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Jesus, King of Heaven, from St. John's Anglican Church,
Ashfield, New South Wales

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PRELUDE | *Toccata Quarta per l'Organo da sonarsi alla levatione*

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA



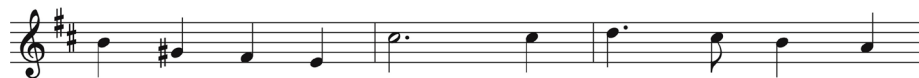
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
3. Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter
5. Crown him the Lord of years, The mas - ter of all



throne. Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
grave, And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab -
time, Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, And



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, Who
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky Can
sorbed by prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, And
ris - en Lord sub - lime. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For



him who set us free, And hail him as your
died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal
ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward bends his
round his pier - ed feet Fair flow'rs of par - a -
you have died for me; Your praise and glo - ry



heav'n - ly King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
life to bring, And lives that death may die.
burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

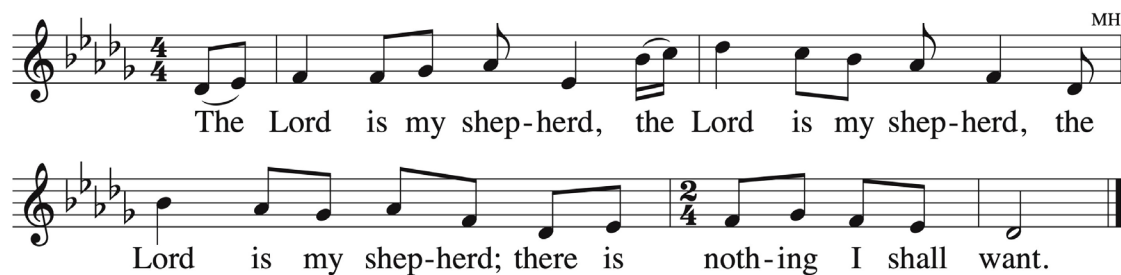
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 23: The Lord is My Shepherd

Marty Haugen

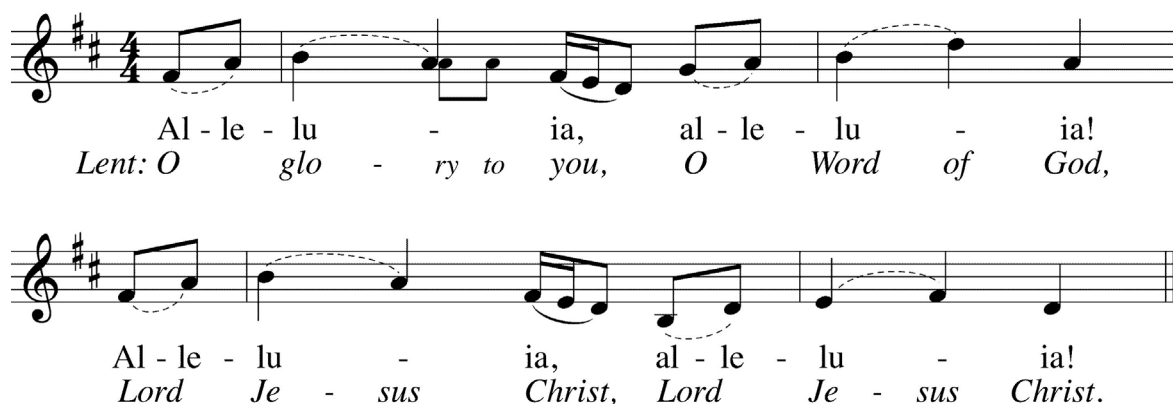


1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
2. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house will I dwell for length of days unending.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV



