

Saint Cecilia

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 October 2023

Vineyards with a View of Auvers by Vincent Van Gogh

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Andante from Organ Concerto No. 4 in F Major, HWV 292

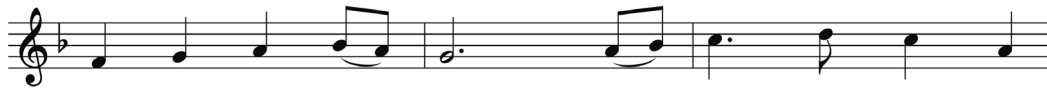
George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
vealed in time and space; As we
im - age of God's face; Let us
faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come
in this place.

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.

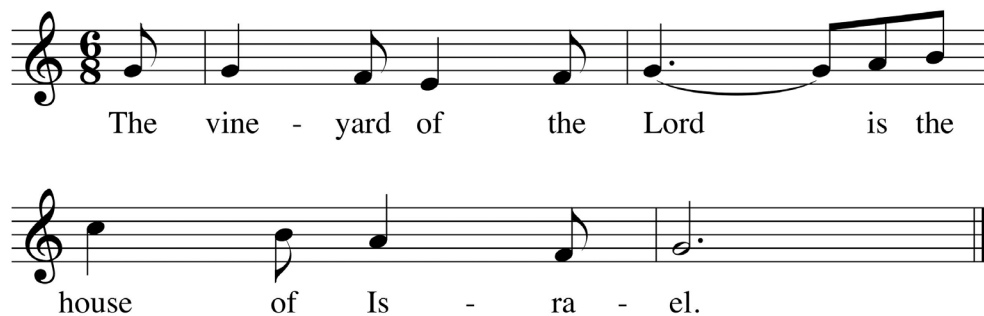
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 5: 1-7

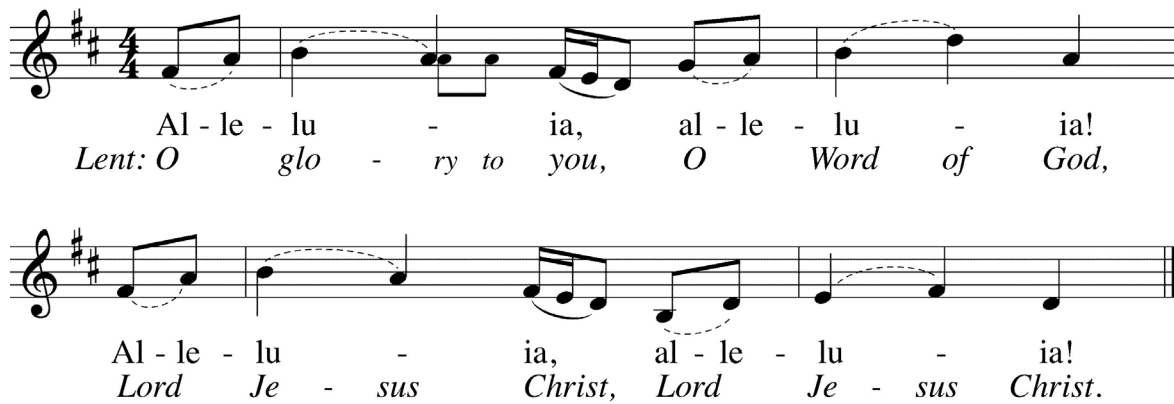
RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 80: The Vineyard of the Lord

Tony Alonso



1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
 It stretched out its branches to the sea; to the River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
 It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted, the son of man you have claimed for yourself.
4. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.
 O Lord God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING | Philippians 4: 6-9



GOSPEL | Matthew 21: 33-43

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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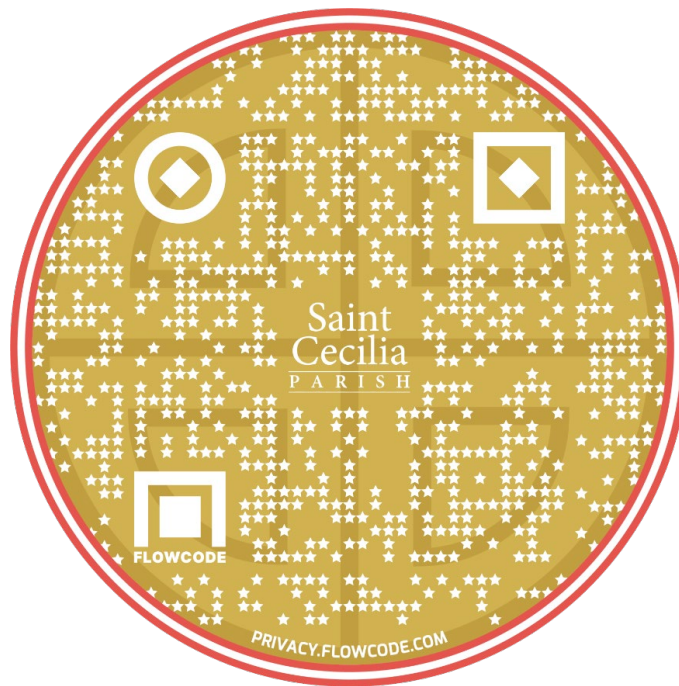
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You can also mail a check to:

