



# Saint Cecilia

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Thirty-Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

Saint Cecilia by Sir Edward  
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PRELUDE | *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Georg Böhm  
(1661-1733)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | O God, Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
\*2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
Though small in mor - tal stat-ure to heav-en's gar-den grown.  
We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!  
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

GLORIA | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin



Verses

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

COLLECT

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 128: Blessed are Those who Fear the Lord

Tony Alonso



Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord. Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
and walk in his ways!

By the labor of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be blessed and prosper. *R.*

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive

around your table. *R.*

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the husband who fears the LORD.  
May the LORD bless you from Zion.  
May you see Jerusalem prosper  
all the days of your life! *R.*

SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV



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



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

GOSPEL | Matthew 25: 14-30

HOMILY

## NICENE CREED

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

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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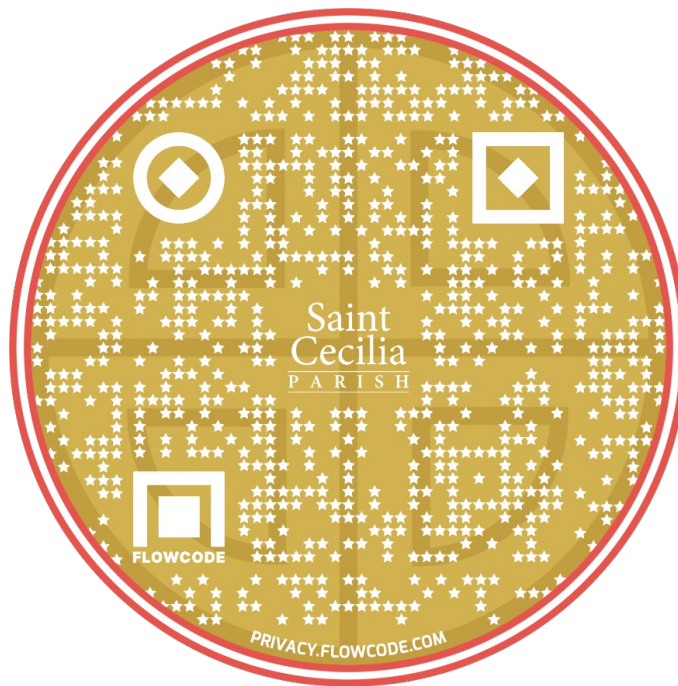
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere Street  
Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | In God's Time

M. D. Ridge

Verse 1

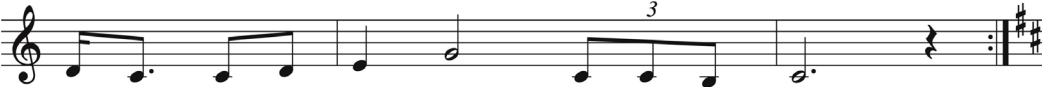


1. In God's time, peace will come. In God's time,  
peace will come. We can - not wait till then to build the  
king-dom, but in God's time, peace will come.

Verses 2-6



2. In God's time, heal - ing will come. In God's time,  
3. In God's time, joy will re - turn. In God's time,  
4. In God's time, hun - ger will cease. In God's time,  
5. In God's time, jus - tice will reign. In God's time,  
6. In God's time, love will pre - vail. In God's time,  
heal - ing will come, but un - til that time we must care for those who  
joy will re - turn, but un - til that time we must com - fort those in  
no one will thirst, but un - til that time we must serve the needs of  
jus - tice will reign, but un - til that time we must chal - lenge ev - 'ry  
love will pre - vail, but un - til that time we must love the ones who



suf - fer, and in God's time, heal - ing will come.  
sor - row, and in God's time, joy will re - turn.  
oth - ers, and in God's time, hun - ger will cease.  
ty - rant, and in God's time, jus - tice will reign.  
hate us, and in God's time, love will pre - vail.

