

St. Cyprian Catholic Church

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Reflect, Renew, Respond!

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.***

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Msgr. Federico A. Britto

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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

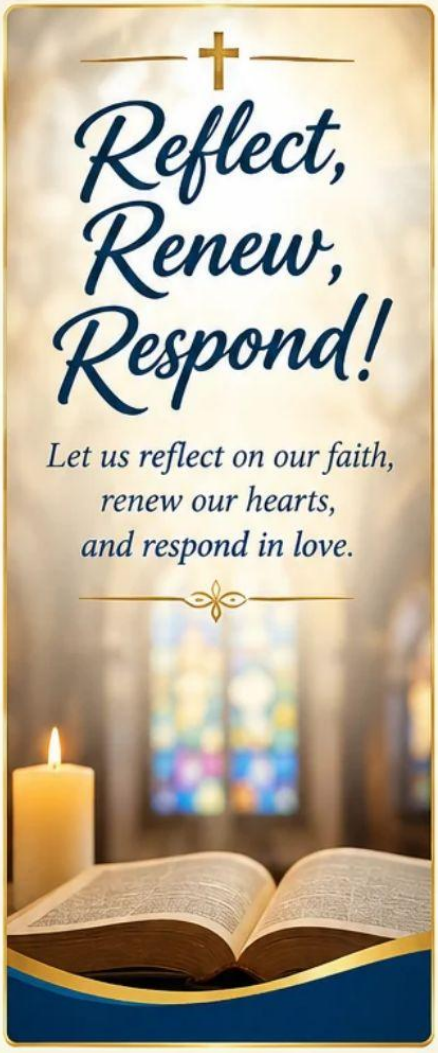
Website:
Saintcyprianchurch.org

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
NOVEMBER 29, 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
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)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, who come to us in word and sacrament, be with you!

For the past several weeks, us Eagles sports fans have been existing in limbo waiting for the Eagles to return to the winning list. To our surprise and delight, they pulled out a win last Sunday. The excitement and anticipation leading up to the game made the victory event sweeter, bringing us both joy and relief. Go Birds!

Speaking of anticipation, our Universal Church begins the Season of Advent today. We celebrate and anticipate the second coming of Christ. We reflect on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. We reflect on the four themes of Advent: Hope/Faith-Peace-Love-Joy. We are encouraged through meditation, prayer, and affirmation to contemplate ways to share our deepest gifts and joy. During this season of grace, we also respond through works of charity and kindness.

While our lives are filled with schedules, trying to stay safe and deal with the chaos of our world, we are encouraged to focus on our spirituality. Use this season of grace for prayer, spiritual renewal, preparation for Christmas, and an openness to Christ's love and mercy.

Our readings for today's Mass remind us to be on "Watch!" St. Marks Gospel said: "Be watchful!" You don't know when the Lord of the house is coming." Friends, take heart these words of today's Gospel. Be always watchful and alert for the coming of the Lord Jesus into your hearts. Reflect-Renew-Respond.

May God fill your hearts with peace, joy, hope, love, and anticipation.

Peace and Blessings,
Msgr. Dr. Britto

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Sunday, November 29th **First Sunday of Advent** (l) Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (PS) 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (II) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (G) Mark 13:33-37	**Monday, November 30th** **St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)** **(**l) Romans 10:9-18 (PS) 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (G) Matthew 4:18-22	**Tuesday, December 1st** **Advent Weekday** (I) Isaiah 11:1-10 (PS) 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (G) Luke 10:21-24	**Wednesday, December 2nd** **Advent Weekday** (I) Isaiah 25:6-10a (PS) 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (G) Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday, December 3rd **St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)** (l) Isaiah 26:1-6 (PS) 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a (G) Matthew 7:21, 24-27	**Friday, December 4th** **Advent Weekday** (I) Isaiah 29:17-24 (PS) 27:1, 4, 13-14 (G) Matthew 9:27-31	**Saturday, December 5th** **Advent Weekday** (l) Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 (PS) 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (G) Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	**Sunday, December 6th** **Second Sunday of Advent** (l) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (PS) 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (II) 2 Peter 3:8-14 (G) Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM

Herman Whilby & Jeriah D. Campbell (living)

11:00 AM

Dora Adu & Yvonne Gaines

Monday

8:00 AM

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Mary Reynolds

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

November 29, 2026: $5,521.00

November PayPal: $438.00

Total: $5,959.00

Seminary Appeal: $1,139.00

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 $5,000.00.

