Aaron and Hur supported his (Moses) hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. (First Reading - Exodus 17:12)
Prelude | Sonata for Piano, Four Hands, II: Rustique
Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Entrance Procession | How Can I Keep from Singing?
TRADITIONAL

1. My life flows on in endless song. A
2. Through all the tumult and the strife I
3. What though my joys and comfort die? The
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

Above earth’s lamentation I hear the clear though
Hear that music ringing. It finds an echo
Lord my savior liveth. What though the darkness
Fountain ever springing! All things are mine since

Far-off hymn That hails a new creation,
In my soul. How can I keep from singing?
Gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that Rock I’m
Clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?
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.

GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
glory, glory to God, and on earth peace to people,
people of good will.

Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are
I lift my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord, your guard, the Lord, your shade at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and forever.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia from Jubilation Mass

GOSPEL | Luke 18: 1-8

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, 
true 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.
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
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Lord of All Hopefulness

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.

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HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Renewal

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Renewal

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GREAT AMEN | Mass of Renewal

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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, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood given up for you.

Verses

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the exile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came into the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Living One;

I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav’n above;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd’s voice;
You are God’s dwelling place, on me you rest;
I am the morning star that never sets;
I am the bride-groom, this my wedding song;
COMMUNION MEDITATION | Suscepit Israel from Magnificat, BWV243

Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

He remembering his mercy: has helped his servant Israel.

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.
O Jesu nomen dulce
Nomen admirabile
Nomen confortans
Quid enim cantitur suavius
Quid auditur jucundius
Quid cogitatur dulcius
Quam Jesus Dei filius.

O Jesus, sweet name!
Admirable name!
Comforting name!
What truly is sung more sweetly?
What is heard more pleasantly?
What is thought of more dear?
Who but Jesus, God’s Son?

O name of Jesus, true food of the soul!
Honey in my mouth, song in my ear,
source of delight in my heart!
Therefore your name, sweetest Jesus,
I will carry in my mouth into eternity!
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. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusett tribal nations.

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.
OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, October 15 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, lector

Sunday, October 16 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Elizabeth Fahey, lector

Sunday, October 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Nicole Boyce, Greg Rybarczyk, and Karen Vachon, lectors

Sunday, October 16 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Eileen Maguire, Mark Richburg, and Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, lectors

Sunday, October 16 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Cathy Anderson and Chika Offurum, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15 | 5:00 p.m.
Catherine Aylward, Memorial

Sunday, October 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Stephen Kudzy, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Rick Zeimet, Jeannie Brassard Tremblay, Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrennan, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Children's Faith Formation
Children's Faith Formation is up and running! Our youngest class this year is for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2023. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: https://bit.ly/3cCu77d. Please note that we need baptismal certificates for all children enrolled in the program and all families must be registered parishioners. If you are not presently registered, there are registration forms in the narthex or you can register online by visiting: https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Olivia Hastie at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass
All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and a special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at bit.ly/AnniversaryMass2022. For more information, please email emily_elliott@rcab.org.

Respect Life Month
Each October, the Church in the United States observes Respect Life Month—a time to remember that all people are created in the image of God and are worthy of respect. The first Sunday of October is known as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church invites us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life and on the second half of the Great Commandment of Jesus to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Liturgy of the Hours
Join us for Vespers for the Memorial of the North American Jesuit Martyrs on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Saint Cecilia Liturgy of the Hours is held on Zoom and is streamed live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page. For more information, email sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com.

Special Collection for Hurricane Relief
In the past month, Hurricanes Ian and Fiona have caused enormous damage and tragic loss of life in Puerto Rico and southeastern Florida. Recognizing the growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection be taken the weekend of October 15/16 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. Funds raised will support the efforts of the USCCB Bishops Disaster Relief Fund, which will work through local Catholic Charities diocesan agencies. The money will meet needs such as clean water, food, shelter, medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. It also will support the pastoral and social needs of the Church in areas affected by the hurricanes.