Verse 7



7. In God's time. the trum - pet will sound, and in



#### 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

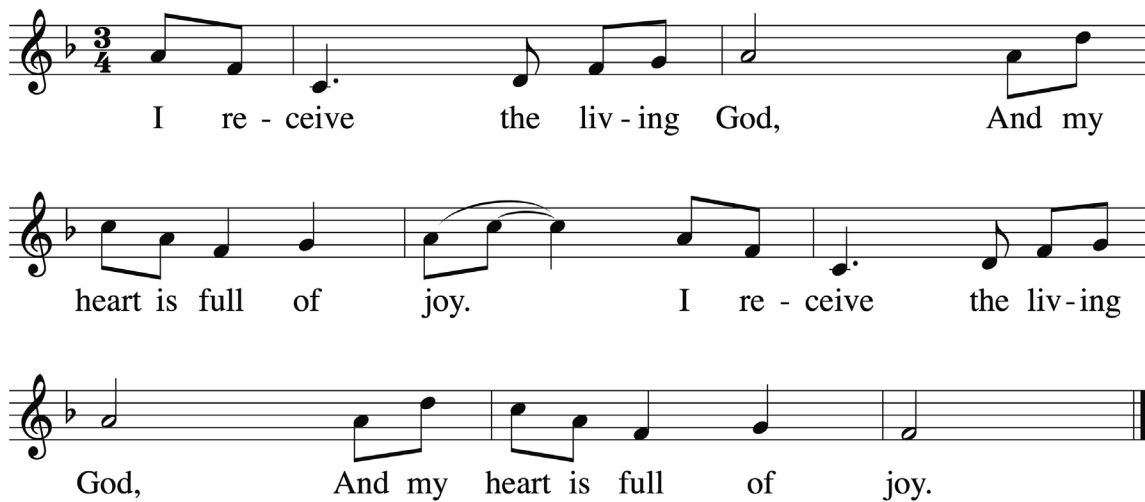
It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of 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 | I Receive the Living God

LIVING GOD

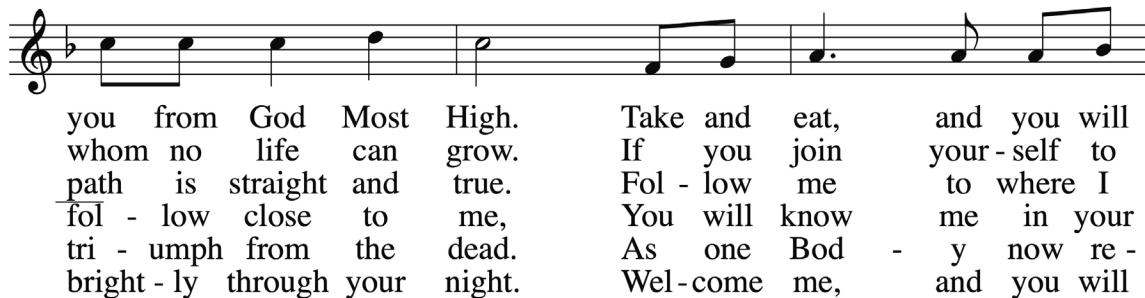


I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my  
heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing  
God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Bread	Sent to
2. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Vine,	Far from
3. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Way,	And my
4. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Truth.	If you
5. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Life,	Raised in
6. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Day,	Shin - ing



you from God Most High.	Take and eat,	and you will
whom no life can grow.	If you join	your - self to
path is straight and true.	Fol - low me	to where I
fol - low close to me,	You will know	me in your
tri - umph from the dead.	As one Bod - y	now re -
bright - ly through your night.	Wel - come me,	and you will

**D.C.**

live;	You	need	nev - er	fear	to	die.
me,	A	rich	har - vest	you	will	know.
<u>lead;</u>	There	my	Fa - ther	waits	for	you.
heart,	And	my	word	will	make	you
main,	Mem - bers	joined	to	me,	the	Head.
walk	By	the	Spir - it's	guid - ing		light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love  
Which can bind you close to me.  
Those who know this gift I bring  
Will find true community.
8. Jesus says: I am the Peace  
Which the world cannot bestow.  
Learn to love and live in me,  
And in you my Reign will grow.
9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,  
And my death set sinners free.  
Those who drink the cup I drink  
Must take up this work with me.

# CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | A Place Called Home

Michael Joncas



1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry:
2. A place called home where ten - der - ness can flou - rish:
3. A place called home, a prom - ise for to - mor - row:
4. A place called home for ev - 'ry hu - man be - ing:



A place called home of nour - ish - ment and rest:  
A place called home, a ha - ven from all harm:  
A place called home, a vi - sion hand - ed down:  
A place called home where arms are o - pened wide:



A place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,  
A place called home where chil - dren sleep in safe - ty,  
A place called home for all God's sons and daugh - ters,  
A place called home, where all ex - tend the wel - come,



Where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest,  
Where hurts are healed, a shel - ter from the storm,  
Where love pre - vails, and peace is ev - er found,  
Where none are lost, a - lone or cast a - side,



Where love can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
Where peace can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
Where hope can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
But mem - bers of a sin - gle hu - man fam - 'ly.