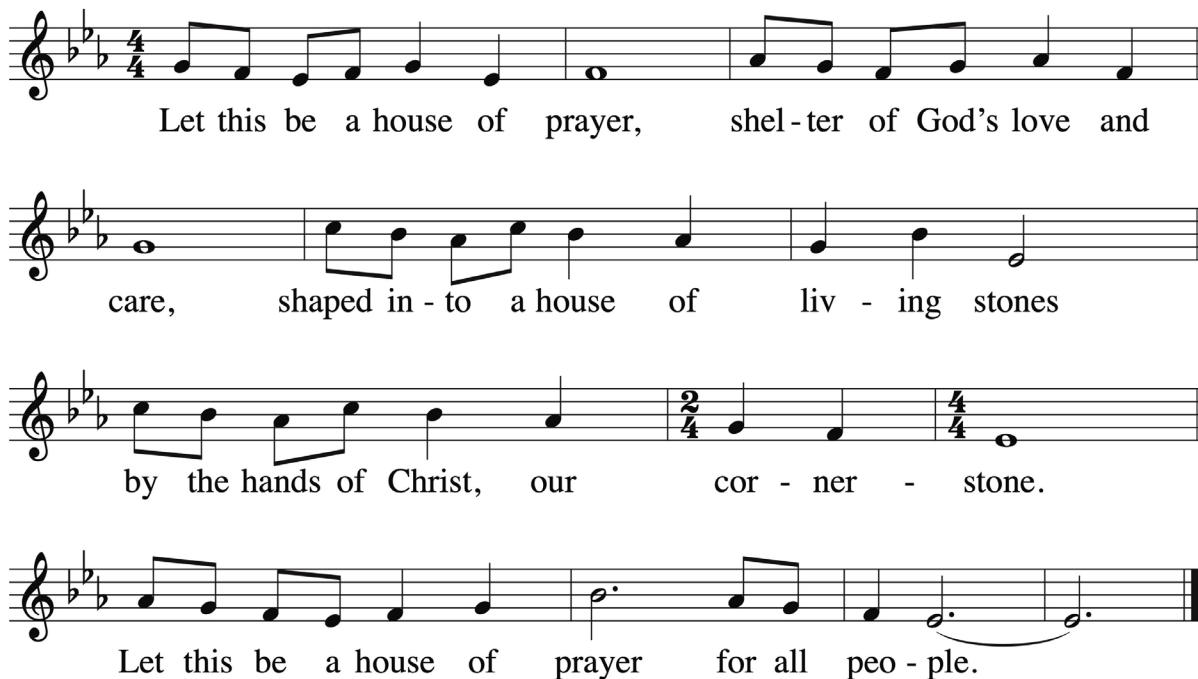
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

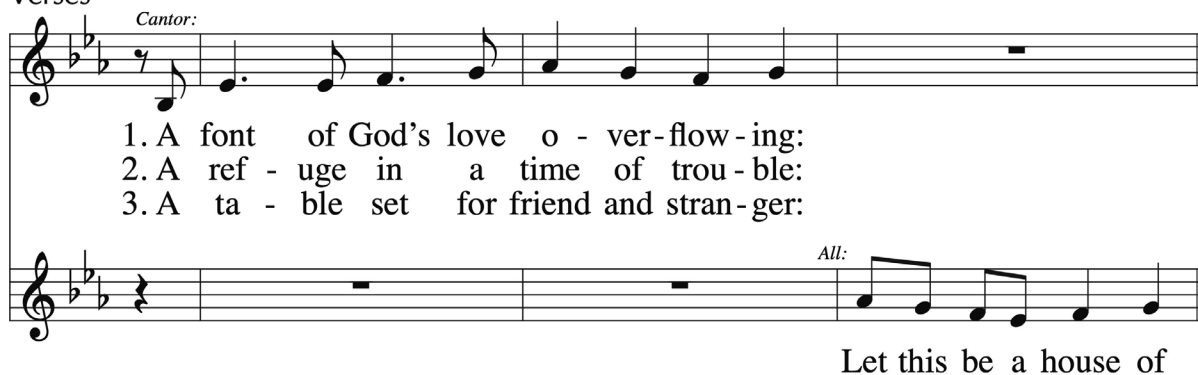
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | A House of Prayer

