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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2023

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30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.

1. *Luz* a - ño - ra - mos, *luz* es - pe - ra - mos.  
2. *Paz* an - he - la - mos, *se* tur - ba el mun - do.  
3. *Fal - ta* co - mi - da: *mu - chos* ham - brien - tos.



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.

*Ver - dad* bus - ca - mos, *va - mos* a *ti*.  
*Fal - ta* es - pe - ran - za, *y el* a - len - tar.  
*Fal - ta* be - bi - da: *mu - chos* con sed.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,

*Haz - nos* los tu - yos, *tu* pue - blo san - to,  
*Con* tu pa - la - bra só - lo nos sal - vas.  
*Haz - nos* tu pan, *par - ti - do* por o - tros,



Light for the world to see.  
Make us your liv - ing voice.  
Shared un - til all are fed.

*Luz* pa - ra el mun - do ver.  
*Haz - nos* tu vi - va voz.  
*Has - ta* sa - ciar - los bien.

Refrain / Estribillo



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 ¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri-lla en tu I-gle - sia, luz en la

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 no - che. ¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri - lla en no -

Church gath - ered to - day.  
 so - tros jun - tos a - quí.

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| 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.<br>Longing for warmth, many are cold.<br>Make us your building, sheltering others,<br>Walls made of living stone. | 4. <i>Muchos sin casa buscan abrigo.<br/>Falta calor: yertos están.<br/>Haznos tu albergue, tus piedras vivas<br/>Que tu refugio dan.</i>   |
| 5. Many the gifts, many the people,<br>Many the hearts that yearn to belong.<br>Let us be servants to one another,<br>Making your kingdom come.              | 5. <i>Muchos los dones, mucha la gente,<br/>Muchos desean pertenecer.<br/>Haznos sirvientes unos de otros.<br/>Venga tu reino, oh Dios.</i> |

CALL TO WORSHIP

GLORIA | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verses

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.

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 seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

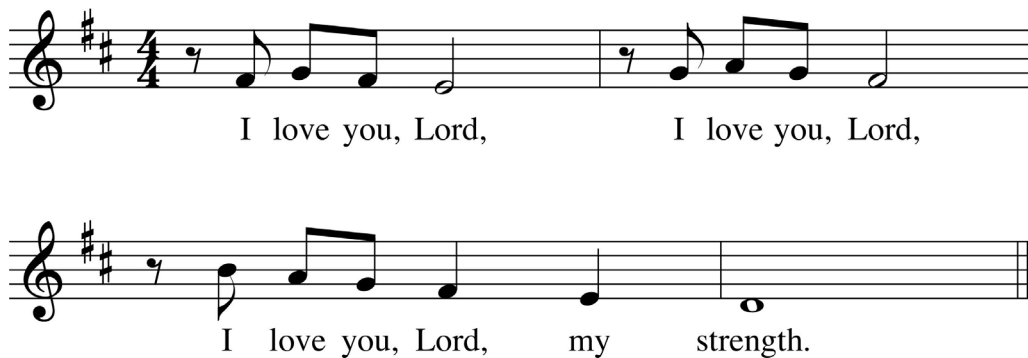
COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Exodus 22: 20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 18: I Love You, Lord

Tony Alonso



1. I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my savior.
2. My God, my rock where I take refuge; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.  
I cry out, "Praised be the Lord!" and see, I am saved from my foes.
3. The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The Lord gives great victories to his king and shows merciful love for his anointed.



SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Lent: O glo - ry to you, O Word of God,*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je - sus Christ.*

GOSPEL | Matthew 22: 34-40

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 PRAYERS

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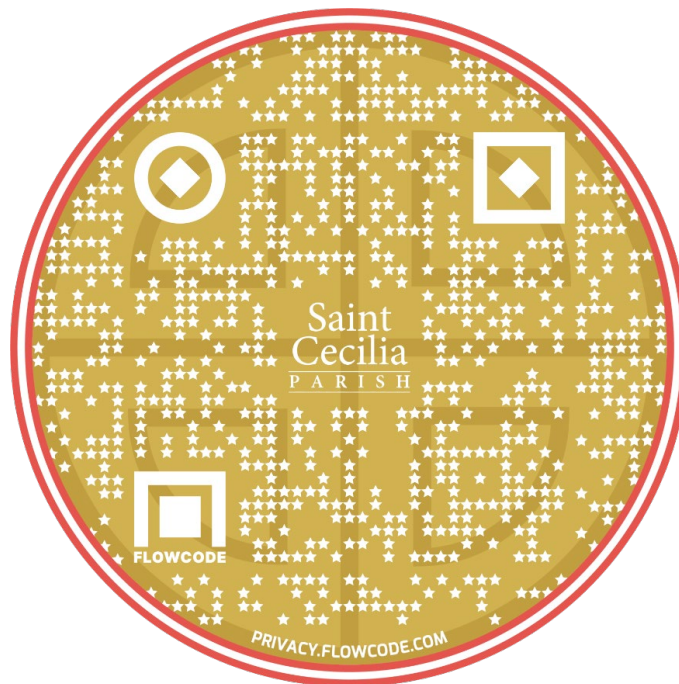
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit [www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston](http://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 | No Greater Love