God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
God grant us grace to build a place called home.

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please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: [RDuff@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:RDuff@stceciliaboston.org).

# WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

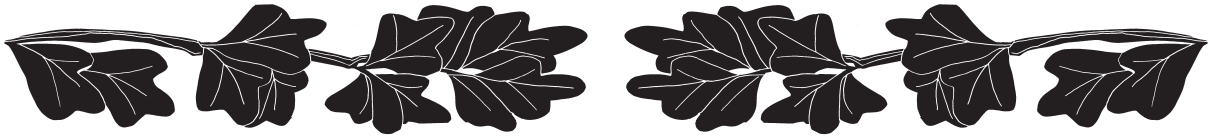
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two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

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

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

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

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, November 18 | 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 19 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant  
Bobbi Moran, lector

**Sunday, November 19 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Esteban Vanegas, Cole Young, and Karen McMenamy, lectors

**Sunday, November 19 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
James Paradis, Eileen Maguire, and Virgen Palermo, lectors

**Sunday, November 19 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, lector

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 18 | 5:00 p.m.**

Emily Christison, *Memorial*  
Cristobal Paez L., *Memorial*  
Elena Paez L., *Memorial*  
Maria Cristina Campo, *Memorial*

**Sunday, November 19 | 9:30 a.m.**

James McDonough, *1st Anniversary*  
Peter Lanzetti, *14th Anniversary*  
Ivan Nazario, *Anniversary*  
Dan Gebhardt, *Memorial*  
Wilma Stern, *Memorial*

**Wednesday, November 22 | 8:00 a.m.**

Cristobal Paez L., *Memorial*  
Cecilia Recavarren, *Memorial*  
Abraham Heck, *Memorial*

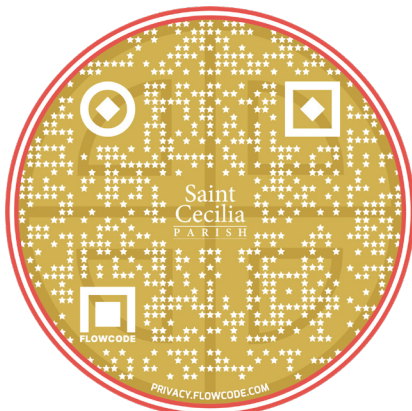
## TODAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

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# COLLECTION FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

NOVEMBER 4-19

Cardinal Seán has asked every parish to assist with the major humanitarian crisis that is growing in Massachusetts.

Immigrants are arriving daily and need basic shelter, clothing, personal care items, and compassionate care and welcome.

## THE FACTS

- 7,500 immigrant families are being cared for in state-sponsored shelters (approximately 20,000 individuals).
- Massachusetts is facing a mounting crisis beyond its capacity to respond effectively.
- The Archdiocese is working closely with the Healey-Driscoll Administration and other nonprofit agencies to address both the short and long-term needs for housing and supportive services.
- The Archdiocese has partnered with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to prepare for the impending cold weather.
- Every parish has been asked to host a clothing and toiletry drive during November.

## WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING

- Winter Coats
- Boots
- Socks
- Diapers
- Toothbrushes (both adult and child size)
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant/Antiperspirant
- Mouthwash
- Combs
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Washcloths
- Kleenex Tissues

Please bring donated items to the church on November 4/5, 11/12, or 18/19. There will be containers in the narthex where you may leave your donations.

Thank you for your generous response as we help provide care for individuals and families who are on the periphery of society.



Archdiocese of Boston



Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Brian Jones, Jacqueline Lavelle, Melissa Starzyk, Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Sue Ryan, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, 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: **Alice Simcoe-Matthews** of Dorchester and the **Kyburz Family** of West Haven, Connecticut.

## Happy Anniversary!

Last week we celebrated the baptismal anniversaries of **Cathy Dempsey** (11/12) and **Ernest Burti** (11/13). May the Lord continue to bless them with the grace to live out their baptismal calls. Happy belated Feast Day Cathy and Ernest!

## November—the Month of All Souls

November is a traditional time to remember and pray for our dead. During this month, you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in The Book of the Names of the Dead. The Book of the Names of the Dead is located near the baptismal font as a reminder that the deceased have shared in the waters of baptism, dying with Christ and rising to new life.

