Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 October 2022

The Mulberry Tree
Vincent van Gogh
Prelude | Offertoire sur les Grands jeux

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Entrance Procession | All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

1. All creatures of our God and King,
   Lift up your voice and with us sing:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft,
   Clouds that ride the winds aloft:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O flowing waters, pure and clear,
   Music for your Lord to hear:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
   Folds rich blessings on our way:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. O every one of tender heart,
   Giving others, take your part,
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam
And silvery moon with softer gleam:
Lights of evening, find a voice.

O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Vindicating us with warmth and light,
God’s glory also show.

O fire so masterful and bright,
The fruits and flow’rs that verdant grow,
God and cast on God your care.

O Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
**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.

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**GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age**

Chris De Silva

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

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Verse 1

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

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Verse 2

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us; you
take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice

Marty Haugen

SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
GOSPEL | Luke 17: 5-10

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
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts | Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
3. My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Eucharistic Prayer

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
* Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Renewal

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Renewal

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Renewal

Amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Curtis Stephan
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and we return in love what love has made. all the poor and lowly of the world.

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flow and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so bear us up within your peaceful word.

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of D.C.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.
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.
1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
   Consider all the works thy hands have made,
   I see the stars, I hear the rolling trees,
   Thy pow'r through-out the uni-verse dis-played!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
   And hear the birds sing sweetly in the morning
   When I look down from lofty mountain heights
   Thy grace and power throughout the universe displayed!

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
   Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
   That on the cross, my burden gladly heart
   And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
   And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
   Then I shall bow in humble adoration
   How great thou art, how great thou art!

POSTLUDE| Toccata in C Major, BWV 564
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.
Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, October 1 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

Sunday, October 2 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ,
Emily St Germain, lector

Sunday, October 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Louisa Essmann, Moira Macdonald,
and Karen McMenamy, lectors

Sunday, October 2 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, Cynthia Wanner,
and Ben DeWinter, lectors

Sunday, October 2 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Julie Bogdanski and Jen Kowieski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 2 | 8:00 a.m.
Lillian Reinville, First Anniversary

Sunday, October 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Marc de Sousa, First Anniversary
Ruth Frost, Seventh Anniversary
Paul Kerns, Memorial
Carole Ann Mullaney, Memorial
Arturo Valentino Wallen, Memorial

Sunday, October 2 | 11:30 a.m.
Charlene Colgan, Second Anniversary

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

FAITH & FILM SERIES 2022-2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SEASON’S SECOND FILM IN OUR FAITH & FILM SERIES

FIRST REFORMED SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6:00 P.M.

In this provocative and challenging 2018 film, a minister (Ethan Hawke) of a small congregation in upstate New York grapples with mounting despair brought on by tragedy, worldly concerns, and a tormented past. First Reformed embraces some of the most complex issues of our day in an exalted, explosive search for redemption. First Reformed was a 2019 Oscar nominee for Best Original Screenplay and received a 94% positive rating on the Rotten Tomatoes ‘Tomatometer.’

The film will be shown in Fellowship Hall following the 5:00 Mass on Saturday (approximately 6:00 p.m.).

This film is 113 minutes long.
Pizza will be served during the movie.
Following the film there will be a short discussion for those who are interested.
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Katie Harclerode of Indian Land, South Carolina, Rebecca and Charles Gibson of Marlborough, New Hampshire, Margaret and Ernest Burti of Framingham, Matthew Cialini of Boston, the Quigley Family of Brookline, and the Jacobs Family of Norwood. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at http://www.stceciliaboston.org/

Children’s Faith Formation is Back!
Children’s Faith Formation began last week for grades K through 8. Grades 9 and 10 begins today! Our youngest class this year will be for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2023. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: https://bit.ly/3cCul7d. Please note that we need baptismal certificates for all children enrolled in the program and all families must be registered parishioners. If you are not presently registered, there are registration forms in the narthex or you can register online by visiting: https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Olivia Hastie at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

Welcome Home, Father John!
Father John is back and we couldn’t be happier! We hope that this time apart from parish ministry allowed Father John to be restored in soul and body and we are looking forward to hearing about his travels and experiences. Following the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies, stop by the Parish Hall for a special Coffee Hour to welcome Father John back.

Blessing of the Animals
In commemoration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4), we will bless animals today at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.