GOSPEL | Matthew 25: 31-46

HOMILY

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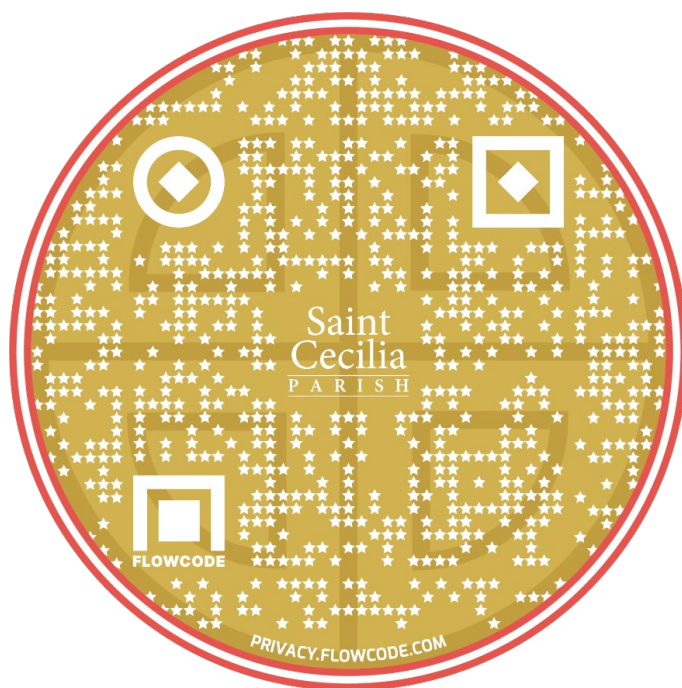
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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.

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

You can also mail a check to:

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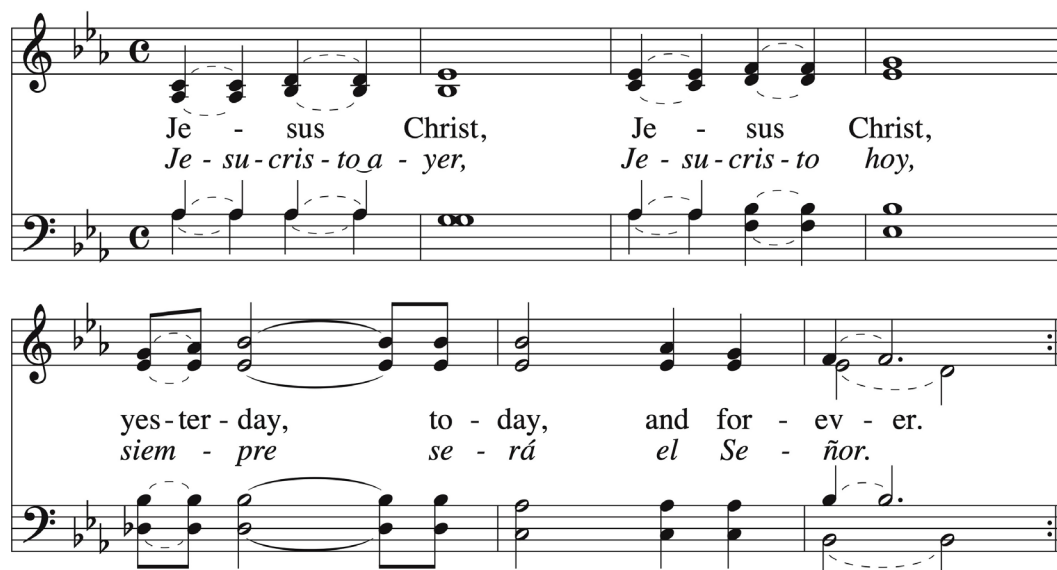


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Suzanne Toolan

Ostinato Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,
Je - su - cris - to a - yer, Je - su - cris - to hoy,
yes - ter - day, to - day, and for - ev - er.
siem - pre se - rá el Se - ñor.

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

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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, Prince of Peace, God of Love, Bread of Life, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *Repeat as needed*

Last time *Cantor or choir:* *All:*

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the 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 | All Who Hunger

Bob Moore



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

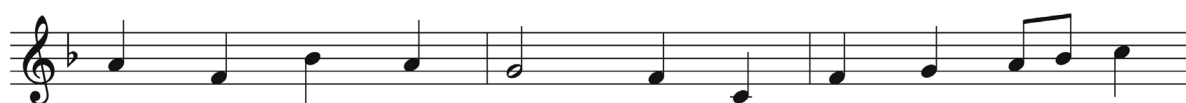
CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

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1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who
 2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
 3. To you and to your Church, great King, We



is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
 ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your king - dom,
 pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore your



do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion.
 throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er!



Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

POSTLUDE | Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
 please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, November 25 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Mary Kane, lector

Sunday, November 26 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Elizabeth Fahey, lector

Sunday, November 26 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Michael Lake, and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

Sunday, November 26 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Linda Frayling, Emily St. Germain, and Jen Kowieski, lectors

Sunday, November 26 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant
Chika Offurum, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25 | 5:00 p.m.

Chuck Botosh Sr., *Memorial*

Sunday, November 26 | 9:30 a.m.

Dan Mullin, *3rd Anniversary*
Brian Beaton, *7th Anniversary*
Danny Trionfi, *Memorial*

Sunday, November 26 | 11:30 a.m.

John J.N. Deignan, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

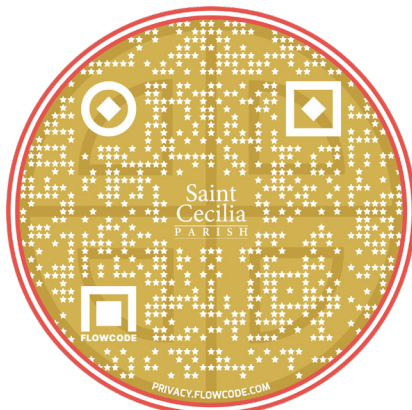
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Matthew 13:33-37

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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

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

Happy Anniversary!

This past week we celebrated the baptismal anniversary of **Giovanna Franchi**, who was baptized on November 23. May the Lord continue to bless Giovanna with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Giovanna!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Every year, this uniquely American holiday provides us the opportunity to reflect on and perhaps even articulate what we cherish most about our journey. Savor the beautiful days ahead—pray for those for whom the holidays are stressful or lonely and offer thanks to God for the blessings in your life. The parish pastoral and support staff wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of Thanksgiving—a grateful heart, abundance at your table, safety in your journeys, and open hands to share with those in need. Happy Thanksgiving! In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the parish offices were closed on Thursday and Friday.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated this Thursday morning at 8:00 by Father John Unni. This Mass will not be livestreamed. What a good way to give God thanks!

Thanksgiving Prayers

Pray for safe journeys for all who travel this week. Remember those who bear the strain of separation from loved ones, especially those who are the military and in difficult circumstances. And remember in your prayer those who will spend Thanksgiving alone this year.

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.

Happy (Liturgical) New Year!

November 26 marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we'll be moving from Matthew and Year A to Mark and

Year B. Join us in marking the end of the liturgical year on the eve of a new one! We will have Morning Prayer (Lauds) on Saturday, December 2, at 9 a.m., live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page and via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, email hoursandtaize@stceciliaboston.org.

Anniversary of the Death of Dorothy Day



This Wednesday, November 29, marks the forty-third anniversary of the death of Servant of God Dorothy Day. Pray for all who dedicate themselves to upholding the principles of the Catholic Worker Movement. More than 185 Catholic Worker communities remain committed to nonviolence, voluntary poverty, prayer, and hospitality for those who are homeless, exiled, hungry, and forsaken. Catholic Workers continue to protest injustice, war, racism, and violence in all its forms. Pray also for those who show hospitality to the poor and for all who work to uphold the God-given dignity of every human person. Please enjoy this depiction of Dorothy Day by Nancy Marek Cote, which is on view in our church.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 3

Sunday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 28

RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, November 30

Communion Circle at Hale House, 4:00 p.m.
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, December 2

Morning Prayer on the Eve of Advent,
9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Sunday, December 3

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
(no in-person meeting this month)



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 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. To make a donation: <https://www.pieinthesky.org/team/saint-cecilia-boston/>

YOUNG FAMILIES MEETUP

The Saint Cecilia Young Families Ministry is meeting on Sunday, November 26 following the 9:30am Mass in the Family Flex Room. Come join in family fellowship and creative activities for our littlest parishioners in preparation for the Advent Season!



