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The Miraculous Draught of Fishes by Jacopo Bassano, 1545

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys-t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter,  
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,



Now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav-en, light-years a-way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
Call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
Now is the King-dom, now is the day.



Gath-er us in— the lost and for-sak-en,  
Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion,  
Gath-er us in and hold us for ev-er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

#### 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 Stephan



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 | Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Tony Alonso



The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? *R.*

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me. *R.*

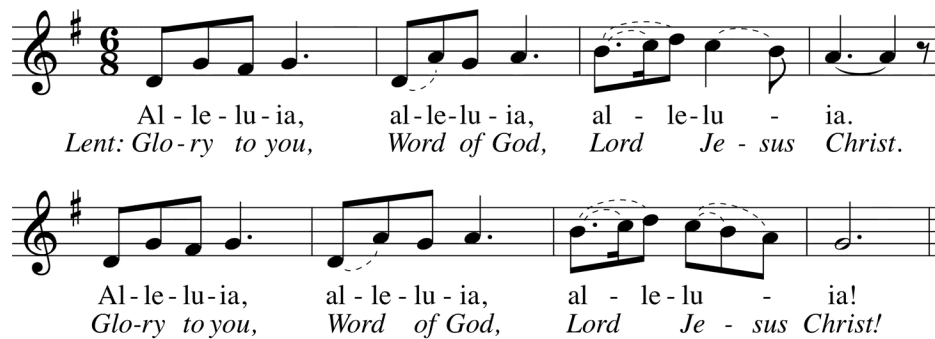
There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to inquire at his temple. *R.*

I believe I shall see the LORD's  
goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the  
LORD! *R.*

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia from Jubilation Mass

James J. Chepponis



GOSPEL | Matthew 4: 12-23

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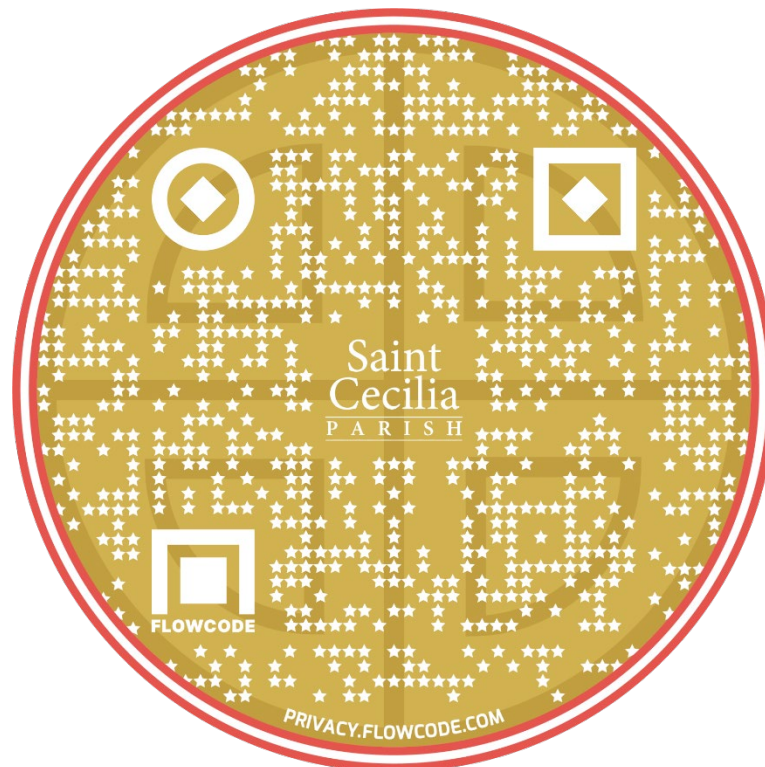
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Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit [www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston](http://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 | The Summons

John Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
4. Will you love the "you" you hide If I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where  
call your name? Will you care for  
call your name? Will you set the  
call your name? Will you quell the  
call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my  
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?  
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
what I mean In you and you in me?  
touch and sound In you and you in me?  
live and grow In you and you in me.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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! (Fine) Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' and a slur. A repeat sign with a double bar line and a repeat sign is used. A 'Fine' marking is placed above the third staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.





## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD | Mass of Christ the Savior



## 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



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I, who made the  
 They turn a - way. I will break their  
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me.  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.  
I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me  
Beneath His wings, my wakened soul may soar  
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome  
My Savior lives and reigns for evermore.