## World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence

The Archdiocese of Boston joins the United Nations in recognizing November 18 as the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence. Child abuse is a far too frequent occurrence in our society. The numbers are staggering, and the lifelong impact can be profound. We must do all that is possible to intervene—preventing abuse, interrupting and reporting it when it is happening, and helping heal those who have been abused. As a diocese, we do this by screening and training our clergy, volunteers, and employees, and by training our youth how to recognize and respond to risks and get help when something is wrong. We provide targeted pastoral care for those who were abused by clergy or other representatives within our church to assist them with healing. We ask everyone to join these efforts through prayer, kind and compassionate outreach to those who are impacted by abuse, and full participation in our abuse prevention efforts. To learn more about how you can help,

please contact the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection at 617-746-5995 or go to [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org)

## Special Collection for Retired Sisters

Since 1988, the Collection for Retired Sisters has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please take this opportunity to say thank you by giving generously to the Sisters in recognition of their years of dedicated service to the Church of Boston. Your contribution makes a difference! Donate here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/retired-sisters-collection-2023>

## Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

## Volunteer at East Boston Social Centers

East Boston Social Centers welcomes and provides services to immigrant families—cultivating community and a sense of belonging through their support of children, families, and individuals. If you'd like to volunteer with this exceptional organization, they are looking for a classroom assistant and an ESOL teacher. For more information, contact M. Marisa DiPietro, Director of Community Engagement, [mdipietro@ebsoc.org](mailto:mdipietro@ebsoc.org), 617-650-3442.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 26

### Sunday, November 19

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

### Monday, November 20

Returning Citizens, 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 22

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Evening Prayer in honor of

Saint Cecilia's Feast Day, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Sunday, November 26

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

# Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

## PINE STREET INN LOW THRESHOLD HOUSING THANKSGIVING DINNER

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

Boxed Stuffing Mix

(like Stove Top)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

(in boxes or packets)

Jars of Turkey Gravy

(or dried gravy mix packets)

Dried Pasta

Canned Yams

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Canned Vegetables

(green beans, corn, sweet peas)

Cornbread Mix

Canned Pumpkin Pie

Filling (or other canned fruit  
pie filling)

Pie Crust Mix

Salt and Pepper (shakers)

Hand Held Can Opener

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

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

**IMPORTANT: ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, A PINE STREET INN TRUCK WILL BE IN FRONT OF SAINT CECILIA FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. TO RECEIVE YOUR FILLED MEAL KIT BAG. PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR BAG TO THE CHURCH ON THIS DATE.**

### Another Way to Support Our Neighbors:

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

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

Please send gift cards to the attention of Karen Dunnett or Lisa Pickering,  
Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!



Pine Street Inn  
Ending Homelessness



Proceeds help provide meals to the critically ill and homebound in Massachusetts.

## HELP FEED OUR CRITICALLY ILL NEIGHBORS



Although you can no longer place an order for a Thanksgiving pie, [www.PieintheSky.org](http://www.PieintheSky.org) is still open for you to make a contribution of any size. Community Servings offers 15 medical diets designed to help people improve their health through nutritionally-appropriate food scratch-made from wholesome ingredients. Annually, we make and home-deliver about 1.2 million free meals to thousands of families impacted by a critical or chronic illness. Our Registered Dietitians customize individual meal plans, which can include a combination of up to three medical diet types. To learn more about one of the Parish's non-profit partner agencies: [www.servings.org](http://www.servings.org). To make a donation: <https://www.pieinthesky.org/team/saint-cecilia-boston/>

## LOW-GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD AVAILABLE

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts are prepared by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri.

## CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

**Sunday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.**  
**New England Conservatory's Brown Hall**

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Project Bread: "Before the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at its peak rendering 19.6% of households food insecure." Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals. The initiative's 14th season continues at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, in New England Conservatory's Brown Hall. This program features Pablo Ortiz's *Garden Songs*, Brahms' "Magelone" song cycle, Op. 33, and a world premiere for viola by Ethan Chaves.