Tony Alonso

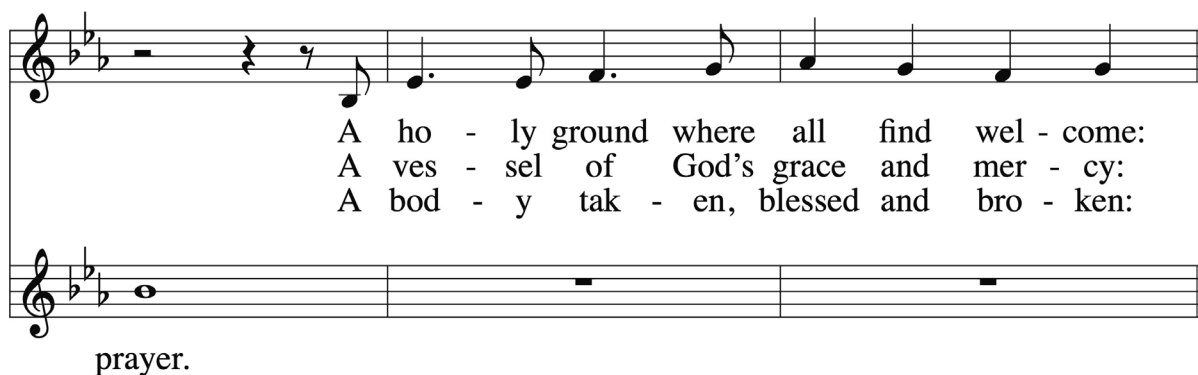


Let this be a house of prayer, shel-ter of God's love and
care, shaped in - to a house of liv - ing stones
by the hands of Christ, our cor - ner - stone.
Let this be a house of prayer for all peo - ple.

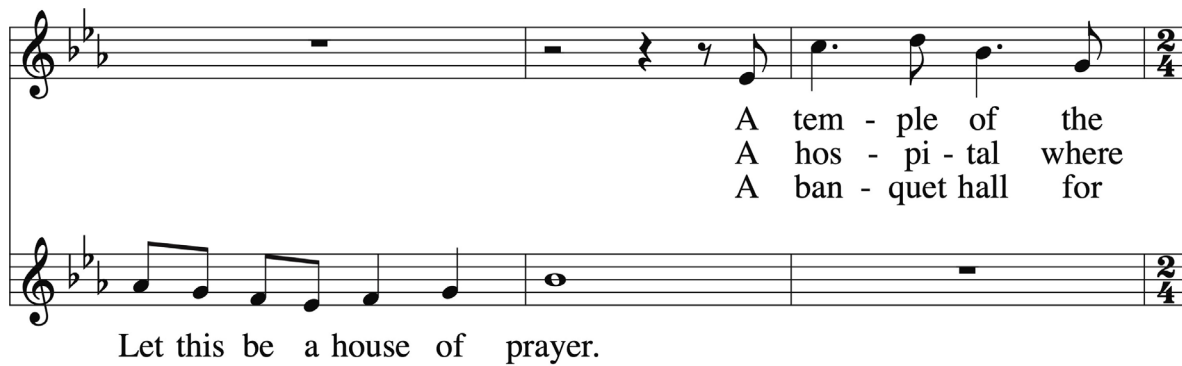
Verses



Cantor:
1. A font of God's love o - ver-flow - ing:
2. A ref - uge in a time of trou - ble:
3. A ta - ble set for friend and stran-ger:
All:
Let this be a house of



A ho - ly ground where all find wel - come:
A ves - sel of God's grace and mer - cy:
A bod - y tak - en, blessed and bro - ken:
prayer.



A tem - ple of the
A hos - pi - tal where
A ban - quet hall for

Let this be a house of prayer.



Ho - ly Spir - it:
wounds are treat-ed:
ev - 'ry hun-ger:

Let this be a house of prayer.

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 | You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

Refrain



The Refrain is written on three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the refrain with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



The Verses are written on a single staff of music. The staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the verses. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then

know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Laudate Dominum (*Psalm 117*)

Emma Robertson, *soprano*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756-1791)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia ejus,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For His has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and
forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris M. Akers

Refrain

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

The musical notation for the Refrain is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you'. The second staff contains the melody for 'lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each'. The third staff contains the melody for 'day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.'.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

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

The musical notation for the Verses is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verses. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the verses. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of the verses.

