Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 October 2022

Be Thou Made Clean
Stained Glass Window From Baltimore Cathedral
Prelude | Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major, BWV564

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

Entrance Procession | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
2. Praise to the Lord, who with the Holy Ghost lives and reigns.
3. Praise to the Lord, who through all ages faileth not.
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

Verses:

1. O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
2. Sure is his goodness and merciful faith to me, Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Come now with praises before him, all ye that love the Lord.
4. Now to his temple draw near, all ye that love the Lord.

Benediction:

Praise him in glad adoration!
Met by his gracious ordaining?
Who with his love does become a friend?
Gladly with praise we adore him!
CALL TO WORSHIP

* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age

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

Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING | 2 Kings 5:14-17**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 98: The Lord Has Revealed to the Nations** Marty Haugen

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.

**SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 2:8-13**
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone’s screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

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

You can also mail a check to:

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

Presentation of the Gifts | Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

Verses

1. If we have died with him then we shall
2. any one serves me then they must
3. Make your home in me as I make
4. If you remain in me and my word
5. Those who love me are loved by my
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I

live with him; if we hold firm we shall
follow me; wherever I am my
mine in you; those who remain in me
lives in you, then you will be my dis-
Father; we shall be with them and
give to you; peace which the world can not

reign with him.

servants will be.
bear much fruit.
ciples.
dwell in them.
give is my gift.

D.C.
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

Curtis Stephan

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us. World, grant us, 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.” 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.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the dat and the night,
Both walking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;

Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou vision, O Ruler of all.

CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL | Amazing Grace

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

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

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

POSTLUDE | Fugue from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major,

Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 564

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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 diÂering 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 roseÃes.

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 year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the leÂ 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—famed 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 8 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Pat Scofield, lector

Sunday, October 9 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Jim Dougherty, lector

Sunday, October 9 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Thomas Egan, Erin Young,
and Letitia Howland, lectors

Sunday, October 9 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Eileen Maguire, Cathy Anderson,
and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

Sunday, October 9 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Kevin Dumas and Zachary Boutin, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 9 | 8:00 a.m.
John & Angelina Machado, Memorial

Sunday, October 9 | 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Louis Alosco, Fifth Anniversary
Jack Thomas, Memorial
Susan Stahley, Memorial
Michael Ferrantino, Memorial
Carole Anne Mullaney, Memorial

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

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Luke 18:1-8
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased
Jack Thomas died on October 2. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Thomas and for the consolation his family. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jeannie 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: Bette Cooper of Danvers and Gabrielle Keaveney and Jack Walsh of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at http://www.stceciliaboston.org/.

Children’s Faith Formation
Children’s Faith Formation is up and running! To register your children for faith formation, please go to: https://bit.ly/3cUv7d. 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 on-line by visiting: https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Olivia Hastie at o hastie@stceciliaboston.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.

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.

Meet & Greet with D-4 Officers
Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 9, please meet us in the Parish Hall for a meet and greet with local law enforcement officers and community members. This event is part of National Faith & Blue Weekend, which is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

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/ZdP2qBW

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

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

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.

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!

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.

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.
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Blessing of the Animals
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE
FOR NEW REQUIEM

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

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

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

FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute flowers for our gathering space on a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God, please contact Mark Donohoe (mdonohoe@stceciliaboston.org) a few days in advance of the weekend.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Generous parishioners have donated a supply of children’s books that can be found in a box in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow these during one of our liturgies.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restrooms alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in an urban building that is wide open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised, and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.

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

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

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

About the Talk:
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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.

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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
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.

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

Thursday, October 27, 2022
Watch the program at our viewing party at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall at 5:30 PM ET.
Or, stream the program virtually from anywhere at 7 PM ET.
Find out more at healthequityintl.org/gala2022
Saint Cecilia Parish
30 Cecilia St., Boston
Tues., October 18, 2022
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
To register, go to:
https://ratiorisk.com/oct18/

AGENDA
• Parish Safety Presentation
• Active Shooter Presentation
• Hands on Practice Scenarios
• Q & A Session

QUESTIONS?
Please contact Doreen Rearden at
doreen_rearden@rcab.org
or call 617-913-2017

PARISH SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP

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 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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BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

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

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

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

BOSTON COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

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

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

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

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 Nyzhankovskyi (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 thanks for sharing your talent with us each weekend!

