Saint Cecilia Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent
19 December 2021

The Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth
Jen Norton
Prelude | Fantasy on Christmas

William Thomas Best
(1694-1772)

Entrance Procession | Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

Rejoice, Rejoice

1. Awake! awake, and greet the new morn, For angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, Behold! the Child of our longing.

2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanu-el comes a-singing. His humble song is quiet and near, Yet fills the earth with its ringing;

3. In darkest night his coming shall be, Whenmanuel comes a-singing. His humble song is: quiet and near, Yet fills the earth with its ringing;

4. Re-joice, re-joice, take heart in the night, Though angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, Behold! the Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak and poor, To bring all hearts to:

Music to heal the broken soul And hymns of loving Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in:

Love be our song and love our prayer, And love, our endless:

gathering, He opens wide the heav’nly door And kindness, The thunder of his anthems roll To wonder, The weak be raised above the strong, And story, May God fill every day we share, And:

lives now inside us for ever, Shatter all hatred and blindness. Weapons be broken a-sunder. Bring us at last into glory.
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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Micah 5: 1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
   Rouse up your might and come to save us.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.
   Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted, the son of man you have claimed for yourself.

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
   And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

SECOND READING | Hebrews 10: 5-10
GOSPEL | Luke 1: 39-45

HOMILY

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS (II:30AM MASS) | May the Word of God

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 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/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Creator of the Stars of Night

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* The Lord be with you.
  All: And with your spirit.

* Lift up your hearts.
  All: We lift them up to the Lord.

* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  All: It is right and just.
SANCTUS | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AMEN | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco
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.

The Exchange of Peace

✠ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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.
Refrain

Advent: Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
Lent: God of our journeys, day-break to night;

Here shall all hungers be fed,
Lead us to justice and light.

Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,

Lead us to wonder, mystery and grace,
Wisdom to walk in your way.

Love is the sign of our Lord,
One in your loving embrace.

Verses 1, 2

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;

make us your people of goodness and light.
open our eyes to the glory of God.

Verse 3

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the

lame to walk, bring us dancing into day,

lead your people in your way.

D.C.
There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.
By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Paresforma.
The angels sung the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo:
Gaudeamus.
Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.
Alleluia, resmiranda,
Pares forma, gaudeamus,
Transeamus.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | There Is No Rose

Benjamin Britten
(1903-1976)
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 | O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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.

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CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses that are also livestreamed are marked with a * and can be viewed at www.stceciliaboston.org

Christmas Eve | Friday, December 24
Mass | 4:00 p.m.*
Mass | 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day | Saturday, December 25
Mass | 9:30 a.m.*
Please note that this is the only Mass on Christmas Day

Feast of the Holy Family | Sunday, December 26
Mass | 8:00 a.m.
Mass | 9:30 a.m.*
Mass | 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 27 — Friday, December 31
Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 29 | Thursday, December 30 | Friday, December 31
Weekday Mass | 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God | 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass | 5:00 p.m.

Epiphany | Sunday, January 2
Mass | 8:00, 9:30*, & 11:30

Please note that there will be no 6:00 Mass on December 19, 26, or January 2.
TODAY!

Saint Cecilia Parish

JOIN US ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT FOR

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 19 • 4:00 P.M.

In this service of Scripture and song, lessons from Sacred Scripture are interspersed with Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music, joyfully proclaiming the story of God's love shown forth in Christ. Following the service there will be a festive reception in the Parish Hall.

