Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 February 2022

The Golden Rule
PRELUDE | *Da Pacem Domine*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck  
(1562-1621)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | *In Christ There is no East or West*

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
2. In him shall true hearts ev’rywhere Their  
3. Join hands, disciples in the faith, What-  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In  

him no south or north,  
high communion find;  
e’er your race may be!  
him meet south and north,  

bound by love cord  
in Christ’s love one in him,  

But one great family  
His service is the  
Who serve each other  
All Christly souls are  

through-out the whole wide earth.  
through-out the whole wide earth.  
through-out the whole wide earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-
way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us; you take a-
way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-
cy, have mer- cy on us. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men, a-men.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. R.
It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. R.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.


HOMILY
NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
ture God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone’s screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn’t work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon that we are pardoned, in where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Eucharistic Prayer

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
* Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

Act of Spiritual Communion

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever;
E’en the Spirit of truth. (John 14: 15-17)
CONCLUDING RITES

※ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
※ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (※) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
※ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
Lead your people into freedom, From despair your world release;
All that kills abundant living, Let it from the earth be banned;
You, creator God, have written Your great name on human kind;

For a just and equal sharing That, redeemed from war and hatred, Pride of status, race, or schooling,
For our growing in your likeness of the things that earth affords. To a life of
All may come and go in peace. Show us how, through
dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common
Bring the life of Christ to mind, That by our re-

love in action Help us rise and pledge our word. care and goodness, Fear will die and hope increase.
quest for justice May we hal low life’s brief span.
sponse and service Earth its destiny may find.

ST. THOMAS

Postlude | Carillon de cythère

François Couperin
(1668-1733)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia, please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.
Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids (“Irish working out girls”) and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci’s *The Last Supper*, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We’ve been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God’s love makes all things new.
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, February 19 | 5:00 p.m.**
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

**Sunday, February 20 | 8:00 a.m.**
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Richard Gaillardetz, lector

**Sunday, February 20 | 9:30 a.m.**
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Letitia Howland, Rosaria Salerno, and Karen McMenamy, lectors

**Sunday, February 20 | 11:30 a.m.**
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Zachary Boutin and Kelly McClintock, lectors

**Sunday, February 20 | 6:00 p.m.**
Rev. Bojan Bijelic, SJ, celebrant
Rev. Mr. David Kiblinger, SJ, homilist
Spencer Dunne and Jordan Barnes, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 19 | 5:00 p.m.**
Betty Nichols, Memorial
Beirne Lovely, Memorial

**Sunday, February 20 | 8:00 a.m.**
Priscilla Tucker, Memorial
Raymond Hottin, Memorial

**Sunday, February 20 | 9:30 a.m.**
Carol Howland, 9th Anniversary
Barbara Simmons, Memorial
Mary T. McLaughlin, 1st Anniversary
Beirne Lovely, Memorial
Janet Sullivan, Memorial

**Friday, February 25 | 8:00 a.m.**
Gloria Murtha, Special Intention
Marcia Richards, 5th Anniversary

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Delia Alvarez, Charlie Naughton, Peter Tracy, MaryAnn Weber, Bob Haas, Bob Roppolo, Christopher Gobron, Joy Gilbert, Mary Walters, John Powers, Marc Pelletier, Larry Murphy, Josephine Mason, Marian Licameli, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Nicholas Collins, and Liam Nedell.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Julie Shields and Bill Harte of Allston, Andrea-Gale Okoro and Eric Mason of Boston, Laura Keating of Boston, Dillon Davis and Lina Tibavinsky Bernal of Boston, and Irene Goss-Werner and Robert Werner of Natick. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Evening Prayer
Join us for Evening Prayer Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 for the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter on Facebook Live, or email sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

LGBTQ CATHOLICS UNITE MONTHLY MEETING
Sunday, February 27 | 1:30 p.m. | Zoom Virtual Meeting

At this month’s LGBTQ+ Catholics Unite meeting, Donald Murray is facilitating a discussion on “2023 Synod: LGBTQ+ Ministries and Bishops – Where Do You Fit In?” Here, Don will share the contributions of Sacred Heart Parish (Tampa, FL) to the Synod process. The Synod on Synodality is intended to be a community journey and a space where all People of God can share their thoughts and feelings. Don Murray is currently co-chair of Sacred Heart’s Open Doors LGBTQ ministry in Tampa, FL, as well as St. Peter’s Gay Ministry in Provincetown, MA. LGBTQ Catholics Unite provides a forum in which LGBTQ+ Catholics and allies can share faith experiences, thoughts, beliefs, and feelings, in a safe and affirming setting. All are welcome—including allies! If you are interested in how to connect via Zoom, please email stceciliarainbowministry@gmail.com to request a Zoom invitation.

