

ST. CYPRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



LENT

◆◆◆◆◆ 40 Days of Renewal ◆◆◆◆◆

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

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Fr. Rene Againglo

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Fr. Richard Anjangha Tah

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Mark Gonzalez

Director of Parish Services

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John Duffner

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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 March 15, 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

Line Dance Class 6:00PM

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)

May Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who calls us out of darkness into his wonderful light, be with you!

Mother Nature is beginning to get back on track with the weather. We are now experiencing normal weather patterns. May we continue to experience beautiful weather ahead.

Consumers continue to see the financial challenges from food to utilities bills to gas and heating oil rising. It is affecting everyone's budget. This also includes our Church. While your budgets are a priority, do not forget to budget the Church in your financial expenses.

We continue our season of Lent. I pray you are maintaining your Lenten obligation of prayer, charitable works, and almsgiving. Remember to take advantage of the Lenten devotions offered at our parish.

As always, keep in your prayers, our parish, homebound parishioners, our ill parishioners and those who have not returned to Church.

Our readings for today's Mass remind us not to always look at a person's external appearance. We tend to see appearances, but God looks into the heart. The story of David chosen to be King as told in the first reading, and the story of the blind man as told in the Gospel as primary examples. Jesus always looks into our heart. May our thoughts and heart always be in line with Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Msgr. Dr. Britto

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

<p>Sunday, March 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent (I) 1 Samuel 16 :1b, 6-7, 10-13a (PS) 23:1-3^a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (II) Ephesians 5:8-14 (G) John 9:1-41</p>	<p>Monday, March 16th Lenten Weekday (I) Isaiah 65:17-21 (PS) 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b (G) John 4:43-54</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 17th Lenten Weekday (I) Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 (PS) 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 (G) John 5:1-16</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 18th Lenten Weekday (I) Isaiah 49:8-15 (PS) 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 (G) John 5:17-30</p>
<p>Thursday, March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) (I) 2 Samuel 7 :4-5a, 12-14a, 16 (II) Romans 4 :13, 16-18, 22 (PS) 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 (G) Matthew 1 :16, 18-21, 24a</p>	<p>Friday, March 20th Lenten Weekday (I) Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 (PS)34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23 (G) John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</p>	<p>Saturday, March 21st Lenten Weekday (I) Jeremiah 11 :18-20 (PS) 7 :2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 (G) John 7 :40-53</p>	<p>Sunday, March 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent (I) Ezekiel 37:12-14 (PS) 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (II) Romans 8:8-11 (G) John 11:1-45</p>

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM

Myrtle McAfee

11:00 AM

Monday

8:00 AM

Andrew Charles McCole

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Charles D. Cannon

Thursday

8:00 AM

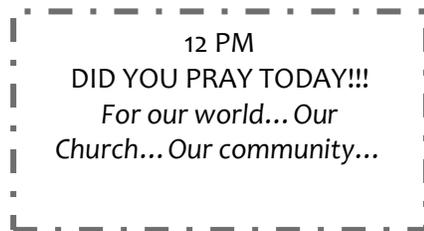
Friday

8:00 AM

John Hill

Mass Intentions

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



Collections

March 8, 2025: \$4,731.00

March PayPal: \$438.93

Total: \$5,169.93

Easter Flowers: \$90.00

Catholic Charities Appeal: \$890.00

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

Perseverance: "Our potential blooms when we push past every challenge."

Upcoming Events

- Helping Hands for the Hungry 3/28
- Mystery Dinner Theatre 4/11
- Easter Raffle 3/1-29/26
- Easter Egg Hunt 4/4
- Fish Fry 3/27 & 4/3
- Cash Bingo 4/11
- Women's Day Brunch 5/2
- Sight & Sound "Joshua" Sold Out

Theme for 2026 Lenten Journey: "Looking to Jesus"



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

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, Loretta 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, 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.

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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.