## 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.**



1. You walk a - long our shore-line, Where land meets un - known sea.
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; We cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.  
We work for love and jus - tice; We learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers, But of the hu - man soul."  
Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by your grace.  
To let your judg - ment heal us So that all may be one.

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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](mailto:RDuff@stceciliaboston.org).

# WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, January 21 | 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, January 22 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

**Sunday, January 22 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Thomas O'Brien, Bob Mann,  
and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

**Sunday, January 22 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Mark Richburg, Pat Scofield,  
and Eileen Maguire, lectors

**Sunday, January 22 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant  
Brian Kelleher-Calnan and  
Hannah Ostwald, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 21 | 5:00 p.m.**

Simon J. Daigle, *Memorial*

**Sunday, January 22 | 8:00 a.m.**

Julia Powell, *Eighth Anniversary*  
Mary L. Powell, *Memorial*

**Sunday, January 22 | 9:30 a.m.**

James Ciampa, *Memorial*  
Eleanor Byrne Mooney Dahar, *Memorial*  
John McElduff, *Memorial*  
Deceased Members of the  
Lamarre Family, *Memorial*  
Anne Ross Fowler, *Memorial*  
Brianna Florence, *Special Intention*

**Sunday, January 22 | 11:30 a.m.**

Alfonse Ferent, *Sixth Anniversary*

**Wednesday, January 25 | 8:00 a.m.**

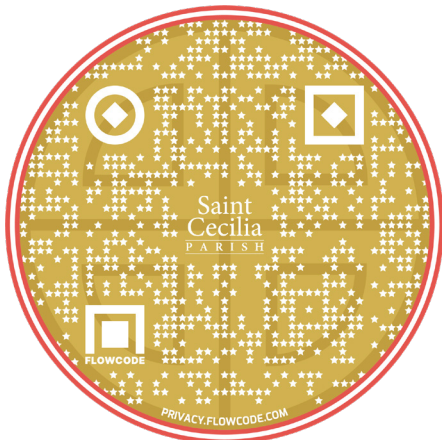
Zofia K., *Special Intention*

**Friday, January 27 | 8:00 a.m.**

Walter Connor, *First Anniversary*  
Robert Brighenti, *Special Intention*



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FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF  
SAINT CECILIA  
PARISH!**

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Matthew 4:12-23

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12a

# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **John Hosang, 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: **Mackenzie Elvin and Brian Prewitt** of Boston, **Sarah and Ted Harrington** of Braintree, **Teresa and Donald Murano** of Boston, **Peggy O'Neill and Todd DaCosta** of Mattapoisett, **Lisa and Michael Swanson** of Hingham, **Ashleen David** of Brookline, **Brittany Young** of Boston, **Mary Ann and Roger Gallagher** of Anthem, Arizona, **Aurora Hake** of Cambridge, **Raiany Romanni and John Klein** of Boston, and **Kathleen and Cornelius Bulman** of Plymouth. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## Special Collection

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please donate here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/church-in-latin-america>



## NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR | 21 JANUARY



This Saturday we celebrate the feast day of Saint Agnes, whose stained-glass window is on the east side of the church. We have no way of knowing why our forebears chose to honor Agnes in this way, but the Saint Agnes window is a strikingly detailed and colorful work of art. It is believed that Agnes' family were Christian Roman nobility and that she was born approximately A.D. 291. She suffered martyrdom at the age of twelve or thirteen on January 21, 304, during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Our window shows Agnes holding a lamb, symbolic of her chastity and innocence because her name means "lamb"

in Latin [*agnus*]. She is also shown with a martyr's palm. On her feast day, the pope observes the centuries-old rite of the blessing of two young lambs, whose wool will be used to make stoles called palliums. During the blessing of the lambs, one lamb wears a crown of white flowers symbolizing Agnes' purity, while the other lamb wears a red floral wreath, recalling her martyrdom. The wearing of the pallium, symbolic of the bond between an archbishop and the Pope, dates back to the fourth century, predating the miter and the crozier as episcopal symbols. Saint Agnes is the patron saint of chastity, gardeners, engaged couples, and girls. If you have never stopped to admire our Saint Agnes window, today is a great day to do so.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



