Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 November 2022

Resurrection of the Dead by Victor Mottez, 1870
Saint Cecilia

PARISH

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THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Suite in D minor

Louis Couperin
(1626-1661)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | This Is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.
GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age

Chris De Silva

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,

peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

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

Verse 2
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
   God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the
   sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;
   you
   take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are
   seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

Verse 3
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
FIRST READING | 2 Micah 7: 1-2, 9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 17: Lord, When Your Glory Appears

Tony Alonso

1. **O Lord,** hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer; no deceit is on my lips.

2. I kept my steps firmly in your paths. My feet have never faltered. To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; when I wake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence.

SECOND READING | 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3: 5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia from Jubilation Mass

James J. Chepponis


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,
his body and soul经历ed to death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Universal Prayer
Thank you for your generous support of the Parish!

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

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/stc立体boston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Shelter Me, O God

Bob Hurd

Verses

1. When my foes surround me, set me high above their
2. As a mother gathers her young beneath her
3. Though I walk in darkness, through the needle’s eye of

Eucharistic Prayer

 superstar. The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

 superstar. Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

 superstar. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.
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.
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Be Not Afraid

Verse 1
1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain
Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2
2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the
O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise.
It's Your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer; keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear You saw well done.
Done with sin, and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.
CONCLUDING RITES

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

RECESSIONAL | I Know that My Redeemer Lives
DUKE STREET

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
2. He lives to bless me with his love;
3. He lives and grants me daily breath;
4. He lives, all glory to his name;

What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my Savior, still the same;

He lives, he lives who once was dead;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
What joy this blest assurance gives:

He lives, my ever-lasting Head!
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives to bring me safely there.
I know that my Redeemer lives!

POSTLUDE | Clarinet Sonata, FP 184, no. 3
Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Simon Choi, clarinet and Thomas Mellan, piano

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia, please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.
Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, November 5 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner, lector

Sunday, November 6 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, November 6 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Karen McMenamy, Julie Bogdanski, and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

Sunday, November 6 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Letitia Howland, Virgen Palermo, and Greg Rybarczyk, lectors

Sunday, November 6 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Jordan Barnes and Hannah Ostwald, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 6 | 8:00 a.m.
John & Angelina Machado, Memorial

Sunday, November 6 | 9:30 a.m.
Patricia McMahon, Month’s Mind
Kevin Rooney, First Anniversary
David Gallagher, Memorial
Lois Smith, Memorial
Jim Nolan, Memorial
Emily Foss Christison, Memorial

Sunday, November 6 | 6:00 p.m.
Maciora & Mik Families, Memorial

Wednesday, November 9 | 8:00 a.m.
William F. Glavin Sr., First Anniversary

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Malachi 3:19-20a
2 Thessalonians 3:17-12
Luke 21:5-19

FAITH & FILM SERIES 2022-2023

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

THE HEDGEHOG

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6:00 P.M.

In this 2009 comedy/drama, Paloma is a serious and articulate but deeply bored 11-year-old who is fascinated by art and philosophy and often has amusing observations on the world around her. Her life changes when she meets some kindred spirits in her building—a grumpy concierge and an enigmatic neighbor—both of whom inspire Paloma to question her rather pessimistic outlook on life. The Hedgehog received an 87% positive rating on the Rotten Tomatoes ‘Tomatometer.’

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

This film is in French with English subtitles and is 100 minutes long. Pizza will be served during the movie. Following the film there will be a short discussion for those who are interested.

Saint Cecilia
Our Deceased
Father John’s brother Joseph died last Saturday. Pray for the eternal repose of Joseph Unni and for the consolation of Father John Unni’s family and friends. May Joe’s soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. If you are reading this online, the wake will take place this Thursday, November 3, at Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral Mass is on Friday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading. Following the funeral Mass, the Rite of Committal will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Rte. 62, in North Reading.

