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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.***



## *The* NICENE CREED

We recite the Nicene Creed each Sunday. It was written 1700 years ago. Each week, we will share a video of a bishop from our Church reflecting on one line of the Creed. May these words inspire us.





Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Birthday, Church! 1,992 years ago, the Holy Spirit fell on perhaps one hundred Christians, and the Church was launched into the world. The Holy Spirit has transformed lives on every continent, in every nation, and among every tribe and ethnic group. The Holy Spirit's mission remains the same: to make Jesus present in our lives since Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!

As we gather, 5,774 miles from the Upper Room where Pentecost took place, the same Holy Spirit wants to continue the mission of making Jesus present in our lives. This happens through Jesus' presence in Word and Sacrament. This happens through Jesus' presence through other people. This happens through Jesus' gentle movement through our times of quiet prayer and reflection. It happens each day in our Parish Church, in your home, and so many other places.

Please be open to the movement of God's Holy Spirit. Please pray: Come, Holy Spirit. A simple prayer that opens our mind and heart and allows us to surrender and yield so that the Holy Spirit will come with his seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord; each is depicted in the beautiful window above the altar in Church). Once those gifts are used within us, others will be able to see the many fruits of a life in the Holy Spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity). What a plan!

Father Chris

PS – Tomorrow (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!





Why is Father Chris pretending to be a pirate? He is not pretending. Nor is he a pirate. On Memorial Day, he noticed some blurriness with distance vision. After a visit with his doctor, he was informed he had some "palsy" in one of his optic nerves. There is not pain. He continue to serve the parish with limited interruptions. He will not likely be hitting any homeruns at the Rec but he didn;t do that before either. It will most likely resolve itself without the need for medicine or surgery within 8-10 weeks. Until then, the patch helps focus and thus function well. Please pray for his healing for all those who struggle with illness and disease of the eye.



**HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Our Blood Drive is on Wednesday, June 18th.**

We have 60 days to sign up. Our goal is 60 days.



we have 39 donors signed up. Our goal is 60 donors.

[PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.](#)

***Jesus gave His blood for you.  
Please give your blood for another!***



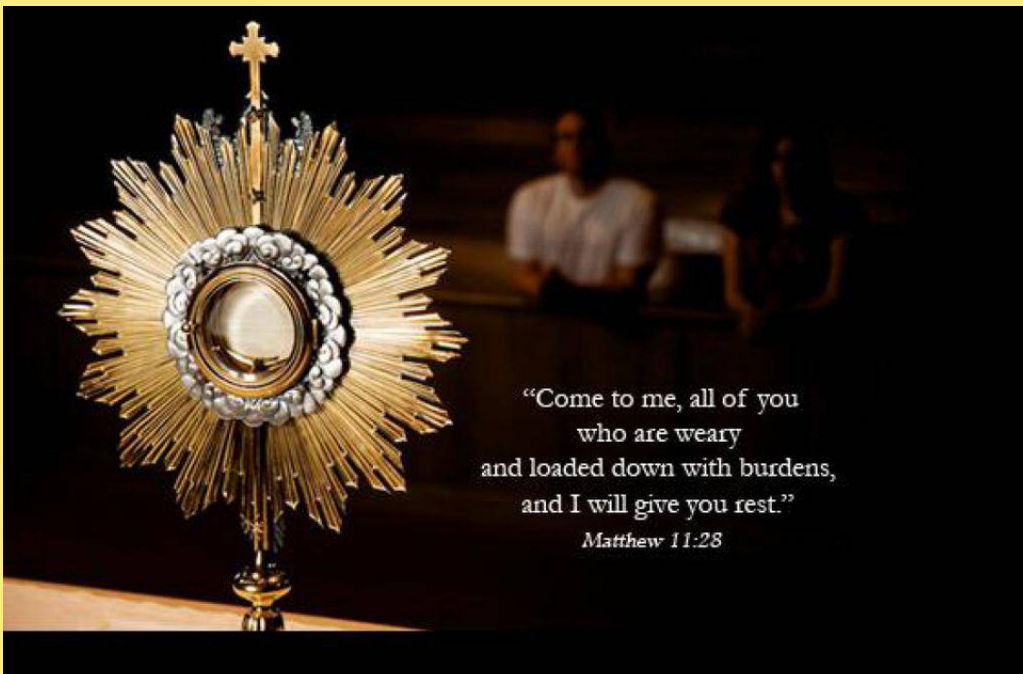
Enjoy quiet in our Church during the week,  
especially at Adoration.

