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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.***

## WEEKLY UPDATE VIDEO FROM FR, CHRIS





## Jesus ascends into glory!

*The Ascension also tells us that when we pray, “our humanity is brought to the heights of God, so every time we pray, the earth joins with Heaven.” Pope Francis*

St. Cecilia still have Masses today at 8:30 am and 10 am for the Holy Day. In addition, Saint William has Mass at Noon and Resurrection of our Lord Parish has a Mass at 7:00 pm Thursday evening. Come and worship the Lord!

[Pray the Pentecost Novena - Come, Holy Spirit!](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

I love our Church (the actual building). I thank God for those who designed and built it. I wish they had added more toilets, but I forgive them. In the 1950s, people fasted before Mass, so there was less of a need than in our times, when people stop for coffee and donuts on the way to Mass. My favorite thing in the Church is the statue of the Sacred Heart on the far right in the front. As you might expect, Jesus is placed in a humble place. The humble place is where he always chooses to be.

The statue of the Sacred Heart is not only a beautiful piece of art that incorporates a few different colors and types of marble, it also portrays Jesus inviting us into His heart. The heart of Jesus is where we experience love, mercy, understanding, and compassion. And we experience in a way that far surpasses anything this world can offer us.

Please visit the Shrine to the Sacred Heart before or after Mass one day this month. Please consider adding an image of the Sacred Heart to your home (or as a home screen on your phone). Please find a Prayer to the Sacred Heart (there is one in the bulletin) that allows you to experience the

love that flows from the heart of Jesus.

You are loved. Jesus wants to remind you of that again and again!  
Father Chris

PS – Next Saturday (June 7), we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30 am Mass. If you are dealing with chronic illness or having surgery or a procedure in the month to come, please join us and receive this gift from the Lord!



**Praise God for the gift of Pope Leo XIV!**

[The Pope reminds us to be HUMAN before we are disciples.](#)

[The Pope's LIFE has prepared him for this new role as OUR POPE](#)

**No amount of regret  
changes the past.**

**No amount of anxiety**

**changes the future.**

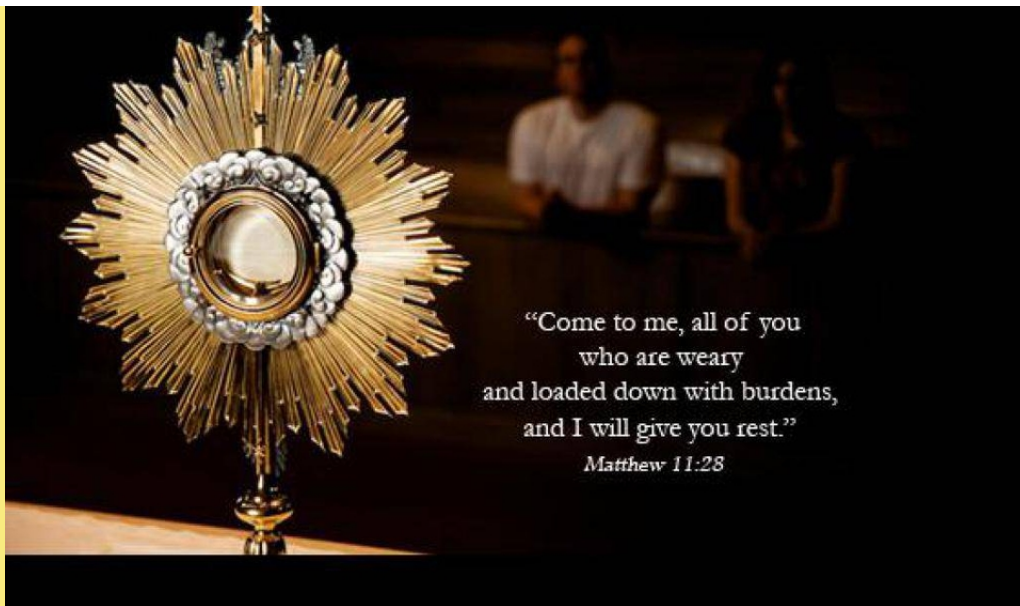
changes the future.

