

Saint Cecilia

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Holy Communion

13 May 2012

Mosaic of the Ascension of Christ
Basilica Cattedrale di S. Maria La Nuova
Monreale, Sicily - 12th Century

Farewell Concert
at
Saint Cecilia Church

18 Belvidere St., Boston



Petr Špaček
cello recital

Tuesday

May 15 2012 7pm

with

Lukáš Vondráček & Yu-Chien Cherry Shih



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**Free
Admission**

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Caroline Christian, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Gariepy, CSC, celebrant
Jim Dougherty, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Ella Schweizer & Will Kelly, lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Nicole Benevenia, Christopher Loh, &
Maggie Masticola, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 13 | 8:00 a.m.

James Michael O'Keefe, Month's Mind

Sunday, May 13 | 9:30 a.m.

For the Deceased Family Members of the
Children Receiving First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 13 | 11:15 a.m.

Liz Pino, Memorial

ASCENSION THURSDAY

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday of this week. Ascension Thursday is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate the liturgy at eight o'clock in the morning and at six-thirty in the evening (with music).

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

I John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

I John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers in front of the altar and on the gifts table are given to the Greater Glory of God by the families of the children receiving first Holy Communion this morning.

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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Rachel Johnson's father died on May 2. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert A. Johnson**. Pray also for the consolation of Rachel and her family.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Josephine Parker, John Saulenas, K. Champoux, Patricia Hoggard, Jennifer Serpico, Christine St. Pierre, Jessica Coviello, Harold Williamson, Jessica Riviaccio, Earl Chilcote, Colonel Robert C. Tashjian, Roseanne Borgioli, Rosemary Messina, Kim Murray, Heather LoRe, Rudy Kikel, Herbert Simmons, Peggy Furey, Janice Mascia, Winnie Dyer, Pamela D'Ambra, Sue Lucas, Suki Coughlin, Roberta Keenan, Bridget Spence, Annette Kulas, Sam Gowan, Rhea Richard, Pil-Yun Son, Mary Yanez, Larry Buckley, M. Frances Driscoll, Ed Langlais, Bob McLaughlin, Steven Whitkens, Diana Slaton, Leo Garcia, Jean Marino, Joe Ford, Danny Cotter, Natalia Chilcote, Amy Sweetland, Jim Keyes, Michael Zawikowski, Cheryl Proctor, Patricia Macdonald, Elvera Dowsky, Frank Ackley, Fred Haslee, Lorraine Haslee, Robert Menson, Paul Flaherty, William Louttit, Lucie Kelly, Bro. Adam Zielonka, O.C.S.O., Amy Duarte, Karen & Rick, Phyllis Porras, Jim Linderman, Mark Amerault, Sr. Nuala Cotter, R.A., Kristen DeFranco Martinez, Michele Crowley Tippens, Sara Lima Santos, Joseph Driscoll, Pete Huttlinger, Anthony Simboli, Lisa Caputo, Edward Gill, Darlene McLendon, Jeanne Tibbs, Debbie Pace, Peter Schwahn, Deidre Sullivan, Roosevelt Brown, Mary O'Donnell, Ginny L'Abbe, Steve Chamberlain, Matt Penchuk, Carrie Penchuk, Christy Cosgrove, Jacques Romberger, John Scaife, Maureen Sullivan, Alyce Haley, Joe Capizzi,**

David Walsh, Joe Huenke, Kaylin Marcotte, Avito Pacifici, Charlotte Egan, James Noone, Keith Plaster, Frederick Flather, David & Paula Fillion, Fred Maglero, Sarah Sweeney, Susan Shea, Bill Croke, Ettore Bergamaschi, Ryan Delaney, Anita Cipriani, Cecile Finnerty, Manuela Almeida, Ilda Almeida, Joe Farrell, Ethan D'Amato, Sophie Gagnon, Earl Meyers, Kathleen A. Meehan, James Ditomassi, Anne Frenette Handly, & Jan Igras.

123rd Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of Saint Cecilia Church

At nine o'clock in the morning on Sunday, May 19, 1889, Archbishop John Williams laid the cornerstone of Saint Cecilia Church. After this ceremony, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in what was the temporary chapel of Saint Cecilia in Mechanic's Building on Huntington Avenue. The homilist was the Rev. Jeremiah O'Connor, SJ, former president of Boston College (1800-1894) and rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception (later known as the Jesuit Urban Center).

First Holy Communion

Easter is the season of initiation, and therefore the very best time to celebrate first Holy Communion. We are happy to have twenty-three youngsters receiving communion for the first time at this morning's nine-thirty liturgy. Please remember to keep these children in your prayer.