This service will also be livestreamed.
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, December 18 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, lector

Sunday, December 19 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Jim Dougherty, lector

Sunday, December 19 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Charlie Prucher and Chika Offurum, lectors

Sunday, December 19 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Mark Richburg and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18 | 5:00 p.m.
John F. Connors, 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, December 19 | 9:30 a.m.
Eileen McGuirk, 9th Anniversary
David I. Bailey & Family, Special Intention
The Children of Henry Mngeren, Special Intention
Dennis Sullivan, Memorial
Neil Leonard, Memorial

Sunday, December 19 | 11:30 a.m.
Jaconda & Sam Coluccio, Memorial
Doris Morin, Special Intention

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Micah 5:1-4A
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Mary Pickering, Caeden Boyce, Delia Alvarez, Charlie Naughton, Peter Tracy, MaryAnn Weber, Bob Haas, Bob Roppolo, Christopher Gobron, Joy Gilbert, Mary Walters, John Powers, Marc Pelletier, Larry Murphy, Josephine Mason, Marian Licameli, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Nicholas Collins, Eileen Bolesky, Fred Anzalone, Liam Nedell, and Nancy Boutin.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Emma Grugan of Boston and Christine Cunniff and Zachary Durso of Cambridge. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org

Happy Anniversary!
This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversaries of Dave Sullivan who was baptized on December 17 and Mary Botosh who was baptized on December 20. May the Lord continue to bless Dave and Mary with the grace to live out their baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Dave and Mary!

Christmas Flowers
You are invited to remember your loved ones by donating towards the Christmas flowers that will grace our sanctuary. In the back of the church you'll find envelopes that you can use for this purpose. Please drop the envelope in the collection basket, hand it to any staff person, or donate online here: https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/funds/christmas-flowers. Please note, names submitted this week will NOT be remembered in the Christmas bulletin as we're past the print deadline, but will be added to the Epiphany bulletin. Please be sure to PRINT clearly.

Second Collection
Every year the Archdiocese invites a missionary to visit each parish to ask for our support. While pandemic restrictions have prevent him from coming, this weekend we will take up a second collection to benefit the good and difficult work of evangelization in Vietnam. Founded in 2005, Passionist Mission in Vietnam aims to help rebuild the Church in Vietnam by training indigenous missionaries to serve in the most remote and neglected parts of the country. Please make checks payable to Saint Cecilia Parish or donate online here: www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/funds/missionary-cooperative-appeal-vietnam. Thank you for your generosity!
ADVENT WREATH PRAYER—WEEK FOUR
Light all four candles. During the rest of Advent, these candles are relit at the evening meal or whenever you choose to do so.

Jesus, your mother Mary is "blessed among women." We are happy that she said "Yes!" to being your mother. As we light this candle, we remember that you bring the light of love into our lives. May your Word be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. Amen.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

Once again, our Advent Giving Tree was a HUGE success! Thanks to the great team of volunteers and incredibly generous Saint Cecilia parishioners over 1400 gifts were purchased! Because of you many people who struggle with basic needs will be remembered this Christmas. We cannot thank you enough for the amazing response and generosity which makes this program so successful every year!

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

Please keep in mind that two of our nonprofit partner agencies have an on-going need for donations of travel-size toiletries. Individual size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and soap are always needed. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant (none of which can typically be found in a hotel room!) are also always in demand. Donated toiletries need to be unused, of course, and there are plastic bins in the narthex for donations. The two agencies are: Women’s Lunch Place on Newbury Street (www.womenslunchplace.org) and Y2Y Youth Shelter in Harvard Square (www.Y2YNetwork.org).

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
Monday, January 17, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center & Online

This year’s MLK Breakfast will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online components. This vibrant and passion-filled program will pay tribute to Black women throughout history who have shepherded the dream of social justice. In partnership with Northeastern University, the 52nd annual breakfast will include a celebratory program and an extended program of virtual teach-ins (informal lectures and discussions on subjects of public interest). Tickets for the in-person breakfast are $50. Please note that there are a limited number of tickets available for the breakfast event at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. There will not be a Saint Cecilia table this year, instead there will be a Zoom toebrief for all those who attend virtually or in-person. Details to follow.

This year’s theme is "From Resistance to Representation: Black Women Proving the Dream" and the keynote speaker is historian, Harvard Law professor, and NYT bestselling author Annette Gordon-Reed. You may register by visiting: https://bostonmlkbreakfast.org.

WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Ministry invites you to join us to pray Advent and explore more deeply the reasons for the season. We’re using the "Praying with Advent" resource page from the Jesuits at Creighton University: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/. All are welcome.
TWO AFGHAN FAMILIES ARE ARRIVING SOON – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Parishioners from the Paulist Center and Saint Cecilia are working together to jointly sponsor two Afghan refugee families. They will arrive in our communities soon, seeking safety and peace, and will begin the difficult journey of starting a new life. We are moved to help them on this journey, and hope that you will be too.

So far parishioners have given their time, talent and treasure; making donations, gathering goods and furnishings, and signing up to provide direct help to our families when they arrive. We are immensely grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support. With the help of many generous donors and volunteers:

- We have secured and furnished housing.
- More than 70 volunteers have signed up to help our families adjust to life in Boston and have given their time already to prepare apartments.
- Collections for clothing and small household goods are in process.
- We have raised more than $84,000, from 177 individual donors.

We still need to close the gap on our financial needs: We have an initial goal of $100,000 to assist our two families with their transition and basic needs, including rent and utilities, culturally appropriate food and clothing, and transportation. To donate by check, make it payable to “Catholic Charities” and write on the memo line: “PC-SC POWIR, Afghan.” Mail the check to Catholic Charities, 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127, Attention: Marjean Perhot. To donate online go to www.ccab.org/donate. Under “Designation” use the pull-down list and select “Other.” In the resulting window type “Paulist Center St. Cecilia’s POWIR, Afghan.”

We await news on our two families and prepare to welcome them to our communities. We will need to help them navigate through complex government programs, ensure their children have a good education, prepare them to find work, learn English, and navigate a new culture. To volunteer with our refugee family, sign up at bit.ly/POWIRvolunteer. If you have already done so, we promise to be in touch to find where your interests and skills might best be used.

Please contact us with any questions: sc.socialracialjustice@gmail.com. Thank you again for your generosity and kindness.

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

Students from Mount Alvernia High School in Newton will be selling attractive handmade holiday wreaths after our 9:30 and 11:30 Masses in the Parish Hall. The students have conceived and organized this event on their own and all funds raised will be donated to Catholic Charities to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees. Saint Cecilia and the Paulist Center are collaborating to welcome two Afghan families to Greater Boston. You can also stop by the table to make a donation or get information about volunteering.

SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY BOOK CLUB

Every Other Wednesday | 5:45-6:50 p.m. | Zoom

The Anti-Racist Book Club is reading Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. We meet every 2 weeks. Please join our club on the BookClubz platform to get access to announcements, and meeting days and times: https://bookclubz.com/clubs/17366/join/7c4bc6/ Members of all faith communities and denominations are welcome.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

SPRING 2022 ONLINE COURSES

The Creed: What We Believe
January 5 – February 8, 2022 | 5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

New Testament Visions of Faith
January 12 – February 22, 2022 | 6-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

Christian Faith and Moral Character
January 26 – March 1, 2022 | 5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

These courses are now enrolling and will begin in January 2022. Save 20% by using the promotion code: 3KING520 (Expires January 6)

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: Crossroads Website: https://bostoncollege-stm.catalog.instructure.com/
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A SHORT DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW THE MOVIE

SPONSORED BY THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION
The season of Advent holds a special meaning for me because it reminds me of the power of a mother’s love. While I know “Jesus is the reason for the season,” I cannot help but shift my attention to the woman who brought him into the world — and what she had to endure to birth him. I think, too, about the pain she must have felt cradling her son’s broken body when they took him off the cross. I reflect on how special God must have thought Mary was to choose her to bear his son. Given the maternal mortality and morbidity epidemic in our own country, this year’s Advent seems like an appropriate time to reflect on what Mother Mary’s role in the story is and how we can extend our reverence and love for her to women in our society today.