But any amount of gratitude  
changes the present.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love, you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Philadelphia as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters. Inspire those called from Saint Cecilia to give a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth!





**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 HAVE ADORATION THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST  
FROM NOON TO 5PM; BENEDICTION AT 5PM**





- Pray for the police officer wounded in Overbrook on Wednesday; may he be healed and all police officers be protected.
- Pray for **F**
- Pray for the sick: Rosemary R., Steve M., Chris M., Joe O., Rita L and all who are hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.
- Pray that the interest in the death of Pope Francis and election of our new Holy Father will lead to renewed faith, hope and love.



OPTIONS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2025

Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm (June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4\_

- Join Fr. Phong reading **Return: How To Draw Your Child Back To Church** (Brandon Vogt). A great read for Catholic parents and grandparents who want their family to practice faith again.

- Meets in the Rectory Living Room. Email Fr Phong at trphong@stceciliafc.com

Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm (June 2, 9, 16, & 30 & July 7 & 21)

- Please join Mike Tate reading **God With Us: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew** (Edward Sri). Much has been said about why Jesus died. This book focuses on why Jesus lived.
- Meets in the Rectory Conference Room. Email Mike at mike@stceciliafc.com

Tuesdays from 9:15 am to 11 am (June 3, 10, 17, & 31 & July 1 & 8)

- Please join George Warren reading **Why Does Everything Come in Threes** (Peter Kreeft)
- Meets in the Rectory Living Room. Email George at georgejr@cletus3.com

Wednesday from 9:15 am to 11 am (June 11, 18, & July 2, 9, 16 & 23)

- Please join Father Chris reading **Catholic Heroes of Civil and Human Rights** (Daniels & King), looking at the lives of Ven. Gus Tolton, St. Katherine Drexel, Bl Franz Jagersatter, Ven. Nicholas Black Elk, Ven. Dorothy Day, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. Oscar Romero.
- Meets in the Rectory Living Room. Email Fr. Chris at frchriswalsh@stceciliafc.com

Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (June 4, 11, 18, & July 2, 9 & 16)

- Join Mike Pacitti reading **Blessed Are You** (Mother Mary Frances), a reflection on the Beatitudes.
- Meets in the Rectory Living Room. Email Mike at v56Mike@verizon.net

Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm ( June 5, 12, 19 & July 3, 10 & 17)

- Join Julie Kurdziel reading **Women of the Church: What Every Catholic Should Know** (Bronwen McShea)
- Meets in Julie's Home. Email Julie at Kurdziel2@msm.com

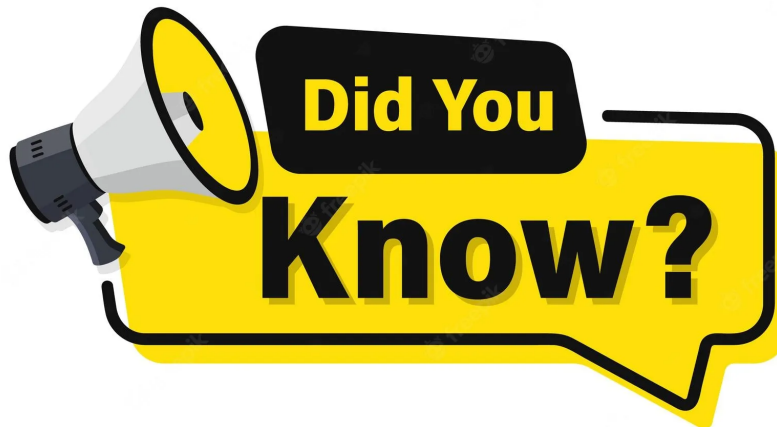
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- Join Kevin Love reading **What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed** (Bishop Robert Barron)
- Meets in the Rectory Conference Room. Email Kevin at kagape@me.com

Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (June 12, 19, & July 3, 10, 17 & 31)

- Join Eileen Litka reading **From Slave to Priest, The Inspirational Story of Father Augustine Tolton** (Sister Caroline Hemesath)
- Meets in the Rectory Living Room. Email Eileen at Eileen@stceciliafc.com