CATIE’S CLOSET
We are excited to again invite you to support Catie’s Closet! Catie’s Closet assists children and teens aged 4-18 who are experiencing poverty by giving them clothing in a discreet and respectful way through their schools. Their goal is to improve school attendance and graduation rates. They have targeted 100 schools locally and serve, on average, 70,000 students daily.

This February, in honor of Saint Valentine’s Day, we are holding a virtual clothing drive for Catie’s Closet. You can get detailed information about donation criteria, their Amazon Wish List, or delivering your donation directly to their location at https://www.catiescloset.org/get-involved/#donate or check their website for opportunities to get involved - www.catiescloset.org. We are unable to accept donated items at Saint Cecilia at this time.
CATHOLIC APPEAL

It is through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal that we continue to provide support for our Catholic schools, operational support for our parishes, faith and formation programs at our parishes, and many services for those in our community who turn to our Church for assistance.

Many of you may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support by making a gift to the 2022 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond generously. When you make a gift to the annual Appeal, you are helping put faith into action in countless and far-reaching ways and every gift makes a difference. Thank you.

WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group is now reading Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps by Fr. Richard Rohr. In this inspiring and deep book, Fr. Rohr ties gospel principles to the Twelve Steps to help free all—addicted or not—of any spiritual obstacles to a deeper relationship with God and more active living out of the gospel. The Wisdom group is always happy to welcome new members in the second half of life. If you’d like to join us for fellowship and conversation on Sunday mornings from 8:30–9:30 a.m. via Zoom, please email Deb Garcia at sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE

“Music for Food” is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Feeding America, 1 in 9 people in the United States struggles with food insecurity. Music for Food’s concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals. In Boston their concerts benefit Women’s Lunch Place. The next concert will feature works by Hindemith and Mendelssohn and will be held on Sunday, February 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at New England Conservatory’s Brown Hall on Huntington Avenue. The number of tickets available is limited due to the pandemic, but you can reserve at: https://musicforfood.net/boston/core3.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restroom alone. Please remember that we are in a building that is wide open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.

JOIN THE YOUNG ADULTS FOR “THE CHOSEN” SEASON 2

February 22 | 6:00 p.m. | On Zoom

The Chosen is the first multi-season series about the life of Christ. If you haven’t seen season one yet, we highly recommend it (you can watch it for free on The Chosen app). Although, you don’t need to watch it before seeing season two—we’ll be sure to catch you up! Due to COVID case numbers we’ll be meeting online on Zoom as is the case with all parish ministries. Each episode is about one hour long and afterwards there will be a short discussion. If you plan to attend, please email johannatethehappy@gmail.com.

THE WORK SUPPORTED BY CRS

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been doing humanitarian work in Guatemala for more than fifty years. Guatemala has the largest and the youngest population in Latin America with almost 50% of their citizens being under the age of 19. Despite periods of economic growth and stability, inequality in Guatemala is persistently high, and Indigenous Peoples are especially negatively impacted. Malnutrition—which often results in stunting—affects 47% of all children under 5 and 58% of indigenous children.

Government tax revenues are low in Guatemala and so non-governmental agencies must supply much of the country’s humanitarian aid and emergency response. COVID-19, back-to-back hurricanes at the end of 2020 (Eta and Iota), and an influx of refugees fleeing violence in Haiti have strained resources in Guatemala. As it does in other parts of the world, CRS partners with local churches and agencies as it focuses on the following programming areas: sustainable agriculture, microfinance, education, nutrition, and HIV and tuberculosis treatment and prevention. For more information, visit: http://www.crs.org/
This year will mark the 20th anniversary of Cardinal Bernard Law's resignation from the Archdiocese of Boston, the culmination of a long—and long overdue—affair of monumental proportions, one which broken open the seal of secrecy and deceit that hid the Church's sex abuse scandal from public knowledge.

This week, I watched the 2015 film **Spotlight**, which covers the Boston story, for perhaps the fourth or fifth time. It is one of the few films I care to repeat even once, and perhaps the only one that I re-watch for impact rather than entertainment. It is probably my favorite film of all time.

