

ST. CYPRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Prayer of St. Cyprian

Almighty God, we are reminded through your servant St. Cyprian, of Spirit always within us and your continued presence in us, and of our oneness with you and the Church. May we always grow together and profess you in Faith, Unity and Hope. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor

Msgr. Federico A. Britto

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Rene Againglo

In Residence

Fr. Richard Anjangha Tah

Fr. David Fisher

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Anthony Willoughby

Director of Religious Education

Mark Gonzalez

Director of Parish Services

Carla Caple- Petty

Parish Bookkeeper

John Duffner

Administrative Assistant

Babette Henry-Taylor

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Noon-1:00 PM closed for lunch.

Evenings by appointment

215-747-3250

Website: Saintcyprianchurch.org

f Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Weekdays 8:00 AM

Sunday

8:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English, Live Stream)

1:00 PM (Igbo)

3:30 PM (Francophone)

Week of February 22, 2026

Monday

Drill Team 6:00 PM

Wellness Walk 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Tuesday

Rosary Makers 9:00 AM

Legion of Mary 10:00 AM

Peanut Butter & Jelly Makers 12:00 PM

Wellness Walk 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Drill Team 6:00 PM

Wednesday

N.A. Group 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM

Wellness Walk 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Thursday

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Wellness Walk 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Saturday

Women of St. Cyprian 10 AM every 3rd Sat.

Men of St. Cyprian 10 AM every 3rd Saturday

CYO 10:00 AM (every 2ⁿ Saturday of the month)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May Jesus Christ, the eternal sign of the Father's merciful love, be with you!

Every week, I look forward to Sundays. I get the opportunity to see our parishioners, greet them, and have conversations with them. This allows me to develop a deeper and meaningful connection with them. Together we travel on a spiritual journey towards the eternal kingdom. On this journey, we pray together and encounter Jesus Christ through scripture and the Eucharist. I thank all of our parishioners for your faith, commitment to the Church, and your stewardship to our parish.

Since Ash Wednesday, we began another spiritual journey. This journey is the season of Lent. During the season, we remember all that Jesus Christ did for us even dying on the cross. Use this season of Lent as an opportunity for a personal spiritual encounter with Christ. Take advantage of the spiritual materials given out at Church. Take time for prayer, meditation, and even attend Mass during the week, as well as the Lenten programs: Stations of the Cross or the Parish Lenten Journey. May the season of Lent bring us closer to Jesus Christ and to the eternal kingdom.

Remember our parishioners in your prayers. We also pray for our homebound parishioners and those who have not returned to Church. We pray for our children; that they will be connected to the Church and our parish.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded how easy it is to succumb to temptations. We face it every day and it seems magnified during Lent. We hear the stories of Adam and Eve and Jesus' temptation by the devil. These stories are about making the right choice. May the choices we make, bring us closer to God.

*Peace and blessings,
Msgr. Dr. Britto*

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Sunday, February 22nd First Sunday of Lent (I) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 (PS) 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (II) Romans 5:12-19 (G) Matthew 4:1-11	Monday, February 23rd Lenten Weekday (I) Leviticus 19 :1-2, 11-18 (PS) 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (G) Matthew 25 :31-46	Tuesday, February 24th Lenten Weekday (I) Isaiah 55:10-11 (PS) 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 (G) Matthew 6:7-15	Wednesday, February 25th Lenten Weekday (I) Jonah 3:1-10 (PS) 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 (G) Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, February 26th Lenten Weekday (I) Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 (PS) 113:8:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 (G) Matthew 7 :7-12	Friday, February 27th Lenten Wednesday (I) Ezekiel 18:21-28 (PS) 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 (G) Matthew 5:20-26	Saturday, February 28th Lenten Wednesday (I) Deuteronomy 26:16-19 (PS) 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 (G) Matthew 5:43-48	Sunday, March 2nd Second Sunday of Lent (I) Genesis 12:1-4a (PS) 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (II) 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 (G) Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM

Kendall Norman

11:00 AM

Hazel Isabel Smith

Monday

8:00 AM

George P. Connell

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Rev. John Sibel

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Harry Lester

Thursday

8:00 AM

Friday

8:00 AM

Ann Marie Glunz Ortiz

Collections

February 15, 2025: \$4,777.00

February PayPal: \$170.67

Total: \$5,796.60

Care of Aging & Ill Priests: \$340.00

Catholic Charities Appeal: \$560.00

Church contributions to our parish are very important. It allows us to pay our bills and be self-sufficient from the Archdiocese. Please be generous with your Church contribution, if you miss a week, please make up for that missed week. Our weekly collection goal is \$5000.00.

