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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
1 January 2023

Madonna and Child, Tenderness by Patricia Brintle

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Once in Royal David's City

IRBY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. And, through all his won - drous child - hood, He would
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed.
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall.
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay.
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew.
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove.



Mar - y was that moth - er mild;
With the poor and meek and low - ly
Chris - tian chil - dren all should be
And he feels for all our sad - ness,
And he leads his chil - dren on



Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.
And he shares in all our glad - ness.
To the place where he is gone.

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 Renewal

Curtis Stefan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
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, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Numbers 6: 22-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 67: May God Bless Us in His Mercy

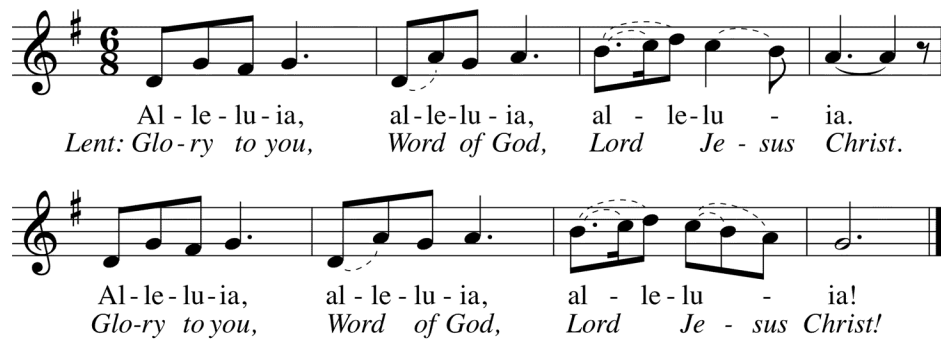
Tony Alonso

May God bless us in his mer - cy.

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1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.
2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations, the nations on earth, you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

SECOND READING | Galatians 4: 4-7



GOSPEL | Luke 2: 16-21

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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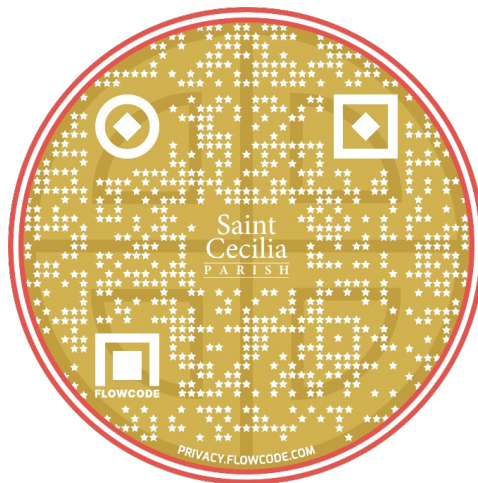
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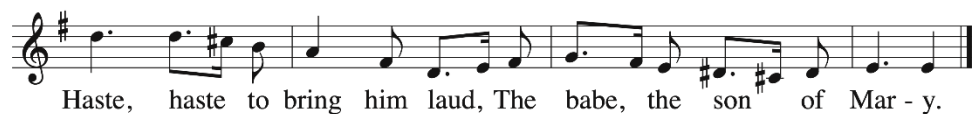
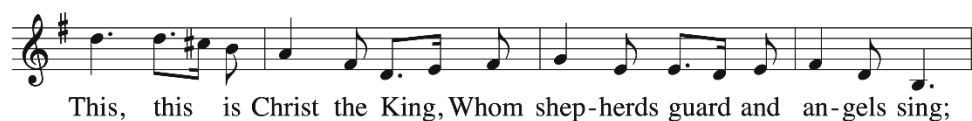
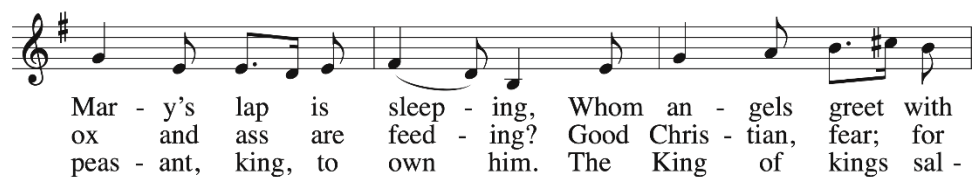
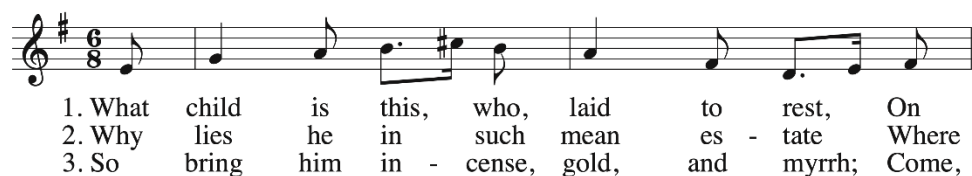
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