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.wisdomandmature-spirituality@gmail.com) for more information.
“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: Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities will explain the Church’s efforts in Boston and how parishes can help.

WHY: Cardinal Séan 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

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Please RSVP: bc.edu/stmreg

The Synod on Synodality is a transformative process in which all the baptized are protagonists and discern together the calls of the Holy Spirit, uniting as a listening Church of participation and co-responsibility. As the diocesan/national stage of the Synod 2021-2023 has raised the voices of the People of God and the current continental stage is to deepen the fruits of this listening, join us as Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, Undersecretary for the General Secretariat of the Synod, echoes issues and challenges faced by the local churches to implement synodality while proposing a theological reflection on the synodal process.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Santiago Sistas' have returned! Over the course of nearly three weeks, Anna DeMare and Giovanna Franchi walked over 250 miles from Leon to Santiago de Compostela. Thank you so much to Nancy Hanifin and Karen McMeen for guiding Anna and Giovanna on their journeys this past month. We pray that this adventure opened your eyes to a new way of seeing the world, provided the time and space for meaningful contemplation, and allowed you to develop a more profound relationship with God.

THANK YOU!

The Saint Cecilia Knitting Ministry would like to thank you for your generous donations for the Hand Knit Pumpkins! We hope they brought a smile to your face!
An Evening with

BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO, SJ

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

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

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

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

– Brother Guy, SJ

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

This event is free and open to the public.
Recently in The New York Times, guest writer Francis Sanzaro wrote a beautiful reflection on the experience of walking. Often we think of walking in terms of what it can deliver us: A reduction of anxiety! An increase in creativity! Our much-vaunted steps!

He says we've got it all wrong. The real gift of a walk lies not in what it can do for us, but in allowing ourselves to be swept away by it and letting it give us what it wants. It’s very much the kind of “finding God in all things” idea that we Jesuits love. Still, as I read it I kept thinking, “Sure, the natural world is beautiful. But how do we deal with all the people?”

I live in New York City, which is very much a walking-and-taking-the-subway kind of place. On a Saturday afternoon when I get to amble around Central Park or the Village, people watching and now leaf peeping, that’s wonderful. But I dare Mr. Sanzaro to practice mindfulness during the work week in New York, to keep his head up to gaze at anything when people are walking directly at you (sometimes despite the fact that the sidewalk is otherwise empty). How do you savor a hailstorm made of humans, or walk through a seaweed bed of tourists and teenagers on cell phones?

Ask any big city driver about others using exit lanes (or even worse, the shoulder) to try to cut in line in heavy traffic, or my suburban parents about dealing with people and their shopping carts in a Jewel-Osco, and you’ll hear much the same. No matter where you live, we all face so many situations where the people around us are behaving badly, and we respond in kind. The me who walks through Midtown Manhattan is absolutely the worst me there is.

A year ago at this time things were opening up, but new variations of Covid-19 were heightening our anxieties once again. This year much of that concern has fallen away for now, which almost certainly means we’re all encountering a lot more people. Times Square is probably “more” Times Square than it has been; so, too, driving in Jacksonville or picking your kids up after school. And how are we to deal with that? I want to see the world in the way that Mr. Sanzaro and St. Ignatius insist is possible. I want to savor the beauty that is all around me, to be a witness to whatever this day will offer me, and all the people in it, too. I want to be surprised. But it’s hard! Here’s three little spiritual ideas I’ve been thinking about to try and help me get there.

**Begin with reality**

One of the most helpful suggestions I’ve been given about my own experiences walking in New York is to take a step back and see the big picture. Midtown Manhattan (where I work) is a chaotic hellmouth filled with people who are mostly ignoring the needs of everyone else. From the outside that may sound like a judgment, but no, that’s just what it is. It’s the same with the highway in Boston or a grocery store on a Friday afternoon. You wish they were different, but they are what they are.