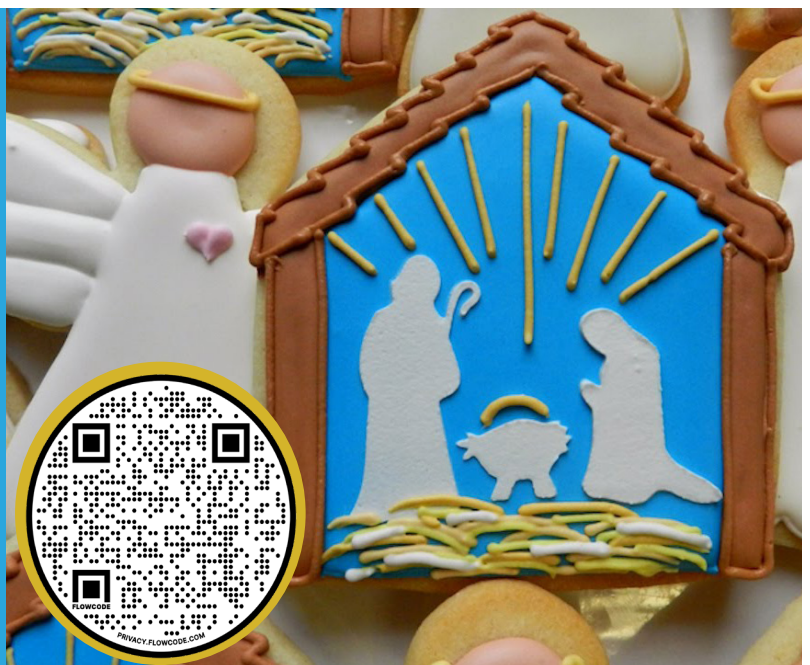
WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE HOLIDAY CARDS SALE

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, visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/holiday-cards>



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, December 10 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. 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 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.



BRIAN ROBINETTE
Associate Professor of
Theology
Boston College
Moderator



HOLLY TAYLOR COOLMAN
Assistant Professor
of Theology
Providence College



HOSFFMAN OSPINO
Associate Professor/
Chair of DREPM
Boston College
School of Theology &
Ministry



JULIE HANLON RUBIO
Associate Dean/
Professor
Santa Clara University
Jesuit School of
Theology

Thursday
November 30, 2023
5:30-6:45 pm
Gasson Hall 100
Light refreshments

Register:



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

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

On Sunday, December 3, our 11:30 Mass will commemorate World AIDS 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.

DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

We hope you'll consider participating in our food donation ministry during the upcoming months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges—especially in light of rising food prices. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex.

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.

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SAINT CECILIA ADVENT GIVING TREE HELP WANTED

Fall Weekends

(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. 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

- Please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/stc2023givingtree>
- 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—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.

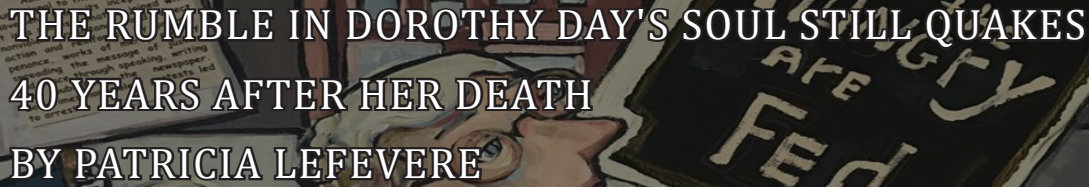


LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE

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 Saint 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.



THE RUMBLE IN DOROTHY DAY'S SOUL STILL QUAKES 40 YEARS AFTER HER DEATH BY PATRICIA LEFEVERE

Dorothy Day was set on Earth with a rumble in her soul. About 5 a.m. April 18, 1906, Dorothy, age 8, and her parents and three siblings were awakened in Oakland, California. "The earth became a sea," Dorothy would write years later describing the night an earthquake destroyed neighboring San Francisco, leaving cracks in the family's ceiling, toppling its chimney, smashing its dishes, glassware and chandelier.