POSTLUDE | Air de Trompette

Georg Philipp Telemann
 (1681-1767)

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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!

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 7 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Jordan Barnes, lector

Sunday, October 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Rev. Ricardo da Silva, SJ, concelebrant
Harry Minehart, Cathy Anderson,
Andrea Burns, and Jim Offenberger, lectors

Sunday, October 8 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner, Catherine Horsley, and Pat Scofield, lectors

Sunday, October 8 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant
Bobbi Moran, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

Sunday, October 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Louis Alosco, *Memorial*
Paul Sikes, *Memorial*
James & Mercedes Gilmore, *Memorial*

Sunday, October 8 | 11:30 a.m.

Matt Matheson, *Memorial*
Roger Dumont, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

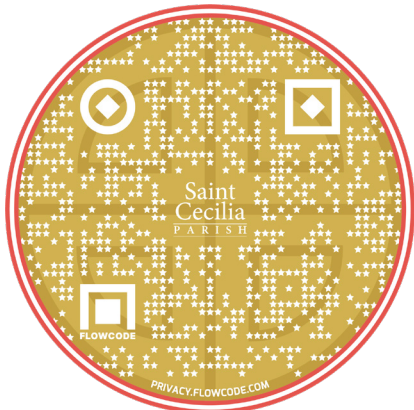
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

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This Weekend's Flowers

The flowers in front of the altar
are given to the Glory of God by
Thomas and Mary-Frances Mitchell,
members of our Far-Flung Flock
joining us this weekend from
St. Augustine, Florida.



PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Melissa Starzyk, Theodore Mootos, Fr. Roman Galadza, 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: the **Hanify Family** of Belmont, **Ellen and George Hannigan** of Plymouth, the **Baker Family** of Winchester, **Hannah Sullivan** of Boston, and **Ella Clark** of Boston. If you have not previously registered, please do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day

On Monday, we recognize and honor the heritage, culture, and contributions of the native peoples who have called this land home for countless generations. Let us pay tribute to the culture and resilience of Native Americans, and acknowledge the deep wounds of the past, including forced removals, broken treaties, and the painful legacy of colonization. Also, we acknowledge that Saint Cecilia Church is located on the ancestral and unceded tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts people. For Catholics, this day holds special meaning as it invites us to embrace the spirit of reconciliation, echoing the message of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato si'*, as well as the call to respect the life and dignity of every human person. The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 8.

Children's Faith Formation Is Off This Weekend!

There will be no faith formation classes (Grades K-10) this Sunday, October 8, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. Faith formation classes will resume on October 15 for Grades K-6, and 7/8.

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 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.

Coffee Hospitality—Many Hands Make Light Work!

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

Far-Flung Flock Retreat Weekend

We're delighted to welcome nearly 120 members of our Far-Flung Flock to Boston this weekend for a retreat at the parish. These folks will be ministering at the 9:30 liturgy, and if you see new faces in the pews this weekend, be sure to introduce yourself and give the remote members of our community a warm welcome.

Don't Miss the Saint Cecilia Ministry Fair!

Following the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies on October 15, we invite you to learn about our 30 ministries and how you can get involved. Between our hospitality, liturgical, service, and fellowship ministries, there's something for everyone! If you have any questions, reach out to Tanya Rybarczyk at her ministry email. Please note: coffee hospitality will have limited seating and will be scaled down to coffee and croissants to accommodate the ministry fair.

Welcome, Father Ricardo da Silva, SJ!

We are honored to have Father Ricardo da Silva, SJ with us, concelebrating this Sunday's 9:30 liturgy. Father da Silva is a member of the Society of Jesus and is an associate editor, reporter, producer and host of video and audio content at America Media, the Jesuit media ministry based in Manhattan. Father da Silva is participating in this weekend's Far-Flung Flock retreat and will be showing America's groundbreaking feature documentary, *People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States*. Saint Cecilia was one of four parishes profiled in this informative and hopeful documentary.

