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Healing the Blind Man by Yongsung Kim

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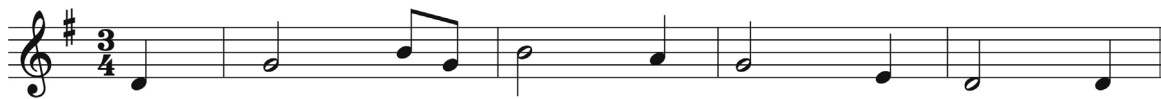
## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, BWV 636  
Brett Maguire, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | *Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

### 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.

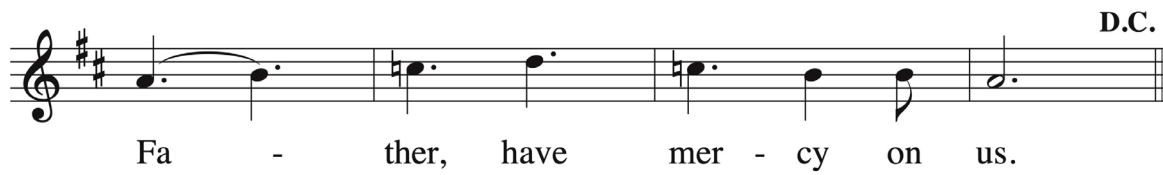


## Verse 1



## Verse 2





**Verse 3**

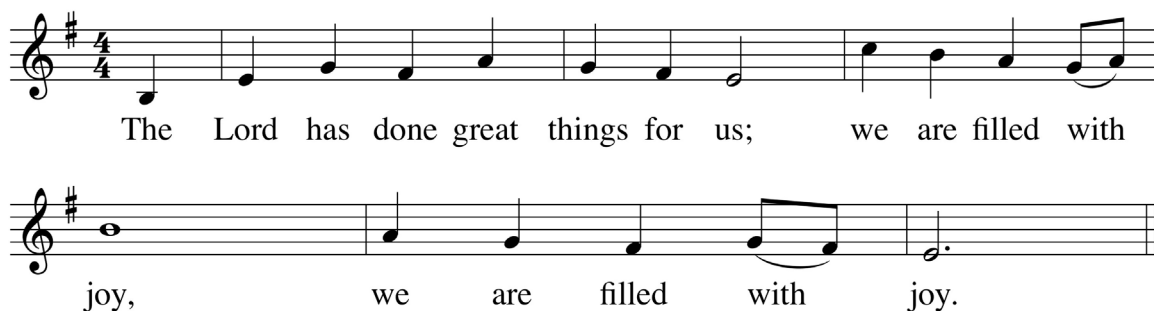


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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Jeremiah 31: 7-9





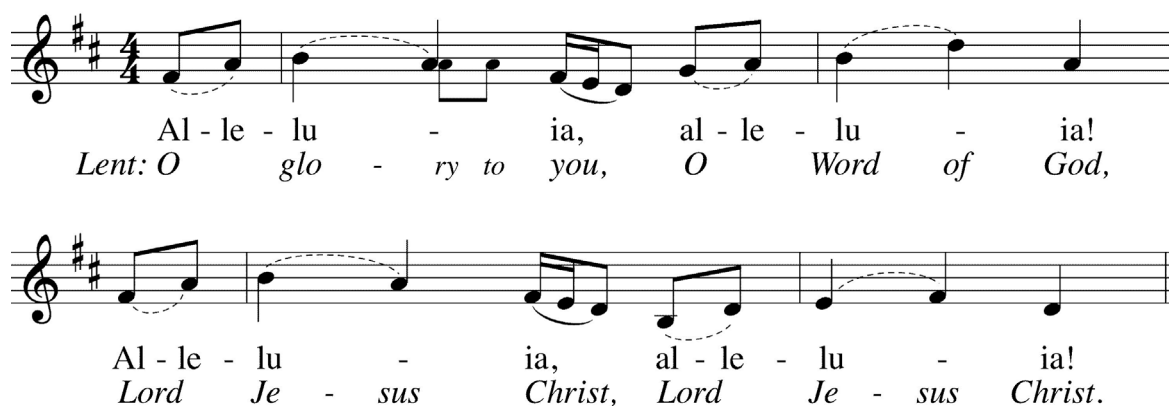
## Verses

1. When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy.
2. Then the nations themselves said, "What great deeds the LORD worked for them!"  
What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
3. Bring back our exiles, O LORD, as streams in the south.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves.

