

WEEKLY WORD

September 22, 2025

Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

Today, we celebrated Catechetical Sunday. Our teachers and parish catechists were blessed at the end of mass.

The theme builds on the Year of Hope: "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). On the Ascension Press website, it explained the theme. It said, "This theme highlights each person's duty to become witnesses of the faith and of their hope in Christ. Hearing this call, catechists have graciously answered by giving of themselves for the faith in their parish communities."

At St. Cecilia School and Parish, I know that I/we are so grateful for our teachers and catechists. Let us continue to pray for all of our teachers, that they will be the witnesses of faith, hope, and love that God calls them to be. Let us pray that all of us – parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators can be faithful witnesses to each other!

Have a great week!
God bless,
Sister Catherine

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

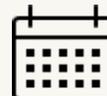
Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:
TUESDAY, September 23
7:00 p.m., Auditorium.
Jackpot: \$46,000

LOOKING AHEAD



September

- 22 String Lessons begin today
- 24 Band Lessons begin
- 25 Collaborative High School Placement Exam for ALL 8th Grade Students: In School
- 25 **Rita's Night Out – St. Cecilia Parking Lot – 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.: See Flyer**

October

- 1 EITC Donor Breakfast, Cecilian Room, 7:00 a.m.
- 4 **Parish Fall Festival**
- 4-5 Parish Ministry Fair
- 5 Blessing of Animals at 1:00 p.m.
- 6 Protecting God's Children Class: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- 13 Faculty In-Service Day: No School for Students
- 14 School Mass at 10:00 a.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AT ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

Please complete these forms.

Volunteer for Safety Committee:

<https://forms.gle/WyZQzuUH3g97wuPt6>

Volunteer to Help at Lunch and Recess:

<https://forms.gle/uPhUyQFaXVfpTrED8>

Volunteer for Homeroom Parent:

[Homeroom Parent Sign Up](#)

Volunteer for Fall Festival:

[Fall Festival Volunteers are needed. Sign up here.](#)

FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS:

It is not too late to apply for Financial Aid for this school year. Please go to <https://scsfoxchase.org/tuition-assistance>

The lottery for the Children's Scholarship Fund is now open for NEW students. Go to: **Go to the CSFP website to apply. Here is the link:** <https://www.csphiladelphia.org/apply/>



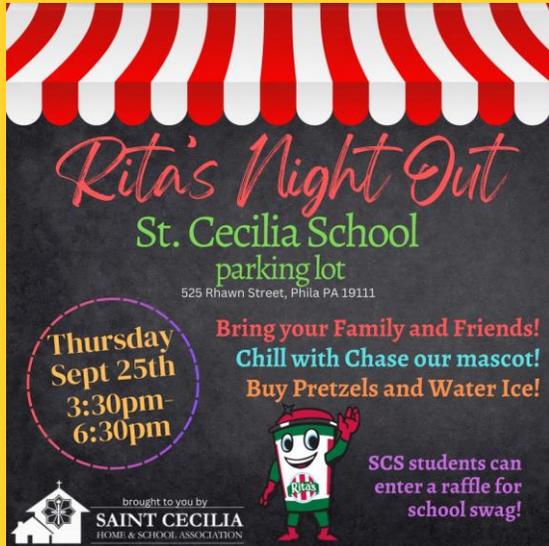
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Upcoming Events:



Rita's Night Out
St. Cecilia School
parking lot
525 Rhawn Street, Phila PA 19111

Thursday
Sept 25th
3:30pm-6:30pm

Bring your Family and Friends!
Chill with Chase our mascot!
Buy Pretzels and Water Ice!

SCS students can enter a raffle for school swag!

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HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



SAINT CECILIA HOME & SCHOOL

Dress Down Day

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH

\$2 DONATION TO DRESS DOWN FOR THE DAY

Please send in cash or check for your child to participate. All envelopes should have students names and homerooms listed.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. CECILIA PARISH
535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111

FALL FESTIVAL

Free Event

Rain or Shine

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025
11AM - 3PM

CRAFT FAIR	PETTING ZOO	GAMES
FACE PAINTING	BALLOON ANIMALS	FOOD

Questions? parisheventplanners@gmail.com



CAN YOU HELP US?

ST. CECILIA FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025
11AM - 3PM

VOLUNTEERS Sign up here to help at the festival in a variety of areas. 

DONATIONS

Calling all bakers!
We're looking for donated baked goods for the festival. Big or small, every treat helps!
Email Justine to let us know at J0lehmann8217@gmail.com

Raffle baskets
Help us stack the raffle table - donate a basket!
Email Eleanor at ekerwick@stceciiafc.com

BORROW

Got a tent or canopy?
We'd love to borrow it for the festival! Please let us know if you can help.
Email Justine at J0lehmann8217@gmail.com

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Safe Environment Class: In order to volunteer, you must complete the Protecting God's Children class. We will have a class here at St. Cecilia Parish on October 6, 2025, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. To register, visit: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> Contact Kristin Weiler, safe@stceciiafc.com, for information.

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Lottery Reminder: Please do not send in your lottery tickets with money with your children. We had issues last year that tickets were left in a schoolbag or put into a mailbox only to be discovered after the drawing. Blank tickets can be sent home with students, but students cannot bring in an envelope with filled out tickets and money for drawings.

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St. Cecilia Sign: On Tuesday, September 23, a new sign will be installed in front of the Church. Please be mindful of this as you enter and exit the parking lot on this day. Thank you!