Restoration Funds

Please continue to use your yellow restoration fund envelopes for our campus restorations.

1. Security cameras around the property
2. Pointing of Church façade

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard half an hour before Sunday Mass, or by appointment.

Thought for the Month

Black History Month: A century of Black History Commemoration.

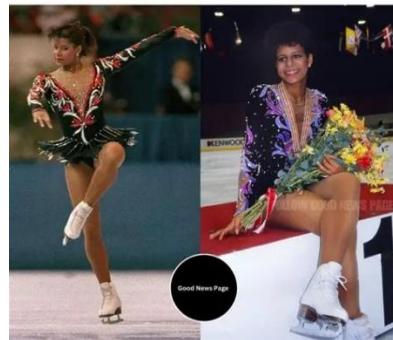
2026 marks the 100th Anniversary of Black History Month.

Upcoming Events

- **Helping Hands for the Hungry 3/28**
- **Supermarket Raffle 2/22 ticket sales**
- **Mystery Dinner Theatre 4/11**
- **Easter Raffle 3/1-29/26**
- **Bingo Party 3/14**
- **Fish Fry 3/27 & 4/3**
- **Women's Day Brunch 5/2**
- **Sight & Sound "Joshua" Sold Out**

Theme for 2026 Lenten Journey:
"Looking to Jesus"

IN 1986, DEBI THOMAS BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WIN A NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING TITLE. DROP A ❤ #GOODNEWSPAGE



Mass Intentions

Contact the rectory if you wish to have Mass said for the deceased, living or a Mass of Thanksgiving.

12 PM
DID YOU PRAY TODAY!!!
For our world... Our
Church... Our community...

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

Bereavement Committee

Bible Study

CYO

Eucharistic Ministers

Food Pantry Volunteers

Helping Hands for the Hungry

Health & Wellness

Knights of Columbus

Knights of St. Peter Claver

Ladies Auxiliary of KPC

Lectors

Legion of Mary

Liturgy Committee

Men of St. Cyprian

Parish Social Outreach

Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministries

Prep

Repass Services

RICA

Rosary Makers

St. Cyprian Choir

Ushers & Greeters

Women's Day Brunch Committee

Women of St. Cyprian

PARISH INFORMATION

Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. Please contact Mark Gonzalez for more information

Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA Program

This prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full Communion in the Catholic Church. Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic or wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? If so, contact the rectory.

Parish Registration Information

It is important that parish information is kept up to date. If there are any changes with either phone number, address, or name, please contact the rectory with your correct information.

New Parishioners

New Parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register as soon as possible after moving into the Parish. Please see an usher after church and request a form.

Daily Mass

Consider starting your day by attending Daily Mass. Monday to Friday at 8:00 AM in our Parish Chapel. It is a great opportunity for prayer and asking God to bless your day.

Parish Ministries

New members are welcome to share your gifts and talents. Become a member of one of the parish ministries. The names of the Parish Ministries are posted in our bulletin.

Important Notice

Everyone is kindly encouraged to use your restoration envelope. Our Church expenses have increased enormously. Your help and stewardship is greatly needed. Please use your Restoration envelope.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2026

The Archdiocese Catholic Charities Appeal continues. Our parish goal is \$7,878.00. Our parish is a recipient of this Appeal. To date we have collected \$8,026.00

2025 Contribution Statement

If you would like your 2024 statement of contribution for Income Tax purposes, please call the rectory.

Church Tithes

Your stewardship of treasure to the Church is very important. You can use PayPal for your tithes via the website donation button or QR code in the bulletin. Use saintcyprianparish8@gmail.com on the PayPal site. **Note: PayPal takes a 2% fee from every donation. Please make sure to put your name and/or envelope number in the message of your donations.**

Message to Parishioners

Please address all business pertaining to the parish during the work week, Monday – Thursday between 8 AM-3PM. If your parish envelopes have stopped coming call the rectory at 215-747-3250 so they can be reordered. Please write your full name on regular parish giving envelopes. Many parishioners share the same last name. **Note: We do not stop church envelopes unless you tell us. If you're not receiving your envelopes, it is USPS. FYI: The bulletin will be completed by Tuesday at noon.**

Home blessings & Holy Communion

Anyone who wishes their home blessed, please call the rectory. If any of our homebound or shut in parishioners wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory.

Altar Servers

Would you like to serve at the altar for Sunday Mass? Altar Servers are needed, especially for the 8AM Sunday Mass. Adults are encouraged to be an Altar Server. Call the rectory if you are interested.

Parish Ministries Events

When your ministry has an event or meeting, please take pictures and send them to stcyprianparish8@gmail.com to be put on the parish website.