***Interested in joining a group? Contact the group leader to save your seat! Space is limited to allow for a fruitful conversation. Participants are required to obtain the book on their own.***



- ***Praise God for your goodness to Saint Cecilia!*** Our collections have remained good. We are now averaging \$19,303 (our budgeted goal is \$19,291 a week). We have FIVE more Sundays for the Fiscal Year, please remain committed to sharing your financial gifts with Saint Cecilia Parish. [Have you considered signing up for ONLINE](#)

[GIVING](#) - it helps the parish and makes things easier for you as well!

- Please donate to our [School Walk-a-Thon](#) to raise money for new computers for our school!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** We have a Pilgrimage to Philadelphia's St. John Neumann and St. Rita Shrines on Saturday, September 13th and there will be a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Blessed Mother in Washington, DC on Tuesday, October 28th. Parishes from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather to celebrate the Year of Hope! More information to come, please mark your calendars and plan to join us!
- Father Chris' friend Father Joseph is visiting from Uganda. He is here until June 7th. If you would like to hear about his experience as a missionary priest in Sudan or Uganda, please call the Parish Office to arrange a time to meet or invite him for a meal at a local place!
- 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
- Fr. Chris and Fr. Phong are available for [CONFESSION](#) on Monday (6 pm to 7 pm); Wednesday (7 am to 8 am), and Saturday (4 pm to 4:50 pm). Please make use of this wonderful Sacrament to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Chris
- **Happy 249th Birthday, USA!** Please join Saint Cecilia Church in marching down "The Pike" on July 4th at the Rockledge Parade! Parishioners of all ages are welcome to walk with us and show their love for our Parish (wear your red, white, and blue or your St. Cecilia Swag). If you have questions, please call the Parish Office. We will gather at 9:30 am at near the Domino's Pizza on the Pike.



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**Year of Hope Reflections.** *Then you shall know that I am the Lord, none who hope in me shall be ashamed.* (Isaiah 49,23) How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?



All are welcome to join us from June 23rd to 27th

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each night in the Auditorium.  
We will study God's Word, share our thoughts, sing, and laugh!  
It is a chance to meet others and read the Bible!

Come alone or with kids or grandkids! Separate programming for the adults and kids at various ages. No cost. No experience needed. Haven't you always wanted to do a Bible Study? Now is the chance! Join us!

[SIGN UP TODAY - FOR YOURSELF OR THE FAMILY](#)

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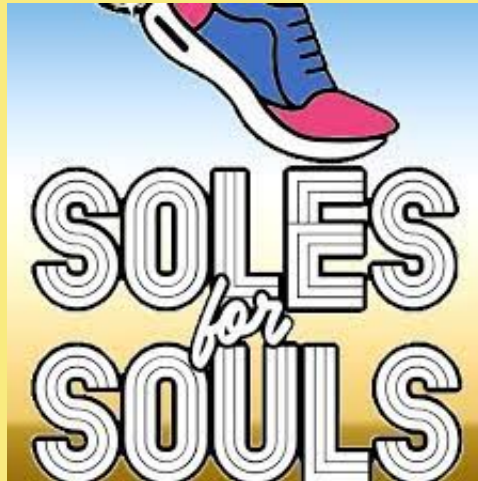
**WE ALL WANT  
THE MIRACLE.**