Enjoy quiet in a park or your yard,  
Enjoy quiet in your room (turn off the TV).  
Enjoy the quiet in the car \*turn off the radio.

God speaks. He truly does. Listen.



Our Pre-K and Kindergarten graduated from St. Cecilia this week and 8th grade will graduate on Wednesday at 5 pm (you are welcome to join us). The Parish continues to support parents in their choice of Catholic Education and is grateful for the many opportunities to raise up a new generation of disciples for Jesus. Interested in learning about ways to support our school? Contact [Courtney Cligget Hanes](#).





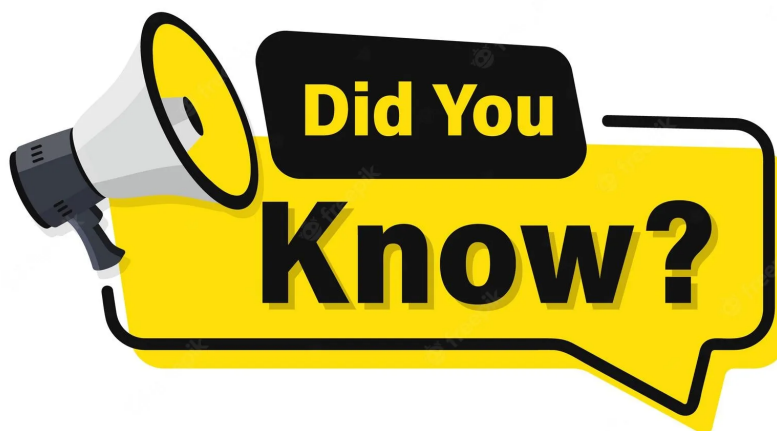
**Have you joined us for Adoration on Mondays?**  
**Jesus wants time with you.**  
**Join us from Noon to 7pm.**  
**Come for 10, 20 or 30 minutes. Maybe even an hour!**  
**Look at Him. Let Him look at you.**



CAN I PRAY  
*let Me Pray*



- Pray for all those who are seeking sobriety and peace from anxiety
- Pray for the safety of high school students headed to the beach to celebrate.
- Pray for **Father Harrison**, who is retiring after 25 years of Pastor at Presentation in Cheltenham. May God reward his goodness to so many for so many years!
- Pray for the soul of **Mary Miller**, whose funeral will be Friday, June 13, at 10:30. May she rest in peace, and may her family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of **Sean Robinson**, whose funeral will be Saturday, June 14, at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of **John Kane**, whose funeral will be Monday, June 16, at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of **Paul Anzalone**, whose funeral will be Tuesday, June 24, at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the sick: Walt M., Chris H., Fr. Chris, Lorraine B., and all who are hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.



- ***Praise God for your goodness to Saint Cecilia!*** The collection for June 1st was an amazing \$21,518. We are now averaging \$19,303 (our budgeted goal is \$19,349 a week). We have FOUR 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!](#)

- **LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!! *Planning a Wedding?*** Congratulations! Please visit our website to complete a form to get things started (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage). A deacon or priest will follow up with you! ***Considering a Destination Wedding?*** Please get in touch with one of our priests to explore how you can have your marriage become a sacramental marriage (couples need the grace of God to live the vocation). Already Civilly Married? The Church has a simple process to allow your marriage to become a sacrament. There is no cost, and it can include as many or a few guests as you desire. Do not hesitate to complete the same form on our website (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage).
- **MANNA:** Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia expresses its gratitude to the people of Saint Cecilia for your generosity in donating food to be shared with others facing food insecurity. Our Parish continues to be an outstanding and reliable resource for keeping the shelves of food pantries stocked! Thank you for answering God's call to feed the hungry!
- **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!
- 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 Christ
- **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.
- [How can a faithful Catholic navigate Pride Month?](#)
- President Trump's immigration bans have [impacts on many Catholic Parishes](#). How do we [respond as Catholics](#)?





The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 21st & 22nd

- **Worship** with us as we rejoice in the precious gift of Jesus' Body and Blood. Renew your belief in this tremendous gift.
- Communion will be offered under "both species" (the **Precious Blood**) at the 5 pm and 11 am Masses
- There will be a **Eucharistic Procession** around the block after the 11 am Mass with Benediction in front of the school on Stanwood Street

Children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits and help lead the procession. If you would like to help lead sing during the Procession, or help with crown control, please contact Mike Tate at 215-725-1240 or [mike@stceciliafc.com](mailto:mike@stceciliafc.com)



**Year of Hope Reflections.** *Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.* (Romans 12,12) How does this quote inspire you towards greater HOPE?