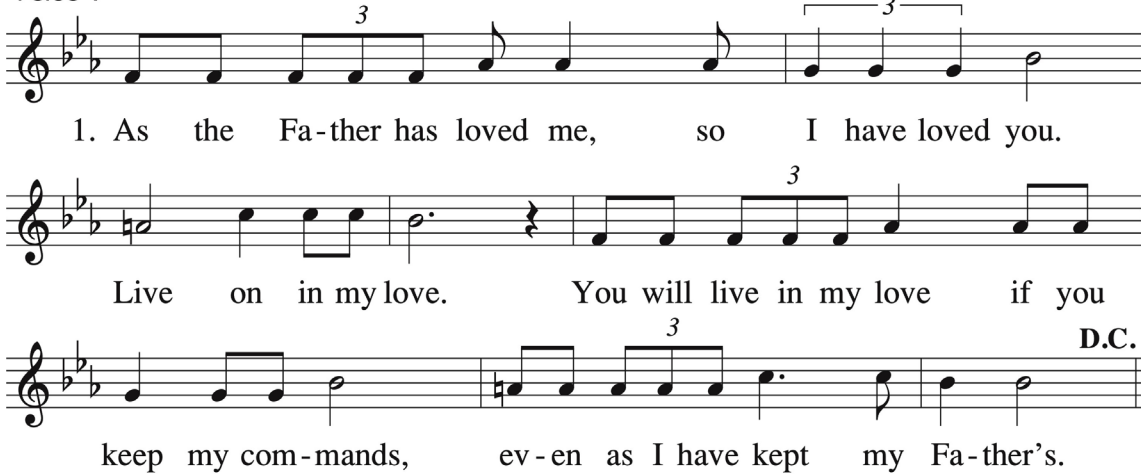
Michael Joncas

## Refrain



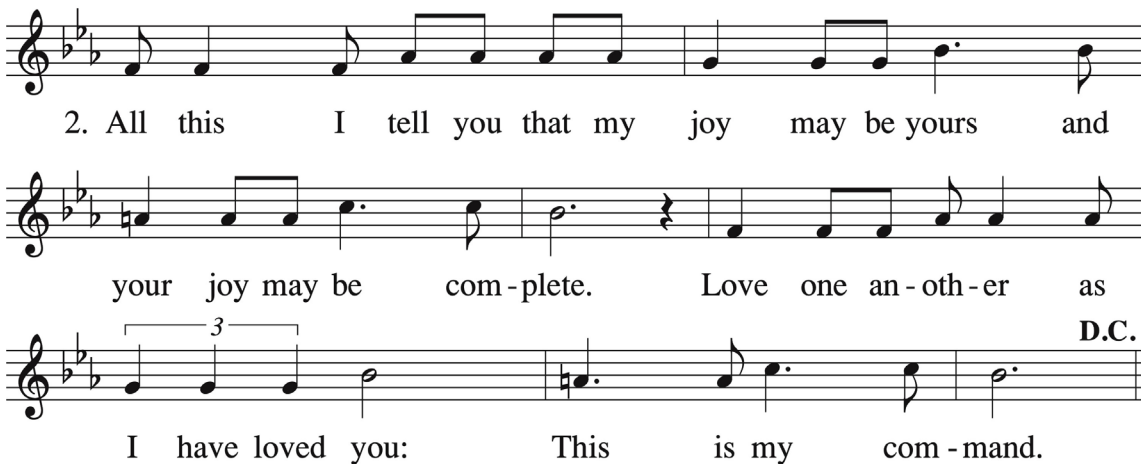
There is no great-er love, says the Lord, than to  
lay down your life for a friend; there is no great-er love,  
no great-er love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

## Verse 1



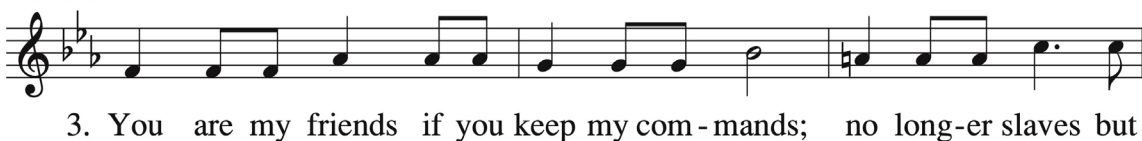
1. As the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you.  
Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you  
keep my com-mands, ev-en as I have kept my Fa-ther's. D.C.

## Verse 2



2. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and  
your joy may be com-plete. Love one an-oth-er as  
I have loved you: This is my com-mand. D.C.

## Verse 3



3. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands; no long-er slaves but

friends to me. All I heard from my Fa - ther,

I have made known to you: Now I call you friends. **D.C.**

Verse 4

4. It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you, chose

you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must en - dure, so

you will re - ceive all you ask the Fa - ther in my name. **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

J. Randolph Babin

4

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

J. 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

J. 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

J. Randolph Babin

*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 | Ubi Caritas

Chris De Silva

### Refrain



U-bi ca-ri-tas, u-bi ca-ri-tas et a - mor, where  
char-i-ty and love meet, God is there: In our care for all, we  
live this call to wash each oth-er's feet. U-bi ca-ri-tas  
De-us i-bi est. U-bi ca-ri-tas De-us i-bi est.

### Verses



1. Sow in us kind-ness that we may nour-ish,  
2. May we be com-fort in times of sor-row,  
3. Breathe out your free-dom for those held cap-tive,  
4. Help us to reach out be-yond our cir-cles,  
grow in us good-ness that we may care.  
may we bring heal-ing to those in pain. For in our  
breathe in us wis-dom to walk with you.  
teach us to love all as you have said.  
D.C.  
giv-ing, we share in God's love poured out for all.