## TODAY: VIRTUS TRAINING

**Sunday, January 22 | 1 - 4:00 p.m. | Community Room**

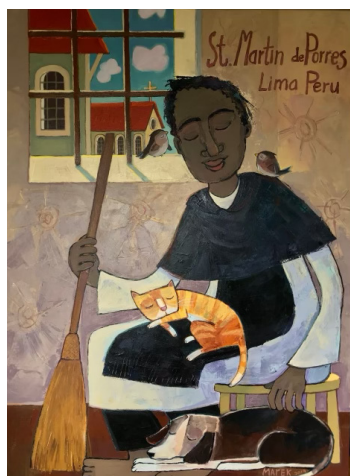
VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvements in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC) is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused, and how to talk with children about these issues, and the second part is a mandated reporter training.

All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training, so please plan to attend if you've not in the past and intend to volunteer in the future. Please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session.



# THE ART OF NANCY MAREK COTE TO BE FEATURED AT SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

Saint Cecilia is honored to host the art installation, *Saints*, by noted artist Nancy Marek Cote. Beginning in February and continuing throughout Lent and the Easter season, Cote's work will be featured in the upper and lower church. Cote, a Fall River native, has long been fascinated with nature, sound, color, and image. From a young age, her spirituality was centered on the joy of seeking God through experiences of exploration and imagination. Upon completion of a BFA in painting and receiving the Excellence in Art award from UMass Dartmouth, Cote began writing and illustrating children's books. Her work has earned numerous awards and has been exhibited internationally. Cote's resume includes teaching children's book illustration in the C.E. Program at Rhode Island School of Design, and receiving the 2018 Jurors' Award from the New England Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) exhibit at the Wedeman Gallery at Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts. In addition to her prolific work as an author/illustrator of children's books and poems, Cote studied with renowned artist, Brother Micky McGrath, OSFS during the summer of 2018 at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in a course entitled "Wise and Holy Women (and a few good men)". Whether working on a new picture book, painting, or simply enjoying the beauty of God's creation, Cote continues to explore and create, enabling her viewers to think more deeply about the human/God experience.



Cote's paintings of saints (canonized and otherwise) connect the many strands of both her personal and professional endeavors in a collection, which, in a unique style, capture the person in a moment of connecting and growing in relationship with God. We hope that this exhibit will inspire all of us to deepen our appreciation of the beauty, courage, and passion that led our fellow companions in faith on their own spiritual journeys.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing more about the captivating artwork of Nancy Marek Cote and we look forward to its arrival!

(Left) St. Martin De Porres, Peru | (Right) Servant of God Dorothy Day, United States | (Bottom Left) St. Oscar Romero, El Salvador | (Bottom Right) St. Patrick, Ireland





## ***THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS YEAR'S ADVENT GIVING TREES!***



### **From Parenting Journey**

Dear Saint Cecilia Parishioners,  
Thank you so much for including this family from my Parenting Journey caseload in the Giving Tree program! They were so excited and grateful for every single gift! Everything was perfect and they couldn't have felt more blessed by the generosity of Saint Cecilia Parish! Many, many thanks for your beautifully coordinated efforts for so many worthy souls!

With much gratitude,  
Ann Marie

### **From Catholic Charities**

We received your gift cards and are thrilled to have this amazing support just in time for Christmas! Never ending thanks to the parishioners of Saint Cecilia.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace,  
Marjean A. Perhot, Vice President, Refugee and Immigrant Services at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston

### **From Boston Health Care for the Homeless**

At a time of year that can be so challenging for the patients of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, thank you for acknowledging their "presence and dignity" with your "dignified presents" for them and making it possible for them to celebrate the holidays along with the greater community. As they struggle year-round for basic necessities of life, thank you for always reaching out to help and accompany them on their journey.

Thanks!  
Alyssa Brassil, Director of the Annual Fund

### **From the Families in Transition program at the YMCA of Greater Boston**

I just wanted to send our thanks to the entire Saint Cecilia community on behalf of Families in Transition. Our holiday party was a great success, and your gifts made a huge impact on our kids and their families. We're grateful for you and your support.

*Happy New Year to you and yours!*  
Claire Kaiser, MSW, Systems Navigator for Families in Transition, YMCA of Greater Boston



### **From the Elders Living at Home Program**

Thank you to the parishioners at Saint Cecilia who so generously donated to the elderly men and women that we serve. Not only have you helped vulnerable people who truly need it, but your generosity is a reminder to them that people do care, and that they, as individuals, do matter, not only in God's eyes, but in the eyes of their neighbors. Thank you again for your wonderful kindness this year and for so many years in the past.