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Juan De Jesus of Boston, the LaBreche Family of Charlestown, Meredith Moore of Boston, Caroline O’Brien of Boston, Abby Aldrich of Boston, Julianne O’Connell of Brighton, Joan and Daniel Fleming of Westwood, Jack Lucy of Boston, Kayla Powers of Brighton, Rebecca Gimeno of Brookline, Debra and Dan Weed of San Jose, California, and Carolyn Vincent of Cambridge. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

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

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.

Election Week
Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the hearts to elect leaders who will bring safety to the whole world. May we have the insight to elect leaders who can distinguish strength from power, growth from greed, and leadership from dominance. May our hearts and minds be open to learning from those who are different from us and may we have the vision as a people to always and everywhere stand up for the protection of human rights. Let us cast our votes with prayerful discernment, humility, compassion, and in witness to God’s love for all creation. And let us not forget that Jesus always cast his lot with the weak and the oppressed.

The End of Daylight Saving Time
Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 6. Please be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night or you’ll be very early for Mass!

FATHER JOHN & NOVEMBER’S REMOTE FELLOWSHIP CALL
PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

The November 13 online coffee hour marks the one-year anniversary of the Remote Fellowship Community ministry and monthly online coffee hours! To help celebrate this amazing milestone, Father John Unni will join the “Far Flung Flock” as a guest speaker for an hour of informal discussion.

So, go ahead, grab some coffee, get comfortable, and join us for this opportunity to hear Fr. John once again go “off the card!” Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the link for November. If you have not attended or are unsure if you’re on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com for the link.
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

2022-2023 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

We're delighted to announce that organist Amelie Held will be joining us on November 13 at 1:00 p.m. for an organ recital. Hailing from Munich, Germany, Amelie has garnered much praise internationally for her performances of classics by Bach, Reger and Liszt as well as her exciting and immaculate interpretations of 20th and 21st century repertoire. Prepare to be amazed as this Juilliard-trained virtuoso displays her talents on the mighty Smith and Gilbert pipe organ. This performance will be livestreamed and if you have any questions, please contact Parish Organist, Thomas Mellan (tmellan@stceciliaboston.org). We hope you'll join us!

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.—lunch on Sunday, November 13 | Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA

The annual SCYA retreat returns to Glastonbury Abbey! During this retreat, we will spend time diving into what it means to “live the good life” as Christians. We will explore topics including discovering our spiritual gifts, the dignity of work, saints with imperfect backgrounds, and read scripture including the Beatitudes. The retreat is peer-led by young adults, for young adults. Our weekend of fellowship will include talks, small group discussion, prayer, Mass, games, and unstructured time.

The cost of the weekend is $170, which includes lodging and all meals from dinner on Friday to Sunday brunch. If the cost of the weekend is a significant hardship, please contact the retreat team. Please reach out to Genevieve Martin at grmartin08@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Registration link here: https://bit.ly/3VmpRD6

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group invites you to read the acclaimed book, Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone by Fr. James Martin, SJ. Regarding the book, Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of Dead Man Walking, stated, "Who else but Father Martin can combine the illuminating insights from spiritual giants like St. John Damascene with the likes of Monty Python? A humble, humorous step-by-step guide on the lofty subject of talking to and listening for the Living God." The Wisdom Group is always happy to welcome new members in the second half of life. We meet in person on the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (please RSVP), and via Zoom 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the other Sundays for fellowship and conversation. For more information, please email Deb Garcia (sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com).

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, MO.
Welcome Home Gift Basket Drive

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is honored to partner with Saint Cecilia Parish ONCE AGAIN in an effort to provide TWO local partner families with a welcome home basket filled with gifts and household goods.

Please view Habitat Greater Boston’s Amazon Wish List of items that will make moving into a new Habitat home even more special for our families:

https://amzn.to/3Tk7F1D

Amazon orders can be shipped directly to Habitat’s office:
434 Massachusetts Ave, Suite 201
Boston MA 02118

For more information, contact Christine Aldrich Burns at cburns@stceciaboston.org.

Thank you St. Cecilia parishioners for your kindness and generosity to our partner families!

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston improves the lives of hardworking families through access to affordable homeownership.