I saw it when it was released, because it was an Oscar contender. I saw it again when I convinced my closest Catholic friend to finally give it a viewing. He was hesitant, for obvious reasons, and I was more than a little antagonistic.

Then, in 2019, I became Catholic.

My conversion was relatively swift, and it certainly had nothing to do with the Church hierarchy's ability to handle scandal. On sex abuse, my opinions concerning the bishops and their response are about the same now as it was when I was still a staunch Protestant—and one quick to point the finger at Catholics on that, and just about everything else.

But when I came to be convinced of the Church's teachings about what it is and why, that seemed to be all that mattered. I felt no other option than to become what my grandparents had been, and my great-grandparents before them. I became a Black Catholic.

With that change came new baggage, however, which I am only beginning to fully grapple with. Not the kind that would change, for me, the decision to convert, but certainly the kind that would make one sit for a while and wonder about his or her place in the Church and its larger narrative.

In my now two years as a Catholic, I have come to believe that the Church is covering up the scandal of racism.

Watching **Spotlight**, it's easy to see it as fiction. A fantastical story of heroes and villains and miracles that happened once and is not bound to repeat itself anywhere else or on any other issue. A fortunate fluke. Made for Hollywood, and that alone.

However, as a green Black Catholic, a convert who joined up just in time for a global pandemic, an international racial reckoning, and a domestic sociopolitical upheaval that has revealed the worst impulses of the dominant race-caste in our nation and our Church, I wonder: does the light still work?
In the film, the subject is Boston. Perhaps the Catholic capital of the USA. Ripe for faith, but also for intricately ordered campaigns of communal silence. Along that train of thought, it’s notable that Boston is also another kind of capital.

I mean to say that Boston is, by some estimates, the most racist city in America.

When I think about that, it makes Spotlight all the more curious—masterful cinematic work that it is. It is a Catholic story, with Catholic protagonists, Catholic opposition, Catholic victims, Catholic onlookers, and all the rest. But it is also quintessentially White.

Though you might not guess it, Boston has been roughly a quarter Black demographically since at least the late 1980s, and the archdiocese currently boasts of 16 Black parishes, according to data from the National Black Catholic Congress.

Watching my favorite film, however, I would never know it. In all of its winding coverage of various conversations, victims, cases, and locales, Spotlight has all of two Black characters—whom I would estimate shared a grand total of 25 seconds of screen time, a single speaking line, and no obvious connection to Catholicism whatsoever.

In the larger media narrative, I gather that apart from a few exceptions, American bishops failed to defend/protect the rights of Blacks, because they, like their priests, feared White backlash... American clergy [committed] not only the sins of timidity and respecting human opinion over divine law but [also] racism.

(“Desegregating the Altar”, Dr. Stephen J. Ochs)

What has changed?

As a convert who has read the histories, met the bishops, endured the backlash, and is currently studying at the very collegiate institution the US bishops established as our national Catholic university, I feel I know the answer all too well.

Nothing.

African-American Catholics have no advocate, no jurisdiction, no saints, no quarter, no voice, and no choice but to forge ahead with little more than hope that somehow things will get better. (And I’m not sure any of us are particularly confident on that front.)

Recent reports say we are leaving the Church at an alarming level. I am doubtful of the numbers myself, but I’m also ignorant. Maybe I just don’t want to believe it’s really true that what I’ve come to embrace, after so many years rejecting it, has become for others an unacceptable byword—an embodiment of what’s wrong with Christianity rather than what’s right.
I myself will stay. I have no choice. The faith is in me now, and I believe. That's enough for me. But for others, who expect of the Church a certain tangible expression of the teachings it claims to harbor and uphold, they will be satisfied only with action.

That, of course, is not likely to come from the US hierarchy. But thankfully, they are not all there is to Catholicism. Though our bishops are indeed obstinate and detached, in true American fashion, they do answer to a higher authority—and not just the Lord Jesus.

It is my hope, then, that in this century, the vicar of Christ will hear and answer Black Catholics in their plea for acknowledgment and justice, be it via the Synod or whatever other means are necessary.

If it takes another “Spotlight”, then so be it.

~Nate Tinner-Williams is co-founder and editor of Black Catholic Messenger, a seminarian with the Josephites, and a ThM student with the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA).
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Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord’s Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in-person and livestreamed.

Baptism for Infants
Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

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.

Order of Christian Funerals
The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

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.

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), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@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 assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

Building Accessibility
Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street, next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $11, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $14 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

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 long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.
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