

Practice of Charity

In Jesus' time, Samaritans were outsiders. Since their religious practices were not in keeping with the law, they were not accepted in Jewish society. Can you imagine the plight of a Samaritan plagued with leprosy? Twice condemned, he would be ostracized, even if cured of his disease. Fortunately for the leper, Jesus does not see as we see. While others looked with disdain, Jesus saw a faith-filled heart. It was then that this man was healed. There are "lepers" among us today. Homeless, hopeless, and in need, they long to be seen. They long for dignity and healing. We may not be able to cure their every ill, but not looking away from them is a good place to start. This week, make a conscious effort to look into the face of someone who makes you uncomfortable. If we look closely enough, we might even see Jesus' face.

Scripture Insights

"Where are the other nine?" That is a haunting question, since each of us knows of times when that could be said of us. Why do those for whom the Lord has done such wondrous things not always return to give thanks?

Although thanksgiving is a prominent theme of today's readings, there is more to be gleaned from Luke's description of the encounter between Jesus and the lepers. While scholars generally accept that the leprosy of the scriptures is not the same as Hansen's disease, the condition was considered highly contagious. Lepers were deemed unfit for association with people or with things consecrated by God.

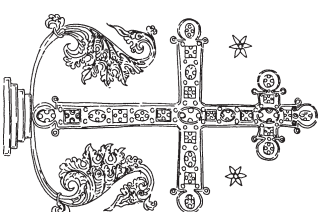
Notice how the ten keep their distance from Jesus, aware of their own state and out of respect for his. It is they who initiate the contact with Jesus, crying out for his mercy.

Jesus' response is to give them a command. There is no physical touch, no word of healing. Simply: "Go, show yourselves to the priests." It is they who could declare them clean and restore them to the larger community. And so they went.

What faith they had in Jesus' word! How obedient to his command! On their way, in this way, it happened: they were cleansed – by God. What must the realization of their healing have been like! Their response? One immediately returned to Jesus with shouts of praise. Falling at Jesus' feet, he gave thanks (*eucharisté*).

May we so learn from his faith and the gratitude that he promptly expresses to God, that this becomes our response as well. May it never be said of us: "Where are they?"

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Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and

Friday, 7:30 a.m. (lower church)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (upper church)

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30–4:50 p.m., and by appt.

Christian Initiation

Infant Baptisms: Baptisms are

celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00

Sunday Masses and should be

scheduled one month in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The parish welcomes those seeking

fuller participation in the life of the

Church. Classes run from September

to May.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage

should contact the rectory at least six

months in advance.

Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2007



Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMTV, presider
Cynthia Wanner, lector
Richard Barry, eucharistic minister
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
Rev. David Beauregard, OMTV, presider
Louvere Walker, lector
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Umni, presider
Rachel Johnson & Mirella Misaszek, lectors
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Thomas Garipey, CSC, presider
Sabrina Gillan & Stephanie Buscaglia, lectors
Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Rev. John Umni, presider
Tom Marsan & Veronica Godines, lectors

Special Intentions

- Monday, October 15, 7:30 a.m.
Domenico Scarcella, Memorial
- Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 a.m.
Russell H. Mercier, Memorial
- Thursday, October 18, 7:30 a.m.
Clelia Scarcella, Memorial
- Friday, October 19, 7:30 a.m.
Cesare Rella, Memorial

Want to Help??

If you are interested in getting more involved in the many ministries and programs going on here, there is a table with "volunteer/interest" forms at the rear of the church for the next couple of weeks. Please stop by and check it out!

The ten lepers exemplify aspects of our relationship with God: acknowledgment of need ("Have pity on us", obedience ("Go... as they were going"), and reception of divine mercy ("they were cleansed"). The Samaritan leper demonstrates another aspect of this relationship: only when he returns to glorify God and thank Jesus, does Jesus reveal that he has, in fact, been saved. For us, as for the Samaritan leper, salvation is revealed and experienced in worship and thanksgiving.

Living Liturgy™
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2007

Organ Concert

Next Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m., St. Cecilia Music is proud to present Mark Husey, Director of Music & Liturgy at Saint Peter's Church in Columbia, SC. Mr. Husey has been widely acclaimed as "a musical Renaissance man" for his gifts as conductor, organist, accompanist, and tenor. Wine and cheese reception to follow. Free will donation for the artist.

NU Catholic Center News

- October 16 - Texas Hold 'Em Night 7:30-free buy-in, free food, TV prize, get to see the Sox win again!
- October 17 - NU Life Meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 at 68 St Stephen St. Join us this week to discuss "What Is Good Sex?"
- October 26 - Open Mic Night at the Catholic Center! We are looking for any and all talent (both normal and obscure). All are welcome to participate! Contact the NU Catholic Center for more information (617-373-8964).

Wednesday Evening Mass

There are now two daily Masses on Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Why not take a mid-week break and join us?

Religious Ed Notes

- First Class for Grades 8/9/10 - This Afternoon at 4 p.m.! After class, we will all attend the 6:00 liturgy.
- Religious Ed Family Barbecue! Join us next Sunday evening for a delicious and fun-filled pre-Halloween dinner at the Hilton. Blue-Ribbon Bar-B-Q is providing a traditional Southern barbecue including Memphis-style ribs, North Carolina pulled pork, barbecued chicken, cornbread, and congo bars! If you have not yet signed-up, please e-mail Scott MacDonald by tomorrow (Monday, Oct. 15). Cost is \$40.00 per family.

- Altar Servers Session. If you would like to be an altar server and missed yesterday's training session, we will be holding a second one on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the church. If you are presently an altar server and did not make yesterday's session, it is very important that you attend the session on the 27th. If you cannot, please contact Scott and we will come up with an alternative date.
- Have You Registered for Class Yet? Please see the class lists to make sure that your children are enrolled. Your child is not considered enrolled until you fill out a registration form and submit it with payment. If you need a form, they are on a table at the rear of the church. Completed forms may be given to your child's teacher or to Scott MacDonald. You may also drop it in the mail.

St. Cecilia Garden Property

The parish is in the process of placing the garden property behind the church on the market for sale or lease. We are represented by Mr. Jim Elcock at Meredith and Grew. Jim will be happy to answer any questions or entertain any serious inquiries about the property. He can be reached at 617 330 8020.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is once again underway on Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. This is a process offered each year to those who wish to be baptized into the Catholic faith and to those already baptized Christians who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mark Donohoe at mdonohoe@rcn.com or 617-536-4548. We look forward to having you join us!

Thanksgiving Pies Sales to Begin

Beginning next Sunday, we will once again have the opportunity to support the clients of Community Servings by purchasing Thanksgiving pies after our 9:30 and 11:00 Masses. *Pie in the Sky* pies cost \$25, which covers a week's worth of meals for a Community Servings' client. Community Servings is dedicated to providing free home-delivered meals throughout eastern Massachusetts to people homebound with HIV/AIDS and other acute life-threatening illnesses. For more info, visit www.servings.org or email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@nemoves.com.

Calling All Nurses!

Would you be willing to write occasional bulletin pieces on topics related to preventative health care? Would you be able to periodically offer blood pressure checks during the coffee hour or help arrange for free mammography screenings, etc? Please contact Scott MacDonald (sj_macdonald@msn.com) if you are interested in helping us move towards ministry that integrates mind, body, and spirit.

YNIA Thanks!

Our high school students who travelled to New Mexico in June for their service trip with Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners of St. Cecilia for their prayers and generous support throughout the planning for the trip. It was truly a wonderful experience! Many thanks!!