Sign Up for Our Pumpkin Palooza

If your child is attending, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/ugGRVYJH5T4P5Hhe8>) so we have an accurate count of how many pumpkins to get. The cut-off date for RSVPs is Friday, October 13, so please hop to it!



women's lunch place

Friday, October 20 | Fairmont Copley Plaza

Spaghetti 2023 Dinner

WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. | Fairmont Copley Plaza

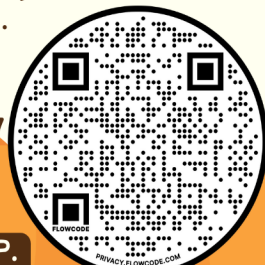
The annual Spaghetti Dinner gala to benefit the day shelter on Newbury Street will be held on Friday, October 20 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jim O'Connell, President of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and a longtime friend of our parish. Women's Lunch Place (WLP) is ready for their next chapter. Over the past four decades, they have built a strong suite of programs and services that allow them to meet the growing needs of vulnerable women. Just as their donors have helped lay the foundation for their proactive programming, WLP is helping to lay the foundation for their guests to rebuild their lives. If you would like to join one of the Saint Cecilia tables at this event, please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email. Tickets are \$250 each. The WLP is also looking for folks who would like to purchase full tables or serve as a table captain.



Saint Cecilia Parish Pumpkin Palooza

**OCTOBER 22 | PARISH HALL
FOLLOWING 9:30 MASS**

In lieu of our kindergarten through sixth-grade children's faith formation classes, we will be decorating pumpkins in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 liturgy! Classes for Grades 9/10 are as regularly scheduled.



SCAN THE FLOWCODE TO RSVP.



SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS (SCYA) MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Young Adults Ministry has a host of events happening in October, so if you're a parishioner between 20-40 years old, please feel free to join. You can get in the loop about these events via the SCYA's Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/scyoungadultsboston>

- 1. Boston Lights Lantern Experience**
October 14, 7:30 p.m. | Franklin Park Zoo
- 2. Zoom Catechism Discussion**
Mid-month date TBD at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Halloween Craft Night**
October 21, 4:00 p.m. | Back Bay Location TBD
- 4. Trivia Night**
October 26, 6:30 p.m. | Saint Cecilia Parish Hall

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BE THE **PIECE** THAT BRINGS US **TOGETHER**



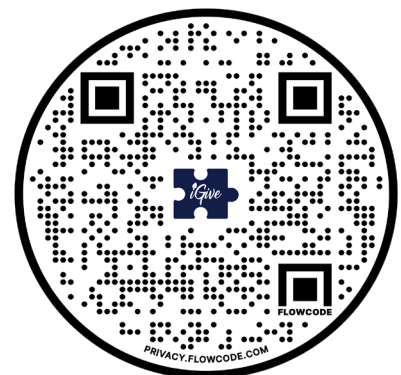
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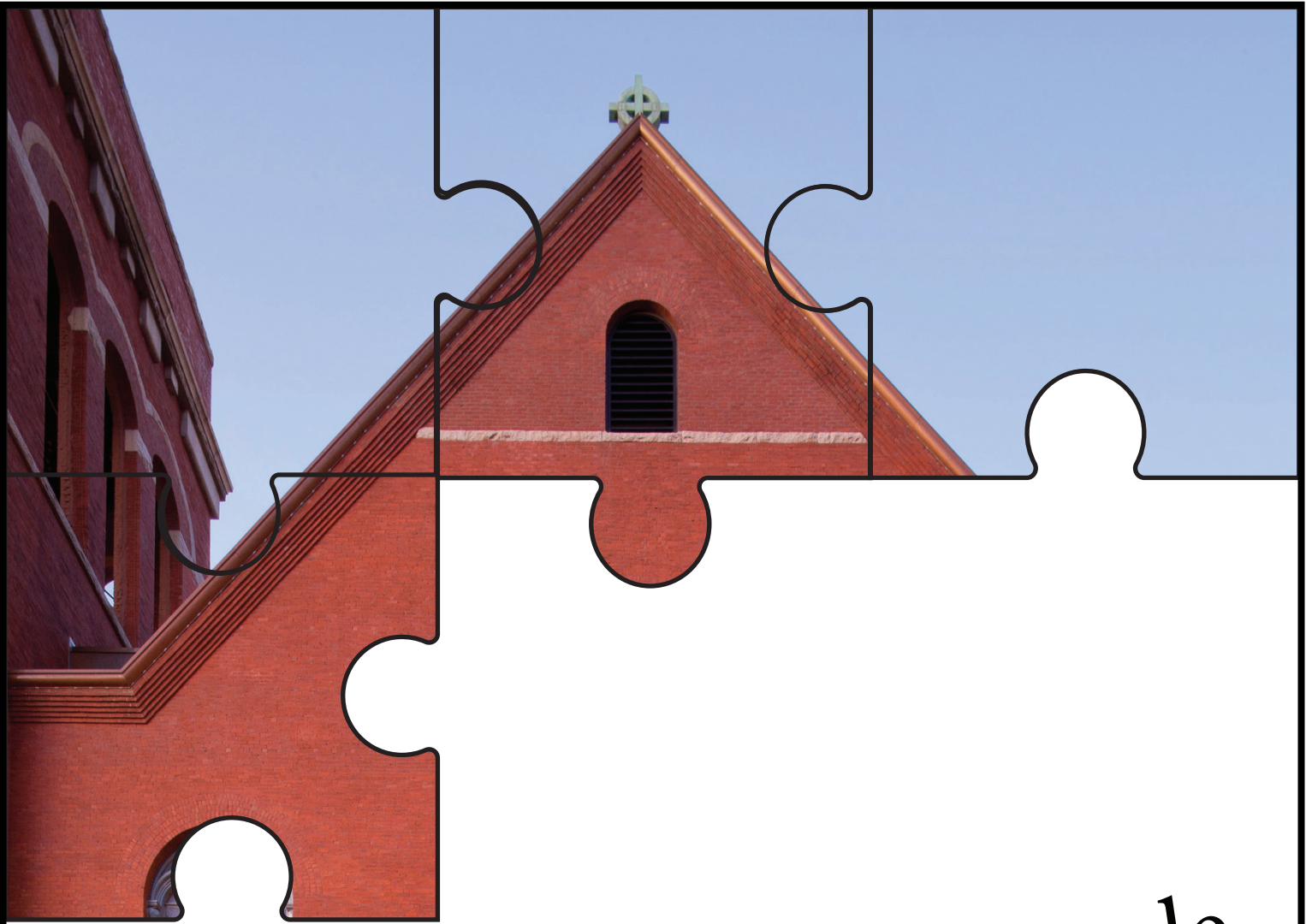
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without your help!