If you’d like to give to this collection, please address checks to Saint Cecilia Parish and write “Hurricane Relief” in the memo. You can also give online: https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/special-collection-hurricane-relief

Thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection. We deeply appreciate your contributions and express our solidarity with those who are suffering.

Saint Cecilia Parish Pumpkin Palooza

OCTOBER 23 | PARISH HALL
FOLLOWING 9:30 MASS

Last chance! If you have not yet made a reservation for your children to decorate a pumpkin, please email Lisa Pickering (lpickering@stceciliaboston.org) by this Monday, October 17 at noon, indicating how many children will be participating. Please note: this is an event for the children of the parish.
RCIA—IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

This year’s RCIA program is underway, and we have a great group of adults discerning the call to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of the Catholic Church. We are still in the "inquiry stage" so it’s not too late to welcome more people. If you are an adult who has never been baptized; if you were baptized in another Christian tradition; or if you were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first communion, perhaps you’d like to consider RCIA. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 and also attend the 9:30 Sunday liturgy together. For more information about this process, please contact Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org). We’d love to have you with us!

JOIN OUR CHOIRS!

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? We’re looking for talented, motivated musicians! Our three choirs sing at the 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 Masses each Sunday and rehearse weekly. Come join our music community! Interested? Contact our Director of Music, Rob Duff, at rduff@stceciliaboston.org to schedule an audition.

SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES FOR SAINT CECILIA’S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

One of the primary initiatives of the Saint Cecilia Marriage Ministry is to offer a marriage workshop for all engaged couples planning to get married in the Church. Since 2019, Saint Cecilia has offered its own workshop based on the archdiocesan model of marriage prep, Transformed in Love, where married couples serve as witness couples to lead the engaged couples through the workshop. But we can’t do this without your help! Whether you have been married a month or fifty years, we would love your marital experience and wisdom for the engaged couples enrolled in the program. Marriage prep workshops are offered several times a year, but commitments are flexible (our next workshop is October 15/22). To learn more, contact Julianne and Michael Lavelle at stc.marriage@gmail.com.

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group is now reading God First Loved Us: The Challenge of Accepting Unconditional Love by Fr. Antony F. Campbell, SJ. The author describes himself as “a New Zealander by birth, an Australian Jesuit by choice, and a lover of the Older Testament by passion.” In this inspiring and comforting book, Fr. Campbell invites us to consider that “love that is truly unconditional can never be withdrawn or withheld. Such love impacts the way we, in turn, are called to forgive others and urges us to take on a new, radical openness to human life.” The Wisdom group welcomes new members in the second half of life. We meet in person on the first Sunday of the month, and via Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the other Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Email Deb Garcia (sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com) for more information.

LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE? VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!

We need help welcoming our neighbors into the church before each liturgy. Your small time commitment and warm smile can make someone’s day! Please sign up to greet here: https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/Zd-P2qBWa
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE FOR NEW REQUIEM

Saint Cecilia Church will host the premiere performance of *Mount Auburn, a Requiem in d minor* on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Composed by Rachel Burckardt, a member of the parish music ministry, this piece and other compositions by Rachel will be performed by the 40-piece Wood Harbor Orchestra with the Mount Auburn Chorus, under the direction of Elijah Langille. Rachel is a prolific composer of sacred and liturgical music, including some music used at Saint Cecilia. Her compositions include orchestral pieces, jazz, as well as improvisational and electronic music. At Saint Cecilia, she sings with the choir and is also an instrumentalist with the 6:00 Mass contemporary ensemble. Tickets will be available at the door and are now also available from Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/premier-performance-mount-auburn-a-requiem-in-d-minor-tickets-393028638237)

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

For the past six years, our parish has provided ongoing support to Catholic Charities’ Refugee and Immigration Services with supermarket gift cards, heeding Pope Francis’ words, “With regard to migrants, displaced persons and refugees, a common commitment is needed, one focused on offering them a dignified welcome.” Catholic Charities of Boston is anticipating that, beginning as soon as this week, we may be receiving immigrants being sent by southern states’ governors. With your help, they can provide a vital lifeline for our new community members. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Market Basket, Stop and Shop or Shaw’s/Star Market—and no more than $25 per card—please feel free to mail them to the parish or drop them in the offertory basket in an enveloped marked “Catholic Charities.” To mail them, send them to: Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115.

