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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. **WHO IS JESUS....?**





Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you know that Philadelphia's Catholic Charities Appeal is a blessing for one in five people who live in the five counties of the Archdiocese? Through schools of special education, senior centers, social services, after-school programs, and more, the Church serves the needs of our family members and neighbors. While some of the services are funded through contracts with government agencies (although that has been greatly reduced in recent years), it is people like those in our parish who contribute \$10 million each year towards these services. The goal for Saint Cecilia this year is to raise \$94,000. So far, we have reached 26% of this goal.

As you are aware, in recent years, the diocese has changed the way the collection is conducted. None of it was done through the parish as it had been for decades. Instead, you receive direct mail throughout the year with envelopes that you can return directly to the Archdiocese. They send multiple mailings a year, so often you are unsure if you gave or did not give. Many of you complained about this process. I complained as well. They have heard us, and the process will be returned to the Parish beginning next year. Until then, please use the envelopes provided or donate online to support these efforts.

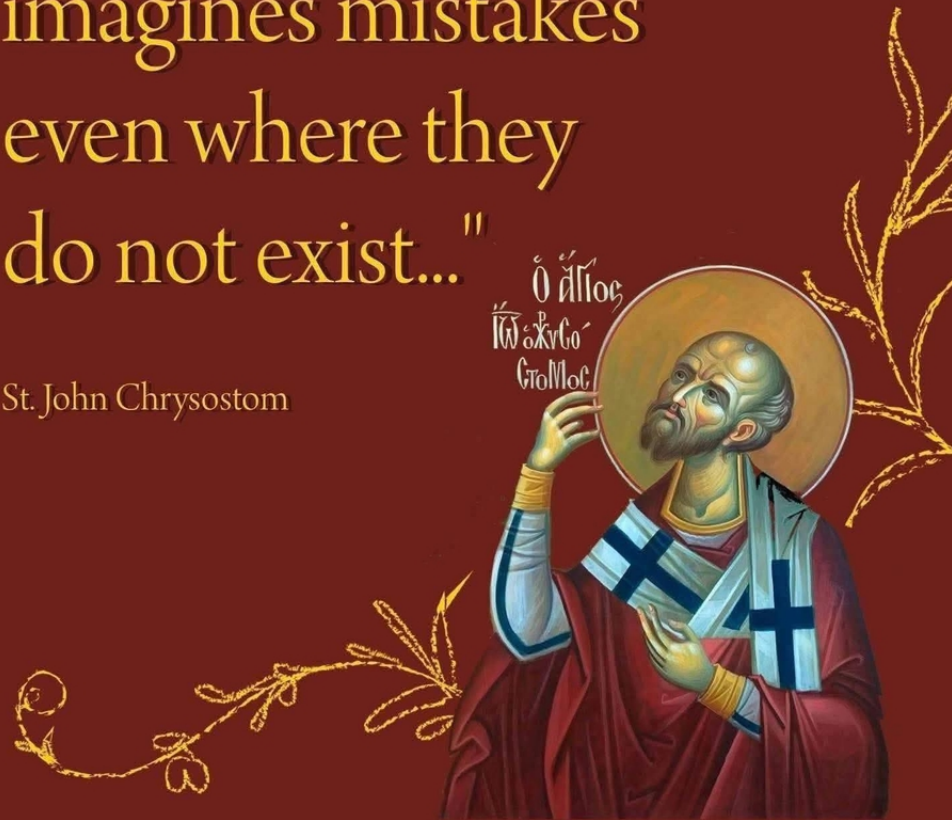
I believe your donation is used well. I am confident the work being done is pleasing to the Lord and appreciated by those served. Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

Father Chris

"Love forgives  
many mistakes,

while hatred  
imagines mistakes  
even where they  
do not exist..."

St. John Chrysostom



## Disciple Maker Index **SURVEY**



Saint Cecilia had 588 parishioners complete the DMI survey in Lent 2025 (we

had 399 participants in 2022 when it was first taken). Over the summer, we will share “the results” of the survey. Father Chris, the Next Generation Parish Team, the Parish Staff, and others will begin reviewing the results to set new goals for our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2026-2029. There will be listening sessions for the whole parish in the Fall to gain more feedback and ideas as we move forward, guided by the Holy Spirit!

The first set of data we will review is called the **Four Factors for a Thriving Parish**. These data points, based on research with parishes across the United States, help us be a “thriving” parish, leading others to Christ and living as authentic missionary disciples. The four areas are: Leadership, Sunday Experience, Spiritual Practices, and Missionary Impulse.