**BUT IT DIDN'T MULTIPLY  
UNTIL THE BOY LET GO**

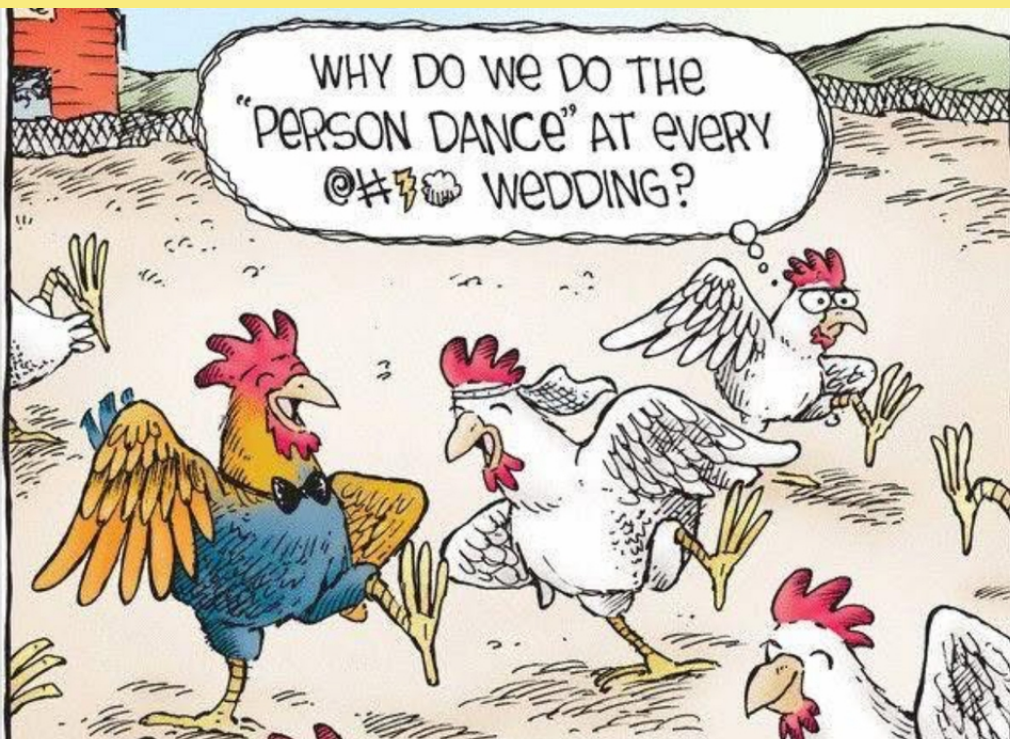


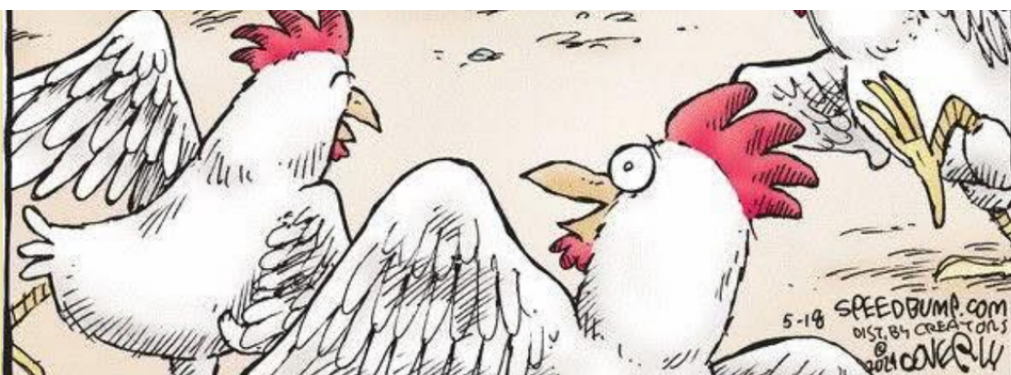
We have installed a seat in the confessional closest to the statue of the Blessed Mother (left side, where the hearing assistance device is located). It is meant for those unable to kneel. When a person sits down, the light will come on to indicate the confessional is "in use". We are grateful to parishioner Frank Kurdziel, who designed and built the chair. Another will be installed in the confessional in the back, which is used on Monday Evenings.





Saint Cecilia SERVES will be collecting new or gently used shoes on the weekends of June 7th and 8th, and June 14th and 15th, in containers located in the Church Lobby. Please bring your dress shoes, sneakers, sandals, and boots to be shared with others around the world. Children's and adult shoes are accepted. *Please do not bring us shoes that belong in the trash!* If you have a question, don't hesitate to get in touch with Ruth in the Parish Office ([rmcable@stceciliafc.com](mailto:rmcable@stceciliafc.com) or 215-725-1240).





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