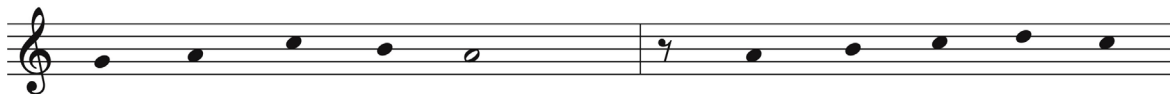
## CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA



1. Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace To love all  
 2. Break down the walls that would di - vide Your chil - dren,  
 3. For - give me, Lord, where I have erred By love - less  
 4. Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak When - ev - er  
 5. With your own love may I be filled, And by your



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race, To see each per - son  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let  
 act and thought-less word. Make me to see the  
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self as  
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, That all whose lives are



as I ought, My kin - dred, whom your love has bought.  
 me pur - sue; Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 wrong I do Will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
 vic - tim live, Re - mem - b'ring you, may I for - give.  
 touched by mine May know your heal - ing touch di - vine.

POSTLUDE | Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)



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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.

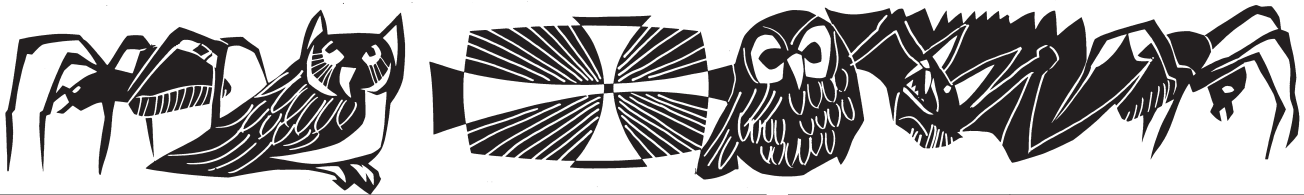
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two 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.

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, October 28 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Cynthia Wanner, lector

**Sunday, October 29 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Linda Frayling, lector

**Sunday, October 29 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Bob Mann, Gabriella Turco, and Jen Koweiski, lectors

**Sunday, October 29 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Virgen Palermo, Nikko Mendoza, and Kelly McClintock, lectors

**Sunday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, lector

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Sunday, October 29 | 9:30 a.m.**

Baby Arthur, *1st Anniversary*  
Theresa M. McLaughlin, *Anniversary*  
Antonio Molina, *Memorial*  
Vakita E. Maxwell, *Memorial*  
Thea Delco, *Memorial*  
Peter Heppner, *Special Intention*

**Sunday, October 29 | 11:30 a.m.**

D. Joseph Unni, *1st Anniversary*

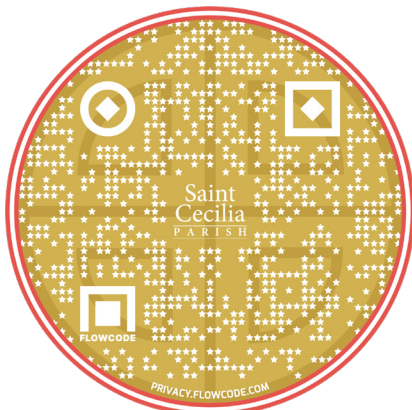
## TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 1:14b—2.2.b, 8-10  
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13  
Matthew 23:1-12

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# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Deceased

**Sheila Sargent** died on October 23. Pray for the eternal repose of her soul, as well as for the consolation of her family. The funeral Mass will take place at Saint Cecilia at noon on Friday, October 27. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Melissa Starzyk, Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Sue Ryan, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rick Gaillardetz, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

## Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following newly-registered members of our parish: **Luisa Santos** and **Maxwell Buchanan** of Newton, **Phyllis Strauss** of Carmel, Indiana, **Keith Sheridan** of Quincy, the **Mynahan Family** of Medfield, **Isabel Thurston** and **Ryan Howe** of Boston, **Caroline Moledor** of Roanoke, Virginia, **Abigail Wohler** and **Patrick Flanagan** of Boston, **Regine and Daniel Rich** of Boston, **John Evitts** of Boston, **Helen Golden** of Scituate, and **Kimberley and Warren Wetherell** of Peru, Massachusetts. If you have not previously registered, please do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## The Solemnity of All Saints

The roots of the Solemnity of All Saints are deep in our history. As early as the fourth century, a feast in honor of all the martyrs was celebrated in the East, and it had come to Rome by the early seventh century, when, on May 13 in 609 or 610, the Roman Pantheon (the ancient temple dedicated to the gods) was consecrated S. Maria ad Martyres, in honor of Our Lady and all martyrs. The Pantheon is still in regular use as a church today,

a wonderful meeting place of cultures and histories, with statues of saints in ancient niches where images of Roman deities formerly stood. All Saints Day honors the “holy men and women of every time and place” who rejoice in God’s presence. This includes those well-known saints whose images are memorialized in stained glass windows, as well as the humble saints whose names are known to few or none, such as our own grandparents, parents, and friends who lived their lives in friendship with God. This is a day to celebrate them all. ***All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation and at Saint Cecilia, Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m.***

## 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. 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. This month, the Church invites us to reflect on the dignity of human life and on the second half of the Great Commandment of Jesus to love our neighbors.

## Veterans Day Prayers

If there are veterans you would like to remember in prayer Sunday, November 12 for Veterans Day, email Christine Burns at her parish email. We need all names by 11/1. **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.