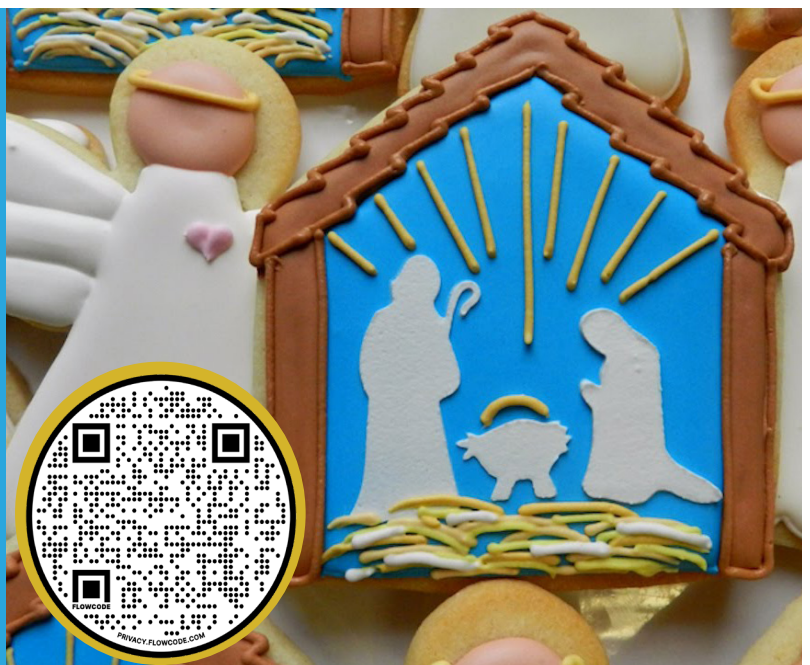
Admission is free with a suggested donation (\$40/adult, \$15/student), no tickets or RSVPs are necessary, and ALL proceeds will benefit Women's Lunch Place (WLP), which is celebrating its 41st anniversary of providing needed resources to vulnerable women.

## YOUNG FAMILIES MEETUP

The next Saint Cecilia Young Families meetup will be on Sunday, November 26 after the 9:30am Mass in the Family Flex Center. Come join in family fellowship and creative activities for the littles in preparation for the Advent Season!

## Saint Cecilia Family Cookie Decorating Kit Pick-Up

In lieu of our Family Cookie Decorating event, this year we'll have cookie decorating kits from Montillio's Bakery available for all families on Sunday, December 17. Cookie decorating kits will be distributed in our kindergarten through sixth grade classes, so that children can bring them home to decorate. If you have a child who is not enrolled in our children's faith formation program, you can pick up a cookie decorating kit (one for each child) from our reception area on December 17. If you're a parent in the parish, please scan the Flowcode and fill out the RSVP form by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 so we know how many cookie decorating kits to order.



ONLINE COFFEE HOUR:  
EXPLORATION OF ADVENT  
Sunday, December 3, 4:00 p.m. ET

We are pleased to host Kathleen Hirsch at our December gathering for a discussion about Advent. Kathleen Hirsch was an award-winning journalist before turning to literary nonfiction and poetry. Her books include *Songs from the Alley* and *A Sabbath Life: One Woman's Search for Wholeness*. She facilitates the Contemplative Writers Group at Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, MA, where she is a spiritual director, and writes a regular blog, *Spirit Work*, at [www.kathleenhirsch.com](http://www.kathleenhirsch.com). She will lead us in a conversation about the journey of Advent, considering, "What in your life wants to come alive in ways you can't yet imagine?" and, "What are the ways you are being led through darkness or the labors of love to which you are being called?" Join us for an illuminating discussion.

If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). You will get an email with the Zoom link a few days before the call. Be sure to add [FFF@StCeciliaBoston.org](mailto:FFF@StCeciliaBoston.org) to your contacts to prevent these emails from going into your spam or junk folders. If you do not receive an email about the coffee hour, it could be because you inadvertently mistyped your email address or didn't add the FFF address to your contact.



WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE  
HOLIDAY CARDS SALE

Starting this weekend, you'll be able to purchase holiday cards that support the work of Women's Lunch Place (WLP), one of our non-profit partner agencies. The cards, which cost \$25 for a pack of 5, feature artwork created by a former guest of the shelter who is presently the part-time Art Coordinator at the agency. All proceeds from the card sale support WLP. For more information and to purchase holiday cards online, please visit <https://womenslunch-place.org/holiday-cards>

ADULT FAITH  
FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL  
OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

ONLINE COURSES

**Mary, the Mother of Jesus**

November 22 – December 12 | 3-Week Online  
Course Registration Required | \$30.00

**Following The Star**

November 22 – December 12 | 3-Week Online  
Course Registration Required | \$30.00

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: [https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm\\_online\\_crossroads](https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm_online_crossroads)