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pontiff, and all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love. *Pope Pius X, 16 June 1906*





# Bible Camp

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!

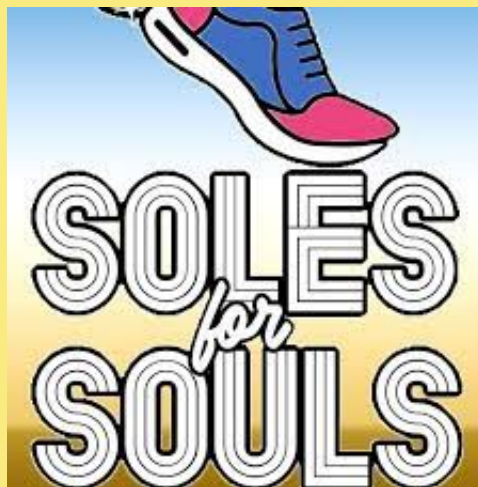
[SIGN UP TODAY - FOR YOURSELF OR THE FAMILY](#)



BE PATIENT,  
sometimes God makes us  
wait longer because the

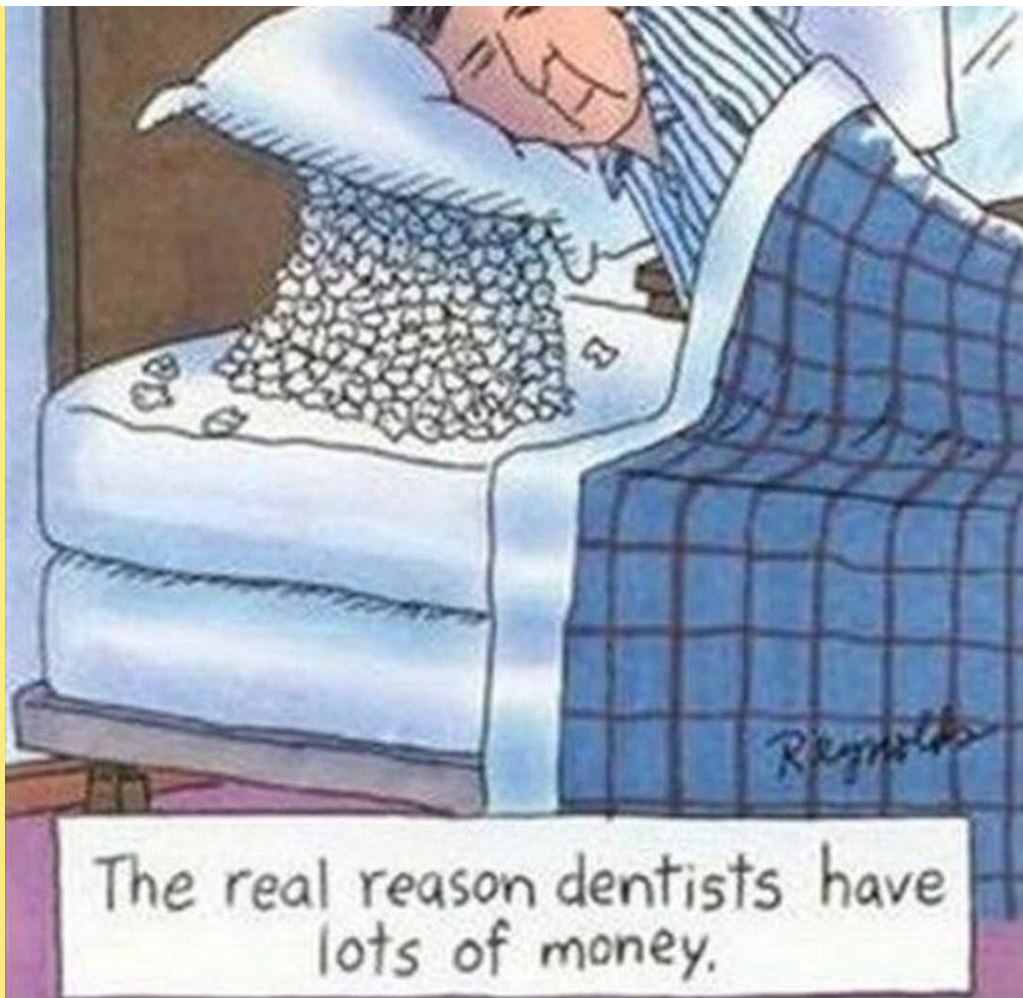


wait longer because the  
blessing is bigger.  
If you trust God's timing,  
put Amen.



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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