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

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

Liturgy of the Hours
Join us on Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. for Lauds celebrating the Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Later this month, we invite you to join us for Vespers commemorating the Memorial of the North American Jesuit Martyrs on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Saint Cecilia Liturgy of the Hours is held on Zoom and is streamed live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page. For more information, email sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com.

Classroom Locations for Children’s Faith Formation

| Kindergarten – The Community Room |
| Grade 1 – The Community Room |
| Grade 2 – The Community Room |
| Grades 3/4 – Classroom 2 |
| Grades 5/6 – Classroom 3 |
| Grades 7/8 – Large Table in Parish Hall |
| Grades 9/10 – Large Table in Parish Hall |
JOIN OUR CHOIRS!

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

LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE? VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!

Our Masses are back in full swing and we need help welcoming our neighbors into the church before each liturgy. Your small time commitment and warm smile can make someone’s day! Please sign up to greet here: https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ZdP2qBWa

2022-2023 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

On October 9 at 1:00 p.m., Rashaan Allwood will open our Organ Recital Series with a 30-minute recital of original works, classics, and arrangements showcasing our historic Smith and Gilbert organ. Rashaan represents the upper echelons of the new generation of virtuoso organists. He has taken the organ to new heights of creativity and technical perfection. This performance will include Rashaan’s milestone arrangement of Franz Liszt’s symphonic poem “Mazeppa” and a guest appearance by soprano Nadine Anyan. This recital is not to be missed!

A SHIFT IN MINISTRY EMAILS

If you’re a part of a ministry, we’ve got news for you! Due to the recent increase in phishing emails, we’ve decided to transition our ministry emails from the Google Suite (Gmail) to Microsoft Office 365 (Outlook). Please keep your eyes peeled for more information about new ministry emails in next week’s bulletin. We hope you’ll be patient with us as we resolve any issues that come about as we improve our parish’s online security.

OCTOBER’S REMOTE FELLOWSHIP CALL

Please join the “Far-Flung Flock” on Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m. ET for the Remote Fellowship Community’s monthly coffee hour. Our guest is Fr. Peter Gyves, SJ, MD, the founder and director of A Faith That Does Justice, Inc., an interfaith organization that raises consciousness about social issues affecting the most vulnerable among us and offers opportunities for people to walk in solidarity with those who our society marginalizes. Fr. Peter will explain the origins of the organization and explain how it differs from other volunteer groups. He will also offer suggestions as to how we can more effectively participate in helping the less fortunate.

Think of this as your online “coffee hour” with fellow long-distance parishioners! All are welcome! If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the link for October. If you have not attended or are unsure if you’re on our list, email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com for the link.

WEEKEND PARKING UPDATE

SLIGHT INCREASE IN COST TO PARK AT HYNES

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.
SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES FOR SAINT CECILIA’S PRE-CANNA PROGRAM

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Kim Janey, the former acting mayor of Boston, signed an executive order last October declaring the second Monday of October to be Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Boston. As part of this effort, the City of Boston is committed to recognizing the Indigenous history, celebrating cultures, strengthening relationships, denouncing our colonial past, and increasing dialogue with local tribes to foster reconciliation and support for the rights of Indigenous people. We are happy to see the City of Boston take the important step of recognizing and celebrating Indigenous peoples in Boston, the Americas, and around the world.

Indigenous Peoples Day recognizes the history of the land where Boston sits—the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket, Massachusetts, Nipmuc, and Wampanoag tribal nations. Saint Cecilia Parish honors these communities and the elders of these nations—past, present, and future—whose practices and spiritualities are tied to the land.

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group is now reading God First Loved Us: The Challenge of Accepting Unconditional Love by Fr. Antony F. Campbell, SJ. The author describes himself as “a New Zealander by birth, an Australian Jesuit by choice, and a lover of the Older Testament by passion.” In this inspiring and comforting book, Fr. Campbell invites us to consider that “love that is truly unconditional can never be withdrawn or withheld. Such love impacts the way we, in turn, are called to forgive others and urges us to take on a new, radical openness to human life.” The Wisdom group welcomes new members in the second half of life. We meet in person on the first Sunday of the month, and via Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the other Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Email Deb Garcia (sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com) for more information.
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https://ratiorisk.com/oct18/