## iGive Campaign Update

As we conclude our annual fall appeal for increased participation in iGive, our online recurring giving program, we want to thank everyone who has enrolled in iGive for doing your piece to help us reach our goal! If you’ve been considering signing up this month and still haven’t done so, we encourage you to. By enrolling in iGive you will help sustain and grow our ministries and programming. It’s quick and easy—just visit [www.stceciliaboston.org/igive](http://www.stceciliaboston.org/igive) to sign up. Enrolling in iGive will give you and us “piece” of mind! (Get it?)



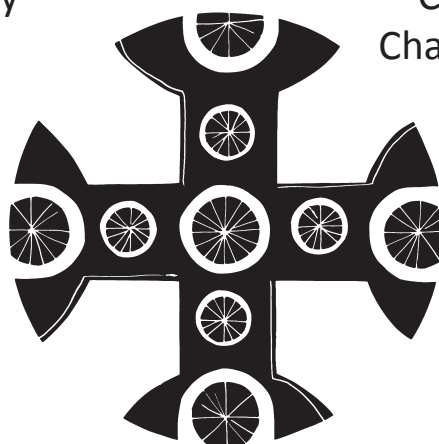


# COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Our loved ones who have died since November 1, 2022*

Marie Cusick  
Thomas A. Drain  
Robert H. Haas  
Frank Xavier Keimig  
Leila W. Mahoney  
Thomas (Bob) R. Mahoney  
John Joseph Nyhan Deignan  
Roger R. Dumont  
Marcia T. Harol  
Nancy Skinner  
William (Bill) J. Doran  
Berio Gizzi  
Anne Walley

Patricia Heald  
Kathleen Donnellan  
James Hanify  
Shirley Rich  
Sheila Sargent  
D. Joseph Unni  
Kathleen Wirtz  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
J. Bradshaw (Brad) Griffith  
Roger Dumont  
Michael J. Mulrenan  
Mary Torok  
Catherine Mootos  
Charlene A. LaBrecque



*"Blessed are the dead who have died in the Lord,  
let them rest from their labors,  
for their good deeds go with them.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

*Order of Christian Funerals*

# Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

## PINE STREET INN LOW THRESHOLD HOUSING THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again, Saint Cecilia is partnering with Pine Street Inn to provide 150 bags of shelf-stable foods for tenants in over 40 different housing sites across Boston. Thank you for helping to make this happen. Beginning on October 29, you can pick up a bag at the narthex or at the reception desk. Please fill this bag with the following items:

Boxed Stuffing Mix

(like Stove Top)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

(in boxes or packets)

Jars of Turkey Gravy

(or dried gravy mix packets)

Dried Pasta

Canned Yams

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Canned Vegetables

(green beans, corn, sweet peas)

Cornbread Mix

Canned Pumpkin Pie

Filling (or other canned fruit  
pie filling)

Pie Crust Mix

Salt and Pepper (shakers)

Hand Held Can Opener

Please note: Canned goods should come with a pop-top lid or include a can opener.

Turkeys have all been provided. We are unable to receive any turkeys.

**IMPORTANT: ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, A PINE STREET INN TRUCK 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.**

### Another Way to Support Our Neighbors:

As an alternative to providing a meal kit bag, please consider donating a \$25.00 gift card from one of the following merchants:

Shaw's • CVS • VISA • Target • Marshalls/TJ Maxx • Star Market • Trader Joe's

Please send gift cards 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



## HOLY HOUR AT SAINT CECILIA

**Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

**“Come to me... and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28**

Join us for Saint Cecilia’s monthly Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Give yourself the gift of spending an uninterrupted hour in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, supported by music and prayer led by our young adult parishioners. One parishioner says of a recent Saint Cecilia Holy Hour: “Last night was just filled with healing and grace...it was one of the most powerful experiences I have had at Saint Cecilia and there have been so many...” Bring yourself, and all that you are carrying, and allow yourself to rest in God’s love. **The Saint Cecilia Holy Hour takes place the first Tuesday of every month, from 7:00—8:00 p.m.** Please enter via the door on Saint Cecilia Street; ring the doorbell and our receptionist will let you in.



## CLIMATE JUSTICE ZOOM CALL

**Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. | Zoom**

The Saint Cecilia Climate Justice group will be reading the apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* and meeting in person to discuss it after the 11:30am Mass this Sunday October 29 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 4. There will be a second meeting on Zoom on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. for remote parishioners or those unable to attend this Sunday. Contact our Climate Justice group at their ministry email for more information and please contact our reception team for the Zoom link!

## SAVE THE DATE: SAINT CECILIA CONCERT

**Saturday, November 4, 8:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars! We're delighted to announce an evening of music on Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. in honor of the Feast of Saint Cecilia (November 22). Featured works include Leonard Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms, Zoltan Kodály’s *Missa Brevis in D*, plus works for organ. The chamber orchestration of the Bernstein will include organ, harp, percussion, and a boy soprano from St. Paul’s Choir School in Cambridge. All three of our parish organists (Brett Maguire, Daniel Lamoureux, and Pendexter Macdonald) will each offer a work for organ. Admission is free, and we invite you to join us in the church for this special event!

