Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?
**Saint Cecilia Church**

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**Rectory Office Hours**
Currently closed ~ call 215-725-1240 for emergency.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**
First three Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. Attendance at a Pre-Jordan class is required for first time parents. Please pre-register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240.

**Marriage**
Couples must contact a priest six months prior to the wedding.

**Reconciliation**
Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm

**Homebound Visitation**
Please contact the Rectory.

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

April 26, 2020

**FOCUS:** Let us rejoice in the good news of salvation: Jesus is God’s promise fulfilled.

The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present to us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with his Word, and his body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus, we know him in the breaking of the bread.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the Jews and all in Jerusalem that Jesus, commend ed to them by God, was also killed by them. But that God raised him up. Peter writes that all have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ. In the Gospel, two disciples traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize him until they sat for a meal and he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

**REFLECTION:** Jesus explains the Scriptures to the two disciples on the road. The biblical Word of God is proclaimed and explained so that new insight is given to them. Then, as we do in worship, after having the Word of God, the needy disciples gather around the table with Jesus where bread is blessed, broken and given to them.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- Has the Word of God ever made your heart burn within you as it did for the disciples?
- If you do not already, why not turn to the Scriptures each day to discover, as the disciples did, Christ’s living presence with you?

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**Join us for Mass!**

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

10:00am - Every Sunday

https://www.facebook.com/St-Cecilia-Church-Fox-Chase
We are all one family under God. He does not abandon us. He goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. It is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for Him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantel of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

**Please keep in your prayers**

All the nurses, doctors, hospital staff, those sick with Coronavirus, patients in hospitals, EMTs, scientists, our military troops, firefighters, law enforcement, truck drivers, delivery people, store employees, government officials, caregivers, students, teachers, parents, everyone staying in their homes, and all those who have died and their families.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**You Can Change a Child’s Life for Good**

For over forty years, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) has been committed to providing eligible families access to high-quality, values-based private or faith-based education, as an alternative to their area public school. If eligible, these families will receive grade school, high school or special education scholarships to attend a qualifying private school.

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An example of how the credit works:

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For much more information, please visit the home page of our website at www.stceciliafc.org and click on BLOCS.

**Sponsor a Student (2020-2021)**

This program helps our families who want to send their children to Saint Cecilia School and may have some financial difficulty along the way. With your help these families can keep their child in our school and receive a good Catholic education.

There are several gifting levels and payment options - You can make a one time payment or select any option you wish. We will identify those students with the greatest need and allocate the funds accordingly. For more information on this program or to give a tax deductible gift, please feel free to contact Lisa Hnat, Tuition Coordinator at lhnat@stceciliafc.com.

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**Relevant Radio 640am relevantradio.com**

Prayer is powerful. It has the ability to change things. You are invited to participate in a network-wide prayer campaign to help end COVID-19.

- Live daily Mass at 12:00pm CT
- Live Stations of the Cross, Fridays 3:35pm CT
- Live Divine Mercy Chaplet weekdays at 3pm CT
- Live Rosary 7:00pm CT
Our classroom is in shambles
All I’ve treasured is gone
The school seems deserted
Everyone’s so forlorn

A storm came from up above
But somehow it missed
The Church of St. Cecilia

The bells in the school
Never ring anymore
The clock in the steeple
Can’t tell time as before

But up on the hillside
That is blessed
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Each day at 2:50
When I seek haven from my daily care
You’ll find me by her side
It seems so peaceful there

I kneel in my solitude and silently pray
That heaven will protect you, dear
And there’ll come a day
The storm will be over and we’ll meet again
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Looking for a great school ~ Here we are!
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◆ CARES (after school program)
◆ CORA (Educational & Counseling Services)
◆ SHALOM Program
◆ NDS Program (we offer FREE breakfast and lunch for students)
◆ Catapult (Title 1 Reading, ELL, Family Counseling)

Extra Curricular Activities
◆ Student Council
◆ Future Cities Team
◆ Forensics
◆ Mathletes
◆ Altar Servers
◆ Service Commission
◆ School Band/Strings Program
◆ CYO Sports
◆ Scouting
◆ Reading Olympics

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the school buildings are currently closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. However, virtual classes are being held for each grade by every teacher.

For information about registration for the next school year, please call the school’s main office at 215-725-8588.

For tuition information, please email Lisa Hnat at lhnat@stceciliafc.com
MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27

MONDAY, April 27
6:30am – Thomas J. Costello (8th anniversary) & Kathleen Costello Bockol
8:30am – Gregory Sucheski (1st anniversary)

TUESDAY, April 28
6:30am – Maria & Mikolaj Pawlus
8:30am – Elvira & Leonardo DiSandro

WEDNESDAY, April 29
6:30am – Sister St. Mark Dillon (birthday)
8:30am – Kyle Peahota

THURSDAY, April 30
6:30am – Patricia Staudt
8:30am – Mario & Antonietta Verrecchia

FRIDAY, May 1
6:30am – Tyler & Christina Roy
8:30am – Schroenghamer Family

SATURDAY, May 2
8:30am – William E. Staudt & Patricia Staudt
5:00pm – Margaret Mary Maginnis

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