With an increase in acts of violence directed towards worship communities on the rise, it’s time to ask yourself if you have the proper tools in place to fully mitigate events aimed at harming those you cherish most. Preparing a comprehensive Safety and Security Plan is of the utmost importance when it comes to protecting your parish communities, and the Office of Risk Management wants to help. We have partnered with Ratio Risk Services to offer a four-hour parish safety training program that includes:

- Designing and implementing a preparedness plan for your parish community
- Hands-On Active Shooter Response Training

Conducted by law enforcement professionals with SWAT team expertise, the Active Shooter Response portion of the training will provide practical information and hands-on experience in a range of parish settings. This training is designed to enhance adaptability and critical thinking skills in emergency situations.

Registration
This program is free of charge, but participants must register in advance by October 11. Attendees should include your ushers and greeters, faith formation coordinators, facilities personnel, and parishioners who are first responders. To register, go to:

About Ratio Risk Services
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QUESTIONS?
Please contact Doreen Rearden at doreen_rearden@rcab.org
or call 617-913-2017
WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The annual Spaghetti Dinner gala to benefit the day shelter on Newbury Street will be held on Friday, October 21 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. If you would like to join the Saint Cecilia table at the event, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com. Tickets are $250 each. The WLP is also looking for folks who would like to purchase full tables or serve as a table captain.

PIE SELLERS NEEDED!

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

KNITTING MINISTRY PUMPKINS!

In honor of Father John’s return, the Community Service Knitting Ministry has hand knit fun, whimsical pumpkins. If you would like to take a pumpkin, please make a donation to the church. Pumpkins will be available (while they last) in the Narthex following the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, October 2. For more information about the Knitting Ministry, please email Ann Marie Turo at integratedmindbodyllc@gmail.com.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

As Pope Francis wrote in Laudato Si’, “Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God’s creation’. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” (LS 14).

Celebrate a Laudato si’ Mass with the Boston Catholic Climate Movement on October 8 at 10 a.m. The Mass will be held at St. Susanna Church (262 Needham Street, Dedham). For more information contact sc.climatejustice@gmail.com. The Saint Cecilia Climate Justice Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. For more information, contact sc.climatejustice@gmail.com.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

**Job: Make It Make Sense**  
October 5 - November 8, 2022  
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

**Joy of the Gospel**  
October 5 - November 8, 2022  
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

**Ignatian Spirituality**  
October 5 - November 8, 2022  
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

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

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

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

BOSTON COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

**Ecowomanist Spirituality in a Time of Climate Change**  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Presentation | Registration Required  
Presenter: Dr. Melanie Harris, professor of African American studies, Wake Forest University

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

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

PRAISE FOR SAINT CECILIA ORGANIST, THOMAS MELLAN

On September 18, our organist Thomas Mellan joined several of New England’s notable organists in performing at the Thirty-Third Annual Cathedral Organ Benefit, held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. We couldn’t be more proud of Thomas, and we’d like to share the following review written by Geoffrey Wietin, organist at the First Parish Church of Weston.

"Two pieces, both piano works arranged for organ and played by Thomas Mellan, Music Director at Saint Cecilia Parish, Boston, constituted the most unusual repertoire of the afternoon. Samsara (2010) by Tigran Hamasyan (b. 1987) is based on folk tunes of the composer’s native Armenia. Officially classified as jazz, to my ears it sounded like an imaginative contemporary organ work with only an occasional whiff of jazz. While creating an exciting swirl of broken chords and arpeggios, Mellan utilized a whole panoply of organ colors including foundation stops, Trumpet, Vox Humana, and Tuba Mirabilis. The result was so convincing that it was hard to believe the original work was not written for the organ. The Prelude and Fugue on a Ukrainian Folk Tune by Nestor Nyzhankovsky (1893-1940) is an attractive work which similarly highlighted the performer’s considerable gift for “orchestrating” at the organ; a notable example was a fascinating interplay of reed stops near the end of the prelude: Oboe, Vox Humana, 16’ Cor Anglais, and Clarinet (if I’m not mistaken). Even in the more disciplined writing of the fugue, Mellan found an unusually wide array of colors. If the late addition of chorus reeds inevitably obscured some contrapuntal detail, it did yield the reward of a very exciting climax and ending."