PIE SELLERS NEEDED!

As part of our ongoing relationship with Community Servings, we are looking for parishioners willing to assist with their annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year! Every Thanksgiving pie sold for $30 feeds a Community Servings client in Massachusetts suffering with a life-threatening illness for one week. The delicious pies—apple, pecan, and pumpkin—are the perfect dessert for your Thanksgiving table. If you are willing to help sell pies at Saint Cecilia liturgies as well as to your friends and colleagues via email, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com.

SEEKING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Have you wondered what spiritual direction is like? Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God? Would you like help connecting your prayer to your life experience through one on one conversation? From November to April, graduate students from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry are participating in a supervised practicum in spiritual direction and are looking for people to accompany as they explore their relationship with God. If you are interested in getting a short-term “taste” of spiritual direction, this opportunity might be for you. If you’re interested, please email either: Clare Walsh, MHSH (walshakl@bc.edu) or Judy Talvacchia (talvaccj@bc.edu).

No fee | Commitment: 45 minutes, every 2 weeks | In person or remotely
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. until lunch on Sunday, November 13 | Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA

The annual SCYA retreat returns to Glastonbury Abbey! During this retreat, we will spend time diving into what it means to “live the good life” as Christians. We will explore topics including discovering our spiritual gifts, the dignity of work, saints with imperfect backgrounds, and read scripture including the Beatitudes. The retreat is peer-led by young adults, for young adults. Our weekend of fellowship will include talks, small group discussion, prayer, Mass, games, and unstructured time.

The cost of the weekend is $170, which includes lodging and all meals from dinner on Friday to Sunday brunch. If the cost of the weekend is a significant hardship, please contact the retreat team. Please reach out to Genevieve Martin at grmartin08@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Registration link here: https://bit.ly/3VmpRD6

HOW TO LIVE A SAINTLY LIFE WITH MEG HUNTER-KILMER

Tuesday, October 25 | 7 to 9:00 p.m. | DiGiovanni Hall, St. Paul’s Church | 29 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge

Open to all young adults (ages 18 to 40)

Join us for a talk by author, speaker, and missionary, Meg Hunter-Kilmer. Meg’s ministry focuses on bringing attention to the lives of “unconventional” and lesser-known saints in order to stretch preconceived notions of holiness and show how human struggles and limitations can reveal that power of God’s grace. Meg has written several books, including Saints Around the World and Pray for Us and has been a guest on podcasts, including the Ask Father Josh podcast. We hope you can join us for this event. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP (https://bit.ly/3VcN5eS) if you plan to attend.

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

The Francis Papacy: Great Debates and the Way Forward
Monday, October 24, 2022 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Zoom Presentation

Presenter: Catherine Mooney, Associate Professor of Church History at Boston College

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: https://saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

The Gospel of Matthew
October 19 - November 8, 2022
4-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $30.00

Effective Preaching - Homily Preparation
October 19 - November 15, 2022
4-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $30.00

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads.html

BOSTON COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

A Reform in Motion: Vatican II and the Liturgy
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 | 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Attend in person (free), Boston College Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room 113 or virtually ($10.00) | Registration Required
Presenter: John Baldovin, S.J., PhD, Professor of Historical and Liturgical Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Becoming a Synodal Church: Issues and Challenges
Thursday, October 27, 2022 | 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Chestnut Hill Campus
Attend in person/virtually | Registration Required | Free
Presenter: Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, Undersecretary for the General Secretariat of the Synod

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/campus-events.html
Saint Cecilia's Red Cloud partnership presents:

An Evening with

MAKA BLACK ELK

Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Maȟpiya Luta - Red Cloud

Maka Black Elk (Oglala Lakota) is the Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Maȟpiya Luta - Red Cloud in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He first graduated from the University of San Francisco and then earned his Master's degrees in Peace & Human Rights Education at Columbia University's Teachers College and in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame. Maka was a teacher and an educational administrator at Red Cloud before taking on his current role. Maka brings a passion for interreligious dialogue to his work. Maka advocates for truth and healing in Catholic ministries and schools serving Indigenous peoples.