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.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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.

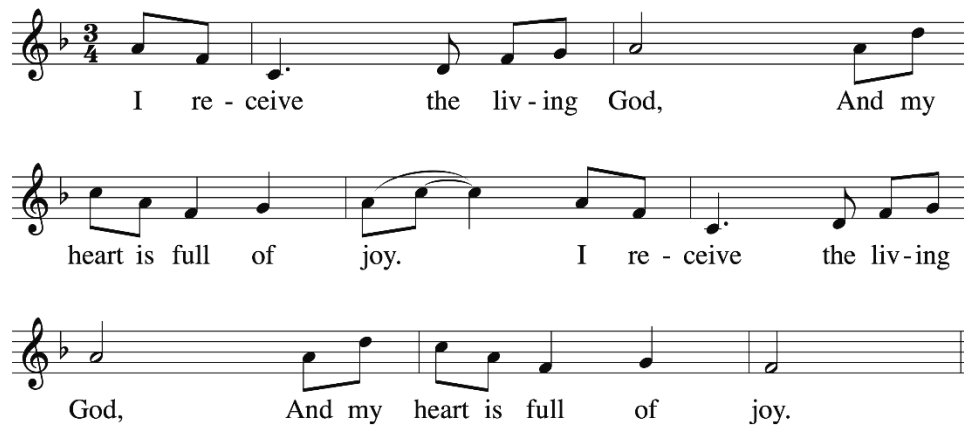


SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

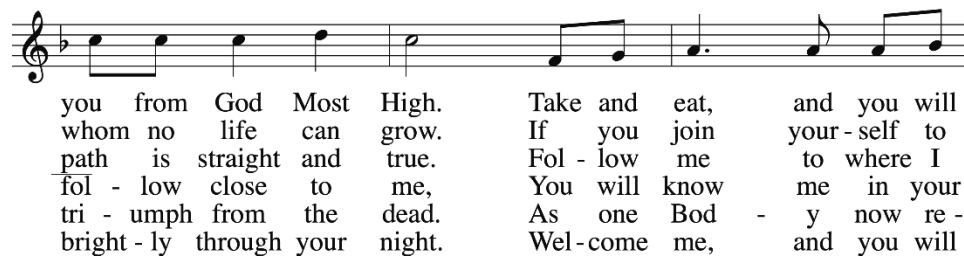
It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source 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.



Verses



7. Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.

8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.

9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,
And my death set sinners free.
Those who drink the cup I drink
Must take up this work with me.

CONCLUDING RITES

✠ 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 | The God of All Eternity

PUER NOBIS



1. The God of all e - ter - ni - ty, Un - bound by
2. What shall we of - fer God to - day— Our dreams of
3. God does not share our doubts and fears, Nor shrinks from
4. Let faith or for - tune rise or fall, Let dreams and
5. God grant that we, in this new year, May show the

space yet al - ways near, Is pres - ent where his
what we can - not see, Or, with eyes fas - tened
the un - known or strange: The one who fash - ioned
dread both have their day; Those whom God loves walk
world the King - dom's face, And let our work and

peo - ple meet To cel - e - brate the com - ing year.
to the past, Our dread of what is yet to be?
heav'n and earth Makes all things new and ush - ers change.
un - a - fraid With Christ their guide and Christ their way.
wor - ship thrive As signs of hope and means of grace.