Mother's Day

Today is a day for thinking about mothers and celebrating their love. It can also be a day for extending our thanks to all those women who have shown us the nurturing and supportive love of a mother along the way. We remember in prayer those for whom this day is particularly sad. We remember, too, all mothers who live in desperate circumstances, especially those who are victims of famine, warfare, poverty, and disease.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Some say First Eucharist, but these children have been with us at Eucharist faithfully for a long time. Today they celebrate a new level of relationship with the Body of Christ. We are delighted to welcome the following children to the table of Jesus, our gentle and good shepherd. May they always live in peace in the pastures where the Lord dwells.

*Maxwell Thomas Amadeo
Jackson William Baker
Eliza Kiele Brown
Rachel Christopher
Maeve Rose Devine
Gabriella Alma Doherty
Spencer Dixon Dunne
Christopher Chisholm Egan
Sophia Marie Egan
Isabela Fitzgerald
John Francis Gaynor
Will Alexander Kelly
William John Knopp
Alex Magadan
Catherine Hope Morey
John Lewis Mullin
Richard Corcoran Murphy
Jack Michael Panayotou
Richard Joseph Petruccelli
Charles Michael Prucher
Catherine Puyat
Kate Meredith Sacerdote
Ella Josephine Schweizer*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

What a beautiful day we have to honor our mothers, those who are with us, those who have gone before us, those who have given us life and those who have nurtured us. We remember all the experiences of our mothers and we bring God's presence into these relationships on this Mother's Day.

Today we also celebrate with our first communicants who join us around the table for the first time at their first Holy Communion. Welcome to the Lord's table! Thanks to all our parents. You are the primary teachers of our children regarding faith. I am also grateful for all our catechists and especially our second grade catechists, Mr. Mark Lippolt and Miss Brianna Couture, who have devoted so much time and energy to their teaching. We have so much to be thankful for today.

Peace and Happy Mother's Day,

Father John

MOTHER'S DAY CARD SALES— LAST CHANCE!

On Mother's Day, honor a woman you love with a gift to women in need. Parishioners will be selling Mother's Day cards to benefit the Women's Lunch Place after Masses on Mother's Day. The card is designed by one of the guests at the shelter. There is a \$25.00 donation for each card and the proceeds enable the Women's Lunch Place (WLP) to provide a safe, comfortable daytime shelter, nutritious food, and services for women who are homeless or poor. The WLP welcomes guests into a loving community each day and joyfully celebrates Mother's Day with a delectable meal, live entertainment, and personal gifts. These women are mothers, daughters, and sisters.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

- **Frank Ackley** was awarded the doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on May 11.
- **Alana Altmann** was awarded the bachelor of science degree in economics from Northeastern University on May 4.
- **Joe Aquilante** was awarded the doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on May 11.
- **Michael Anthony DiSanto** will be awarded the bachelor of arts degree from Harvard College on May 24. Michael is graduating with a field of concentration in psychology and a secondary field in economics.
- **Claire Dubuque** will graduate from Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart on June 7.
- **Mary Katherine Dulweber** will be awarded the master of music degree in vocal performance from Boston University on May 20.
- **Arturo Fernandez** was awarded the bachelor of music degree from The Boston Conservatory on May 12. This fall he will matriculate at the Cleveland Institute of Music to pursue graduate studies leading to the master of music degree.
- **Benjamin Franceschi** will be awarded the master of architecture degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Design on May 24.
- **Keith Hall** was awarded the bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University on May 4.
- **Elizabeth Jenkins** was awarded the bachelor of business administration degree from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst on May 11.
- **Jennifer Kulakowski** was awarded the bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University on May 4.
- **Lauren Landry** will be awarded the master of music degree from New England Conservatory on May 20.
- **Kerry G. Matlack** will graduate from Buckingham Browne & Nichols School on June 8. This fall she will matriculate at Wesleyan University.
- **Christopher Moriarty** will be awarded the doctor of dental medicine degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine on May 20.
- **Emily Pakula** will be awarded the doctor of dental medicine degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine on May 20.
- **Michael Rambo** will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University on May 20.
- **Joyce Kristin Salomon** was awarded the bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering from Northeastern University on May 4.
- **Davide Ventura** was awarded the doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on May 11.
- **Jason Villarreal** was awarded the master of science in nursing degree from the School of Nursing at the MGH Institute of Health Professions on May 10.
- **Alex Wilkocki** was awarded the doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on May 11.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please e-mail the names of parishioners who are graduating from high school or college to Scott MacDonald at smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org. Please place the word "graduate" in the subject line. Feel free to include the name of the school and the degree awarded. We are also happy to announce student recitals.