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DOING WELL BY DOING GOOD: JOIN WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF BACK BAY

Thursday, November 17, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Once again, NABB is teaming with the Women’s Lunch Place (WLP), a women’s day shelter on Newbury Street and one of our non-profit partner agencies, to produce their second Harvest Festival. In 2019, NABB and WLP held the first Harvest Festival, which provided valuable support for NABB’s non-profit volunteer work and WLP’s shelter services.

This year’s joint benefit, which will feature music, a silent auction, cocktail reception, and delicious dinner, will be held at the Women’s Lunch Place at 67 Newbury Street. The proceeds will support NABB’s civic work on homelessness, affordable housing, safety, and other civic issues, as well as WLP’s services for homeless and at-risk women. The Benefit Committee is planning a major publicity campaign to acknowledge sponsors and is now soliciting corporate and individual sponsorships. Individual tickets are $125 and sponsorships begin at $2,000. This is NABB’s only fundraiser since 2019.

Visit https://womenslunchplace.org/nabb for more details, including sponsorships, suggested auction items to donate, and to purchase tickets. Thank you for your consideration.

PIE IN THE SKY

Following this weekend’s liturgies, you will find members of the Saint Cecilia Pie Team ready to take your orders for a Thanksgiving pie in support of Community Servings’ Pie in the Sky fundraiser!

Why Pie in the Sky?
In exchange for a donation of $30, you can choose an apple, pumpkin, or pecan pie to be picked up at a convenient location in Greater Boston the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The $30 donation allows Community Servings to provide free, home-delivered, medically-tailored meals to a Massachusetts resident living with a chronic, critical illness that prevents them from shopping and cooking for themselves.

Ordering a Pie
Even if you will be out of town for Thanksgiving, you can help by purchasing a pie and donating it to a Community Servings’ client or you can buy a pie that will be served at Thanksgiving Day dinners at Women’s Lunch Place, Pine Street Inn, or Morville House.

If you scan the QR code above with your phone, it will direct you to PieInTheSky.org where you can place your order. Please be sure to specify that your seller is a member of the Saint Cecilia team.

For more information, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com. For more information about the work of our non-profit partners at Community Servings: www.servings.org
REMEMBERING JOE UNNI

D. Joseph Unni – 57, of Wilmington and formerly of North Reading, died unexpectedly of a sudden cardiac event, on Saturday, October 29, 2022. He is survived by his wife Cindy (LaPorte) Unni of Wilmington; his daughters, Hannah and Isabella, his step-son Brian; his brothers, Father John Unni of Saint Cecilia Parish in Boston and Paul Unni and his wife Diane of Pennsylvania, his step-sister Natalie Todaro-Blake of Maine; his niece Paige; his former wife Patty Unni of Methuen, along with his in-laws Joe and Donna LaPorte, Wendy LaPorte, Richard LaPorte and his wife Judy, Bob LaPorte and his partner Veronica, and Michelle Wronska and her husband Ron. He was pre-deceased by his parents Frank and Estelle (Plante) Unni.

Joe brought light and laughter everywhere he went. He had an outgoing personality and knew how to talk with people. He was generous with his words, actions and love. He felt deeply connected to people and would do anything he could for someone in need. Joe loved woodworking and was very talented. He loved looking at the wood and seeing what it wanted to be. His custom furniture, bowls and snowmen are his gifts to all that have a piece of them.

His greatest joys were his daughters. They loved looking through old pictures, watching music videos, and sharing memories together. He would always dance to Michael Jackson’s “Beat It” for Hannah and he would “make the face” anytime Isabella asked him to. He loved them more than anything in the world, and they now have a guardian angel watching over them. Joe shared the last eleven years with his wife Cindy. They shared a great love of music, cooking together, spontaneous dancing in the kitchen, camping, sitting by the fire, and eating out. They were one together.

Joe was a graduate of North Reading High School Class of 1982. He was looking forward to their reunion in November. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he proudly served at Hahn Air Force Base in Germany. “Lil Joe,” as he was fondly known, made lifelong friends who continued to stay in touch over the years.

We will miss him every day. Sleep with angels.