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Thought for the Month

"The best view comes after the hardest climb."

Upcoming Events

- **Helping Hands for the Hungry 12/19**
- **Black Catholic Men's Conference 12/5**
- **Christmas Bazaar 12/6**

Campus Updates:

Maintaining our Church buildings is important. It is the goal and mission to have a beautiful place for worship and prayer.



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. Cypria

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 receipient of this Appeal.

Church Van Parking

We are pleased to have the church van up and running bringing parishioners to Mass. As a curtesy please do not park in the space reserved for the Church Van

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

We are looking for Altar Servers for Sunday Mass. Join this ministry as a service to God and the parishioners: Adult Altar Servers are encouraged.

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. Drop off: On the table in the Church vestibule or Monday or Thursday from 9-11:30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND AND ARMED FORCES

Alice Adkins, 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, Jeffrey Dyer, Priscila Effinger, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Roberta Fitzgerald, Helen Freeman, Joseph Gilbert, Joseph Gilstrop, Remie Green, Clanthie Gordon, Rhonda Hardnett, Naja Harrison, Celestine Henry, Lois Henry, Norman Hodges, Mary Horton, Philip H. Jackson, Phoenix Jackson, Luna Jackson, Ernestine Jenkins, Fulton Jennings, Derrick Johnson, Edward 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, 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, Ernest Tymes, Madeline Tymes, Camile Veasey, Benoit A. Victor, 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: Daijah Carter, 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 **NAVY:** J. Thomas, J. Brown, J. Lightfoot. **ARMY NAT. GUARD**: H. David, Alexander Patrick, Seth Reyes **MARINES:** M. Kent, E. Mills, Christopher Johnston, Daryl Davies, Samuel Cordero, **ARMY RESERVES:** C. Knox, P. Batts **COAST GUARD:**

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

Black Catholic Men's Conference

All men of the parish are invited to this conference to be held on December 5th at St. Cyprian Church Hall from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM. Speakers are Fr. Stephen Thorne, Fr. Kevin Okafor, Fr. Wilfred Emeh, and Msgr. Federico Britto. The theme: "Empowering Black Catholic Men: New Evangelization."

Season of Advent (Mass Confession)

Use this season by attending daily morning Mass, and fulfill your Advent/Christmas duty by attending the Sarament of Confession.



Reflect-Renew-Respond

Questions to ponder: Disciples in Mission

- How do the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes in my daily life.
- How do I share my Catholic faith to family, friends, co-workers, and associates.
- How do I share my Time-Talent-Treasure to others

November Awareness Month

National Diabetes, Men's Health Awareness, National Family Caregivers, National Alzheimers Disease, Epilepsy, Lung Cancer, Prostate Awareness

Saints of the Week

St. Francis Xavier- born in Spain and eventually became a philosophy teacher and lecturer. Influenced by Ignatius of Loyola, Francis joined Ignatius and the companions formed a religious community called the Jesuits. He ministered in Goa India and Japan. He died at the age of 46 and is buried in Goa, India. His feast day is celebrated on December 3rd.

Thanksgiving Blessings

Thanks to the generous donations from St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Maron, we were able to give out 426 Thanksgiving meal bags to the community.

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.

Change your Batteries
This is the time of the year when we change our batteries in our smoke detectors. Smoke detectors can save lives. Put a new battery in your smoke detector.