**Sunday Experience** (the number shared is the percentage of parishioners who “strongly agree”; the second number was the percentage in 2022 to show movement): I feel welcomed at Mass 58% (33%); The Mass at our Parish help me grow in faith 56% (20%); The music deepens my participation at Mass 37% (18%); Homilies help me grow in faith 53% (19%).

**Spiritual Practices** (which looks at key indicators for the practice of faith at Saint Cecilia): Pace of Spiritual Growth: we had a slight increase in those who said they were growing rapidly or steadily (44% in 2025; 38% in 2022). A Relationship with Jesus, being personal and vital, also had a slight increase (68% in 2025; 66% in 2022). Results were stable for Spiritual Practices like Reading the Bible, Personal Prayer, Mass Attendance, Devotions, and Eucharistic Adoration (no increase, no decrease). Those who “Went to Confession” \*at least a few times in the year) increased by 10% (62% to 72%), likely because of our Night of Mercy. Those who “Attended at least One Faith Formation Session/Bible Study” also increased from 28% to 41% and those who “Attended a Social Event” at the parish increased from 50% to 83%, as a result of our offering more opportunities.

Do you have questions, comments or insights? Please share with Father Chris or a staff member! *If you have questions or comments, please feel free to share them with someone on the Parish Staff or use the Suggestion Box in the back of the Church. The parish will share the next set of results for the next weeks.*

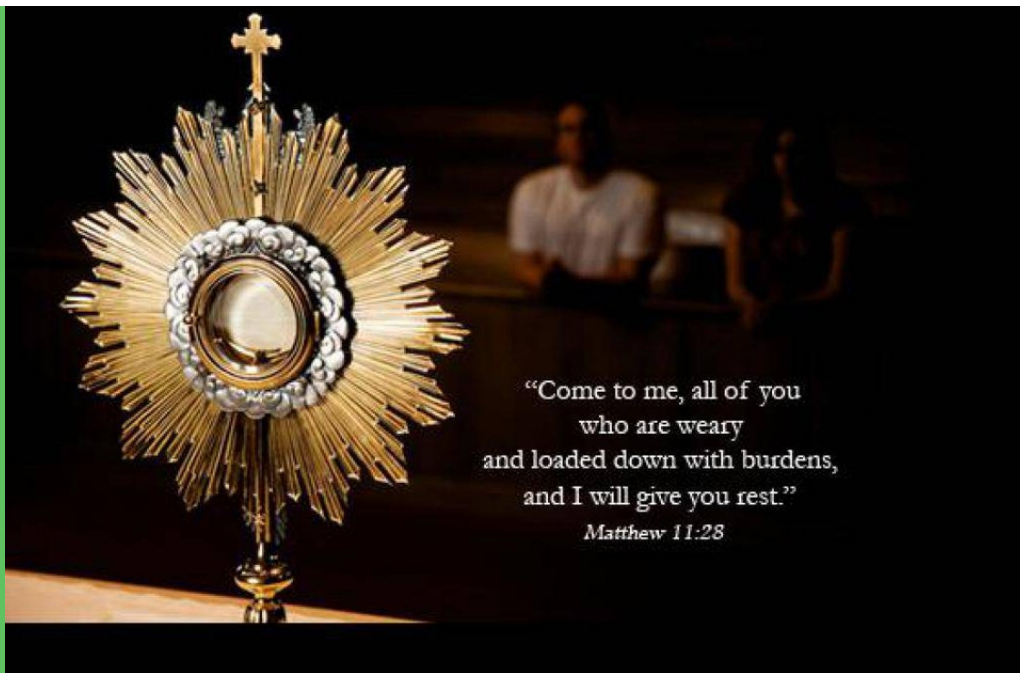




**Angels in Motion** is an organization dedicated to providing aid and comfort for those struggling with addiction. Join us on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria to build 500 Blessing Bags (juice, snacks, a resource for getting sober) for this wonderful organization! Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring young people to serve as well. Registration required—please reserve your spot by emailing [service@stceciliafc.com](mailto:service@stceciliafc.com)

**Cooking for Friends:** Join us as St. Cecilia Serves on Saturday, August 16th in the Kitchen (in Gym, Next to Auditorium) as we make meals to be shared through Caring for Friends. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring young people to serve as well. We need two crews of people: cooking the food will take place from 9 am to 10:30 am. Packing the Food will take place from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Please let us know you are coming by emailing [service@stceciliafc.com](mailto:service@stceciliafc.com)