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
6:30—8:00 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Parish Hall

About the Talk:
What does it mean for the Catholic Church to engage in the truth and reconciliation process when it has been the source of historic harm? How does a community begin to heal from generational historic trauma and the lasting impacts of systemic racism? Join Maka Black Elk as he discusses his work in Truth and Healing at Maȟpiya Luta - Red Cloud on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Maȟpiya Luta was formerly known as Holy Rosary Mission and served as an Indian Boarding school when it first opened its doors in 1888. Maka will describe the truth and healing process they have undertaken and explore the deeper questions these processes reveal for the Catholic Church and the reckoning it faces as a remnant of colonial violence.
HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL /ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL 2022 GALA

Thursday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

Health Equity International/St. Boniface is dedicated to providing essential health services to the people of southern Haiti. They are committed to building a comprehensive, efficient, and resilient health system that provides high-quality care. This year, they’re hosting a gala entitled, Mobilizing Hope: A year of equity in action. Join us for a viewing party and cocktail reception at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. EDT, or stream the program from anywhere at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Find out more information and purchase tickets and sponsorships at healthequityintl.org/gala2022. This year, HEI/SBH Board Member Emerita Barrie Landry is being honored for her years of unwavering dedication. In addition, St. Boniface Hospital Heroes will be honored for providing the highest quality care during this tumultuous year.

“RACE AND THE AGE OF APOSTOLIC BATTLE”

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

You are invited to hear Danielle M. Brown, Esq. speak at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, 558 South Avenue in Weston. Ms. Brown is Associate Director of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary forms men ages 30-60 for priesthood. To learn more, visit www.psjs.edu. You can also livestream the presentation: https://www.psjs.edu/chapel-livestream.
JOIN US FOR A PARISH SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP!

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 | 6:30—9:30 p.m.
30 Cecilia Street, Boston 02115

MISSED THE SIGN-UP?

Please email Lisa Pickering (lpickering@stceciliaboston.org) as soon as possible to RSVP. We’d love to have you!

Who is Brother Guy Consolmagno?

- An astronomer, physicist, Jesuit, Director of the Vatican Observatory, and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation
- He believes that science and religion complement each other in the common human pursuit of truth and knowledge and for him, "doing science is an act of worship," a way to come to know and to praise and give thanks to God.
- He obtained Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from MIT.

What is the Vatican Observatory?

- An institution established by the Holy See for astronomical research & public outreach to advance the scientific understanding of our universe
- One of the oldest active astronomical observatories in the world (c. 1582)
- Headquartered at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, it stands at the forefront of scientific research and works with the Vatican Observatory Foundation to promote education and public engagement in astronomy, and constructive dialogue in the area of faith and science.
An Evening with

BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO, SJ

Director of the Vatican Observatory headquartered in the town of Castel Gandolfo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Copies of Brother Guy’s books will be available for purchase and Brother Guy will be available to sign books following his presentation.

"I am amazed and grateful that God has given us humans, his creation, the ability to see and understand what he has done."

– Brother Guy, SJ

This event will be held in person and will also be livestreamed on the Saint Cecilia YouTube page. Facial coverings are mandatory for those attending in person. This event is free and open to the public.

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Pope Francis on Oct. 11 marked the opening of the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council — a three-year period that launched landmark reforms in the Catholic Church's relationship to the world around it and the church's own liturgy and practices — by pleading for the church to "overcome all polarization and preserve our communion."

In a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, which served as the council's chambers during the 1962-1965 meetings, Francis said the council, which was inaugurated by Pope St. John XXIII, was "one great response" to the question "Do you love me?" posed by Christ to his disciples.