His funeral will be held at the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading on Friday, November 4 at 9:15 AM, followed by a 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Theresa’s Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 3 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to: Home Base, 1 Constitution Road, Charlestown, MA 02129. www.croswellfuneralhome.com

HALLOWEEN RECYCLED

If you live in a household that received too many pieces of Halloween candy or had a lot of candy leftover at the end of the festivities, please consider donating it to the Pine Street Inn. Starting next Sunday, November 6, you can bring your remaining, individually-wrapped confections to church and put them in the bin in the narthex. Saint Cecilia volunteers serve each month at the Men’s Inn and Women’s Inn so these donations will make a nice treat for the guests we serve!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the 70 households who registered for iGive during our campaign this October! Despite the challenges that the past few years have presented us, we have been blessed with new growth and new members of our community. Though distance may preclude some of you from sitting in the pews with us each weekend, no less are you members of the Saint Cecilia family. We’re so grateful for your commitment to both our present and our future.
LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE? VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!

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

"A PLACE FOR US"—AN EVENING WITH JESUIT JIM MCDERMOTT

As part of our parish’s commemoration of World AIDS Day, the Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry will be presenting a talk by Jim McDermott, S. J. entitled: “A Place for Us” on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. “A Place for Us” will be an in-person and live-streamed event. McDermott is an associate editor of America magazine, and his articles have often appeared in our bulletin, including “I’m a Catholic Priest, but Please Don’t Call Me Father.” He holds a Master’s of Fine Arts in screenwriting from UCLA and has been working as a screenwriter and culture critic for 20 years. Earlier this year he received a Catholic Press Award for the reporting he did in 2021 about the disparity on the way the pandemic was affecting different communities in Los Angeles. World AIDS Day has been observed annually on December 1 since 1988 when it was started by the World Health Organization to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic and to mourn those who have died of the disease. As of 2020, AIDS has killed 36.3 million people worldwide, and an estimated 37.7 million people are living with HIV, making it one of the most important global public health issues in recorded history.

THANKSGIVING AT MORVILLE HOUSE

Morville House has let us know that they are continuing to observe COVID social distancing protocols, so they will again have to forgo a large Thanksgiving gathering this year. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to volunteering there in 2023!
PINE STREET INN LOW THRESHOLD HOUSING

THANKSGIVING DINNER

This Thanksgiving season, Saint Cecilia is partnering with Pine Street Inn to provide at least 100 bags of shelf-stable foods for tenants in over 40 different housing sites across Boston. Thank you for helping to make this happen.

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)

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 20, A PINE STREET INN TRUCK WILL BE IN FRONT OF SAINT CECILIA FROM 8:30 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:
Dunkin’ • CVS • VISA • Target • Whole Foods Market • Marshalls • Barnes & Noble

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!
This summer when I was at the Greenbelt Festival in the UK, I stood on the top of a tall grassy hill and I and two of my dear friends, Padraig and Doug, each preached on the Beatitudes. The event was called ‘Sermons on the Mount’ and it was my very favorite thing about the festival.

I spoke that day about how I think it can be easy to view the Sermon on the Mount as pure exhortation. It can be easy to view the Beatitudes—the “blessed ares”—as Jesus’ command for us to try real hard to be meeker, poorer, and ‘mournier’ in order that we might be blessed in the eyes of God.

And since the Beatitudes are always the Gospel reading on All Saints—the day each year that we set aside to honor the saints and remember our beloved departed—it makes it even worse. I mean, people who are called saints seem so unattainably good and the fact is, most of us feel unworthy. Plus, it can be easy to look at a saint like Mother Teresa and think, “Well, she is a saint because she was meek and so if I, too, want to be blessed, I should try and be meek like her.”

Don’t get me wrong, we could use a few more people trying to be like Mother Teresa, I just don’t think that her virtue of meekness is what made her considered blessed by Jesus.

Because, what if the Beatitudes aren’t about a list of conditions we should try and meet to be blessed. What if these are not virtues we should aspire to? But what if Jesus saying “blessed are the meek” is not instructive? What if it’s performative? ... meaning the pronunciation of blessing is actually what confers the blessing itself. Maybe the Sermon on the Mount is all about Jesus’ seemingly lavish blessing of the world around him especially that which society doesn’t seem to have much time for—people in pain, people who work for peace instead of profit, people who exercise mercy instead of vengeance. So maybe Jesus is actually just blessing people, especially the people who never seem to receive blessings otherwise. I mean, come on, doesn’t that just sound like something Jesus would do? Extravagantly throwing around blessings as though they grew on trees?