Kip Langelo



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## SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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### From Pine Street Inn

A big thank you to Saint Cecilia for your generous gift-giving this past holiday season. Tenants throughout Pine Street Inn's residences were thrilled with the presents they received. These gifts, and the ongoing support from Saint Cecilia, convey to our residents that they are valued members of the community.

Matt Pyne, Director of Housing Programs and Support Services



### From Waltham House

Thank you SO MUCH for your generosity. I just finished going through all the gifts, and our kids are going to be so thrilled. I cannot express how much your generosity impacts our kids and just how impactful this is in giving our kids an amazing holiday. I hope you all have the most wonderful holiday and enjoy a restful time with loved ones.

Best,  
Becky

### From the LGBTQ Task Force

"Thanks for thinking about us during the holidays. May your blessings multiply tremendously." "With all my love, I'd like to thank you for your kindness and love."



### From Haley House

Each member of the Haley House community wishes to give thanks for the thoughtful and generous donations that we have received from Saint Cecilia. We appreciate the support that has allowed us to provide our guests with an abundance of resources that are desperately needed throughout this winter and holiday season. The kindness and care of others enable us to do this work, and we as a community wish to express our gratitude for your donations! Thanks!!!!

Rachel Wallace, Haley House Live-In Community and Donation Coordinator



### From Women's Lunch Place

We are so grateful for Saint Cecilia Parish, not just during Giving Tree season, but all year round. It is an honor to be your neighbor. Thank you for keeping our guests in your heart. We look forward to more partnership in 2023!

Henry Morris, Communications & Marketing Manager





## SAINT CECILIA KNITTING MINISTRY UPDATE



The Saint Cecilia Knitting Ministry is pleased to provide an update on their completed hand-crafted gifts from 2022. 258 items were completed and distributed to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Medical Center (NIC Unit),

The Knitting Connection, Women's Lunch Place, and St. Cecilia House in Boston. These items included prayer shawls; baby blankets and buntings; hats, scarves, and cowls; fingerless mittens; knitted pumpkins; ornaments for the Saint Cecilia Giving Tree, pompom wreaths, and crocheted Christmas trees.

We have members from all over the country—from the east coast to the west and everywhere in between! In addition, we have support from the Greater Boston Knitting Guild providing loving prayer shawls to patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital. If you are interested in the group and want to know more about our efforts, please contact Ann Marie Turo ([annmarie@integratedmindandbody.com](mailto:annmarie@integratedmindandbody.com)). *This photo is a collection of knitted hats by Susan Flynn with yarn from Estelle Unni's yarn stash.*



*4th Annual Mass of Belonging*

**Sunday, January 29th**

**5:00pm Mass**

**6:15pm | Lannon Chapel**  
**"The Experience of LGBTQ+ Catholics in the Church"**  
**Panel Discussion**

Celebrate a welcoming Liturgy followed by a panel discussion to highlight the experiences of LGBTQ+ Catholics.  
All are welcome!

The Mass and panel discussion will be in person and livestream!  
Panel Discussion registration: <https://forms.gle/VvGVUUbDd7piwo8N7>

Panelists are BC Theology doctoral student, Barbara Kozee, Deacon Damian Torres-Botello, SJ, and Holly Ryan, parishioner and Newton City Councilor.



## 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. We hope each adult walker will raise \$100—either by paying it as a registration fee or fundraising it. We have a Saint Cecilia Hunger & Homelessness Ministry team again this year and if you'd like to join or support it, please go to: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/winterwalkboston23/register/form/registration> or contact [Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com).

And if you are unable to join us for the Walk, you can still support the team by donating at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/winterwalkboston23/team/911184/>

DISTURBING STRANGER,  
YOU CALL AND WE FOLLOW.  
YOU CALL, AND WE LEAVE BEHIND  
THE NETS OF OUR PAST LIVES;  
THE THINGS THAT BOUND AND HELD US;  
OUR OLD SELVES AND OLD REGRETS.

FOR CALLING US AND DISTURBING US,  
FOR SURPRISING US AND MAKING US NEW,  
FOR MOVING US TOWARDS WHOLENESS,  
WE THANK YOU, LORD.

AMEN.