"To rekindle her love for the Lord, the church, for the first time in her history, devoted a council to examining herself and reflect on her nature and mission," said Francis. "She saw herself once more as a mystery of grace generated by love; she saw herself anew as the people of God, the body of Christ, the living temple of the Holy Spirit!"

Yet while the ecumenical council revisited many areas of Catholic doctrine, reassessed its relationship with other Christian communities and religions, revised Catholic liturgy to allow for the vernacular, and reconfigured church structures to allow for greater participation of the laity, in the 60 years that have followed, it also proved to be a flashpoint among various ecclesial circles.

During the 60th anniversary Mass, Francis lamented that those changes had sometimes led to deep divisions within the church.

"How often, in the wake of the council, did Christians prefer to choose sides in the church, not realizing that they were breaking their mother's heart! How many times did they prefer to cheer on their own party rather than being servants of all? To be progressive or conservative rather than being brothers and sisters?" he asked.

"To be on the 'right' or 'left,' rather than with Jesus? To present themselves as 'guardians of the truth' or 'pioneers of innovation' rather than seeing themselves as humble and grateful children of holy mother church?" he continued. "That is not how the Lord wants us to be. We are his sheep, his flock, and we can only be so together and as one."

While the work of the council and the years that followed radically altered the Catholic Church's relationship with the rest of the world and realigned itself with a more open posture to it, in marking its anniversary, Francis also warned against the temptation of "worldliness."

"Let us be careful: Both the 'progressivism' that lines up behind the world and the 'traditionalism' that longs for a bygone world are not evidence of love, but of infidelity," he cautioned. "They are forms of a Pelagian selfishness that puts our own tastes and plans above the love that pleases God, the simple, humble and faithful love that Jesus asked of Peter."

Throughout his homily, Francis revisited many of the central themes from his own nearly decadelong papacy, especially his call for a church committed to evangelization and prioritizing the needs of the poor.

"You are not here to shepherd yourselves," the pope said to the hundreds of clergy present in St. Peter's, "but others — all others — with love. And if it is fitting to show a particular concern, it should be for those whom God loves most: the poor and the outcast. The church is meant to be, as Pope John put it, 'the church of all, and particularly the church of the poor.'"
The council, the pope said, calls for a church that is "madly in love with its Lord and with all the men and women whom he loves" and "that is rich in Jesus and poor in assets" and "a church that is free and freeing."

"A church in love with Jesus has no time for quarrels, gossip and disputes," the pope added. "May God free us from being critical and intolerant, harsh and angry! This is not a matter of style but of love. For those who love, as the Apostle Paul teaches, do everything without murmuring."

In recent years, Francis has dedicated particular attention to continued liturgical reforms in the church, arguing that they are necessary for the embrace of the reforms of the council, which he has said are "irreversible." More recently, some of the pope’s top advisers have expressed concern that some of the resistance to the Francis papacy is rooted in resistance to Vatican II.

During the Mass, the pope once more reiterated his support for the reforms of Vatican II.

"How timely the council remains!" he said. "It helps us reject the temptation to enclose ourselves within the confines of our own comforts and convictions."

As the pope concluded his homily, he again issued a clarion call for church unity.

"You who desire that we be a united flock, save us from the forms of polarization that are the devil’s handiwork," he said. "And we, your church, with Peter and like Peter, now say to you: 'Lord, you know everything; you know that we love you."

—Christopher White is the Vatican correspondent for National Catholic Reporter. Prior to moving to Rome in August 2021, he served as NCR’s national correspondent, where his award-winning reporting included coverage of the Catholic vote during the 2020 campaign and the election of President Joe Biden.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (TERESA OF AVILA), VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Feast Day on October 15

Lord, You know better than I myself
that I am growing older and will someday be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking
I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from craving to
straighten out everybody’s affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom,
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but You know, Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains;
they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person
is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talents in unexpected people;
and give, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.
Amen.
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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 our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at oahastie@stceciliaboston.org.

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 $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 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.