So, for this All Saints Day, a time when we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us—those whom Jesus would bless—I thought maybe it was time to have some Beatitudes for this day, for this place, and these people.

Because I like to imagine Jesus here standing among us saying “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.” Blessed are the agnostics. Blessed are they who doubt—those who aren’t sure, who can still be surprised. Blessed are they who are spiritually impoverished and therefore not so certain about everything that they no longer take in new information. Blessed are those who have nothing to offer. Blessed are they for whom nothing seems to be working. Blessed are the preschoolers who cut in line at communion. Blessed are the poor in spirit. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Blessed are they for whom death is not an abstraction. Blessed are they who have buried their loved ones, for whom tears are as real as an ocean. Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are the mothers of the miscarried. Blessed are they who don’t have the luxury of taking things for granted anymore. Blessed are they who can’t fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are the motherless, the alone, the ones from whom so much has been taken. Blessed are those who “still aren’t over it yet.” Blessed are they who laughed again when for so long they thought they never would. Blessed are Bo’s wife and kids and Billy’s mom and Amy Mac’s friends. Blessed are those who mourn. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” Blessed are those whom no one else notices: the kids who sit alone at middle school lunch tables; the laundry guys at the hospital; the sex workers and the night shift street sweepers. Blessed are the losers and the babies and the parts of ourselves that are so small. The parts of ourselves that don’t want to make eye contact with a world that only loves the winners. Blessed are the forgotten. Blessed are the employed, the unimpressive, the underrepresented. Blessed are the teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed
are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Blessed are the wrongly accused, the ones who never catch a break, the ones for whom life is hard—for they are those with whom Jesus chose to surround himself. Blessed are those without documentation. Blessed are the ones without lobbyists. Blessed are foster kids and trophy kids and special ed kids and every other kid who just wants to feel safe and loved and never does. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are they who know there has to be more than this. Because they are right.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” Blessed are those who make terrible business decisions for the sake of people. Blessed are the burnt-out social workers and the overworked teachers and the pro bono case takers. Blessed are the kids who step between the bullies and the weak. Blessed are they who delete hateful, homophobic comments off their friend’s Facebook page. Blessed are the ones who have received such real grace that they are no longer in the position of ever deciding who the “deserving poor” are. Blessed is everyone who has ever forgiven me when I didn’t deserve it. Blessed are the merciful for they totally get it.

See, I like to imagine Jesus here blessing us because I believe that this is our Lord. Maybe the first time he blessed all the things we try and hide or make up for, or the things we insult in ourselves and others wasn’t in the Beatitudes, maybe it was in his life. Because after all, it was Jesus who had all the powers of the universe at his disposal but who did not consider his equality with God and something to be exploited, but instead came to us in the most vulnerable of ways—as a powerless, flesh and blood newborn. As though to say, “You may hate your bodies, but I am blessing all human flesh. You may admire strength and might, but I am blessing all human weakness. You may seek power, but I am blessing all human vulnerability.” This Jesus whom we follow, cried at the tomb of his friend and turned the other cheek and forgave those who hung him on a cross. He was God’s Beatitude—God’s blessing to the weak in a world that only admires the strong.

So, if you are here today mourning, or feeling forsaken, abused, unseen, or no-longer-useful; if you, perhaps like myself, are all too aware that it is not your strength and virtue that qualify you to be called a saint, but your need for a God who makes beautiful things out of dust—then this meal we are about to eat is for you. It is as much for we who believe we have no need for it as it is for we who believe we are not worthy of it. And know that it is not your ability to do for yourself, but your hunger that qualifies you to be fed. For it is a Beatitude meal: the broken, blessed, and given body of Christ. So, as you come, behold who you are. And as the blessings Jesus pronounced on the mount so long ago—know that it is here that you become what you receive.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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