Though the Gospel of Luke is the only place in scripture that mentions Jesus’ manger, its imagery is a Christmas decoration staple. As a small child of 3 or 4, what most stood out to me in the nativity story was that Mary had a baby in a stable. Earlier that summer, I had visited a petting zoo on a nursery school trip and, though enjoyable, it was definitely not a place for a new baby. I didn’t understand why no one would take in a woman who clearly needed help; I thought the people at the inn were bad because they didn’t give up a room. I thought about my mom and how it would make me sad if she had been treated like Mary.

For me, Mary became an example of God’s promise of love — that God would raise up the people society deemed unimportant and become powerful voices for liberation. In fact, in Luke 1:46-55, we hear Mary — the seemingly timid teenager who said yes to God’s plan — raise her voice as she visits Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. In the Magnificat, or song of praise, Mary claims her place in the story and reminds us of God’s plan to dethrone the powerful and lift up the lowly:

> My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors.
Growing up with my mom and brother gave me a deep appreciation for how much motherhood requires from a woman — and how beautiful it could be when there is love. I had a front-row seat to watching one parent juggle two children and adult responsibilities, doing her best in spite of it all. I knew my mom worked hard to take care of us, and I know I would not be where I am today without her love, support, and strength. As I’ve gotten older, my respect for my mother has only increased, especially as the weight and expense of adulthood has crept in. Each new adult milestone brought the same thought: “How did my mom do all this and take care of two kids on her own?” Of course, she also had a support system of family members and close friends. That support meant my mom could go to the petting zoo with me and take me to museums on weekends and make sure I had a nutritious diet. It taught me that mothers thrive when they have the things they need — and we should insist on policies that support them.

As a Catholic, the Mother of God has been an important part of my journey in understanding my Christian discipleship. Growing up, I came to believe that Mary was the way to Jesus; as God’s mother, she affirms our fundamental belief in Jesus as Christ. Mary had a unique perspective on Jesus and his life, a perspective that helps us better understand and get closer to Jesus. I also learned about the depth of Mary’s love for Jesus: Her first instinct as a mother was to swaddle her baby and the imagery of the pietà shows her tenderly cradling her son’s body after he passed. It takes an immense amount of strength to sit next to a loved one and watch them pass on, something too many of us have experienced throughout the pandemic.

But for all the love and respect we, as Christians, claim to have for Mary, the systems that support women like her are dangerously insufficient. Can we really claim to love the Marys in our lives if we also don’t seek to improve our maternal health crisis?

In Washington, D.C., the seat of our political power, women in this country are dying and becoming disabled due to pregnancy, labor, and birth at a rate worse than in Syria, a nation embroiled in an ongoing civil war. Women in the United States tend to be primary caregivers for their families and have a greater risk of short- and long-term health impacts as a result.

Despite these injustices, members of Congress are actively debating whether to give women time to care for themselves and their families via the country’s first Paid Family and Medical Leave Program and whether to help mothers lift their families out of poverty through a continued Child Tax Credit expansion. If Congress truly wants to honor the sanctity and dignity of life through all stages, why aren’t more members deeply invested in passing the Build Back Better Act, which would provide much-needed aid to all the Marys they claim to represent?

If we want to truly celebrate motherhood in this country — and not just the concept of childbirth — we would ensure access to comprehensive care at community health centers that include birthing. Parents and children would receive care and support throughout the first years of life by a well-funded and well-trained perinatal and child health workforce. Mothers would feel secure in knowing that their community has adequate resources to support healthy child development; they would know their children could thrive.

Shouldn’t we want to create the kind of society that would have supported and protected and honored Mary if she was living today, a society where birthing and motherhood are safe? If we claim to revere Mary — and all the Marys in our lives — the obvious next step is to pass the Build Back Better Act as a show of our devotion and gratitude for a mother’s love.

~Lauren W. Reliford, MSW, is political director at Sojourners.
~Art at the top of this article is Romare Bearden’s ‘The Visitation.’
Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Faith Formation for Children information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

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

Eucharist and confirmation.

* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in-person and livestreamed.

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.

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 $11, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $14 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket 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.

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

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

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 other states as well as other countries. 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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