## SECOND READING | Hebrews 5: 1-6

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV



## GOSPEL | Mark 10: 46-52

## 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.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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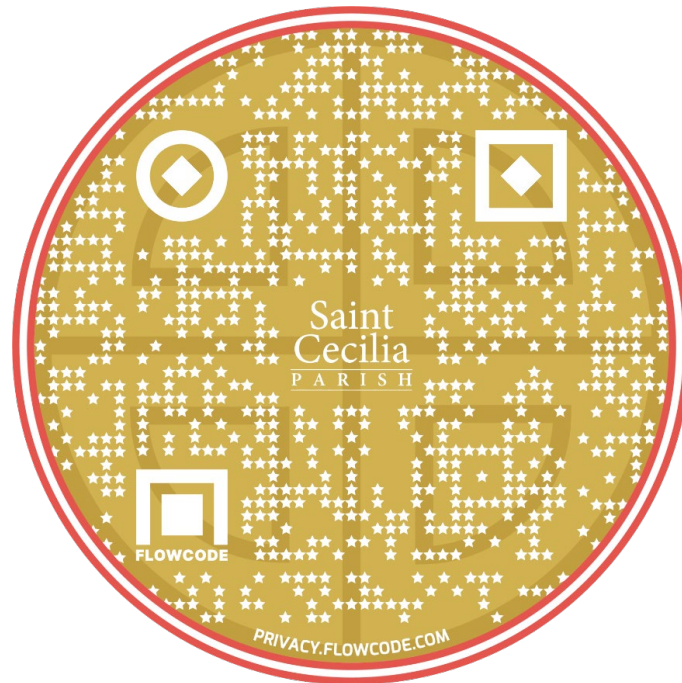
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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.

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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere Street  
Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Open My Eyes

Jesse Manibusen



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. *(To verse 2)*  
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. *(To verse 3)*  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. *(To bridge)*  
I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge



And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,



and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,



and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known.

D.C.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It features two main parts: 'Cantor or choir' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' The score includes a 'Repeat as needed' section and a 'Last time' section. The lyrics are: 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.'

*Cantor or choir:* *All:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
*Prince of Peace,*  
*God of Love,*  
*Bread of Life,*

*Repeat as needed*

world, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time* *Cantor or choir:*

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

*All:*

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## 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." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, 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.

COMMUNION | There is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

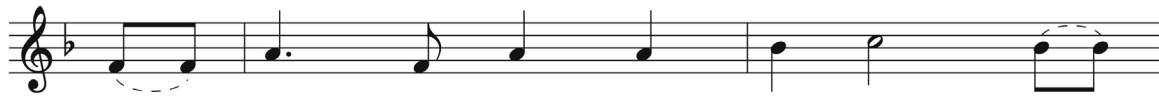


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;

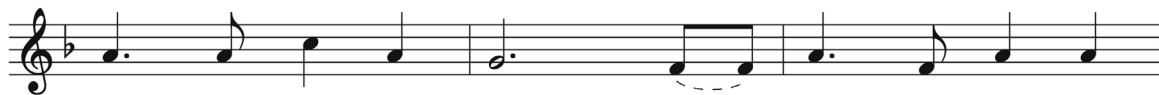


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And
2. Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, For
3. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you



think my work's in vain, But then the Ho - ly  
 Je - sus is your friend; And if you lack for  
 can - not pray like Paul, You can tell the love of



Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.  
 Je - sus, And say, "He died for all!"

D.C.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | "He Watching Over Israel" from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn  
 (1809-1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;  
 Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,  
 He will quicken thee.

