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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,

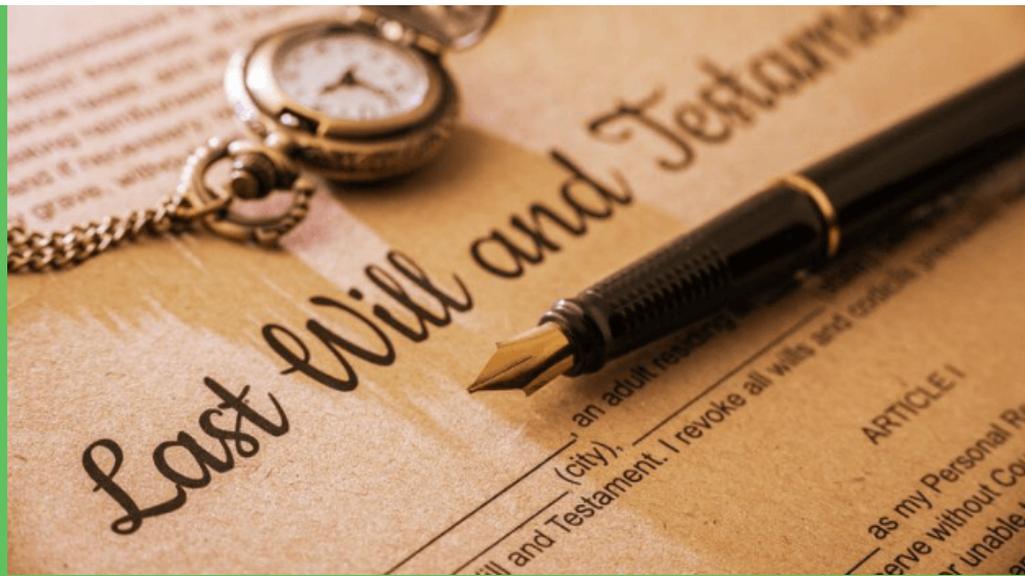
I am grateful for Father Matthew Phelan's presence at Saint Cecilia this coming weekend. Father Phelan and I attended St. Charles Seminary at the same time and had several classes together. He is a disciple of Jesus Christ and a devoted priest. His parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Overbrook, is blessed by his zeal and creativity. His community, the Mercedarians, is an international group of sisters, brothers, and priests seeking to offer freedom in the Gospel of Christ and the sacraments of the Church. Your financial support of their work is appreciated. Please use the envelope provided, donate online (Mission Appeal option), or use a plain envelope marked Mission Appeal over the next few weeks.

The Annual Mission Appeal is an opportunity for our parish to be reminded of Jesus' mandate that we go out and make disciples of all nations. Some do it quite literally. Others do it through prayer and financial support. I hope that our parish will grow in our intentional outreach within our Parish School, families, and neighborhoods. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is the best thing that has ever come into my life. I love sharing Him with others because He makes everything better. I hope you believe that and will see yourself as a missionary more and more. Maybe not to India, Brazil, or Spain, but in Fox Chase, Burholme, and Rockledge!

I will return from my vacation on Thursday. Renewed and ready to go!