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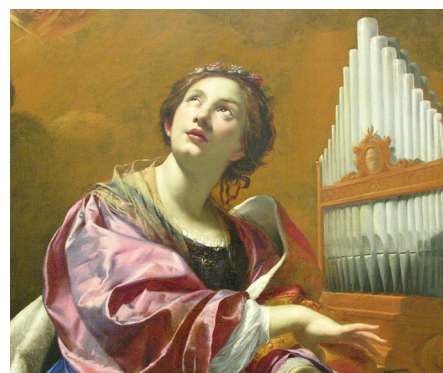
## PIE IN THE SKY

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. You can also buy pies online at [www.pieinthesky.org](http://www.pieinthesky.org). Please be sure to specify that your seller is a member of the Saint Cecilia team. For more information, please reach out to Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email.

## DID YOU KNOW?

You may have noticed that we’ve begun individually wrapping each of our pastries at Coffee Hospitalities. Given how many people we serve (over 500 people in an hour!), we want to ensure that the health and safety of all of our parishioners, especially as we get closer to cold and flu season.



**YOU'RE INVITED**

**Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital**

# **2023 Celebration**

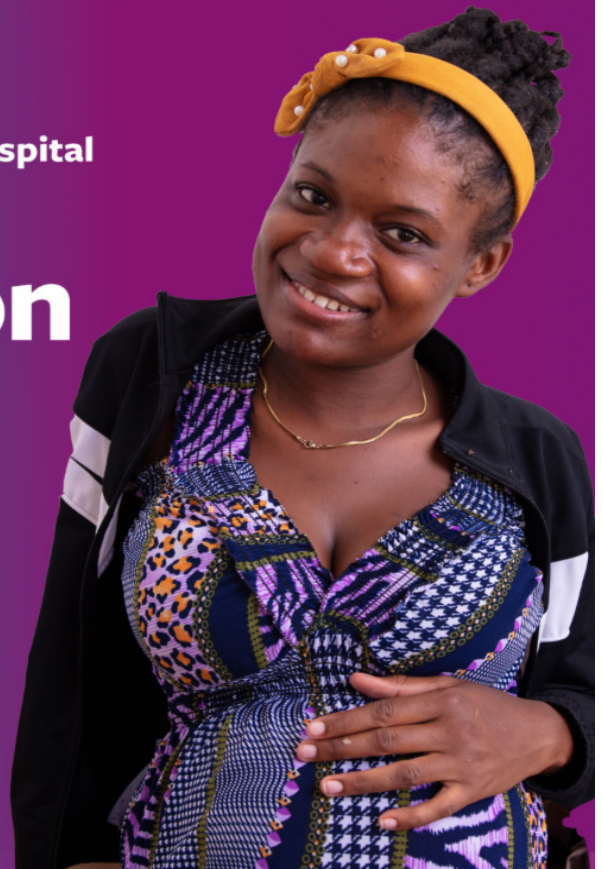
*Honoring 40 years of proving what's possible*

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere St  
Boston, MA

**5:30-7:00 PM**

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at  
[healthequityintl.org/2023celebration](https://healthequityintl.org/2023celebration)



## CELEBRATE HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL

**Thursday, November 2 at 5:30—7:30 p.m. | Parish Hall**

Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Thursday, November 2 in the Saint Cecilia Parish Hall. The program will explore the impact HEI's world-class health services have had in southern Haiti over the past four decades. You will also hear directly from CEO Conor Shapiro (a parishioner), patients, and staff about what HEI/SBH has meant to them, and learn about how supporters like you have helped make all this life-giving work possible. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at: <https://healthequityintl.org/2023celebration>.



## WELCOMING THE STRANGER

For the past seven 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." Like so many other agencies in the Commonwealth, Catholic Charities of Boston has seen a surge in immigrants needing assistance this year. With your help, they can provide a vital lifeline for our new community members. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Target, 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



## ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, November 5, 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom**

The next Far-Flung Flock (FFF) online coffee hour is on Sunday, November 5, and will be an interactive call of fellowship—a time to say hello to other members you may have connected with in the past or who you met at the recent retreat. The FFF ministry is hoping that members who attended the October Far-Flung Flock retreat at the parish could come to the call prepared to share some highlights of that weekend with those who could not attend—we'd love to hear from you!

If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). You will get an email with the Zoom link a few days before the call. Be sure to add the FFF Ministry email to your contacts to prevent these emails from going into your spam or junk folders. Be sure to fill out the registration form correctly—some people have inadvertently omitted their email address or typed their address incorrectly when registering and, therefore, will not receive any communications.



## CALLING ALL HOOPSTERS!

We are exploring if there is interest in participating in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball league this season. Girls and boys in grades 3-8 are eligible to play. This notice is to garner interest and does not represent a commitment. For more information, please contact Dan Hart at [dhart@hartdevllc.com](mailto:dhart@hartdevllc.com) or at 671-480-4175. information.



## LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE? VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!

We need help welcoming our neighbors into the church before each liturgy on the weekends. Your small time commitment and warm smile can make someone's day! Please sign up to greet by emailing Lisa Pickering at her parish email. Thank you so much!

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5

### **Sunday, October 29**

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom  
Young Families Gathering,  
After the 9:30 Mass | Family Flex Room

### **Tuesday, October 31 (All Hallow's Eve)**

### **Wednesday, November (All Saints Day)**

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom  
Evening Prayer for All Saints via Zoom  
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### **Saturday, November 4**

Saint Cecilia Day Concert, 8:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 5**

Wisdom Group In-Person Meeting,  
1:00 p.m. | Community Room

## THE WORK SUPPORTED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWLS

The crisis in the Holy Land has unfolded into humanitarian catastrophe after the October 7 attack on Israel, which is being met with a bombardment of retaliatory strikes on Gaza. More than 4,300 deaths have been reported across the region, not including the impact of a recent deadly hospital blast in Gaza city that is estimated to have claimed hundreds of lives. An estimated 1 million people, almost half the population, are displaced following an order for people to evacuate the northern part of Gaza.