## 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 | Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris M. Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness. Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

POSTLUDE | *Récit de Basse de Trompette* from *Verbum Supernum*  
Brett Maguire, organist

Nicolas de Grigny  
(1672-1703)

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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](mailto:RDuff@stceciliaboston.org).

# WELCOME!

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 Massachusetts 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.

# An Election Season Prayer



God, I know that I don't have to get angry.  
I don't have to get worked up.  
I don't have to get depressed.  
And I don't have to throw anything at the TV.  
I just have to use  
my conscience  
and vote.

So help me remember  
what Jesus taught in the Gospels,  
and what our church teaches,  
especially about the poor, the refugee, the migrant,  
the sick, the homeless, the unborn, the disabled,  
the hungry, the elderly and the lonely.  
Help me remember the "least" among us,  
and help me ponder in my heart  
how to cast my vote for the good of all.  
God, I know that no candidate is perfect,  
because I'm not perfect either,  
the last time I checked.

So free me of the burden of having to  
vote for someone who satisfies  
all my desires for a candidate.  
My candidate will be imperfect,  
like me.

Help me to be grateful for the ability to vote,  
because not everyone has that privilege.  
And when I meet people voting for someone else,  
Help me to take a deep breath and  
give them the benefit of the doubt,  
because they are following their consciences, too.

Help me remember  
that even though they sometimes drive me nuts,  
I don't have to argue with them,  
I don't have to convince them,  
I don't have to hate them,  
And I don't have to demonize them.  
Then, after the election, help me work for unity.  
Because I know that's what you want.  
Amen.

James Martin, SJ

## iGIVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We conclude our iGive campaign this week with 74 new participants. Our annual iGive Campaign has been a resounding success, thanks to such a generous response. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who enrolled in iGive this month, and, in a special way, we thank those who have increased their contributions this year. Your giving allows us to budget for and sustain our growing ministries and also allows us to continue our local charitable giving. If you have been considering enrolling, but haven't done so, perhaps this is the time - just visit [www.stceciliaboston.org/igive](http://www.stceciliaboston.org/igive) to sign up. Your commitment, regardless of amount, will help us remain a beacon of light and hope for so many.



## A WATCH PARTY AT SAINT CECILIA THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 1:15 P.M. **COME AND WATCH THE INSTALLATION MASS OF ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE RICHARD G. HENNING PARISH HALL**

Join us in the parish hall on Thursday, October 31 at 1:15 p.m. for a watch party as Archbishop-designate Richard G. Henning is installed as the tenth bishop and seventh archbishop of Boston. While the Installation Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross is by invitation only, we look forward to gathering at Saint Cecilia to watch a live broadcast of this momentous occasion in the life of the Church. Refreshments will be served as we come together to pray for our new archbishop.

## JOIN OUR BIWEEKLY SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS GATHERING



**Thursday,  
October 31**  
**10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
*Every Other Week  
Following*

*Join the group for  
coffee, sweets, and  
conversation, followed  
by prayer and song!*

**Where?** Saint Cecilia Parish (enter through the doors on St. Cecilia Street and ring the bell to be let in).

**Questions?** Email Lucy Conroy ([seniors@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:seniors@stceciliaboston.org))



## SAVE THE DATE: HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL 2024 CELEBRATION

The 2024 Celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 30, at Saint Cecilia Parish. This year's event will explore how HEI's work helps the people we serve find peace, safety, and health. We will also celebrate co-founder Fr. Gerald Osterman for his lifetime of dedication and service to the organization.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships, please visit: [www.healthequityintl.org/2024celebration](http://www.healthequityintl.org/2024celebration). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the agency at [gala@haitihealth.org](mailto:gala@haitihealth.org).





# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, October 26 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, lector

**Sunday, October 27 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. John Predmore, SJ, celebrant  
Esteban Vanegas, lector

**Sunday, October 27 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Zachary Boutin, Elli St. George, and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

**Sunday, October 27 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Chika Offurum, Moira Macdonald,  
and Virgen Palermo, lectors

**Sunday, October 27 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Jen Kowieski, lector

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 26 | 5:00 p.m.**

John T. Lynch, *1st Anniversary*  
Elena Paez L, *Memorial*

**Sunday, October 27 | 8:00 a.m.**

Monica A. Hart, *2nd Anniversary*

**Sunday, October 27 | 9:30 a.m.**

Antonio Molina, *Memorial*  
D. Joseph Unni, *2nd Anniversary*  
Bridget Ebbert, *3rd Anniversary*

**Sunday, October 27 | 11:30 a.m.**

Mark Kearns, *Memorial*

**Wednesday, October 30 | 8:00 a.m.**

Sarah Trosset, *Memorial*

**Thursday, October 31 | 8:00 a.m.**

Theresa "Trece" McLaughlin, *Anniversary*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

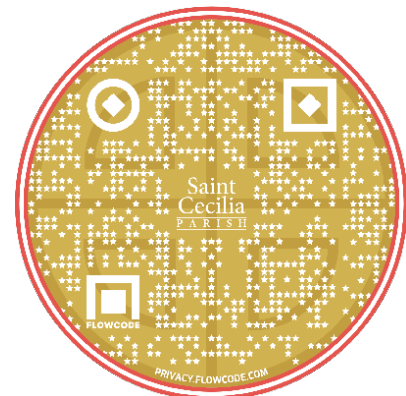
## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

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# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Peggie Breslin, Mark Brown, Joan Dunphy, Tom Franzago, David Kennedy, Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

## Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Caron** and **Jack Hobin** of Great Barrington, **Louis Landrin** of Fall River, **Thomas O'Brien** of Belmont, **Joseph Gutmann** of Brookline, **Amanda Sabia** of East Boston, and **Clare Westerman** of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## Second Collection Next Week

Next week's second collection will support Catholic Charities USA in Hurricane Relief for Helene and Milton across the impacted states. Water, cleaning supplies and hygiene kits, diapers, children's activity kits, oral rehydration products and blankets are among the items being distributed. You can donate here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/hurricane-relief-collection>.

## Veterans Day Prayers

If there are veterans you would like to remember in prayer on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day, email Michael Sennett at his parish email. We need all names by 11/4. Please note: if you have submitted a name in the past, we have the name on file—no need to submit it again! If you're submitting a name for the first time, please indicate whether the veteran is alive or deceased.

## Election Day

Election Day is only 9 days away. As we continue to commemorate Respect Life month this October, let us remember that voting is one of the best ways to show care and concern for our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we have an obligation to respect the life and dignity of every human being. At a time when our nation is deeply divided, may we come together for the common good and do what our faith calls us to do—to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