Congratulations to Thomas for a fantastic performance and thank you for sharing your talent with us each weekend!
“MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: WHO ARE THEY—WHERE ARE THEY?”

Saturday, October 22 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Virtual

The 14th Annual Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation presents a program to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move.

WHO: The first step in Social Justice work is education. During this two-hour program you can learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches the lives of over 150 million people a year.

WHAT: Marjane Perhot with Catholic Charities will explain the Church’s efforts in Boston and how parishes can help.

WHY: Cardinal Seán O’Malley will help us find our own personal call from Jesus to enter into the work to serve others, each in our own way. The objective for the Convocation is for each one of us to discern, “What can we do to serve?”

Registration is free and you can find more information about the convocation, speakers, resources, and actions: https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-socialservices/social-justice-ministry

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

According to the website of the national non-profit Feeding America: “In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment and food insecurity soared. In 2021, 53 million people turned to food banks and community programs for help putting food on the table.” Saint Cecilia’s response to this crisis includes our support of Catholic Charities’ food pantry in Dorchester. Under the leadership of our friend, Beth Chambers, we are pleased to announce that Catholic Charities will be opening their sixth food pantry in Lynn next month.

The Hunger & Homelessness Ministry’s goal is to fully stock the shelves of the Lynn pantry for Cardinal O’Malley’s dedication of the pantry on October 6.

Please consider donating corn flakes or Cheerios, tomato sauce, canned tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, white flour pasta, peanut butter, cooking oil, or canned chicken breast (which you can leave in the baskets in the narthex). Can’t attend Saint Cecilia in person? Please consider using the online storefronts of Amazon, Walmart, and Target and mail your donations to:

Beth Chambers
Catholic Charities
185 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02121

Any items delivered to the Dorchester pantry will be used to fill the shelves in Lynn. Thank you for your accustomed generosity!

HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL /ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL 2022 GALA

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

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

Health Equity International 2022 Gala
Mobilizing Hope: A year of equity in action
Please join us as we honor HEI/SBH Board Member Emerita Barrie Landry and our St. Boniface Hospital Heroes

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Catholic Charities’ Food Pantry

As part of our parish’s commitment to social justice and corporal works of mercy, for over a decade we have been helping keep the shelves of Catholic Charities’ Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester stocked with much needed staples.

The following items are the most requested by the staff at the pantry, but any shelf-stable donations would be appreciated:

- Boxes of spaghetti (the plain, old fashioned kind made of white flour)
- Meat-flavored spaghetti sauce (such as Hunt’s) in large cans
- Tuna fish packed in water
- Canned chicken breast
- Peanut butter
- Cheerios or corn flakes
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Cooking oil

Some parishioners have had food items delivered to Catholic Charities’ food pantry. Although some are having difficulty with order fulfillment, a few of the options to order and have delivered would include:

www.target.com • www.amazon.com • www.walmart.com

Items purchased on-line should be sent to:
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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

"Go and make disciples" — Matthew 28:19

Each Easter, Saint Cecilia has the privilege of initiating new adults into the life of the Church. These are men and women who have participated in the parish’s RCIA program—a process designed specifically for non-Catholics and uncatechized Catholics who wish to explore a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered each year for the following people:

- Individuals who have never been baptized and who wish to be baptized, confirmed, and receive Eucharist.
- Individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist.
- Uncatechized Catholics: individuals who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first Eucharist.

The upcoming season of RCIA will begin on October 5. The first eight weeks are an "inquiry period" and anyone is welcome to participate without obligation or commitment. On the Second Sunday of Advent (December 4, 2022), those who feel called to be baptized will be received into the Order of Catechumens and counted among those who will receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the 2023 Easter Vigil. Others will continue preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church, and, in the case of uncatechized Catholics, to complete their initiation by being confirmed and receiving Eucharist.

RCIA entails participation in 90-minute weekly sessions that take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00, as well as participation in the 9:30 Sunday liturgy and RCIA dismissal session.

WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT CHURCH — St. Basil the Great (AD 329–379)

"Love of God does not spring from study. It is not from others, after all, that we learn to enjoy the light, to yearn for life, and to love our parents and those who nourish us. Much less, then, does love of God arise from external teaching. Rather, as soon as people exist they have the germ of reason, and this contains the power and impulse to love.