Catholic Philly.com

All Archdiocesan news, events, and activities are now located online. Check out phillycatholic.com to see what is going on around the Archdiocese.

St. Cyprian Food Pantry

The Food Pantry accepts all non-perishable foods. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please be conscience of the expiration dates on the items donated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND AND ARMED FORCES

Ramao Alagrin, Beverly Allmond, Anthony Allen, Renita Austin, M. Barry, Alice Barnes, Marie Barnes, Sam Bell, Andree Belizaire, Pauline Bond, Terry Bonds, Sharon Bosby, Jacob Abram Byrd, Catalina Caroli, Maxine Chisholm, Walter Chisholm, Joyce Coy, Pearl Cunningham, Lauretta Davis, Dawson Family, Debra Dickerson, Priscila Effinger, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Roberta Fitzgerald, Helen Freeman, Joseph Gilbert, Joseph Gilstrap, Remie Green, Clanthie Gordon, Rhonda Hardnett, Naja Harrison, Barbara J. Hawkins, Celestine Henry, Lois Henry, Mary Horton, Philip H. Jackson, Phoenix Jackson, Luna Jackson, Ernestine Jenkins, Fulton Jennings, Derrick Johnson, Edward Johnson, Leta Johnson, Joan Jones, Leola King, Stephanie Marshall, Maurice Massenberg, Burrell Martin Massey Sr., Sandy McAfee-Bennett, Anthony McMillian, Hiram Milburn, Pierre Muller, Marie Muller, Jeffrey Myers, Gayle Norman, Christina Marie Nyame, Joe Nyame, Anthony Pelle Jr., John Price, Paris Price, Yvonne Randall, Walter Richey, Anthony Robinson, Jeannette Robinson, Mary Ross, Tonya Sewell, William Smith, Brenda Taylor, Gary Taylor, Celeste Townes, Irene Tsokas, Camile Veasey, Lillian White, Lola White, Juanita Williams, Emily Wilson, and also those in nursing homes & hospitals.

List Information: Please call the parish office 215-747-3250 if you would like to add or remove someone's name from the prayer list. If you are aware of someone who is no longer sick, please let us know so that we can ensure there is room for others in need of prayer. Also reducing the list allows for those who need prayer to be more apparent. Thank you.

AIR FORCE: K. Williams, L. Jay, D. McCall, K. Burford, J. Harden, K. Norman II, M. Brown. **ARMY:** M. Davis, D. English, C. Johnson, W. Redheffer, L. Thompson, J. Johnson, S. Daley II, R. Lee, R. Nyame, Christina Perkins

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Anointing of the sick/ Homebound Parishioners

If you know a homebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit, please contact the rectory to set up an appointment. If you know or are caring for a sick parishioner, please contact the rectory to set up a visit for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Prayer for Peace in the streets

O God, our maker of all creation, we pray for peace and an end to gun violence. We pray for respect for human life in all its stages. We pray for a commitment to human rights and the protection of all lives. We pray for peace and for justice in our homes, city, and streets. Wrap all and each of your children in your love. We pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence and senseless deaths. Grant us this peace God. Grant us a peaceful world. Amen

Lenten Series

During the season of Lent, there will be Catechetical Series on the Beatitudes. Use this series as part of your Lenten reflections.

Lenten Prayer

Protect me, God: for in you I take refuge. You are my portion and cup, my life is in your hands. I keep you ever before me, for you are my God. You stand at my right hand; I shall not waver. And so my heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not leave my life among the dead, or let your servant go down into the pit. You will show me the path of life, fullness of joy in your presence, happiness forever at your right hand. Amen

Lenten Journey Schedule

February 25: Mass @ 7PM

March 4: Mass @ 7PM

March 11: Stations of the Cross @ 7PM

March 18: Stations of the Cross @ 7PM

March 25: Mary's Way of the Cross @ 7PM

April 1: Parish Penance Service @ 7PM



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Recitation of the Rosary

The rosary is prayed every Sunday at 7:30 & 10:30 am. Join us as we pray the rosary for your intention and the intentions of others.

Spiritual Devotions

1. Pray the rosary daily
2. Take 5 minutes of silence before starting your day.
3. Spend 10 minutes meditating on the “Our Father” prayer
4. Attend Mass during the week in addition to Sunday Mass
5. Attend Bible Study
6. Spread kindness to someone who would never expect it.

Health & Wellness Tips

- Set realistic goals
- Walk 3x a week
- Get proper sleep: 8 hours.
- Take deep breaths over the course of the day.
- Practice self care regularly
- Smile every now and then.