It’s a pretty good depiction, actually, of what we mean by the “fallen world” or “original sin.” We are each “born” into situations that are fundamentally broken. And because we’re moving through them all the time, eventually they break us, too. Probably every single person that I meet on the sidewalk feels the same frustration that I do, or used to. And now here we all are creating that outrage in each other.

Facing the truth of a situation doesn’t fix it. But it can put things in a different perspective. You stop being so surprised when someone lays into their horn for a solid minute or refuses to give you any room to move. Maybe some of it even becomes a little bit hilarious. (This is aspirational, clearly. But sometimes it does happen!)

**Allow yourself a moment in the mirror**

When you’re in a bad situation your options are limited. It may seem ridiculous to describe driving in Northern California as a survival situation, but if you’ve ever been on the freeways there during its evening rush hours, you know that it can really feel that way. It’s the same with malls or airports during the holidays or a hundred other situations.
And so, yeah, you respond in ways that are maybe not so great. You drop your shoulder to make the other person pay for not giving you room to move. You ignore the person who is so very clearly signaling for you to let them into your lane.

You feel justified; sometimes maybe you are. But do I truly never weave down a street typing a text, infuriating everyone around me? Have I never cut in a line while spinning some story about if they really wanted me to respect this line they would have made it more organized? Aren’t there times that I am exactly the person that I am often complaining about?

It’s always struck me as significant that when people first meet Jesus in the Scriptures, often their first instinct is to attack him. From the outside, we think, these are clearly the bad guys. But even Jesus’ friends reject him at times. And it’s in going through that experience and confronting the ugliness in themselves that they are able to finally become better people.

When we start screaming at another driver, and then catch the look on our kids’ faces in the rearview mirror is a moment of grace. It’s a time when we see a not-so-great part of ourselves more clearly. And with that insight comes a natural desire to behave differently. It’s like a little exorcism: for us to truly be free, God first has to draw out the poison that’s inside us.

Also, sometimes when I realize my own hypocrisy, it gives me a greater sense of humor about getting screwed by other people. It’s like “Touché, universe.” Garbage in, garbage out.

**Put something good into the universe**

I have a sort of environmentalist vision of morality. When I say or do bad things, I believe that they have an impact on the broader world I live in. Even if the person I just crossed doesn’t remember me two seconds later, or I gossip about someone who never finds out, on a gut level I believe that toxic actions are pollutants that quietly harm the fabric of things.

Most of the time you can’t fix that kind of damage. You can’t “take back” a well-placed elbow or blare of the horn. But one thing that you can do is put out something else that is good into the universe. I can pay for a stranger’s drink. I can wave someone in front of me to go ahead. I can treat the next person I encounter with warmth. Just as each harsh word or gesture does harm, maybe each moment of kindness or generosity is an act of care for the universe, an attempt to strengthen the fabric of things. I find that doing this can change my own disposition, as well. If the threat of having to navigate a meteor shower of people creates a sense of pressure within me even before I walk out the door, doing something nice for someone sometimes pops a hole in that anxiety. Suddenly I can breathe again.

We alone can’t fix our realities any more than we can individually stop the poles from melting. Sometimes we can’t fix ourselves, either. Let’s be honest, how long will it be before I’m back to treating a mob of passersby before me like a running back hitting a defensive line? (The truth? It was about 10 minutes after I finished a draft of this article.)

But we can follow up by scattering some seeds of friendship, goodness or just laughter. My God does it help to laugh! And who knows what giant beanstalks may grow.

~Jim McDermott, S.J., is an associate editor at America.

**Perhaps the World Ends Here**

_by Joy Harjo, the first Native American United States Poet Laureate_

The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.

The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on.

We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.

It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.

At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.

Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.

This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.

Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory.

We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.

At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.

Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.
Parish Resources

Parish Office & Mailing Address
18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

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Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
Robert Duff, Director of Music
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance and Development
Thomas Mellan, Organist
Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events

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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 Hasteie, at ohasteie@stceciliaboston.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Packing
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.