—KATE MCIIHAGGA

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

#### Catholic Social Teaching

February 1 - March 7, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00

#### Franciscan Spirituality

February 1 - March 14, 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

#### Living the Role of Peacemaker

Presenters: Carrie and John Schuchardt,  
co-founders of The House of Peace

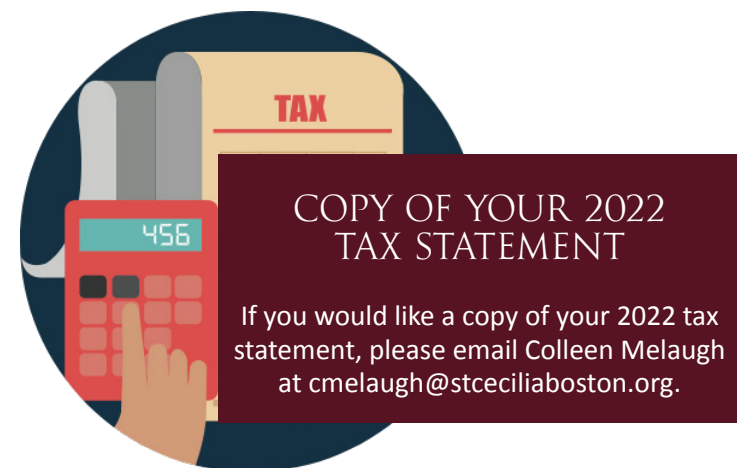
Monday, January 30, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Zoom Presentation

For more on this presentation, please check the website:  
[https://saintsusanna.org/adult\\_faith\\_formation.html](https://saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html)

## A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restroom alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in a building that is wide open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.



## HELP SUPPORT REFUGEES

For the past six years, our parish has provided ongoing support to Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigration Services. We have offered to provide refugee families with supermarket and general gift cards so that they will have food and household items while their applications for political asylum are processed. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Market Basket, Stop 'n Shop, Shaw's/Star Markets, Target, or Visa —and no more than \$25 per card —please feel free to drop them in the offertory basket or mail them to: *Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115.*

According to Marjean Perhot, Director of Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigration Services, for the twelve months ending June 30, 2022, the agency settled:

- 170 Afghan evacuees
- 62 Ukrainian immigrants
- 260 Haitian entrants

The need has never been greater and your accustomed generosity is greatly appreciated!

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## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Please join us for Evening Prayer & Morning Prayer

ORDINARY  
TIME

**Friday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Memorial of Saint Agnes

**Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

**Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Vigil of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m.**  
Memorial of Saint Agatha

**Friday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

**Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

## TAIZÉ PRAYER

Please join us as we mark the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
*A meditative hour of song, scripture, and silence.*

Live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook Page or via Zoom — Email [stceciliataize@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliataize@gmail.com) for details.

## THE CALL IS OPEN-ENDED

Today's Gospel (Mt 4:12-17) | By James Martin, SJ  
Published on January 22, 2017

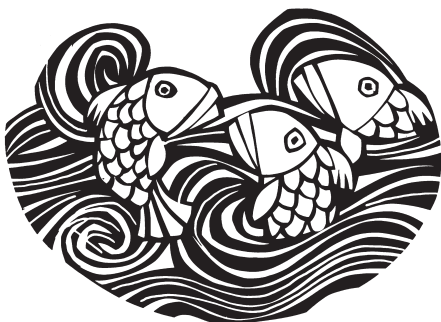
When Jesus calls the first disciples by the Sea of Galilee, he doesn't give them specifics. That is, he greets them by saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fish for people." (And yes, it's people, not men—"anthropon" in Greek. Jesus's call is for all men and women.) But he doesn't say much more than that.

Notice that Jesus meets people where they are, as God always does. First, he literally goes to where they are, travelling from Nazareth to Capernaum. How does he know Peter and Andrew, the two brothers fishing on the seashore that day? Perhaps, as the Gospel of John says, from having met them in the company of John the Baptist. Then perhaps they introduced him to James and John, Zebedee's sons. But notice that he journeys to where they are.

Jesus meets them in another way too. He speaks their language. We're so used to hearing this phrase, "Come after me and I will make you fish for people," that we forget that he could have said anything. And that it was a carpenter from land-locked Nazareth talking. Jesus could have used words from his own profession. "Come after me and we will build God's house." "Come after me, and we will lay the foundations of the reign of God." "Come after me and we will construct a world of love."