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VOICES & VISIONS 2012

The Home for Little Wanderers is a nationally renowned, private, non-profit child and family service agency. It has been part of the Massachusetts landscape for over 200 years, making it the oldest agency of its kind in the nation and one of the largest in New England. The Home's annual signature fundraising event, Voices & Visions 2012, will be held on Wednesday evening, May 23 at seven o'clock at the Seaport World Trade Center. This event is the culmination of a year-long arts project throughout their many programs. The theme of this year's art is "Heroes." The gala includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, and dinner and tickets are \$500. Parishioners active at The Home are looking to put together a table of ten for the event. If interested, please contact Molly Diggins, table captain, at mmdiggins@me.com or Jamille Benson at jbenson@thehome.org.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE PINE STREET MEN'S INN

Our parish has committed to volunteering at the Pine Street Men's Inn one night a month throughout 2012. Because of our proximity to the shelter, we often are assigned evenings that are difficult for the Inn's other groups to fill. This month we will be at the Men's Inn on Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend). There are eight slots open for volunteer parishioners to assist in feeding the poor at the Men's Inn. We will be interacting with the agency's clients at Pine Street by plating meals in a cafeteria-style setting at the shelter.

If you would like to join us from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. on Harrison Avenue in the South End, please contact Mark Lippolt at mlippolt@hammondre.com for more information. Some parking is available at the shelter. Please also let us know if you can help with carpooling.

COMMUNITY SERVINGS' LIFESAVER EVENT

On Thursday, May 31, Community Servings will hold its annual LifeSaver fundraiser. Voted "Boston's Best Dinner Party with a Conscience," LifeSaver begins with an elaborate cocktail reception at the Langham Hotel Boston after which guests will be whisked away to 80 of Greater Boston's finest restaurants for a multi-course dinner for ten guests. The evening ends with a return trip to the Langham where the hotel will offer guests desserts from their famed Chocolate Bar and host an after party at Bond. With tickets for the party and dinner priced at \$300, this is not an inexpensive event, but 95 cents of every dollar raised by the event go directly to feed Community Servings' clients. (Tickets for the cocktail reception only are \$200 each.) We'd like to have a Saint Cecilia table at the event as we have in years past. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mark Lippolt, mlippolt@hammondre.com. Or for more information, visit www.lifesavor.org.



RACHMANINOFF CONCERT

Coro Allegro, Boston's GLBT classical music chorus, is performing Rachmaninoff's setting of the *Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom* on Saturday evening, May 19 at eight o'clock at the Church of the Covenant (corner of Berkeley and Newbury streets). One of Rachmaninoff's major compositions, *Saint John Chrysostom* is a setting of the liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church, featuring rich, chant-like, unaccompanied singing. Tickets are \$18/\$28/\$38, with a \$5 discount for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased on the Coro Allegro website (www.coroallegro.org) or by contacting Jason Villarreal at irish03jgv@gmail.com.

IS YOUR MOTHER HOLIER THAN MOTHER TERESA?

By JAMES MARTIN, SJ

This month, on newsstands and in bookstores, you'll find a terrific new book, which I highly recommend. To coincide with the centennial of the birth of Mother Teresa, Time has published *Mother Teresa at 100: The Life and Works of a Modern Saint*.

It's a fantastic introduction to her life, written by the veteran religion reporter David Van Biema, and includes an unlikely but moving introduction from the mega-pastor and bestselling author Rick Warren. Filled with gorgeous full-color photographs spanning her life, the book is that rare combination of a great read and a beautiful look. It's perhaps the best short introduction to the life of the "Saint of the Gutters" around.

There's just one tiny problem. In the middle of an essay called "Teresa of Jesus," about her entrance into a religious order, her life as a Catholic sister, and her amazing spiritual experiences, you'll stumble upon a surprising sentence:

For the vast majority of sisters, brothers, and priests, a "call" manifests itself as a simple heartfelt desire, much as someone else might be attracted to the life of a physician or a



lawyer. Yet a call to become a Catholic sister does imply a somewhat higher level of commitment.

That means that being a Catholic sister is a "higher calling" than being a physician or a lawyer. And that's something that I categorically reject.

Ironically, that sentence comes in an essay authored by "Father James Martin, S.J." I could say, "Reader, I wrote that," but that would be false.