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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, December 31 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, January 1 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Jordan Barnes, lector

Sunday, January 1 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Julie Bogdanski, Bob Mann,
and Kelly McClintock, lectors

Sunday, January 1 | 11:30 a.m.

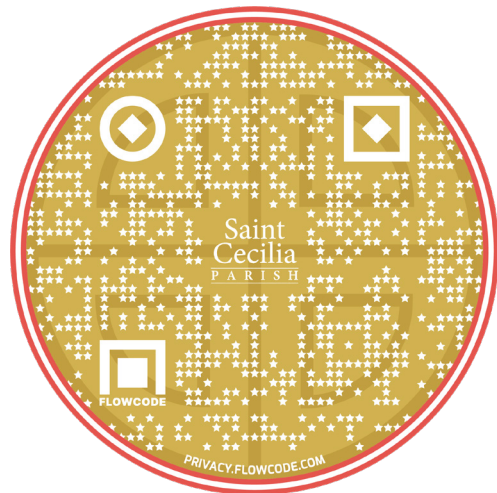
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Ngozi Udeh, Emily St. Germain,
and Eileen Maguire, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Donald P. Clifford, *Memorial*
Mary Orban, *Memorial*
Jacob Schleinz, *Memorial*

SCAN THIS CODE FOR OFFERTORY GIVING



TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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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 **Charlie Naughton, 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 newly registered members of our parish: **James Shea** of Jamaica Plain, **Anthony Estes** of Brookline, **Clarissa Elliott** and **Zach Gartenhaus** of Boston, **Chelsa Tift** of Allston, the **Sanders-Salerno Family** of Arlington, **Nathaniel Sherman** of Quincy, the **Davis Family** of North Reading, **Angela Bacon** of Jamaica Plain, **Linda Hof** of North Weymouth, **Christopher Moore** of Boston, **Diane Bissaro** and **Glenn Gallo** of Watertown, and **Sylvia Fox** of Gainesville, Georgia. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

A Note on Space

As you may have noticed, our numbers have grown quite a bit over the past couple of months. We're thrilled that so many have found a home in our community, and we would like to remind you to please be thoughtful of those around you. If you see someone in the need of a seat, in particular an elderly person, a pregnant woman, or a child, please make space for them as you would on the T! Thank you!

Coffee Hospitality Pause

There will be no coffee hospitality on New Year's Day so that we can give our hardworking coffee hospitality team a well-deserved break!

Parish Office Closing

The Parish Offices are closed from December 26 through New Year's Day. For emergencies, please call the parish office and leave a message. Happy New Year!

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today's feast celebrates Mary as Theotokos, or "Mother of God," the title accorded her at the Council of Ephesus in 431.

For Those Without the Love of Family

Pray for all who have no families, for those who are alienated from or rejected by their families—that they may experience love and acceptance through this Christian community.

World Day of Prayer for Peace

January 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Pray for peace in all the troubled parts of our world, especially for those suffering from the war in Ukraine.

For Those Who Are Grieving

Pray for all who are grieving, particularly children who have lost parents and parents who have lost children to violence—that they may know that God is with them and draw strength and hope from the Holy Family who experienced great loss and pain.

No 6:00 p.m. Mass

Please note that there will be no 6:00 p.m. liturgy on Sunday, January 1. The 6:00 p.m. Mass will resume next week.