BOISI CENTER FOR  
RELIGION AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE

**The Authenticity Industries:**

**Keeping it 'Real' in Media, Culture, and Politics**

**Presenter:** Michael Serazio, Associate Professor of Communication, Boston College

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, 101, 24 Quincy Rd., Chestnut Hill | Luncheon  
Registration requested | Fre

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

WORLD AIDS DAY

Sunday, December 3 | 11:30 Mass

We will observe World AIDS Day on Sunday, December 3, at the 11:30 Mass. The liturgy will commemorate the day and we will display our AIDS Memorial Quilt in the back of the church. In 1995, dedicated volunteers at the Jesuit Urban Center created the quilt and, when the Urban Center closed, it was brought to Saint Cecilia. This quilt is a powerful visual reminder of how the lives of men and women affiliated with these communities were cut short by HIV/AIDS. We welcome you to join us in solemn commemoration.

# SAINT CECILIA ADVENT GIVING TREE

The beautiful Advent Giving Trees have arrived! Each year, before Christmas, we consolidate requests for assistance from local agencies serving our neighbors in need into one program—the Saint Cecilia Advent Giving Tree. This year, the tags on the trees are from the agencies that reached out to us. Parishioners may take one or more tags from the tree and return the gifts to the parish for delivery. Thank you for your generosity—it helps bring tidings of comfort and joy to many people in our neighborhood.

## SAINT CECILIA ADVENT GIVING TREE HELP WANTED

### Fall Weekends

(November 18/19, November 25/26, December 2/3, December 9/10, December 16/17)

**Responsibilities:** Help collect, wrap, sort, and pack gifts, add ornaments to trees, and assist with gift pick-up and deliveries

### Monday/Tuesday, December 18/19

**Responsibilities:** Assist with the organization and delivery of late-arriving gifts

### Interested in helping out?

Sign up by emailing our Giving Tree Coordinator at [adventtree@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:adventtree@stceciliaboston.org). In the email, please include your name, contact information and how you would like to help.



## HERE'S WHAT TO DO

- Select one or more tags and purchase the item(s).
- Please do not take a tag unless you know you will be able to purchase the gift.
- Wrap the gift UNLESS the tag says, “DO NOT WRAP.” If you do not have time to wrap—that’s OK! We have a gift wrap team!
- Attach the tag securely to the outside of the gift(s).
- You are welcome to add to your purchase, e.g., if someone requested a winter hat, you add gloves or a scarf, holiday candy, etc. Remember—for some people, this will be the only gift they receive for Christmas.
- The recommended amount for gift cards is \$25.
- If the gift is out of stock, a gift card may be substituted.
- If the gift is too expensive or if you change your mind, simply return the tag to a Giving Tree Coordinator.
- If you lose the tag, please let us know.
- Return the gift(s) to the church NO LATER than Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.

## VIRTUAL GIVING TREE INSTRUCTIONS

- Select the agency you wish to support.
- Follow instructions for shipping and delivery. Be sure to include the listed “in care of” (c/o) information.
- For gift cards, choose a physical card vs. an electronic ‘E-card’ and mail it to the agency.
- In the “from” field enter “from [your first name] at Saint Cecilia Parish” or “from a friend at Saint Cecilia Parish.”
- Any online seller can be used, or you may purchase the gift from a store and mail.
- If the gift is out of stock or too expensive, a gift card may be substituted.
- Please order and ship the gift(s) to arrive at the agency or parish by Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.
- You may also bring the gift to the parish—just let us know it was from the Virtual Giving Tree and which agency it was for.

## TO THE FAR-FLUNG FLOCK

While we welcome all to participate in the Saint Cecilia Giving Tree, we encourage you to support the local agencies that are serving those in need in your area.



## PROJECT HOPE BOSTON

PROJECT HOPE Boston works in partnership with women and families in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods of Boston on their journeys up and out of poverty. They do this by being a catalyst for change in the lives of families, developing and providing programs and family support solutions to alleviate poverty and homelessness.



## HALEY HOUSE

Haley House uses food with purpose and the power of community to break down barriers between people, empower individuals, and strengthen neighborhoods. They believe in radical solutions: solving problems at their root by challenging attitudes that perpetuate suffering and building alternative models.



## the Y

The FAMILIES IN TRANSITION program at the Huntington Avenue YMCA is an emergency housing shelter for families. They provide services including advocacy, skills training, employment support, health and wellness opportunities, childcare provisions, and housing assistance to help families secure permanent housing.



## THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS

WALTHAM HOUSE is a group home program run by the Home for Little Wanderers. It is designed to provide a supportive living environment for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14-18. Residents are offered a safe and nurturing environment, while they prepare for family reunification, independent living, and future self-sufficiency.



## Pine Street Inn

Ending Homelessness

PINE STREET INN partners with homeless individuals to help them move from the streets and shelter to a home, and assists formerly homeless individuals in retaining housing. They provide street outreach, emergency services, supportive housing, job training, and connections to employment. Pine Street tirelessly advocates for collaborative solutions to end homelessness.



## Catholic Charities BOSTON

The Catholic Charities Yawkey Child Care Center, is a diverse center-based community dedicated to providing a nurturing, safe, clean, healthy environment where children can grow and develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively. The center serves children aged 6 weeks to 7 years with full-day, full-year care for families living or working in Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roxbury, Roslindale, and other Boston neighborhoods.



## BOSTON HEALTH CARE for the HOMELESS PROGRAM

SINCE 1985

The mission of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program is to ensure unconditionally equitable and dignified access to the highest quality health care for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.



## LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE

The LGBT Asylum Task Force provides shared housing for LGBTQ asylum seekers in Worcester, Massachusetts, small monthly stipends to pay for food, transportation, and other basic expenses, along with legal and medical resource lists.

The Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry is a ministry of faith and love staffed by committed volunteers and based at Blessed Mother Teresa Parish in Dorchester, MA. Their mission is to provide nutritious groceries with kindness and compassion to individuals and families facing economic hardship and living in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston.

The Elders Living at Home Program at Boston Medical Center provides a range of services to a diverse group of older adults who are homeless, who have been homeless, and who may be at risk of becoming homeless. Their goal is to help these individuals maintain independence in safe, affordable permanent housing for as long as possible. The individuals served by ELAHP are very low-income, and many are socially isolated.



## KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Ann Marie Turo founded the Saint Cecilia Knitting and Crocheting Ministry in September 2019 as a way of giving back to our faith community in thanks for the support and prayers she received as she went through surgery, treatments, and eventual recovery from a rare form of cancer. In the first five months, a small but mighty band of knitters met in person at the church under Ann Marie's dedicated guidance...then COVID hit.

The group pivoted to virtual meetings, and continues now to meet virtually on the first Monday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The remote nature of the ministry has allowed people from all over the United States and Canada to join in, and many members of Saint Cecilia's Far-Flung Flock now participate in the ministry—either by knitting/crocheting for an organization local to them, or by sending their knitted items to Boston.

A meditative and prayerful practice, knitting and crocheting connects the members of this ministry with the love of mothers, aunts, grandmothers, family, and friends who taught them stitches, patterns, and more than a few life lessons. In a significant way, these fiber arts are an embodiment of the love and care passed between family members and friends. Each work holds and honors the memory of those who have gone before and warms and comforts those who are with us

now. In members' homes you will find many works in progress (WIP), bags of projects soon to be on knitting needles and/or crochet hooks, and bags of what knitters call STASH (Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden). As each stitch loops and binds the project together, inching it toward completion, so too are the many

prayers offered in its making bound together as an offering to the recipient.

"Joining with other knitters each month feeds my spirit," writes one ministry member. "Sharing this ministry with women not only from Boston, but from Maine to San Jose, across the United States, and into Canada gives me a lift! We begin and end our time together in prayer, and in between we share ideas and encourage one another."