In coordination with partners across the region, Catholic Relief Services is helping to meet urgent needs. They are responding to the rapidly changing context, and are being especially mindful of people's needs—both physical and emotional—at a time of tremendous uncertainty, fear, loss and despair. As they have done historically, CRS is able to draw on their extensive experience and partnerships in the Holy Land, where they have been active for decades, including responses to the needs brought by the 2014 war and successive conflicts. To learn more: [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org)



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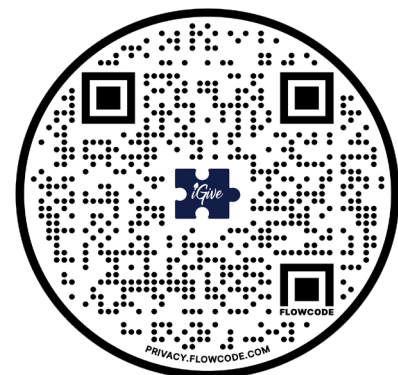
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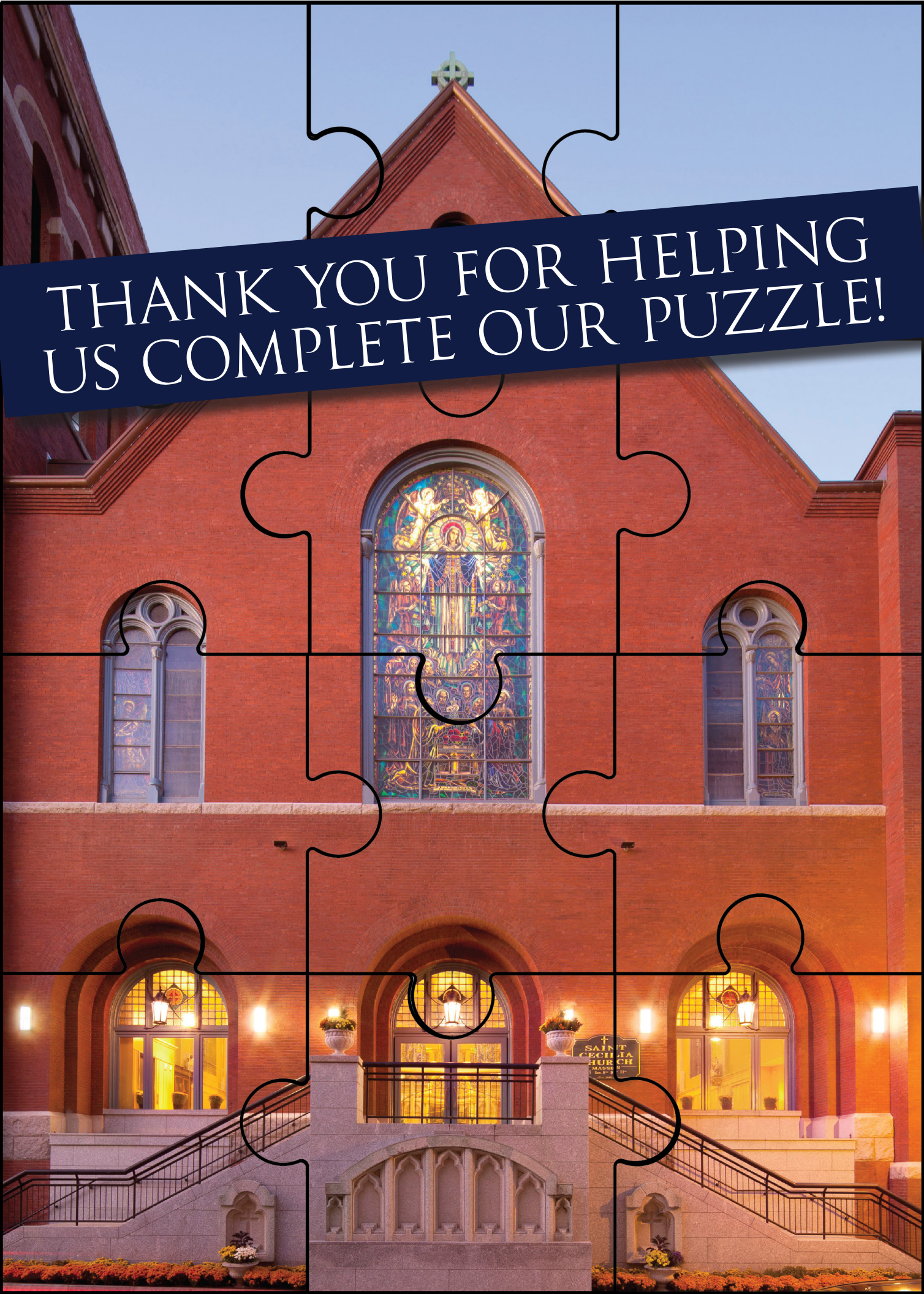


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ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

PYNE MEMORIAL LECTURE ON  
MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**Disabling Discernment: Baptism and Christian Ministry**

**Presenter:** Professor Sarah Jean Barton, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Theological Ethics, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC

Thursday, November 2 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid | Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room 113, STM Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street | Registration Required | Free

