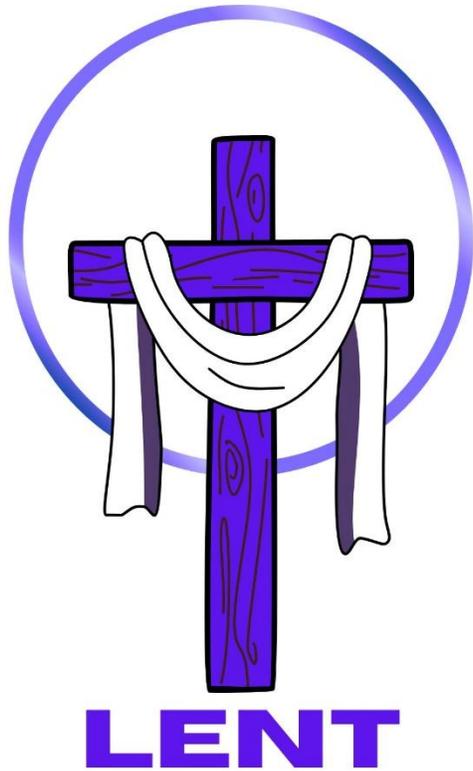


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Prayer of St. Cyprian

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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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

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🌐 [Website: Saintcyprianchurch.org](http://Saintcyprianchurch.org)

📍 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 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

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 2nd Saturday of the month)

May Jesus Christ, our resurrection and life, who is the way that leads us to everlasting life, be with you!

Now that the season of Spring is upon us, nature will begin to demonstrate and show her beauty. Trees will begin to bloom, flowers will burst from the ground, robins will fly in and make their appearance, and the weather will offer us warmer days. How blessed are we to experience God's creation and love for mother nature. I pray you will enjoy every day of Spring and may we give thanks and praise to God for his creative hands.

I would like to thank all our parishioners who volunteer their time and talents in various ministries of our parish. To our readers at Mass, altar servers, musicians, ushers, greeters, Church cleaners, food pantry volunteers, Helping Hand for the Hungry team, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, sacristans and those who bring fellow parishioners to Church for Mass. Thank you for your gifts to our parish. You make our parish vital, vibrant, viable and strong.

Can you believe Holy Week begins next week? Holy Week is the most solemn time of the Church and liturgical calendar. We celebrate our faith and Jesus' love for us. It is a time to remember, reflect and demonstrate our faith. Even in the midst of our fragile spiritually lost world and community, we must pause to celebrate Holy Week. Whatever and wherever your calendar is guiding and directing you, please take the time to join our Church community and celebrate Holy Week. The schedule for Holy Week Masses are posted in our parish bulletin.

In our Gospel for today, we hear Jesus Christ calling Lazarus forth from the tomb. God gives us new life in him, life that triumphs over death. We too receive new life when we let go of anything that is against God's love and commandments. May we take the time to thank Jesus for his blessings and renewed life every day.

Peace and blessings,

Msgr. Dr. Britto

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

<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>	<p>Monday, March 23rd Lenten Weekday (I) Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 (PS) 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (G) John 8:1-11</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 24th Lenten Weekday (I) Numbers 21:4-9 (PS) 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 (G) John 8:21-30</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity) (I) Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 (II) Hebrews 10:4-10 (PS) 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 (G) Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>Thursday, March 26th Lenten Weekday (I) Genesis 17:3-9 (PS) 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (G) John 8:51-59</p>	<p>Friday, March 27th Lenten Weekday (I) Jeremiah 20:10-13 (PS) 81:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 (G) John 10:31-42</p>	<p>Saturday, March 28th Lenten Weekday (I) Ezekiel 37:21-28 (RESP) Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 (G) John 11:45-56</p>	<p>Sunday, March 29th Palm Sunday (I) Isaiah 50 :4-7 (PS) 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (II) Philippians 2:6-11 (G) Matthew 26:14-27:66</p>

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM

Ernestine & Gurney VanHook

11:00 AM

Living & Deceased members of the Massey Jackson Family

Monday

8:00 AM

Bernard Gay

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Rev. Phil Ricci

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Thursday

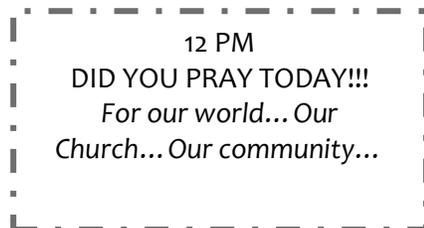
8:00 AM

Friday

8:00 AM

Mass Intentions

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



Collections

March 15, 2025: \$5,276.00

March PayPal: \$511.22

Total: \$5,787.22

Easter Flowers: \$1,136.00

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.

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.

Rice Bowl Appeal

Please be thoughtful of the RiceBowl Appeal. Whatever you donate is greatly appreciated.

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

April 1: Parish Penance Service @ 7PM

Easter Flowers

Don't forget to use the Easter Flowers envelope. Your contributions help to defray the cost of Easter Flowers.

Parish Van

The Parish van will begin to pick up parishioners for Mass starting on Palm Sunday for 11 AM Mass call the rectory if you or anyone you know needs a ride to Church.

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)

Holy Week Tridum

Holy Week is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar and take the time to celebrate these important days of our spiritual life.

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 Wellnes, Wisdom & Worth. Tickets go on sale 3/22

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

Line Dance with Vonda

Beginner Line Dance classes every Thursday from 6-8. Cost is \$5 come out for a fun evening and don’t forget your water.

Lenten/Easter Duty

Fulfill your Lenten/Easter Duty by attending the Sacrament of Confession. The Church encourages everyone to do this. Confessions are heard every Sunday 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment. It will also be celebrated at our Parish Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, April 1 at 7PM

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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Bible Trivia
What is the name of the island where John wrote the book of Revelation?
1. Crete 2. Malta 3. Patmos 4. Pergamon
Last week’s answer: Paul

Question of the Week
“What sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God’s love and from others? What can I do to free myself from my tomb?”

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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