## Coffee Hospitality—Many Hands Make Light Work!

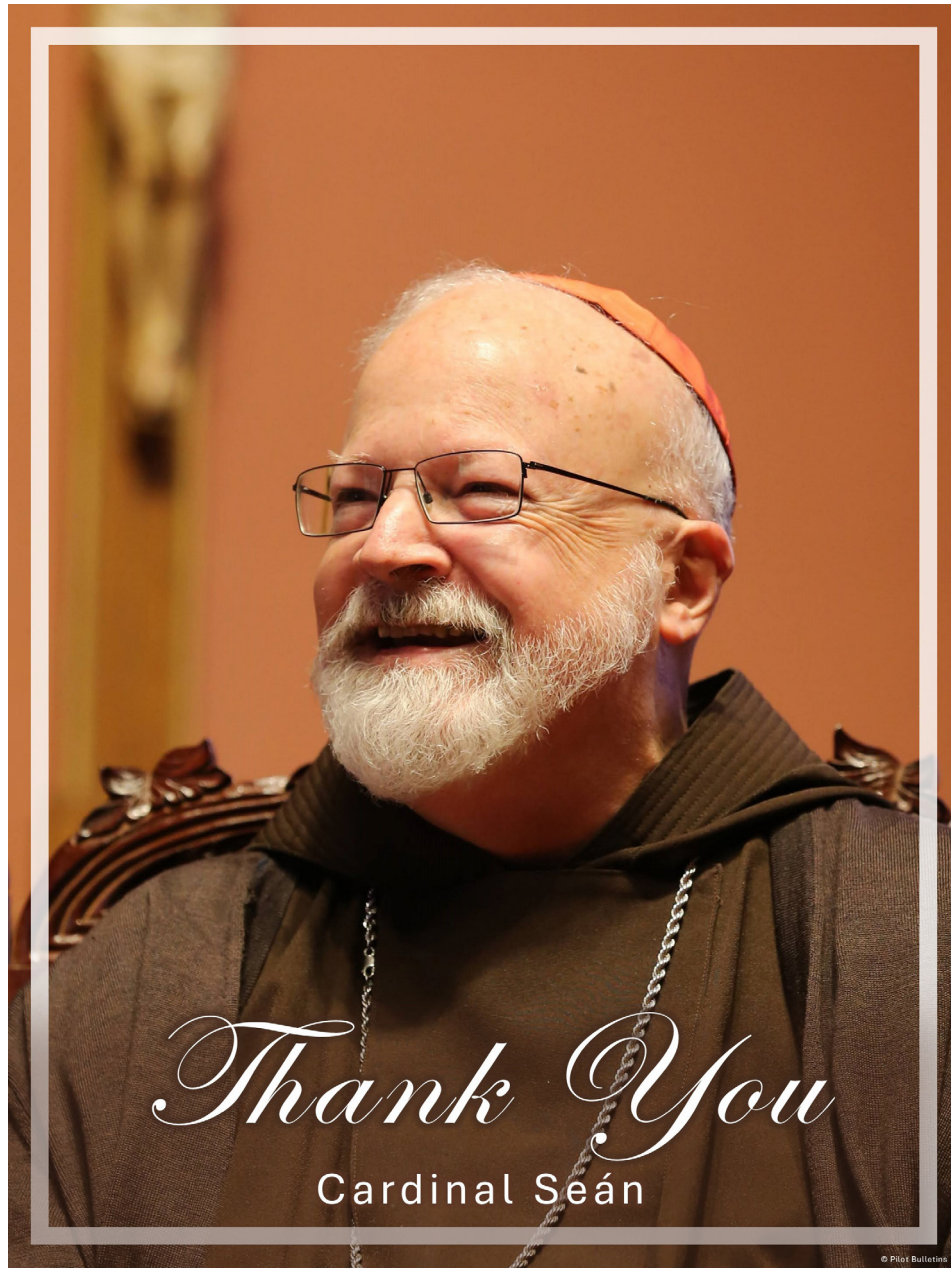
With the return of children's faith formation classes, the addition of new college students in our midst, and the increased rhythm of the fall season, we need some

helping hands in the Parish Café on Sunday mornings. Please don't worry about over-committing yourself—if you can help out once a month or even just once a year, we'd love you to be a part of our Coffee Hospitality Ministry! There are three shifts: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and clean-up. Responsibilities include serving food and coffee, cleaning up, and most importantly, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere by smiling and engaging with parishioners. For more information or to sign up, please contact our Director of Facilities and Events, Lisa Pickering, at her parish email.

## Help Care For Those in Need

Occasionally we give gift cards to our sisters and brothers in need. We need to replenish our supply of gift cards to Shaw's Supermarket, Star Market, and Dunkin'. If you would like to help out in this way, simply purchase a gift card and place it in the collection basket at Mass, give it to a member of the staff, or mail it to the Parish Office. We are very appreciative of your help as we attempt to offer some assistance to our neighbors in need.





With heartfelt gratitude for his 21 years of faithful leadership as Archbishop of Boston, we bid farewell this week to Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap. Cardinal Seán came to the archdiocese during one of the most troubled periods in our history and set about the hard work of rebuilding the Church of Boston. We will always be grateful for his humble leadership, holy wisdom, and compassionate spirit as well as for his commitment to social justice and the protection of the vulnerable. Pope Francis has asked Cardinal Seán to continue serving as president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, a role he has held since 2014.

We pray that Cardinal Seán's future brings him peace, joy, and rest, knowing that his legacy of love and care will continue to shape our community for years to come.