*Father Chris*

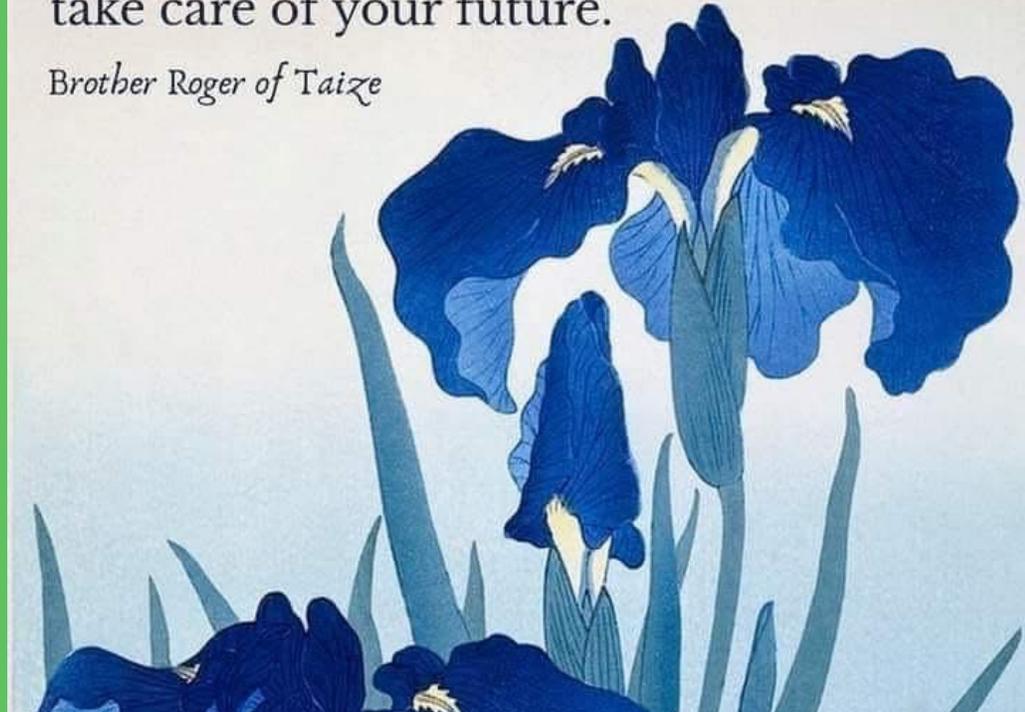




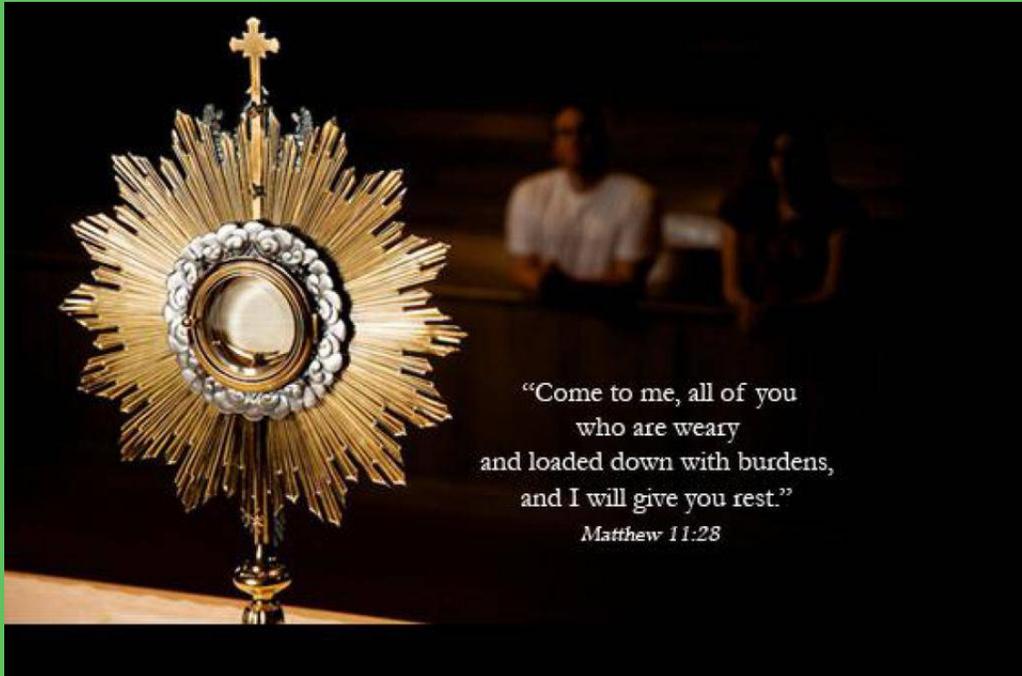
***Do you have a will? What is holding you back from completing one?*** Maybe the cost? Maybe, you are unsure how to start? St. Cecilia Parish and School are offering you a FREE will. It is legal in all 50 states and gives you the OPTION to make a gift to our parish or school when you pass. [CHECK IT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

The Holy Spirit has buried your past  
in the heart of Christ. And he will  
take care of your future.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*







“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.**



**DID JESUS REALLY FOUND THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

**How do we know so for sure?  
What about other  
Christian Churches?**

**Join us at St. Cecilia Church**

Wed., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-8pm  
School Auditorium  
Free Childcare Available  
All are welcome.  
Call 215-725-1240 for info.



- Pray for those impacted by addiction: Lord, heal those seeking sobriety and give patience and understanding to those who love them
- Pray that President Trump and Congress can resolve our immigration issues with courage
- Pray that our region can resolve the many challenged that will come because of cutbacks wit SEPTA
- Pray for **Father Callahan** who continues to recover at a local rehab facility. He is grateful for your prayers and cards!
- Pray for our homebound parishioners, for those on hospice and for those 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.
- Pray for teachers as they prepare for the new school year and our young people headed to college.