In the school of divine instruction, therefore, we but cultivate this power and wisely nourish it; thus, with God's help, it is brought to full development. For our part, we shall endeavor here, as far as the Holy Spirit enables us, to fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."

This is a wonderful summary of what is at the heart of Christian formation. The RCIA is not a program or a class in Catholicism, but rather a process of discerning and ritualizing stages of gradual conversion that take place within the parish community. The process is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and being accompanied and supported by both the RCIA and the wider parish communities.

If this sounds like something you might like to pursue, all that is needed is an open heart and a sincere desire to grow in relationship with Jesus. To learn more or to sign-up for our 2022/23 season, please email Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org). We would be privileged to walk with you and help "fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."
You're invited to

NATIONAL

FAITH & BLUE

WEEKEND

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

Hosted By:
Boston Police Department, Area D-4
Saint Cecilia Church, Back Bay

When & Where:
AFTER MASS MEET & GREET WITH D-4 OFFICERS
Sunday, October 9, 2022
9:30 a.m. Mass
Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere St., Boston

Learn More: www.faithandblue.org
An Evening with
BROTHER GUY
CONSOLMAGNO, SJ

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

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

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

– Brother Guy, SJ

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

This event is free and open to the public.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, 
ST. FRANCIS WASN’T 
ALWAYS A SAINT.

BY DANIEL P. HORAN, O.F.M.

Many people are familiar with the popular stories and legends about St. Francis of Assisi. If pressed, a fair number of Christians could rattle off such classics as the story about him taming the wolf of Gubbio, hearing Christ at the crucifix of San Damiano, encountering Sultan Malek al-Kamil in Egypt and recreating the Christmas crèche in Greccio, as well as any number of his interactions with animals, lepers or others.

But now that the Feast of St. Francis is quickly approaching, I have been thinking about the stories that are not typically known, the narratives most people have never heard. Many of these lesser-known stories come from the early Franciscan friars and sisters who knew Francis personally and who recorded them for posterity.

What is striking about these stories is that they do not always portray Francis in the best light. At times, he even comes across as not very saint-like. Whereas the earliest biographies sought to portray Francis as holy for the sake of a quick canonization, which was the request of Pope Gregory IX, these other stories by “those who were with him” (as the texts were often credited) were meant to present a more multidimensional person: a holy man for sure, but also a complex and fully human one, too.

Take, for example, the story of Francis and Brother James. James was responsible for the physical care of some lepers and served as a kind of nurse for many people with terrible sores and wounds. One day, Francis returned home after being away to find that James had brought a leper into the chapel from the leper hospice. When Francis saw this, he snapped at James and reprimanded him for bringing the leper around the friars’ place of prayer. The text explains that Francis reproved James because he did not want to see lepers with “severe sores outside the hospital” left alone in the chapel where other people often came because “people usually abhorred lepers who had severe sores.”

This is certainly not the open-armed, warm and embracing Francis of Assisi we are used to imagining. Or how about the time when the kitchen in a friary caught fire. Sound familiar? Don’t worry; it wouldn’t be to many people. The story goes that Francis and a companion went into the kitchen after prayer. The text of The Assisi Compilation continues:

When blessed Francis came to eat in the cell where the fire was lit, the flames had already reached the roof of the cell and were burning it. His companion tried his best to extinguish it, but could not do it by himself. But Blessed Francis did not want to help him: he took the hide that he used to cover himself at night, and went into the forest.

Rather than help his brother put out the fire, Francis puts on a blanket and goes outside by himself, leaving his brother to fight the growing fire alone.

This is certainly not the considerate, helpful and generous Francis of Assisi we are used to imagining.

Why tell these stories?
First, it is important that we remember not only the good works and extraordinary acts of the women and men we venerate as saints but also their weaknesses, failings and imperfections. This helps provide us with a fuller and more honest picture of what makes these figures so venerable in the first place. They were just like you and me, sinful and struggling at times. But they also had the chance, as we do, to respond to God’s grace in this world and make a positive difference despite inevitable stumbling and failures.

Second, we tell these stories to see what the saints did afterward, for it gives us a clue to how we might live. After Francis publicly shamed James and the leper out of his...
own insecurity and fear, the would-be saint went to both men and apologized, asked forgiveness and made amends. After Francis wandered into the forest without helping his brother fight the fire, he later returned to confess that he did not want his favorite blanket to be destroyed and again sought reconciliation and gave his blanket away as penance.