Foot washers

We are looking for 12 people for Holy Thursday Mass and to have your foot washed. Call the rectory if you can volunteer.

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

March 18: Stations of the Cross @ 7PM

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

April 1: Parish Penance Service @ 7PM



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.

March Bills (Major)

- PGW: \$11,558.97
- Water: \$1,976.81
- Kennedy Printing: \$220.00
- Aetna: \$63.50
- Waste Management: \$37.80

Basket of Cheer Raffle

Donation \$5, drawing will be held on April 3 at 6PM (Knights of Peter Claver)

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.

March Awareness Month

National Sleep Awareness, Patient Safety, American Diabetes Alert, National Doctor’s Month, National Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Month, National Health Month.

Change your Batteries

Don’t forget to change the batteries and update your smoke detector. Your life is important.

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.

Women’s Day Brunch

Save the Date for the Women’s Day Brunch Committee’s Annual Women’s Day Brunch 5/2/26 11AM-3PM. This year’s theme Wellness, Wisdom & Worth

Easter Raffle

Women’s Day Brunch Committee Easter Raffle. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Raffle helps defray the cost for the Women’s Day Brunch.

Fish Fry

Knights of Peter Claver sponsoring Fish Fry on 3/27 & 4/3 from 4-7PM. Phone orders 267-838-8145, leave a message. \$20 per platter, \$10 Fish Sandwich, \$10 6 jumbo shrimp

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.

Chism Mass

Is a major Holy Week liturgy where the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the oils of Catechumens and the sick. Held at the Cathedral, it signifies the unity of the diocese, with priests renewing their ordination vows and laity renewing their baptismal promises. For the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, it is held on the morning of Holy Thursday. The Mass is open to the public. You are invited to celebrate this Mass with your priests and laity. The Mass begins at 10 AM at the Cathedral

Mystery Dinner Theatre

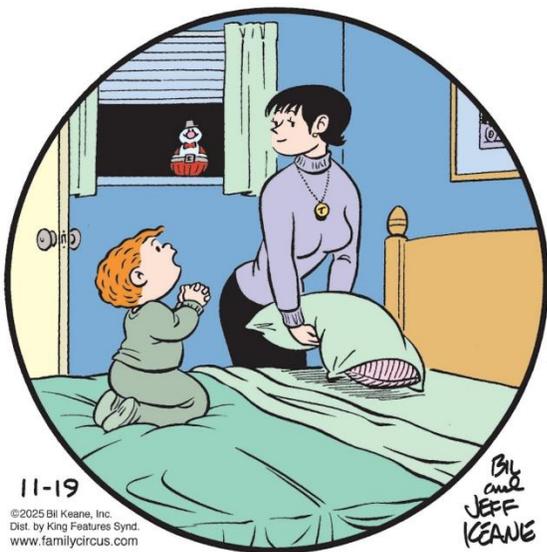
Murder at Mount Hope at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. With the Women of St. Ignatius, Saturday, April 11th Cost \$125 per person. See flyer for more information.

Fundraising for Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 15th from 1-3PM for the annual Sippin for the Sisters High Tea. At 1 Our Lady Circle, Malvern, PA 19355 Tickets are \$20 contact 484-238-8248

Easter Egg Hunt

Knights of Peter Claver #314 & Altar servers present an Easter Egg Hunt & Activities on April 4 from 12:00-3PM Face Painting & Arts & Crafts



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**“Does our daily bread mean
crusts too?”**

Bible Trivia

Who resurrected a young man called Eutychus?

1. Jesus 2. Peter 3. Philip 4. Paul

Last week's answer: 70 disciples

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**LENT COMES TO
PROVIDENTIALLY TO
REAWAKEN US, TO SHAKE US
FROM OUR LETHARGY**

Question of the Week

“What are my blind spots?
What biases do I have that
distort the way I see others or
see others or see the world?
Am I willing to ask someone I
know well to be honest with
me?”

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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