From outside their barely habitable dwelling, the Days could see the smoke of blazes across the Bay. They were grateful they'd recently left San Francisco. Soon they moved to Chicago. Seventy-three years later, Dorothy would note in her Jan. 30, 1979, diary entry the mini earthquake that had rumbled through Brooklyn (her birthplace in 1897), Staten Island (her home over many years), and nearby New Jersey and Westchester. Why not Manhattan, she wondered. "Unimaginable to think of those fantastic World Trade Towers swaying from a sudden jarring of what we have come to think of as solid earth beneath our feet," this constant city walker mused in her diary.

Was the earth ever solid beneath the worn soles of Dorothy Day's mostly second-hand shoes? By the time she inscribed these jottings, she had only months to live and was spending them at Maryhouse, the recently opened Catholic Worker home for women on East Third Street in Lower Manhattan. It was here that Dorothy suffered a mild heart attack in September 1976, a more serious one in 1977 and death in her bed on Nov. 29, 1980, three weeks after her 83rd birthday. For 40 years now the Catholic Church, New York City, the hungry and homeless, the poor and walking wounded—indeed the whole world—have done without the tall angular woman with the high cheekbones and white, braided hair.

Day—who made hundreds of appearances, traveling mostly by bus, endured an aversion to public speaking but saw it as necessary—is no more. The writer of hundreds of columns and articles in the monthly *Catholic Worker*, which she founded in 1933, and thousands of letters—so many that at times her fingers, hand and arm went numb—no longer fills any column inches or mail boxes. But Dorothy Day's influence abides. So much so that some have seen her as the seminal Catholic figure across the 20th century. Her cause for sainthood has been initiated even in the wake

of a lifetime that included allegiance to the Communist party, affairs, an abortion, divorce, an out-of-wedlock birth, two suicide attempts and a youth colored by excessive drinking, chain-smoking and a lurid vocabulary, as well as estrangement from her father and older brothers.

Add to this dozens of arrests for protests and civil disobedience—the last at a United Farm Workers demonstration in California when she was 75. Day spent days and weeks inside jails and detention centers. FBI agents kept tabs on her over 30 years, collecting her writings on anarchy, capitalism and in opposition to the draft, to wars and nuclear weapons. Her early columns opposing anti-Semitism abroad and segregation at home were also compiled by the bureau as was her testimony against conscription before a Congressional committee.

Her biographical details notwithstanding, Pope Francis told his Washington audience and millions of TV viewers during his September 2015 address to Congress that Dorothy Day and Trappist Monk Thomas Merton were for him exemplary Americans. Put them in the pantheon with Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, the pope's other picks, and these two Catholic figures, who knew each other through correspondence, form a twin set of sin and repentance.

Indeed, Day's conversion to Catholicism—like Merton's—was a roundabout journey, though one she seemed always headed toward. "Haunted by God," was a phrase she used frequently to describe her soul's strivings. Within days of her only child's birth, she insisted on having Tamar baptized a Catholic, though the child's father, Forster Batterham, vehemently opposed it, putting religion even lower on his "dislikes" list than marriage or child-rearing.

Soon the God-haunted Dorothy was herself baptized, having solicited the help of a local nun and four priests she had met in New York and on Staten Island. The priests treated her compassionately, encouraging her to continue to work as a freelance journalist to support her family. For the good of her daughter, they advised her not to forsake her common-law marriage. Who knows what would have become of convert Dorothy had she met a stricter band of clerics

Although Day's baptism took place four days after Christmas

in 1927—four days after she had ordered Batterham out of her house—she found little joy in her new circumstances. Yes, she loved the church's liturgy and learning about its dogma, history and saints, but she had no family or friends who rejoiced in her conversion and no lover with whom to share either the joy of union or of parenting.

All that would change late in 1932, when Day travelled to Washington as a freelance journalist to cover the National Hunger March, a demonstration partly organized by communists. Some 3,000 unemployed men spent two days and nights on the streets of the capital waiting for a permit to march in order to call attention to their need for government relief. As committed as she was to the cause of social justice for the men, Day made a detour to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception while in Washington and asked God to show her how to become more of an activist in alleviating the suffering she saw all about her in the wake of the Depression.