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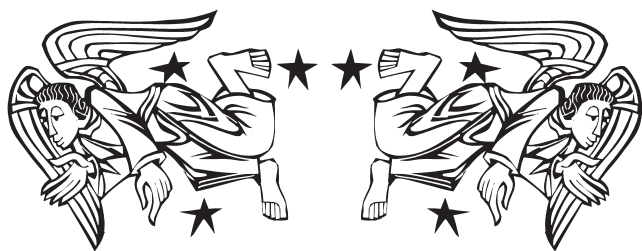
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CATECHISM STUDY

First Session: Thursday, January 12 | 7:00—8:00 p.m.
Open to: Everyone!

Have you considered studying the Catechism but were intimidated by it? Are you looking to dive deeper into your relationship with Christ in the new year? Or, are you just interested in learning more about the Catholic faith alongside other parishioners? If so, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Join the Saint Cecilia Young Adults in studying the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* over the course of the new year. We will be using the *Catechism In A Year Podcast* as a guide, which launches on January 1. If you wish to listen to the podcast, be sure to check out some bonus episodes introducing the Catechism, wherever you access podcasts. RSVP (at <https://linktr.ee/scyoungadultsboston>) to be added to the mailing list for the study group. Podcast listening is not required to join the discussion—all are welcome!

SCYA RETREAT: LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

RESCHEDULED: Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.
through lunchtime on Sunday, January 22, 2023
Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA

The annual Saint Cecilia Young Adults 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. The deadline to sign up and make your payment is January 6, 2023. Please reach out to Genevieve Martin grmartin08@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Register via the SCYA's Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/scyoungadultsboston>

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES' FOOD PANTRY

We hope that you will consider participating in this important ministry during the holiday and winter months when the budgets of those living in poverty are very stretched. 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 Catholic Charities' food pantry: 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. Because food is delivered only twice a month to the Catholic Charities' food pantry, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex.

If you would like to send food donations directly to Catholic Charities through a service like Amazon, please have them delivered to: *Beth Chambers, Catholic Charities, 185 Columbia Road, Boston, MA 02121*



JOIN THE HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS MAILING LIST

Saint Cecilia's Hunger and Homelessness Ministry has remained active throughout the pandemic. From facilitating the collection of food and supply donations for our partners to offering safe, limited, COVID-adapted opportunities for volunteering, there are plenty of ways to pitch in for our neighbors in need.

To get involved, or learn more about the work of this important ministry, please contact Mark Lippolt at Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com to join the mailing list.





JOIN THE REMOTE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY'S JANUARY CALL

Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom

The Remote Fellowship Community is pleased to announce that the next online coffee hour will be held on January 8, with guests Mark Donohoe, Scott MacDonald, and Christine Burns. Mark is a pastoral associate; Scott is the director of faith formation and parish visibility; and Christine is the digital media coordinator. Mark, Scott, and Christine will respond to questions and share some of what goes on behind-the-scenes at Saint Cecilia.

All are welcome to join the "Far Flung Flock" for what promises to be an engaging and informative online coffee hour. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. If you have registered or attended any of our online coffee hours in the past, you will automatically receive an email including the Zoom link. If you have not ever attended an online coffee hour or if you are not certain that you are on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com. You will be sent the Zoom link a few days in advance of our meeting.

WINTER WALK BOSTON



Ending homelessness is within our reach! For the seventh year, a consortium of agencies focused on homelessness, including Women's Lunch Place, Pine Street Inn, Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Y2Y Harvard Square, and common cathedral are

sponsoring a 2-mile fundraising walk through the streets of Boston. The event takes place on Sunday, February 12 at 8:30 a. m. and begins at Copley Square Plaza, Back Bay. It is hoped that each adult walker will raise \$100—either by paying it as a registration fee or raising it from friends and family. There is a Saint Cecilia Hunger & Homelessness Ministry team again this year—we've participated each year since the event began—and if you would like to join or support it, please go to: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/winterwalkboston23/register/form/registration> or contact Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

History of the Church I:

Beginnings Through the Medieval Period

January 4 - February 7, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$60.00