**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**

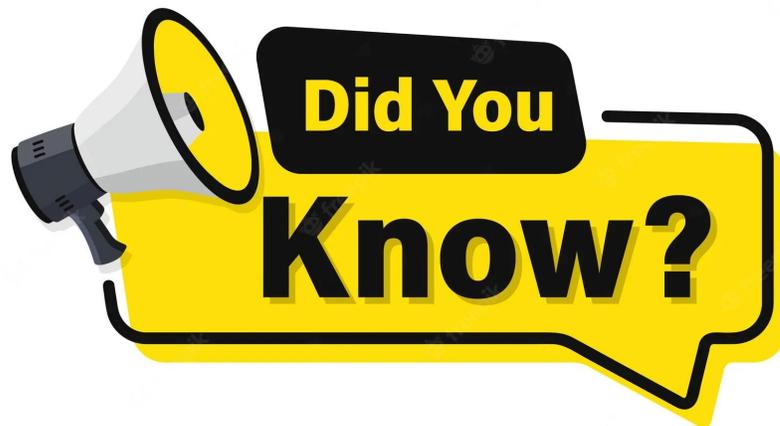
**SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**535 RHAWN STREET**  
**WWW.STCECILIAFC.ORG**

Can you help with our gatherings for THE CHOSEN? Fr. Phong is assembling a team to provide hospitality, provide technical support and guide the evening's discussion. We need you! Contact him at [frphong@stceciliafc.com](mailto:frphong@stceciliafc.com)





The Nicene Creed, which we pray each Sunday at Mass, is 1700 years old this year. Join us for a six-week Bible Study that will give us time to study the scriptural foundations of the Creed. We start September 17th and continue through October 22nd – Wednesday at 7 pm in the Auditorium. Sign-ups will come shortly. Free childcare will be available. Invite a friend or neighbor for this wonderful opportunity to gather for learning, prayer, and fellowship.



- Our **Annual Parish Fall Festival** will be Saturday, October 4th. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present with friends, neighbors, and family. It's a great opportunity to introduce them to Saint Cecilia! Please plan to get involved by volunteering as well –

requests for volunteers will be coming soon!

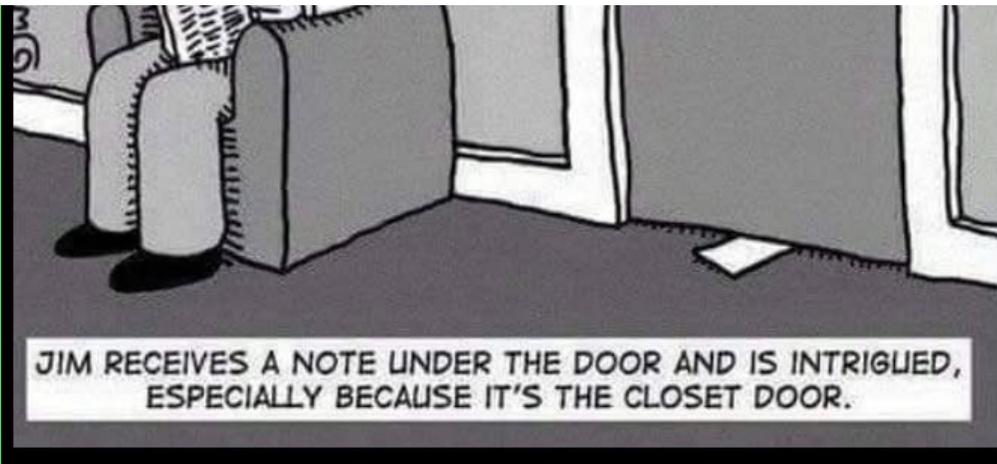
- **Auditorium Bathroom Renovations Update:** Demo is complete and the building process is starting! Please be patient with any inconveniences when you are in the Auditorium over the next few months. We will be using the bathrooms located in the school building (warning: the toilets are low since they are designed for small children).
- **Meeting for LEADERS of all Parish Organizations and Ministries:** Each group must have two representatives present. Please be present on Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be in the Auditorium.
- How do all the [CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM](#) find a way to live in peace?
- **Training in CPR and basic First Aid** will be offered in the St. Cecilia Auditorium on Saturday, September 20th from 1 to 4 pm. Training is free unless you need American Heart Association certification, which is valid for two years and costs \$50. Maximum class size is 15, so registration is required. Contact Kara in the Parish Office at [secretary@stceciliafc.com](mailto:secretary@stceciliafc.com) or 215-725-1240. This wonderful service of being offered through Humanitas, our Parish Pro-Life Ministry.
- **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, September 27**. To learn more or to let us know you'll be attending, please contact Paula at **215-317-9802** or [ripleynd@aol.com](mailto:ripleynd@aol.com).
- LA Catholics find a way to [provide loving care for immigrant families](#) living in fear
- Father Chris will be attending a weekend retreat with **Marriage Encounter** on October 10, 11 & 12. The retreat offers married couples of all ages an opportunity to renew their marriage and learn the tools to live their sacrament with joy and fidelity. A few couples from St. Cecilia have already “made a weekend,” and Fr. Chris hopes more and more will as well, allowing the covenant of marriage to grow in our Parish. The retreat is held in Doylestown. Interested in learning more? Contact Father Chris or Mike or Roxanne Pinkl at [mikepinkl@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepinkl@yahoo.com)
- 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