Returned to New York the next day, Day found a slovenly dressed man on her doorsteps. He insisted on seeing her. The man was Peter Maurin, the picture of poverty, with the patter of philosophy emerging from his often difficult-to-understand Frenchman's accent. Still Maurin's talk enticed Day, especially his questions about human suffering, his knowledge of Catholicism and his belief in education as the lever for all social change. A journalist for several years, Day grew attracted to Maurin's plans for a Catholic newspaper that would address pertinent issues for the church and the world. Later she would date her real conversion to that initial meeting with Maurin: December 9, 1932, almost three years* after her baptism.

For the next 16 years—until Maurin's death—the pair would open houses of hospitality to shelter the homeless in dozens of U.S. cities. They would set up bread lines to feed up to 1,500 unemployed men daily, provide used clothing for them and their families, and launch the monthly *Catholic Worker*, selling it on the street for a penny a copy. The newspaper, which dealt with issues of the day in strong opinion pieces and bold drawings, reached a peak readership of 190,000. Today it counts some 25,000 subscribers and publishes seven issues annually.

Long before the church proclaimed its preferential option for the poor, Day and Maurin were living this precept with their outreach to the city's most desolate and despondent souls. While the pair lived and taught voluntary poverty, Day's diaries showed just how difficult was this way of life. Not only were their hospitality houses crawling with lice and bedbugs, they also housed the slothful, filthy, alcoholics, the mentally deranged, a few addicts and many who turned

aggressive, even violent. Day suffered from constant headaches, fatigue and worries over writing deadlines and mounting bills. Besides the paper and houses of hospitality, she also maintained a number of farms over the years.

Still, she saw Christ in the face of each and every inhabitant and unemployed person whether in the city or on the land. How to live such a life? That is a question this writer has pondered years after meeting Day twice in the 1960s, and once again today, 40 years after her death. To go face-to-face, elbow-to-elbow with the very poorest, the unhinged and the combative is much harder than writing a check, donating to a food pantry or praying for the poor, who—like water—slip through our hands.

Day showed us a way toward holiness. She recognized the route that sin had taken her and chose to destroy many of her diaries from the early decades of her life; the later ones she allowed to be opened 25 years after her death. In some sense, she lived the last four decades of her life in reparation for the excesses of the first four, using the sacrament of penance frequently. Her route to sanctity began with morning Mass almost daily, praying the rosary each evening, reciting Compline and reading Scripture and the Little Office, which she was fond of doing on the train or aboard the hundreds of buses she took across the nation. She encouraged these practices among the guests in all the houses of hospitality.

Forty years on, the most influential lay person in the history of American Catholicism may not be a household name or even well known in every Catholic institution, but some 150 houses of hospitality carry on in her wake, in this nation and several others. They shelter scores of men and women seeking to live simple and serene Gospel-based lives. Many are pacifists, some continue to write and protest against weapons systems, climate abuses and excesses of capitalism.

Day continues to find followers among the young, her favorite generation during much of her life. Many who knew her have written of her unique ability to discern a person's vocation, seeing capabilities in them of which they were unaware. Not surprisingly, America's most radical Catholic has had service projects, buildings, lecture series, seminars and symposiums named after her at Catholic, Baptist and secular universities. Forty years after her departure and 123 since her birth, the rumble in Dorothy Day's soul is still seismic.

~ Patricia Lefevere has reported for National Catholic Reporter from six continents since 1975.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Geoffrey Edwards, Livestream Videographer
Vasily Izumchensky, Livestream Sound Engineer

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Keith Brinkley, Joe O'Brien, & Corey Ortiz

Schedule for Liturgy

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

Parking

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

Building Accessibility

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

Hearing Assistance in Church

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

For Those with Celiac Disease

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

Baptism for Infants

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

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, or Erin Young if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Marriage

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

Care of the Sick

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

Order of Christian Funerals

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

Joining Our Community

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

Please note:

According to online safety guidelines released by the Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online!