Thank you, Cardinal Seán, for walking with us in faith. May God bless you in this next chapter of your journey.

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# IN THE **BIG PICTURE** EVERY **PIECE** MATTERS



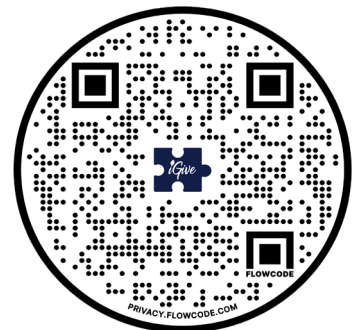
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## PINE STREET INN & SAINT CECILIA PARISH THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Saint Cecilia Parish and Pine Street Inn are partnering again to provide 200 meal kit bags of shelf-stable foods for the housing tenants to have a nice Thanksgiving meal in their home with family and friends. We invite Saint Cecilia parishioners to complete a meal kit bag with the food items listed below.

Parishioners can pick up their meal kit bag in the church narthex beginning on **Sunday, November 3** after each Mass (8:00, 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00) or can pick up a bag at the reception desk.

On **Sunday, November 24**, a Pine Street Inn van will be in front of Saint Cecilia from **8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** to receive your filled meal kit bag. Please be sure to return your bag to the church on this date.

### Items for the tenant Thanksgiving meal kit bags:

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Boxed Stuffing Mix             | 5. Canned Corn or Green Beans (pop-top lid) |
| 2. Instant Mashed Potatoes Packet | 6. Brownie Mix                              |
| 3. Dried Gravy Mix Packets        | 7. Salt and Pepper (shakers)                |
| 4. Canned Cranberry Sauce         | 8. Handheld Can Opener                      |

As an alternative to providing a meal kit bag, please consider donating a \$25.00 gift card to a large grocery store (e.g., Shaw's, Star Market, or Market Basket).

Gift cards can be dropped off on the 24th or mailed to the attention of Karen Dunnett or Lisa Pickering, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!



Pine Street Inn  
Ending Homelessness





## PIE IN THE SKY

Saint Cecilia volunteer pie sellers will be available after this weekend's Masses to take your orders for Thanksgiving pies to benefit one of our non-profit partner

agencies, Community Servings. Pie in the Sky fosters community spirit and engages the public in the mission of Community Servings—Massachusetts' free, home-delivered meals and nutrition program for the critically ill. Each pie, which can be picked up a couple of days before Thanksgiving at over 40 locations in Greater Boston, costs \$35, providing a week's worth of nutritious, home-delivered meals to a Community Servings' client. Even if you will be out of town for Thanksgiving, you can help by purchasing a pie and donating it to a Community Servings' client or you can buy a pie that will be served at Thanksgiving Day dinners for residents of Morville House, Women's Lunch Place, and the Pine Street Inn. Questions? Please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness email address.



## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**(FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)**

**Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to all!**

Join the Saint Cecilia community for our monthly Night of Worship and Adoration. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come find rest and healing in God's presence in the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music led by the Young Adult Ministry.

All are welcome to come to the altar.

***Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter.***

Can't join us in person? We'll be piloting a live-stream of our worship service over Zoom.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3BZAp63>

## ALTAR SERVERS

Students in grades 3 through 10 are invited to join our liturgies as altar servers! Altar serving is a great way for young people to engage more deeply with the Mass and enrich their blossoming faith lives. There will be a mandatory training for new altar servers on Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Please email Joe Ebbert to sign up, or to request an alternative session if you are unable to attend on November 10 at his parish email.





## JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week on Zoom. They meet Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 PM and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 AM to share ways in which faith informs and enriches the second half of life. They're not a book club, but their conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. Their current book is *Awareness: Conversations with the Masters* by the late Anthony De Mello, SJ. To request information about meetings or to be added to the Wisdom mailing list, please contact the ministry at their parish email address.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming a baptized Catholic Christian, or if you are a Catholic who has not received the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist, we have just the group for you! Last Tuesday, we held our first RCIA inquiry session of the season. If you think you might be interested but were unable to be with us, it's not too late. We meet in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 and welcome anyone who is interested. Perhaps this is the right time to begin your journey! **Questions?** Please contact Pastoral Director of Operations, Nicole Pascarelli-O'Brien, at (nobrien@stceciliaboston.org).

