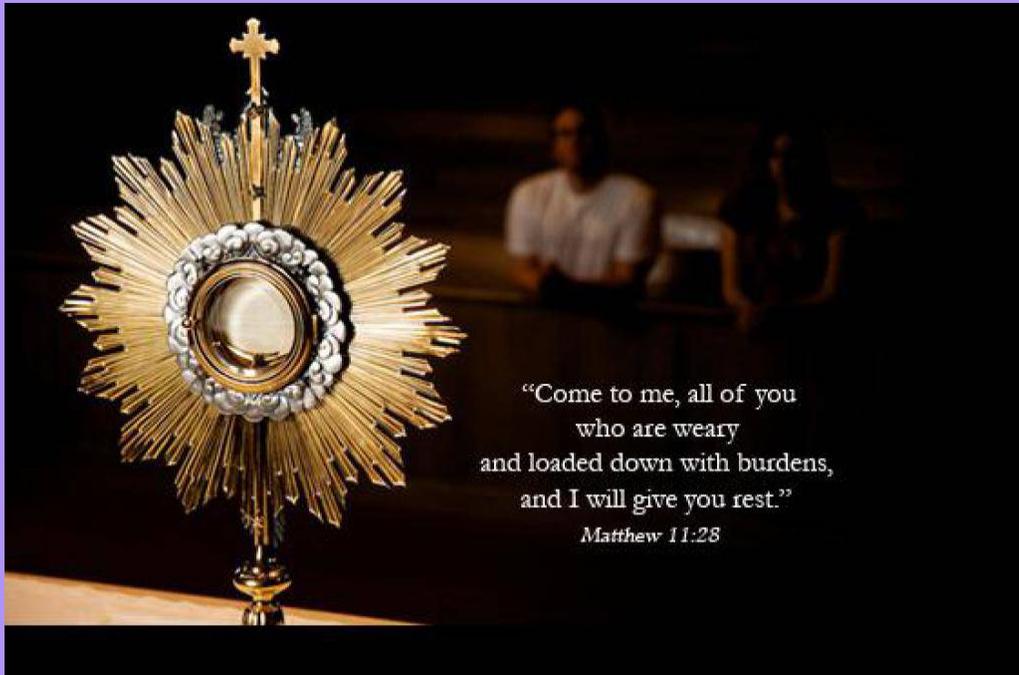
Give yourself time to prayerfully prepare for Christmas and recommit to being a brother of the Lord!

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!





Karyn's Creations



*"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.**



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- Pray for our Jewish neighbors and friends as they begin their celebration of Hanukkah on Sunday.
 - Pray for our homebound parishioners, for those on hospice and for those hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.
 - Pray in thanksgiving for all who made the Giving Tree possible through their generous gifts, volunteer hours and delivering items to our partners.
 - Pray for the soul of Robert Dougherty, whose funeral will be at St. Cecilia on Wednesday at 10:30 am.
 - Pray for peace at your family gathering at Christmas.

All are invited

**Home for
Christmas
at Saint Cecilia**

**December 13th 6pm (after 5pm Mass)
Join us for this FREE event
School Auditorium**

Christmas Tree lighting
Bring a family ornament to decorate the tree

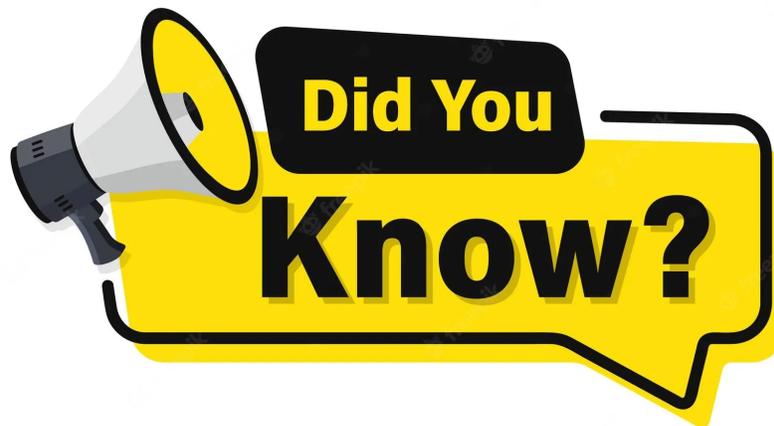
Blessing of Baby Jesus
Bring your baby Jesus for a blessing
Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and more!
Christmas caroling and crafts for the family

ST. CECILIA PRESENTS
MOVIE 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*
NO COST
BRING THE KIDS

 **SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**
535 RHAWN STREET
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Join us Monday, December 8th at 7:15 pm
Bring the kids and grandkids. No charge,
You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks!



- **COFFEE AND DONUTS!!!** Join us on December 21st after the 9:30 am Mass for coffee, tea, juice and donuts. More importantly, there is time to meet others in the parish as we share life. There is no cost, and all are welcome!
- **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, December 13**. To learn more or to let us know you'll be attending, please contact Paula at **215-317-9802** or ripleynd@aol.com.
- The Precious Blood is now offered at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. This is a fuller expression of holy communion. You can approach the Minister of Holy Communion from either side. Respond "amen" and take the chalice to consume a small bit of our Lord's Blood. Please remain cautious and mindful of others around you as you move around the area. God rejoices in you!

If the house isn't clean,
it's still Christmas.

If desserts aren't made,
it's still Christmas.

If there are no decorations,
it's still Christmas.

If the gifts aren't purchased,
it's still Christmas.

But if it's not about Christ,
it's not Christmas.

JOEL SHOEMAKE





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