**Can you cook?** During the summer months, Caring for Friends has an increased need for frozen meals to supply dinner for our sisters and brothers who are homebound. You can set a time to make a bunch of meals or make a meal with your leftovers each night. This can be a great activity with your children and grandchildren as well. Our parish can supply the containers, and you bring the frozen dinner to a fridge in the Rectory. Jesus rejoices when you feed the hungry! Need more information? Contact Ruth in the Parish Office (215-725-1240 or [rmccabe@stceciliafc.com](mailto:rmccabe@stceciliafc.com))



**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.**



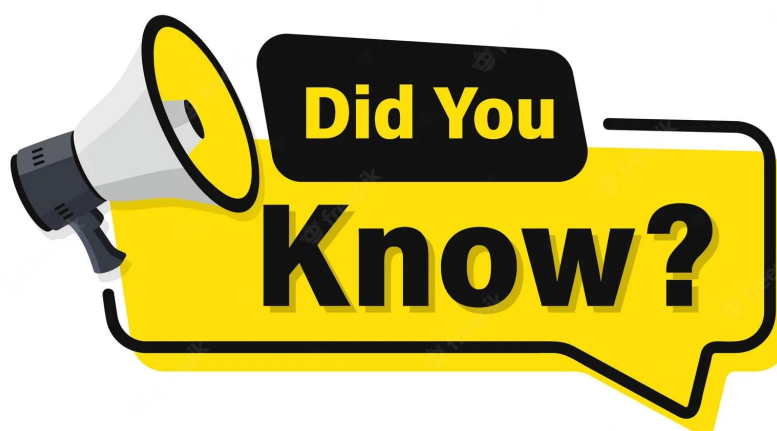
*Tuesday night after the storm! The rainbow reminds us of God's promise to remain with his people as a faithful and loving Father!*



- Pray for all who are dealing with the effects of flooding and storm damage in our area.
- Pray in thanksgiving that the municipal workers strike has been resolved.
- Pray for the soul of **James Greiner**, whose funeral will be Friday, July 11 at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of **Armondo Felicetto**, whose funeral will be Thursday, July 17 at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the sick: Walt M., Mike C., Lorraine B., Lucia K. and all who are hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.
- Pray that twelve people will hear God's call to follow Jesus in the Catholic Church at Saint Cecilia and respond with joy.





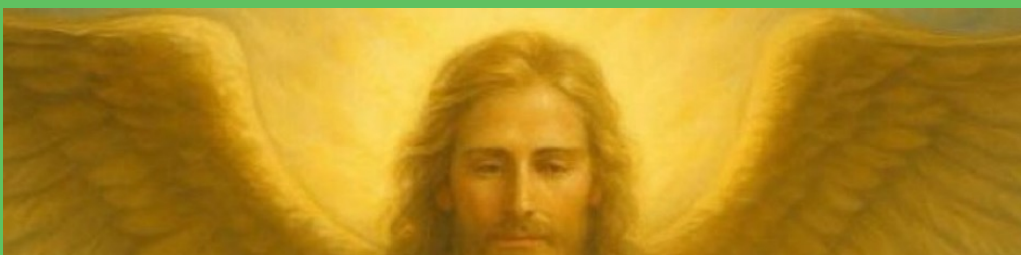


- Pope Leo has offered a [Mass for Creation](#) - one of many options for Masses that can be celebrated!
- ***Living a Fruitful Life in the Holy Spirit***: Father Chris is presenting a Day of Retreat at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Wednesday, Aug 6th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is no cost to attend but you [need to register and get a ticket](#). Bring your own lunch or purchase one when getting a ticket.
- Praise God for your financial goodness to Saint Cecilia! Our collection for July 5 & 6 was an amazing \$21,564. Our goal for FY25-26 is \$19,135 a week. Thank you for your goodness!
- Our ***Knights of Columbus*** collected \$2027 for the Special Olympics at the end of June. Thank you for your goodness.