## SAINT CECILIA FAR-FLUNG FLOCK ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom

The next Far-Flung Flock online coffee hour offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection. Whether participants attended the recent retreat or not, this interactive gathering provides a chance to reconnect with others and hear how the weekend's events and speakers have impacted them. The session will also feature program highlights and an update on the ongoing service project to assemble care kits for Boston's Health Care for the Homeless Program. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

Those who haven't previously registered for a coffee hour are encouraged to sign up for the Far-Flung Flock email list using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3zz0gkk>. There is no need to re-register if they've participated in the past. If someone is not receiving notifications, they should contact the Far Flung Flock to confirm their email address.


## GREETERS

We are looking to enrich our hospitality ministry by adding new greeters at our Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses! This ministry is vital to cultivating a welcoming and inclusive environment at all our liturgies. If you are interested, please contact Joe Ebbert at his parish email to sign up.

## VISIT OUR FAMILY FLEX CENTER!

As we gather to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance of community and the shared experience of worship. However, we understand that attending Mass with young children can sometimes be challenging. That's why we encourage you to visit our Family Center, located to the left of the parish café and underneath the staircase on Saint Cecilia Street. Here, parents can watch Mass as their children play, and nursing mothers can enjoy a quieter, more private space. If you have any questions about the Family Center, please contact our Director of Facilities and Events, Lisa Pickering at her parish email.





## D.C. CARDINAL URGES PRAYER, REFLECTION BEFORE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington said he hopes U.S. voters who are as concerned as he is about the "anger and vitriol" of the current election cycle will take time away from the media to think and pray about the values important to them as Catholics.

"Pray. Reflect. Decide." Those are the steps Pope Francis once recommended to voters in Argentina, and Cardinal Gregory said they are the best approach.

"Those who are running for public office probably will not satisfy each and every issue that lies before you," so Catholics must decide which issues are most important to them and then "rank them, learn about them, pray about them, make a conscientious decision," the cardinal said.

Cardinal Gregory spoke to Catholic News Service Oct. 15 while at the Vatican for the meeting of the Synod of Bishops.

Other members of the synod from around the globe have mentioned the election to him, he said. "They know that I'm the archbishop of our nation's capital. They suspect that some of these issues that are on the national horizon are things that have touched my own life and my own ministry. But you know they, too, are somewhat perplexed by the anger, the vitriol, the rhetoric."

Some of them are annoyed by what they see on the news and on social media, others are confused and still others are frightened, he said, because of the role the United States plays in the international community.

In the Oct. 3 issue of the *Catholic Standard*, his archdiocesan newspaper, Cardinal Gregory wrote a column on "Approaching Election Day as citizens and people of faith," pointing to the U.S. bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," and to the statement he and the other bishops of Maryland wrote urging voters to reject Question 1, which if passed would declare "reproductive freedom," including abortion, a fundamental right.

Abortion is a "fundamental" issue, but not the only one, he told CNS.

Abortion falls under the "umbrella" of "the reverence and the respect that is due human life," the cardinal said. "And that umbrella is wide enough to also include the dignity of people who are seeking entry into our country as immigrants," the use of capital punishment and the need for jobs that pay enough so that people can support their families.

As for the synod, Cardinal Gregory said what he has benefited from most is the opportunity to listen to bishops, priests, religious and laypeople from around the world describe their realities, obstacles and dreams for the church.

While it is true that most U.S. dioceses and parishes have had pastoral councils for years, the listening sessions held on a local, diocesan and continental level showed many Catholics felt no one had listened to them previously.

"One of the things I hope that this whole synodal process has accomplished is that it has upped the communications," the cardinal said. "Yes, most dioceses do have pastoral councils, but an awful lot of people don't know when the pastoral council meets. They don't know how the agenda is set. They don't know how delegates are chosen."