Disciples on the Mission Challenge

Everyone is challenged to invite at least one family member or friend to celebrate Sunday Mass with our parish and to a parish event.

Day of Reconciliation for Healing Racism

Speaker: Sr. Cora Marie Billings, RSM, Topic: The People of God Standing at the Foot of the Cross. Saturday, February 21st, 9:30-3PM Daylesford Abbey, Paoli PA. \$40 ticket includes lunch.

PREP Program

Religion classes for our grade school and high school students have resumed. All students are encouraged to attend Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45 in the Msgr. Britto Educational Center.

February Awareness Month

Black History Month, American Heart, National Cancer Prevention, National Children’s Dental Health, National Self-Check Month (proactive, regular health screenings)

Change your Batteries

This is the time of the year when we change the batteries in our smoke detectors. Smoke detectors saves lives. Please put a new battery in your smoke detector.

Operation Rice Bowl

The season of Lent asks us to pray, fast and participate in almsgiving. Please use the Rice Bowl which will help hunger and poverty in our community.

Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study every Thursday morning beginning at 10 AM in the rectory. You can participate in person or on zoom. Call the rectory for the zoom information.

Bingo after Brunch Day Party

Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association Bingo Party. March 14th \$35 tickets, 1- 5pm in the Community Hall. DJ prizes & food truck. Bring your own everything,

Trip to Joshua

Sold Out Sponsored by the Women of St. Cyprian. Thursday, May 14th Show will be at Sight & Sound, lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard.

Lenten Observance, Fasting Rules

Every Friday during Lent, everyone is to abstain from eating meat. People ages 15-59 are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays during Lent. People 60 years and older and those with medical conditions do not have to follow this rule.

Remember your contributions

The snow has affected our Sunday Mass attendance and contributions. Always err on the side of safety when deciding to attend Mass. Keep in mind your Sunday contribution. It is important in keeping our church functioning.

Mystery Dinner Theatre

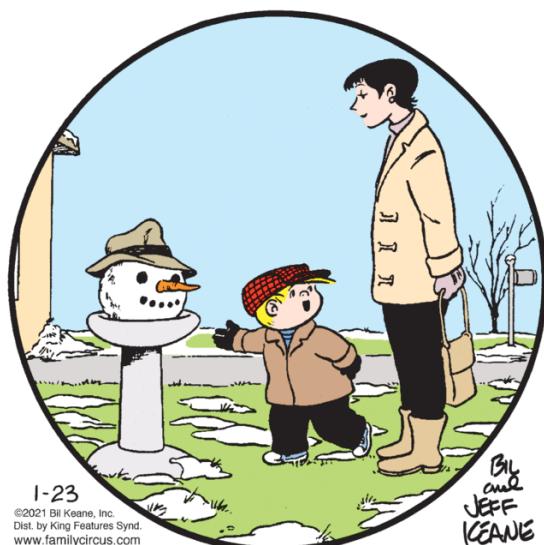
Murder at Mount Hope at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. With the Women of St. Ignatius, Saturday, April 11th Cost \$125 per person. See flyer for more information.

Supermarket Raffle

Women of St. Cyprian Supermarket Raffle Fundraiser. Supermarket giftcard to ShopRite. Tickets \$5 sold after each mass.

Black History

Black History Month reminds everyone to never forget the gifts, talents, and legacy of many important and brilliant African Americans. We must never forget our history. More importantly we must never allow others to eliminate it.



"There wasn't enough snow for the whole man."

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Question of the Week

"How do fasting, prayer, and almsgiving keep me on the path to the cross and salvation? How do I resist temptation? Can I remember to look ahead to the long-term consequences before I choose what to do?"

"HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR. IT INJURES THE HATER MORE THAN IT INJURES THE HATED" – CORETTA SCOTT KING

Bible Trivia

Which prophet made the iron of an axe float?

1. Elijah
2. Elisha
3. Isaiah
4. Ezekiel

Last week's answer: Jezebel

ST. CYPRIAN MISSION STATEMENT

We the parishioners of St. Cyprian Church are a family of Christians, created in the image and likeness of our loving God. We gather nurtured by the Word and nourished through the Eucharist.

Send forth Christ, we strive to share Him with each other in our daily lives, and to spread His message to all.

We respond to Christ's command to witness Gospel values to ALL PEOPLE through:

1. Adult Education and Parish Programs
2. Parish School
3. Youth Programs
4. Assistance to the Needy

With Christ as our cornerstone, we attempt to minister to the body, mind, and spirit of our fellow human beings, serving as a beacon of hope to our community.

Through the intercession of our Patron St. Cyprian, we come together in ***Unity-Faith-Hope***



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