Flocknotes
This media outlet is a quick way to get parish announcments to all parishioners. Take advantage of this. If you wish to sign up for flocknotes, **send an email to Tonya Banks at ttbanks26@yahoo.com**

St. Barbara's Events

- **Trip to Bermuda:** August 5-12, 2027 See flyer for details.
- **Hell's Kitchen:** Broadway @ The Academy of Music 1/17/27 @ 1PM See flyer for details

Lawn Signs
Don't forget to place your "Jesus is the Reason." Lawn signs out during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. If you wish to purchase a Lawn Sign, contact the rectory. The cost is $20

Christmas Bazaar
Join us for our annual Women of St. Cyprian Christmas Bazaar on December 6th . Enjoy vendors and raffles

St. Cyprian Young Adults
Gather for good conversations, planning, and prayer. All Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to participate. To get involved join our Whatsapp: St.CyprianYoungCatholics

Bible Study
Please call the rectory with your email if you wish to attend on zoom. 215-747-3250 All are welcome.

Health & Wellness
Prepare for Cold & Flu Season:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Drink plenty of water & warm fluids like tea or soup

Black Catholic History Moment

- St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in South Philly was the first Church to welcome Black Catholics.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, in West Philly is the only existing Church founded for Black Catholics (out of the original four)
- Mother Mary Lange founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore, and Mother Henriette Delille founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans. The only religious communities founded for Black women to become nuns.
- Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxilary, the oldest Black Catholic organization, founded in 1909

Parish Theme 2026-2027
"Reflect, Renew, Respond" Reflect on the blessings received, and our stewardship to our parish. Renew our committment to our faith and commitment to our parish. Respon to our parish. Respond by sharing our faith and commitment to our parish.

St. Cyprian Choir- Bus Trip 2027
Living the Experience an Underground Railroad reenactment at Bethel AME Church Cultural Center in Lancaster, PA. Saturday, February 6th Cost is $110 per person, lunch is included. Bus departs at 8:30 AM returns at 5PM See any Choir member for tickets.

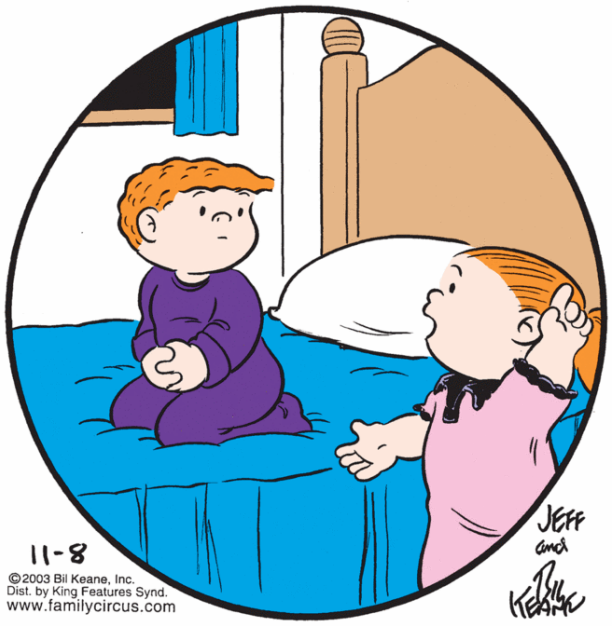
Stewardship of Treasure
Be more conscience of your donation to the Church, especially during the winter months. The heat bill has increased by 2% from last year. Your extra tithes is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations
St. Cyprian Food Pantry won an outstanding achievement award as the Best Food Bank in Cobbs Creek for 2026, based on Google reviews. Thank you to our volunteers who work so hard to feed the community.

Congratulations
To several of our parishioners who were honored at the Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver Banquet:

- Earlene Adams
- Fr. Anthony Bozeman: 2026 Claver Award
- Coimora Hall
- Geraldine Fuller (Posthumously)





"Our Father whose ART in heaven — that means his sunsets and rainbows ..."

Bible Trivia

Near which city did Philip meet the Ethiopian
According to Jesus' explanation of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, who are represented by the reapers?

1. Apostles 2. Prophets 3. Elders of Isarael 4. Angels

Last week's answer: Gaza

Question of the Week

"Over these next four weeks, how will I remain alert for Jesus' coming into my life?"

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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.
5. 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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