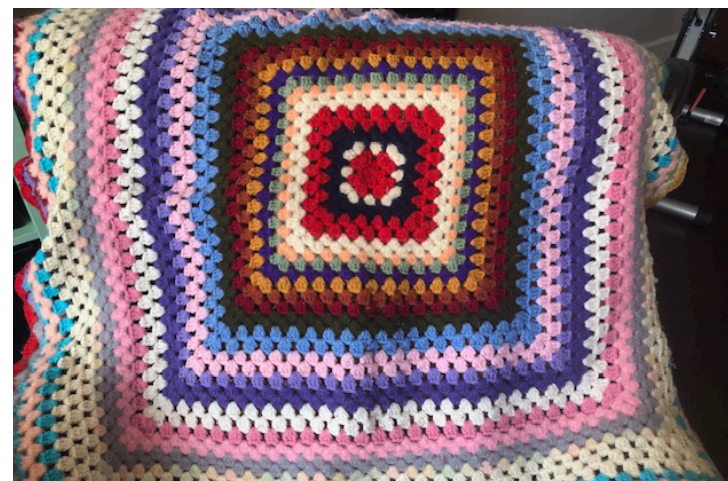
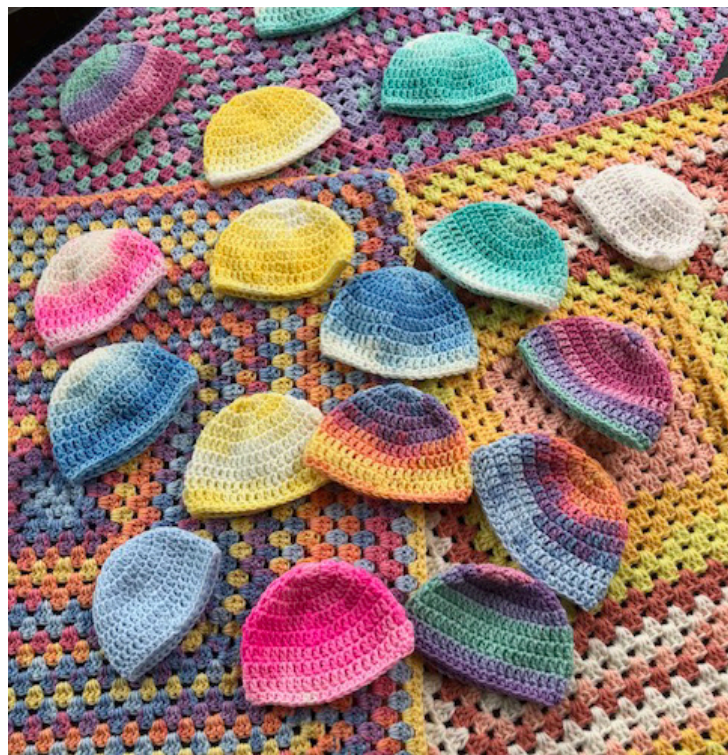
Another parishioner says that after reading Tracey Kidder's book, *Rough Sleepers*, she was inspired to help Boston's homeless community, and knits headbands to keep rough sleepers warm on frigid Boston nights. As she knits, she connects "though prayer and presence with those who spend their nights on the street."

The work of the Saint Cecilia Knitting and Crocheting Ministry is felt throughout the Greater Boston area—warming the heads, hands, feet, and hearts of our neighbors in need. Over the years, the ministry's reach has grown tremendously. Currently, our knitters and crocheters create prayer shawls, prayer book markers, and prayer pillows for Brigham and Women's Hospital, scarfs and cowls for Women's Lunch Place, and baby blankets, hats, and booties that are distributed at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Boston Medical Center.

This ministry has gathered for the past two falls to provide knit and crocheted pumpkins. In 2022, it was to celebrate Father John's return from sabbatical, and this past month, they welcomed the Far-Flung Flock for their weekend-long retreat. Beyond these concerted efforts to welcome and celebrate our community members, the Knitting and Crocheting Ministry creates upon request for parishioners facing challenges and for the Greater Boston Knitting Guild. The energy and love of this ministry's work is palpable—one recipient of a prayer shawl raised a corner, and with tears in her eyes said, "There are a thousand tiny knots in this shawl and each one holds a prayer."

In many ways, the members of this ministry have carefully crafted a community that not only grows together in faith but is drawn together by the mission of serving others through their art. Ministering a step beyond the usual limelight of social media posts and parish bulletin entries, the work of Ann Marie and other members of our Knitting and Crocheting Ministry touches the lives of so many, and so it is our (the parish staff's) pleasure to share about their work. For more information on the Knitting and Crochet Ministry, please contact Ann Marie Turo: [knittingministry@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:knittingministry@stceciliaboston.org). The ministry is always welcoming new members, so please drop into a meeting, and bring a friend!





# PARISH RESOURCES

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## 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.

## Hearing Assistance in Church

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

## Building Accessibility

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

## For Those with Celiac Disease

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

## 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, at [cgannon@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:cgannon@stceciliaboston.org).

## 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 ([maria.roche15@gmail.com](mailto:maria.roche15@gmail.com)), Letitia Howland ([l\\_howland@hotmail.com](mailto:l_howland@hotmail.com)), or Erin Young ([erin.t.young@gmail.com](mailto:erin.t.young@gmail.com)) 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.