Join women from Saint Cecilia and across the area on Saturday



- Join women from Saint Cecilia and across the area on Saturday, October 18th (9 am to 4 pm) for the [CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE](#) at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown (carpooling available). Great speakers and beautiful experiences of grace in a sacred setting. The cost for the day is \$50 (the normal cost is \$60, but there is a discount if you register with our parish; the Parish has some scholarships available as well). The event sells out every year, so act today. Drop off your check (payable to St. Cecilia Church) with your name and phone number. Questions? Contact Eileen Litka at 215-725-1240 or [eileen@stceciliafc.co](mailto:eileen@stceciliafc.co)
- Need some groceries? There are **FREE canned goods** and other non-perishable food on the shelf near the Caring for Friends freezer (small room between Church and Rectory; the door is open each day from 9am to 4pm). Help yourself!
- **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 Chris
- Please pray for priests...mental health is fragile for all of us, including those who serve you as priests. [READ MORE](#)
- **SAVE THE DATE:** There will be lots of wonderful things happening at Saint Cecilia in the months to come so please mark your calendars (details will be shared as the events get closer): Did Jesus *really* start the Catholic Church (Sept. 3rd at 7 pm); Fall Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Nicene Creed (Sept. 17th through Oct. 22 at 7 pm); join us once a month to watch The Chosen (starting Monday. Sept 22 at 7:15 pm); Vivaldi's Four Season with a string quartet, fee in our Church (Sept. 28th at 2 pm); Fall Night of Mercy on October 29th;





*Lord, grant mercy to all who died in the flood in Texas last week.  
Comfort those who grieve, especially the parents.  
Reward those who saved so many and serve now in rebuilding.  
Shepherd us, O God!*



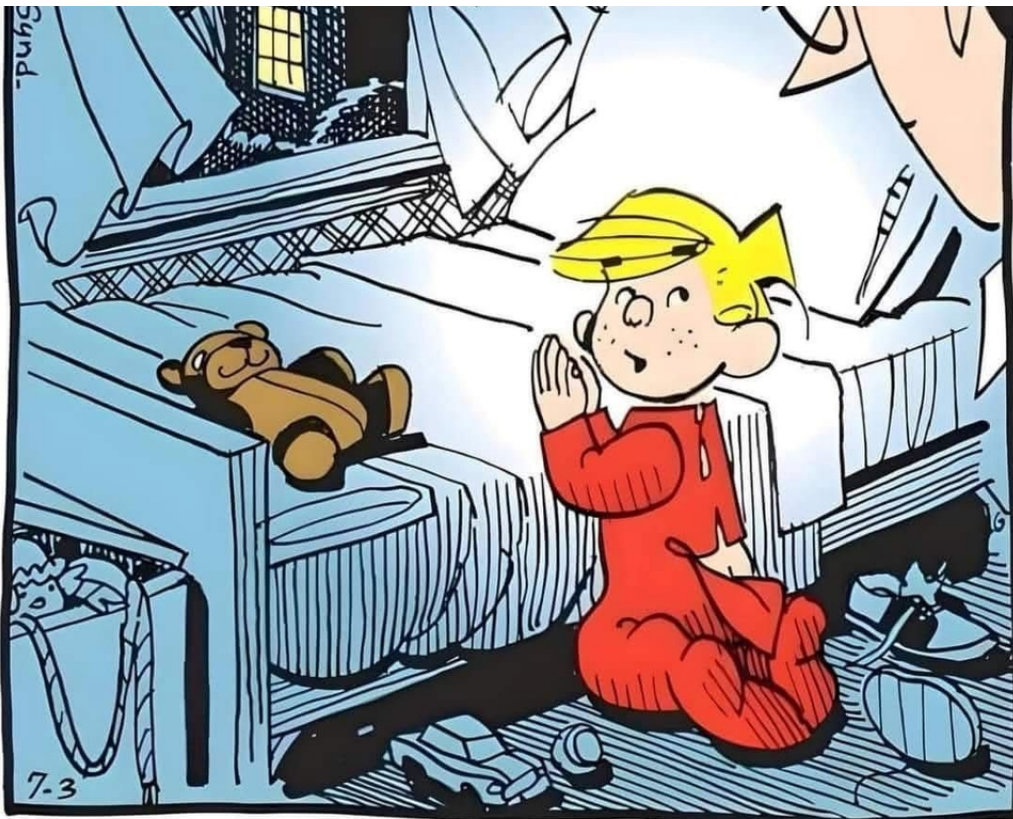


Lots of summer work around our campus: the original school is getting lots of caulking and pointing (the building is 100 years old). Floors have been scrubbed and waxed. Walls have been cleaned and painted. Parking lot paved. New concrete pad for the dumpster. Bathroom renovations are hopefully starting within a few weeks! Thank you for your generosity that makes all of this possible Saint Cecilia Church!

SATAN'S GOAL IS TO  
DESTROY YOUR ABILITY TO  
LOVE PEOPLE, BECAUSE  
THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU  
LIKE JESUS THE MOST.







I KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN TILL AFTER MY PRAYERS.  
I GET BETTER RECEPTION WITH IT OPEN."

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