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. Every Thanksgiving pie sold feeds a Community Servings client suffering from 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, please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email.



CELEBRATE HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL

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>.



WONDERFULLY MADE - LGBTQ+R(ELIGION) PREMIERE

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Saint Cecilia

The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective invites you to the Boston Premiere of the film "Wonderfully Made: LGBTQ+R(eligion)," directed by Yuval David and produced by Mark McDermott. This event takes place on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM at Saint Cecilia Church, with a Q&A session with the creatives and advocates following the screening and a light reception.

Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+R(eligion) is a feature-length documentary striking at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. The film focuses on the Catholic Church because it is one of the largest religious organizations and its anti-LGBTQ+ stance is known and growing more hardline. It features interviews with leading advocates rarely seen all together, including clergy, organizational leaders, and activists. The narrative of the film is shaped by the process of a fine art project creating unprecedented, photographic iconography depicting Jesus as a member/ally of the LGBTQ+ community, represented by multiple LGBTQ+ models. Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3t1o4tx>. Tickets can also be purchased by clicking on the QR code in the narthex. For more information, email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org.



SAVE THE DATE: 15TH ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. | Virtual

Celebrate 15 years of education, inspiration, and collaboration at this year's 15th annual Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation. The convocation will focus on two questions: What are the root causes of poverty? How can we learn from each other by building bridges—not working in silos—to alleviate the root causes of poverty? In addition to several guest speakers, Cardinal Seán will celebrate Mass. To register, please visit https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pJhvlOS1SKiVEUO5D-1VYHA#/registration

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 15

Sunday, October 8

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
Our Far-Flung Flock Flies Home!

Monday, October 9

Parish Offices Closed .

Tuesday, October 10

RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom
Communion Circle at Mt Pleasant, 3:00 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Affinity Group, 6:30 p.m.
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, October 12

Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, October 13

Young Adults at Boston Lights Lantern Experience
7:30 p.m. at Franklin Park Zoo

Sunday, October 14

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
Ministry Fair after both Sunday morning Masses!

LEARN THE SKILLS TO SAVE A LIFE!

Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. | Community Room

Saint Cecilia will offer CPR/AED/First Aid/Naloxone [Narcan] training on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. The training will include instruction on how to provide CPR, how and when to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), how to deal with choking and rescue breathing for infants, children, and adults, and how to administer Narcan. The training has two parts: an online component (which must be done in advance of the in-person training) and an in-person training at the parish. This training will be conducted by a Red Cross and American Heart Association Certified Instructor. Space is limited for this training, so please contact Lisa Pickering at her parish email as soon as possible to register. Life is too precious to not know these things—you can be the difference between life and death.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES—OUR MARRIAGE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Saturday, October 21/28 | Hybrid