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

ANNUAL MINISTRY RENEWAL DAY

**Catholic Resources for Trauma Mitigation**

**Presenter:** Heather M. DuBois, Assistant Professor of Peace Studies, Trauma, and Spirituality, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Friday, November 17 | 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. | Hybrid | Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Chestnut Hill Campus  
Registration Required | Free

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online:

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

BOISI CENTER FOR RELIGION AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE

**My Time with 'The Providential Man': Observations on John McElroy, S.J., Founder of Boston College**

Wednesday, November 1 | Luncheon, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | 24 Quincy Road, Chestnut Hill, MA

Registration requested | Free

For further details and to register: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/centers/boisi-center/events.html>

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

**The Book of Psalms: Poetic Beauty and Theological Value**

**Presenter:** Nate DesRosiers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies & Theology, Religious Studies & Theology Department Chair, Stonehill College

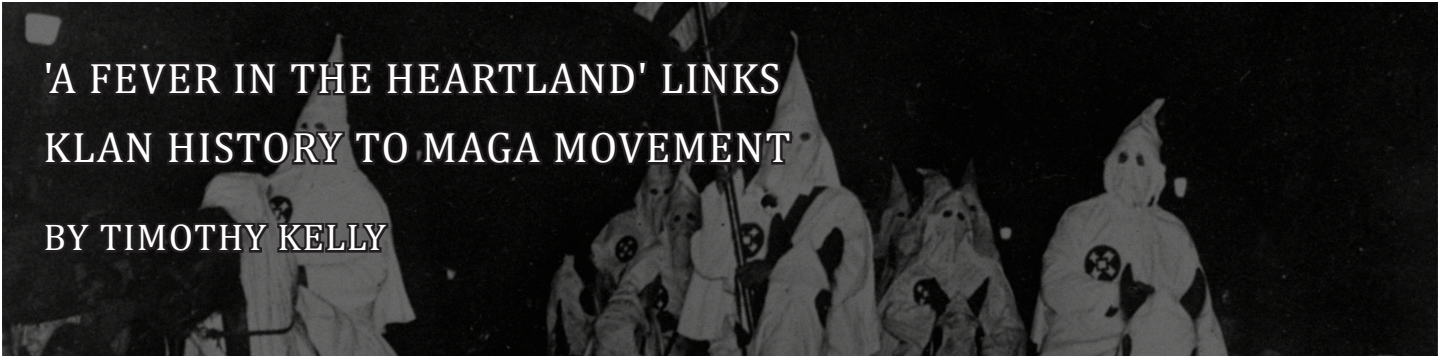
Monday, October 30 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom Presentation

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: [https://www.saintsusannrma.org/adult\\_faith\\_formation.html](https://www.saintsusannrma.org/adult_faith_formation.html)

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## 'A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND' LINKS KLAN HISTORY TO MAGA MOVEMENT

BY TIMOTHY KELLY

As the right-wing movements of intolerance gain greater and greater hold over the levers of American political and judicial power today, historians have begun to examine their roots in earlier periods of American history. Timothy Egan's *A Fever in the Heartland* draws powerful and uncomfortable parallels between the rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s and the rise of the MAGA movement in the past decade.

Linda Gordon's recent history of the Klan addressed this same period and argued persuasively that the 1920s Klan was no fringe extremist movement, but rather a mainstream American cultural, economic and political force that swept the nation. Timothy Egan, a prolific author of at least 10 nonfiction books, *New York Times* columnist and winner of the National Book Award for his history of the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression, takes a slightly different approach. He focuses intently on a particular Klan organizer with unsettling parallels to some of today's right-wing leaders.

Religious bigotry animated the 1920s Klan powerfully. That bigotry had deep roots and widespread reach among America's white Protestant population, a significant portion of whom embraced the violent intolerance for Catholics, Jews and Blacks that the Klan inflamed. Egan is less interested in conveying the breadth of this activity than he is in examining the moral hypocrisy that the Klan leaders practiced as they led what Klan members saw as a movement to restore moral integrity to American culture. He directs his focus tightly around the rise, rule and eventual downfall of the Klan's most dynamic and powerful leader, D.C. Stephenson.

Though many Americans likely associate the Klan with the American south, where it first began in the 19th century and where it held powerful sway in the 1920s, Egan points out that the northern Klan did the most damage. He notes that the state with the highest percentage of Klan members and the state in which the Klan exercised the most complete control over state and local governments was actually Indiana. Hoosiers happily welcomed—even championed

—efforts to constrain Catholics and Jews, to limit their economic activities and their participation in civil life and to target Black people even more intently and violently.

But if Indianans, Ohioans, Pennsylvanians and Michiganders were ripe for exploitation, it took D.C. Stephenson's skillful manipulation to turn that anxiety and hate into Klan memberships. He sold the hooded order masterfully through such tactics as large outdoor rallies, parades and visits to Protestant churches. And, of course, cross burnings.

Egan twins his telling of Stephenson's rise to prominence with the parallel story of his personal venality and moral failings. We learn that Stephenson was a charismatic salesman whose oratorical and organizational skills ballooned the Klan's membership throughout the northern states. He sold a Klan that focused intently on cleansing American society of moral ills and those whom he blamed for fostering those ills: Catholics, Jews and Blacks. He exhorted Klan recruits and members to prohibit alcohol's sale and consumption and to police their neighbors' sexual activities. The Klan he led corrupted local and state law enforcement so that police and prosecutors bullied dissenters and targeted critics. Judges colluded to advance Klan interests. Stephenson thoroughly controlled the Republican Party in Indiana and other states.