Apparently, an overzealous soul, after reading my comment about the "call" being similar in many lives, added the notion of the "somewhat higher level of

commitment." By the time I spied what was probably thought to be a benign addition, it was too late. The hardcover edition had already winged its way to the printer.

The irony is that this is not only something that I don't believe (and have written about at great length in several books); it's also something the Catholic Church doesn't believe in. Since at least the Second Vatican Council, which convened in the 1960s and stressed the "universal call to holiness," Catholics have been reminded that everyone has a vocation. Everyone's call is to be holy—no matter who

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you are.

To be blunt, that means that the work of a Catholic sister is no holier than the work of your sister—who might be a mother, a lawyer or a physician. (Or all three.) That doesn't mean that your sister is necessarily a saint, but that she could certainly become one!

That's not to detract from the manifest holiness of Mother Teresa, who I consider to be one of the greatest saints ever. (She vaults into that category because of her unshakeable fidelity to her call even in the midst of her "dark night" of prayer, when God felt absent to her for years and years.) Rather, it's to remind people that the young mother who wakes up in the wee hours of the night to care for her child is every bit as saintly as the Catholic nun who spends hours and hours teaching children in an inner-city school.

Your own mother might be just as holy as Mother Teresa.

That truth was underscored a few years ago, when my first nephew was born. The first night I spent in my sister's and brother-in-law's home after his birth was literally an eye-opener. At 2 AM, my infant nephew awoke squalling and screaming. It astonished me how loud it was, and how long he could cry. How could such a big sound come from such a small person? More to the point, seeing how attentively my sister and brother-in-law cared for their child erased any and all thoughts of whose life was "harder" or "better" in the eyes of God.

Traditionally, this was not always a widespread belief. In Catholic circles, at least, the idea of a "vocation" was seen, in decades past, as something reserved almost exclusively to priests, brothers, and sisters. And it was seen by some as "higher" than the life of the average layperson. When I was in Sunday school as a boy, we were given a drawing to color in. One side featured a drawing of a married couple, and underneath it the word "Good." On the other side of the page there was a picture

priest and nun. Underneath the two of them, it read: "Better." Like that mistaken sentence in the new book, it was seen as a "somewhat higher level of commitment."

Everyone is called to lead a different kind of life, in fidelity to whatever his or her vocation is, and to strive for sanctity. How do these vocations arise? Most often from our own strong interests, natural desires and heart-felt attractions. A physician is interested in medicine. A lawyer desires the life in the legal world. And Catholic nun is attracted to life in a religious order. Through these desires, God is able to work, and fulfill God's desires for the world. A "call" may be of supernatural origin, but it usually manifests itself in some natural ways.

A young mother, then, might be entirely unsuited to the kind of work that Mother Teresa did. But Mother Teresa might have been unsuited for the life of a married woman. (Her constant intransigence in the face of any and all disagreement with her way of doing things might have proven something of a challenge for a husband!) Everyone is called to be holy in his or her own way.

The other day, I read that the new book's mistaken sentence to a friend, and she exclaimed, "That's the opposite of what you write about!" Happily, the offending phrase was corrected in the paperback edition. It now reads, "Yet a call to become a Catholic sister does require a different level of commitment."

I'll bet that Mother Teresa would agree. Better than most, she understood the universal call to holiness. When visitors used to visit her in Calcutta, and offer to work with her, and follow her example, she would happily accept some. But to most, she would say, simply, "Find your own Calcutta."

(This article was written in August of 2010 & is reprinted here in honor of Mother's Day.)

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PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesdays During Lent | 6:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30, 11:15, and 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

By appointment at any time and Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 during Lent.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of eucharist and confirmation. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe.

Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the parish office.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the parish office at least six months in advance.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the parish office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Ginny DiSanto (gin250boston@gmail.com) or Peg Quilty (nursepeg@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and parish office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church

The church is equipped with an FM listening device. Small receivers are available for anyone who may have trouble hearing the sound system. Simply request a receiver from any one of our greeters before Mass.

Access for the Disabled

The church is accessible by elevator.

Parking

Reduced-rate parking (maximum of three hours) is available Sundays at the Prudential Center parking garage, LAZ Parking (53 Belvidere Street), and at the Hilton Boston Back Bay. Please bring your parking ticket to church for validation before returning to the garage.

Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston but also have parishioners from as far afield as Marlborough, Newburyport, and Stow. Please introduce yourself to a staff member, drop in for coffee on Sunday, or fill out a new parishioner form in the gathering space. No matter what your background, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.