Since our Marriage Ministry's 2018 reboot, our parish has provided bi-annual marriage prep courses for engaged couples planning to marry in the Church. These hybrid courses, held on two consecutive Saturdays, are offered every October and March. The next course is on October 21 (Zoom) and October 28 (in-person). Saint Cecilia's course is based on the archdiocese's *Transformed in Love* model, in which married couples in the parish serve as witnesses that lead engaged couples through the coursework. To shepherd young couples through this significant process, our Marriage Ministry needs your help! Whether you've been married for a short time or for decades, we'd love you to share your knowledge and experience with our group. Again, our next course is in October; commitment time is flexible, and we will provide guidance on how to relay your experience and wisdom. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire future couples and nurture your own marriage! Also—this year we hope to expand our Marriage Ministry with additional gatherings, and activities such as speakers, book clubs, and a marriage mentoring program. We need help to get these new initiatives up and running, so please reach out if you're interested! Please contact Julianne and Michael Lavelle at the Marriage Ministry Email to learn more. We hope you will join this rewarding ministry!

SAINT CECILIA KNITTING MINISTRY'S FALL SHOWCASE

To welcome fall and our Far-Flung Flock, the Saint Cecilia Knitting Ministry has lovingly crafted a showcase of pumpkins which will be on display after the 9:30 Mass this Sunday in the Parish Hall downstairs. Would you like to take a pumpkin home? Please consider making a donation in exchange for a pumpkin. Proceeds support the ministry's ongoing projects including prayer shawls, knitted bookmarks, and prayer pockets for Brigham and Women's Hospital. Baby blankets and buntings for Boston Medical Center, and knitted hats, cowls, and mittens for the Knitting Connection. The ministry hopes you enjoy the display and thank you for your support!





FALL CONCERT WITH THE WOOD HARBOR ORCHESTRA

The Wood Harbor Orchestra with choir returns to Saint Cecilia Church on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 p.m. for the fall concert *Masses and Other Sacred Music*, sponsored by the Tutti Music Collective. The Tutti Music Collective is committed to showcasing the music of local minority, LGBTQ, and living composers. The collective believes that concert music should reflect the diversity of the world we live in, and they strive to create a space where these voices can be heard and celebrated. The concert will feature music composed by five local composers (including parishioners Mary Casiello and Rachel Burckardt) as well as Libby Larsen and Amy Beach. Tickets are available from Eventbrite by scanning the QR code. Use the code "CECILIA" for a special discount! We hope to see you there!



Classroom Locations for Children's Faith Formation

Kindergarten & Grade 1
Community Room (after the Gospel)

Grade 2 – Classroom 4 (10:40 a.m.)

Grades 3/4 – Classroom 3 (10:40 a.m.)

Grades 5/6 – Classroom 2 (10:40 a.m.)

Grades 7/8 – Classroom 2 (4:30-5:45 p.m.)

Grades 9/10 – Classroom 4 (4:30-5:45 p.m.)

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!

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Saint Cecilia
P A R I S H

September
Friday, 9/29 @ 6 pm
Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

October
Wednesday, 10/4 @ 6 pm
Saint Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, 10/18 @ 6 pm
Saint Luke

Evening Prayer

November
Wednesday, 11/1 @ 6 pm
All Saints
Wednesday, 11/22 @ 6 pm
Saint Cecilia

Please join us on Facebook Live
or via Zoom - Email
hoursandtaize@stceciliaboston.org
for details & reminders

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SAINT CECILIA CLIMATE JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATES

On October 4, Pope Francis released the apostolic exhortation update to *Laudato si'*. Our Climate Justice Ministry will be reading this important document and meeting to discuss it on Sunday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. and we invite you to come! Contact the Climate Justice Ministry at their parish email for more information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

No Synodal Church Without Catechetical Reform

Presenter: Hosffman Ospino, associate professor of Hispanic ministry and religious education, chair of the department of religious education and pastoral ministry, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Wednesday, October 12 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid | Boston College, Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Chestnut Hill Campus | Registration Required | Free

15th Anniversary Celebration of the School of Theology and Ministry and Book Launch

Presenters: Dean Michael C. McCarthy, S.J., and nine STM faculty authors
Wednesday, October 19 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | In-person | Boston College, Gasson Hall, Room 100, 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>

ONLINE COURSES

Effective Preaching: Preaching for Children

October 18 – November 7 | 3-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$30.00

The Gospel of Mark

October 18 – November 7 | 3-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$30.00

Unsung Scriptures

October 18 – November 28 | 6-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$60.00

For further details and/or registration, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm_online_crossroads

BOISI CENTER FOR RELIGION AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE

Hesburgh of Notre Dame: Assessments of a Legacy

Presenter: Michael James

Tuesday, October 17 | Luncheon, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | 24 Quincy Rd., 101 Boston College, 24 Quincy Road, Chestnut Hill, MA | Registration requested | Free