Protestant ministers joined the Klan enthusiastically and endorsed from their pulpits the messages the Klan wanted people to hear. The Klan would often show up at a church in mid-service, march up the aisle with a sack of money to donate to the congregation and retreat from the church, all in hooded anonymity.

Stephenson himself embodied many of the dangers that he railed against. He married, abused and then abandoned two wives. All the while that Stephenson championed a return to moral greatness, he held alcohol-fueled parties at his mansion and assaulted women to whom he felt sexually attracted.

As he rose in power in the northern Klan he targeted a number of young women. He often promised marriage as he forced himself on them, in the back of his cars or in various apartments and hotels. He sometimes got caught, literally with his pants down and sometimes by police, but always bluffed or bullied his way out of the situation. Many of the police had joined the Klan and were receptive to his explanations or succumbed to his threats. He intimidated his female victims against filing charges or going public. Nobody would believe them, he warned.

Republican leaders feared criticizing the Klan in public and refused to denounce their extralegal activities. What did the excesses matter in service to such a righteous cause?

But then it all came crashing down. Some critics had begun to weaken the Klan a bit, through such tactics as publishing local Klan membership lists and railing against their extralegal bullying. A group of students at Notre Dame in South Bend actually fought back against a group of Klansmen who had gathered to intimidate the Catholic students. (Their physical resistance may even have been the origin of the Fighting Irish nickname.) But the real blow came from a young woman whom Stephenson had ravaged.

Madge Oberholtzer lived with her parents just down the street from Stephenson's mansion. She graduated from Butler College and exemplified the 1920s "new woman" in many ways. She did not necessarily support the Klan's aims, but she worried that Republican budget cuts imperiled her state librarian job and that only Stephenson might save it. She knew well that he controlled the state legislature and the governor.

The price Oberholtzer had to pay was to go on a number of dinner dates with Stephenson and then, at his insistence, come to his house late one night. Stephenson professed his love for Oberholtzer and forced her to accompany him and two bodyguards on a train headed for Chicago. When she resisted, he raped her on the train. Stephenson also beat her and bit her body in multiple places. In the midst of this multiple-day ordeal, she managed to consume poison.

She suffered tremendous pain, feared that Stephenson would escape responsibility and sought to end her life. Stephenson eventually brought her home, denied any knowledge of her struggles and accused her angry father of trying to extort thousands of dollars from him with a "fictional" story of rape. Stephenson explained to his supporters that his political enemies invented the charges to undermine his important work of restoring America to its greatness.

But Madge Oberholtzer prevailed.

A brave prosecutor sought to convict Stephenson even as Klansmen threatened his life and his family. A local judge allowed the prosecutor to use Oberholtzer's deathbed testimony against Stephenson and an Indiana jury found him guilty of murder.

Stephenson's salacious and malicious behavior helped to undermine the Klan in Indiana and other states. It lost its popular fervor and its grip on the Republican Party. But not before it spearheaded through the U.S. Congress legislation that closed off immigration from largely Catholic and Jewish areas in eastern and southern Europe, established a national prohibition on the sale of alcohol and enacted numerous state and local laws that restricted Catholic, Jewish and Black residents from living freely in those locales.

Readers will likely see in the book's many additional details that I have not conveyed here even more parallels to developments today. Egan conveys deftly the dramatic narrative of D.C. Stephenson's rise and fall and the power he had to captivate many Americans who feared their decline from cultural and political dominance. White Protestant fears did not inevitably turn to hateful attacks on religious and racial minorities; that outcome depended a good deal on Stephenson's masterful manipulation.

But Stephenson did not have to work very hard. His followers readily overlooked his many moral flaws and hypocrisies to follow him down the path to what they saw as the restoration of a golden era of Christian America. Those views did not evaporate with Stephenson's fall from grace. As Egan suggests, they have once more percolated to the surface among those convinced to make America great again.

*~ Timothy Kelly chairs the history department at St. Vincent College, where he teaches courses on environmental, religious, cultural and social history. He has written on the history of Catholics in the U.S., including a book on Vatican II in the Pittsburgh Diocese. He has recently written about the New Deal community of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, and is beginning to work on a similar Depression-era Catholic community of coal mining families in western Pennsylvania.*



# 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

*\*To email parish staff, please use the following formula:  
First Initial + Last Name @stceciliaboston.org*

**Rev. John J. Unni**, Pastor  
**Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ**, Pastoral Support  
**Christine Burns**, Digital and Print Media Coordinator  
**Tyler Cesario**, Assistant Director of Music  
**Mark Donohoe**, Pastoral Associate  
**Robert Duff**, Director of Music  
**Carly-Anne Gannon**, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation  
**Daniel Lamoureux**, Vigil Organist  
**Scott MacDonald**, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility  
**Brett Maguire**, Organist  
**Colleen Melaugh**, Director of Finance and Development  
**Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien**, Pastoral Director of Operations  
**Lisa Pickering**, Director of Facilities and Events  
**Tanya Rybarczyk**, Pastoral Associate

## Assisting Clergy

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ  
Rev. Peter Grover, OMC  
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

## Audiovisual Support

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

## Reception

**Keith Brinkley, Eli Geruschat, Joe O'Brien, & Corey Ortiz**

## 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.

## 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.

## Building Accessibility

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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, Carly-Anne Gannon.

## 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 (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, 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)

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.

## 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!