New Testament Visions of Faith

January 18 - February 28, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$60.00

The Creed: What We Believe

January 18 - February 21, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | \$60.00

To learn more or register, please visit the STM Online: Crossroads website: <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads.html>

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Praying with Women in Scripture

Presenter: Dr. Jaime Waters, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Monday, January 9, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Zoom Presentation

For more on this presentation, please check the website: https://saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html



PAPAL MESSAGE FOR WORLD PEACE DAY: WAR, HUNGER, TURMOIL ARE CONNECTED

BY CINDY WOODEN



The interconnected "moral, social, political and economic crises" facing the world cannot be solved if individuals and nations continue to focus only on their own, immediate interests, Pope Francis said in his message for World Peace Day 2023.

"The time has come for all of us to endeavor to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common," the pope wrote in the message, which was released at the Vatican Dec. 16.

The Catholic Church celebrates World Peace Day Jan. 1 and distributes the pope's message to heads of state and government around the world. Francis personally gives signed copies of it to visiting leaders throughout the year.

The theme for the pope's 2023 message was "No one can be saved alone," and the text urged people to learn from the experience of the global effort to combat COVID-19 and to recognize the poverty and inequalities the pandemic laid bare, especially as regards to access to food, medicine, health care, education and technology.

Francis asked people to reflect on a series of questions: "What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?"

As soon as it seemed the pandemic was nearly over, the pope wrote, "a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war."

Russia's war on Ukraine, he said, "is reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity, not only among those directly affected, but in a widespread and indiscriminate way for

everyone, also for those who, even thousands of kilometers away, suffer its collateral effects," including rising fuel prices and shortages of grain.

"This war, together with all the other conflicts around the globe, represents a setback for the whole of humanity and not merely for the parties directly involved," the pope said.

Massive cooperative efforts led to vaccines for COVID-19, he said, but "suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war," even though it is true "the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin."

Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, presented the message at a news conference and spoke to Catholic News Service afterward.

"The message gives me hope because it puts a finger on not what some important person needs to do but what each of us needs to do, which is just to take the time to ask ourselves, 'What did I learn or not learn? And how is my life going to change from there?'" the cardinal said. "Hopefully, the lessons will be for the good of everyone."

People's experience of the pandemic, the lockdowns, the possibility of continuing to work and the scrambling for vaccines were different around the world, he said, but that experience loses its power if people do not reflect on it and share it.

Francis' message, he said, is a reminder "that we are too quick to forget" and then humanity is forced to move on to the next disaster without having made changes to alleviate suffering.

Salesian Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, secretary of the dicastery, told reporters the pope was asking people "to return for a moment to those frightening, difficult and painful moments" at the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020. "This is time to ask ourselves whether, as individuals and a community, are we better or worse off three years later?"

The reflection, Francis wrote, should encourage people to change from a self-centered focus to a real commitment to the common good and to promoting solidarity and a greater sense of fraternity.

Cooperative efforts are needed to ensure health care for all and to "put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death," he said. People must work together to combat climate change, overcome inequality, end hunger and create dignified work for all.

"We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard," the pope said. "Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace."

~ *Cindy Wooden is a journalist who has covered the Vatican for three decades and was named Rome bureau chief of Catholic News Service (CNS) in 2015. She has covered papal trips all over the world, traveling with St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. She travelled with Pope Francis to the Republic of Iraq in March 2021.*



Saint Cecilia
PARISH

Liturgy of the Hours

Celebrate the Christmas season with
Evening Prayer & Morning Prayer!

Monday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m.
The 9th Day and
Saints Basil & Gregory

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m.
The 11th Day and
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.
Eve of Epiphany and
Saint Raymond of Peñafort

Monday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Baptism of the Lord and
Conclusion of Christmas

Live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook Page or via Zoom.
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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.

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

For Those with Celiac Disease

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

Hearing Assistance in Church

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

Building Accessibility

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

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.