The Art of Encounter: Catholic Writers from the Margins

Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21 | 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Conference | Stokes Hall, Stokes S195, Boston College, 59-107 College 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>

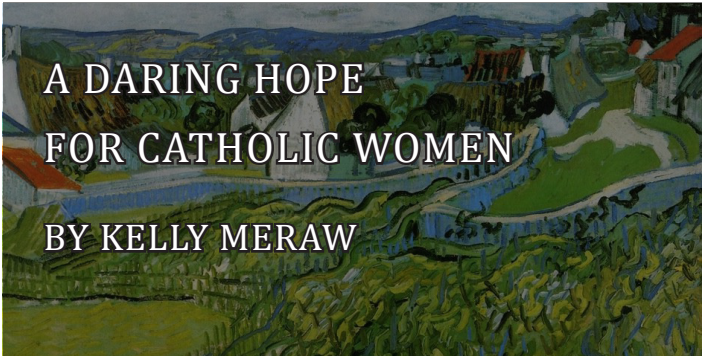
SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Jesus Who? The Evolution of God in the Bible, Part II

Presenters: Professor Mary Joan Leith, of Religious Studies at Stonehill College

Monday, October 16 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

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



Bulletin Editor's Note: This article was printed last month in the Boston Globe. The subheading reads: It's time for the Catholic Church to discern how it might now formally recognize women like me who are fulfilling vital communal roles that would otherwise go unfulfilled.

Next month, Catholics from around the world will gather in Rome to discuss and discern the future of the Catholic Church. It is part of an ongoing church-wide conversation, known as the Global Synod on Synodality, about listening to the Holy Spirit and renewing the Church as a healing presence in communities, particularly in places like Boston, shaken by the clergy sex abuse crisis.

Catholics in the United States are invited to be part of that ongoing discernment process. Our participation is crucial for ensuring the conversation remains focused on the needs of all Catholics and how we continue to be a community in an increasingly diverse and connected world. Among the many questions that will be discussed at the synod is how we should rethink women's participation in the Church. It's a question that will have a meaningful impact not only on the lives of Catholic women but on all Boston Catholics.

Catholic women are a cornerstone of their communities. However, there is currently no available path for women toward formal, vocational ministry within the Church, despite the integral role many women play in fulfilling unmet ministerial needs of the community. Those of us who feel a call from God to minister in sacramental ways (baptizing, celebrating marriages, funeral services) and to preach must be flexible in our approach.

In my own experience, years ago while studying to be a classical singer I was asked by a trusted professor, "What thing, if I took it away from you, would leave you with no air in your lungs?" My answer was not the music I was studying but service to God and God's people. That question still shapes my understanding of vocation.

Like a multitude of women before me, since then, I sought

to serve the Church quietly, without official recognition and, more importantly, without sacramental grace (the invisible but real presence of God) that is available to ordained ministers in the Church, a concept that is integral to who we are as Catholics.

Yet, as our wounded church discerns how to rebuild much-needed communal trust, while seeking to meet a host of unmet ministerial needs amid an increase in what Pope Francis calls "the scourge of clericalism, which places a caste of priests 'above' the People of God," it's time for the church to discern how it might now formally recognize women like me who are fulfilling vital communal roles that would otherwise go unfulfilled. In fact, Catholic theologian Massimo Faggioli in discussing the synod has repeatedly noted that one meaningful and concrete step the church can take toward restoring trust and fostering a culture of accountability and transparency is to more fully incorporate women into leadership, decision making, and ordained ministry as deacons.

Deacons, or ordained Catholic ministers who tend to the needs of the community both inside and outside the walls of the church, have long served their communities.

The Church's discernment about the importance of deacons to the church is also not new. In the 1960s, during the Second Vatican Council, under the leadership of Pope John XXIII, the permanent diaconate (deacons not on the path to priestly ordination) was restored as a vocation for all men, including those who were married. Since then, our church has considered what expanding the diaconate to include women could mean for the global community.

Now, after decades of study led by multiple popes and consensus in favor of ordaining women as deacons following the 2020 Synod of Bishops in the Amazon, the gathering in Rome next month presents the Church with a rare opportunity to discern our future together.

For women dedicated to serving the Catholic Church, who desire to serve in concert with their bishops and priests in ways that more effectively acknowledge and enhance their already significant contributions to the life of the Church, this synod represents a daring hope. A hope that while we hold fast to the doctrinal truths of who we are as a church, there are still paths available for women in ministry—paths that are a return to tradition, not a departure from it.

~ Kelly Meraw is the director of collaborative pastoral care and music and liturgy at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellesley, MA.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor

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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!