Like Francis, we will struggle and sin. But also like Francis, we have the opportunity to surrender our egos, be vulnerable and seek reconciliation. Being a saint isn’t being without sin; it’s about not letting sin have the last word.

~ Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., a Franciscan friar and author, teaches theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Twitter: @DanHoranOFM.

POPE FRANCIS ON SAINT FRANCIS

"Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."
—Pope Francis, March 16, 2013

The life of Saint Francis of Assisi was marked by themes that Pope Francis embraces as his own: devotion to the poor; preaching the mercy of God; the love and care for God’s creation; and the need to reform the Church.

Pope Francis tells the story that during the 2013 conclave, when the number of votes for Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (the future Pope Francis) surpassed the 77 votes needed for him to be elected pope, his "great friend," Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, “hugged me, kissed me, and said, 'Don't forget the poor.'” Three days after being elected to the papacy, Pope Francis told more than 5,000 journalists that he took to heart the words of his friend and chose to be named after St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation," the same created world "with which we don't have such a good relationship." The new pope continued, "How I would like a church that is poor and that is for the poor." May the life of St. Francis inspire us to live lives of simplicity, to reverence God's creation, and to care for the poor. And may we work and pray for the reform of the Church.
Theologians from across the U.S. gathered in Boston from Sept. 23-24 for a conference celebrating the legacy of Richard Gaillardetz, one of the country's foremost experts on the exercise of authority in the Catholic Church, who is receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer. Opening the event to a standing-room-only crowd of several hundred at Boston College's Gasson Hall on Sept. 23, Gaillardetz delivered what he termed his "last lecture" amid a six-week pause in his chemotherapy regimen.

In an hourlong discourse that was at turns autobiographical, theological and deeply personal, the theologian encouraged his colleagues to continue the work of "meaningful and lasting ecclesial reform" and to seek out a middle path between over-critiquing the Catholic Church as an institution and being over-trustful of its leaders, especially after the clergy sexual abuse scandals.

Gaillardetz, who is author, co-author or editor of about a dozen books that have become standard texts in theology courses, said he saw a need for theologians to adopt a "reflective equilibrium" between trusting the church and critiquing it. "Our church today is paying the price for our failure to maintain a reflective equilibrium," said the theologian.

"We are becoming divided into two camps, those who embrace the tradition, whole cloth, as a reality that stands beyond critique, and those whose sweeping denunciations leave us only a few salvageable fragments of a largely failed tradition," he said. Gaillardetz particularly singled out what he termed a "pseudo-propheticism" among Catholics who mainly wish to critique the church.

"Today, in certain quarters, merely the whiff of being 'prophetic' curries ... untrammelled adulation," said the theologian. "Among more progressive, reformist Catholics, there is a temptation to applaud any and all criticisms leveled at church authorities, church structures or the received tradition, regardless of the objective merits of the critique itself."

Gaillardetz, who started his career in 1991 at the University of St. Thomas in Houston before moving to the University of Toledo in Ohio and then finally Boston College, is also a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, which is a major association of theologians across North America, and a former consultant to several subcommittees of the U.S. bishops' conference.

Theologians attending the Sept. 23-24 event praised Gaillardetz for his scholarship, his kindness as a colleague, and his impact on the students he has taught for some three decades. Catherine Clifford, who co-authored the 2012 volume Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II with Gaillardetz, called him "a generous mentor, teacher and colleague."

"I have always been impressed by Rick's work ethic and his commitment to collaborate with others to address pressing theological issues," Clifford, a professor of systematic and historical theology at St. Paul University, a pontifical Catholic institution in Canada affiliated with the University of Ottawa, told NCR. "He is always looking ahead, seeking a constructive way forward, yet never losing touch with the well-trodden path of tradition," Clifford said. "Rick has never shied away from an honest assessment of the immense challenges that face the church in our time," said Clifford. "Yet his incisive criticism is always tempered with Christian realism and the virtue of hope in merciful God."

Charity Sr. Susan Wood, who served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America immediately following Gaillardetz's term in that role, said his "most enduring legacy" would be his works on church authority, including his 1992 volume Witnesses to the Faith, his 1997
volume *Teaching With Authority*, and his 2018 volume *By What Authority?*, an expanded version of a text originally published in 2003.