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- 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

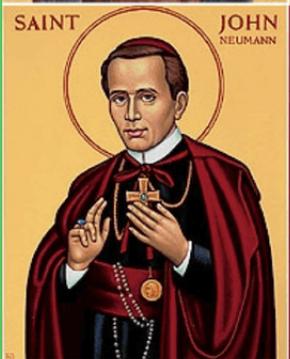
# Jesus

deliberately used a Samaritan, someone from a despised ethnic group, to challenge racial and cultural biases. Loving our neighbor means breaking down barriers.





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## **Year of Hope Philly Pilgrimage Shrines of St. John Neumann and St. Rita of Cascia**

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will board a school bus at St. Cecilia after the 8:30 am Mass. Our first stop will be Girard Avenue where we will learn about our saintly bishop and pray with his relics. Lunch on your own at the Reading Terminal Market. Then to South Broad Street to learn about the Saint for Impossible Causes. We return by 4:15 pm. The cost is \$22 to cover the bus and donations to the Shrines. To reserve your seat, please drop off a check with your name and phone number at the Parish Office.

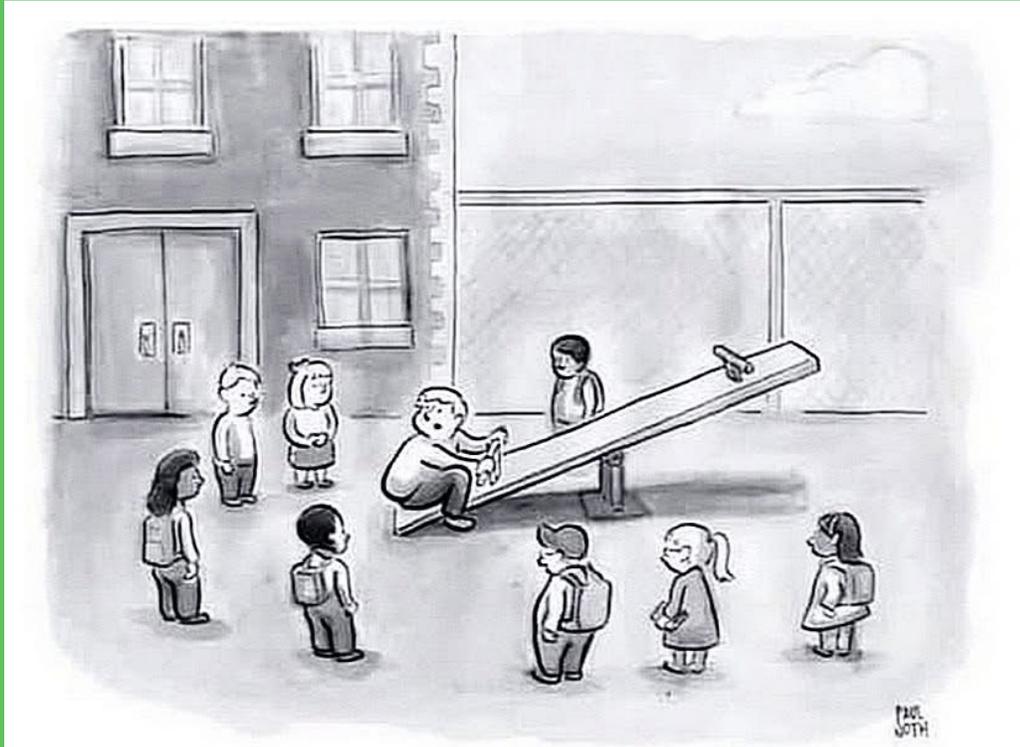


**Questions? Call 215-725-1240**



**Summer Music Series:** Join our Music Director, Colleen Mavroudis, for FREE Music Classes on our Campus Thursday evenings (7 pm to 8:30 pm). Aug. 21st – Music Therapy in Music Ministry Come and learn about the fascinating and scientifically based use of music in a variety of settings, and how it points to our use of music in worship and community building. Aug. 28th – Vocal Master Class Come learn the basic techniques used by professional performers to create a fuller, more consistent sound while singing. All ages, experience, and ability levels welcome. If you have ever wondered about singing in the choir, this is a great opportunity to test the

musical waters. Come for one class or come for all four! Sign up by emailing Colleen: [musicdirector@stceciliafc.com](mailto:musicdirector@stceciliafc.com) or call 215-725-1240



*“O.K., now, when a teacher comes out,  
everybody look straight up.”*

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