The listening sessions around the world raised questions including about the possibility of greater ministerial and decision-making roles for women, greater inclusion of people who identify as LGBTQ, the need for improved seminary training so priests learn to listen and other issues that Pope Francis assigned to study groups and not the synod itself.

Many synod members insisted there be time to discuss the issues, bring their concerns to the study groups and expand the groups' participants, especially the group on women and ministry.

Cardinal Gregory said that in setting up the study groups, "I suspect he (the pope) was hoping to avoid the quagmire that happens when you have issues of that significance and

that complexity and try to articulate it in group speech. I think he wanted to make sure that those issues got proper attention and that people who were informed and people who had experience and people who had interests could do a synopsis of those matters."

Asked about the objections some synod members raised to the issues being assigned to study groups, the cardinal said, "Isn't that a grace of the synod that all of a sudden the people who are participants in the synod had a chance to voice their questions, their opinions, their disagreements?"

"The one thing that I think is critically important in the ministry of Pope Francis is that he is not afraid to hear criticism," the cardinal said, "and he hears a lot of it."

*~ Cindy Wooden is chief of the Rome bureau of Catholic News Service. She has been reporting on the Vatican and the Catholic Church since 1989. She has traveled around the world with John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis. As a result of this work, she is respected as an authority on the life and workings of the church. She is the author of Luis Antonio Tagle: Leading by Listening.*



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## HALLOWEEN RECYCLED



If you live in a household that received too many pieces of Halloween candy or had a lot of candy leftover at

the end of the festivities, please consider donating it to the Pine Street Inn. Starting next Sunday, November 3, you can bring your remaining, individually-wrapped confections to church and put them in the bin in the narthex. Saint Cecilia volunteers serve each month at the Men's Inn so these donations will make a nice treat for the guests we serve!

## JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

We are looking for additional singers and instrumentalists to participate in music ministry at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies, so we invite you to audition and join! Choir rehearsals take place weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the church. If interested, please see our Director of Music, Rob Duff, after Mass or email his parish address.

## LOW-GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD AVAILABLE

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. These hosts are prepared by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri.

## RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets every other Monday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to provide a safe, welcoming space for men transitioning back into society following prison or jail. Each meeting consists of an opportunity to discuss challenges (and wins!) and gain support, followed by a shared meal. In particular, we welcome individuals from Coolidge House (the federal release center on Huntington Avenue) and Brooke House (the state release center in the Fenway). We are looking for more men to join us, so, if you know anyone who could benefit from this group, please personally invite them to join. You can refer any questions to the Returning Citizens parish email address.

# PARISH RESOURCES

## Parish Office & Mailing Address

18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115  
Hours | Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & By Appointment  
Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781  
Website | [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org)

## Parish Staff

**Rev. John J. Unni**, Pastor  
**Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ**, Pastoral Support  
**Mark Donohoe**, Pastoral Associate  
**Robert Duff**, Director of Music  
**Joe Ebbert**, Director of Emerging Adult Ministries  
**Carly-Anne Gannon**, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation  
**Scott MacDonald**, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility  
**Colleen Melaugh**, Director of Finance and Development  
**Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien**, Pastoral Director of Operations  
**Lisa Pickering**, Director of Facilities and Events  
**Michael Sennett**, Digital and Print Media Coordinator

## Assisting Clergy

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV  
Fr. John Predmore, SJ

## Music Ministry

**Tyler Cesario**, Assistant Director of Music  
**Daniel Lamoureux**, Vigil Organist  
**Brett Maguire**, Parish Organist  
**Pendexter Macdonald**, Assistant Organist

## Audiovisual Support

**Maureen Deery**, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show  
**Geoffrey Edwards**, Livestream Videographer  
**Vasily Izumchensky**, Livestream Sound Engineer

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 get this discount, ask a greeter 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, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

## 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 Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at her parish email.

## 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 provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, Kathy Sanders, MD, or Erin Young if you have any questions. 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 policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This 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.

## 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.

## 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. 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.

### Please note:

According to online safety guidelines released by the Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online!