Wood, who gave a keynote at the Boston conference and is a professor of theology and academic dean at Regis College, the Jesuit School of Theology in Canada at the University of Toronto, said Gaillardetz "does not dodge the hard questions such as the role of the sensus fidelium or how to navigate disagreement in the church."

Theologians in various posts across the U.S. spoke in similarly laudatory terms. Peter Phan, a theologian at Georgetown University, praised Gaillardetz's effort to travel to various parts of the world to experience the Catholic Church in various contexts, including for his work in the 2008 volume *Ecclesiology for a Global Church*. "What strikes me most is his willingness to learn about the church in its global dimensions," said Phan, also a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and winner of its John Courtney Murray award in 2010. "With this enlarged vision of global realities Dr. Gaillardetz has immensely enriched our contemporary ecclesiology."

Massimo Faggioli, a theologian at Villanova University, praised Gaillardetz particularly for his work in trying to address polarization in the U.S. church and in training young theologians. "As a teacher, he trained a new generation of scholars that are now the ecclesiologists of our time, and at this time of ecclesial redefinition of terms, his contribution has given us young scholars with a sensus ecclesiae that will be crucial in the next few years," said Faggioli.

Gaillardetz's mentorship of his students was a major theme of the Sept. 23-24 conference. Three of his former pupils introduced the sessions on Sept. 24, and two of them, Elyse Raby of Santa Clara University and Jaisy Joseph of Villanova, also gave papers that day as part of a panel discussion exploring aspects of Gaillardetz's work. In her paper, Raby challenged Gaillardetz's stance on whether there might be an authentic vocation in the church for people who decide to be single, as in choosing not to get married or to join the priesthood or a religious order. Raby said she hoped that "the greatest way a student can honor a teacher is to expand beyond the teacher's thought." In remarks afterward, Gaillardetz said he was "delighted to be corrected" by his former student.

In his own "last lecture" on Sept. 23, Gaillardetz also warned the theologians present that polarization in wider society has been spreading into the church. "This virus has infected our ecclesial and theological discourse ... and across the ideological spectrum," he said, using the example of how some Catholics have reacted to Pope Francis' decision to impose further restrictions on the pre-Vatican II Latin Mass.

"In the post-conciliar church, the liturgy has borne much of the burden of ecclesial polarization and with devastating consequences," he said. "A church that cannot pray together is a church that has lost its very raison d'être."

Referencing Francis' frequent exhortations for Catholics to create a "culture of encounter," Gaillardetz said the solution to the polarization "must lie in a commitment to sustained dialogical processes and the cultivation of habits, practices and dispositions that can transform our affective attachments and tribal tendencies, and encourage us to engage with love and care those with whom we disagree."

Gaillardetz only mentioned his cancer diagnosis toward the end of his talk, saying it had led him to "contend rather intensely with the finitude, brokenness and suffering that is our lot as God's creatures."

"I must confess to having, more than once, hurled my complaints heavenward against the seeming injustice of it all," he said. "But I have learned, oh so slowly, that a time often comes when our laments and protests, justifiable in their own right, must yield to a more contemplative posture. There we are invited into the gracious mystery of divine providence in which, even as we realize that the complete eradication of suffering and injustice eludes us, God's grace still abounds."

The presenters on Sept. 24 mainly shied away from mentioning Gaillardetz's health. But Dennis Doyle, who gave a comprehensive overview of Gaillardetz's decades of work, nodded toward it at the end of his presentation. Doyle, a theologian who has retired from the University of Dayton, said he was struck by an account in Gaillardetz's 2002 book *A Daring Promise: A Spirituality of Christian Marriage*. Doyle recounted Gaillardetz's summary of a conversation with a friend in her 30s named Mary, who was receiving cancer treatment.

At the time, Mary told Gaillardetz that she had struggled with her faith but "through all these times of doubt, there is one thing I have never questioned ... there can be no rising without dying." Said Doyle: "Mary did not fear her approaching death, because she had embraced death ... as a raw fact of her existence."

"Mary taught Rick," said Doyle. "Rick teaches us. And we should listen, and we should build on his legacy."
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Care of the Sick
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team
The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease
If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church
The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

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

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Joining Our Community
We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

Assisting Clergy
Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

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

Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

Marriage
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

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