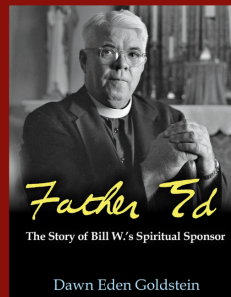
But he doesn't. He speaks in their language. The language of fishermen. "Come after me and I will make you fish for people." But that's all Jesus says. He doesn't say, "Come after me, and you will watch me heal the sick, raise the dead, and still storms. You will hear me preach the Good News to the poor, you will see me feed the hungry and reach out to those on the margins. And then you will see me suffer and die and then be raised from the dead." No, he just says, "Come after me." The call to follow Jesus is always open-ended. We hear the call, and we respond, but we never know where it will take us. A married couple knows this. They

say "yes" on their wedding day, but don't know where that "yes" will lead. Our "yes" to Jesus is the same. It's open ended. So mysterious. But so worth following. Come after him.



## Father Ed:

THE STORY OF BILL W.'S SPIRITUAL SPONSOR



Tuesday, February 28  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET

CORCORAN COMMONS, HEIGHTS ROOM  
CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS

Lunch will be provided - space is limited

Register at this [link](#)



Register Here

Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson called Father Edward Dowling, SJ, "the greatest and most gentle soul to walk this planet." Father Ed's guidance transformed Bill's life and deepened the spirituality of the twelve-step movement. But despite his vital role in A.A. history, Dowling's own story has never been told—until now. Dawn Eden Goldstein, author of the new biography *Father Ed*, shares about the life and message of this remarkable Jesuit who came to devote his ministry to helping people.



Dawn Eden Goldstein, SThD  
Author



The Jesuit Institute



## JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Our choir has begun singing at the 9:30 Mass! We are looking for additional singers and instrumentalists to participate in music ministry at both the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies. Choir rehearsals take place weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the church. If you are interested, please see our Director of Music, Rob Duff, after Mass or email [rduff@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:rduff@stceciliaboston.org).





**Matthew 4:12-23**

***As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.***

As modern Christians, there are a few topics that we often choose not to bring up in polite company. Religion and Politics are always named as risky topics of conversation. But even more taboo and controversial are issues of human sexuality. And perhaps the most taboo topic of all—money, is usually only reserved for very serious and sombre moments of discussion. But today, we broach another issue, one that can make us as uncomfortable as religion, politics, sex or money. We come to the issue of Christian calling, specifically evangelism. What is our role in spreading the Kingdom of God? How many souls must we bring to Christ? How many doors must we knock on? How many bible verses do we need to memorize?

(Are you nervous yet?)

There are many reasons that we come and worship Sunday morning. Some might say they like the music, others the teaching, still others might say the morals and values, or the community and friends, or it is simply somewhere to be Sunday morning. But probably none of us would say that the reason we come is that we are given the job of telling others about Jesus.

And if sharing our faith with the world, wasn't part of this whole church thing, there might be a few more bodies in our pews. If faith was only about following the rules like no stealing or swearing or killing, the promise of heaven might be drawing more people in.

But as we discover, being a Christian, or following Jesus is not really just about following the rules. Instead we discover, along the disciples, that following Jesus is full of surprises.

Peter and Andrew, James and John were all fishermen. But not the hobbyist kind of fisherman. This is not the quaint and serene fishing that is done on a lake or pond with a single fishing rod, nor weekend warriors sitting in ice fishing huts. This is commercial fishing. Fishing in order to make a living.

As these four soon to be disciples set out to fish today, they would be focused on the job at hand. They would know how many fish they need to catch to feed their families, to maintain their boats and repair their nets. This kind of fishing is about risk and reward. And as they prepare for another day of long and hard work, Jesus comes walking down the beach. He simply shows up and calls out from the shore. “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

It is laughable. It is insanity. Can any of us truly imagine jumping off the boat and immediately giving up everything to follow Jesus? Certainly not.

Here is this wandering carpenter turned preacher calling gainfully employed men away from their lives and families. Maybe fishing isn't the most glamorous job, but it puts food on the table and it provides a living. It is safety and security. Have you ever seen a tractor sitting abandoned in the middle of a field during harvest with no one to drive it, or a classroom full of school children in the middle of the year, with no teacher or a half cooked meal in a restaurant waiting to be finished and served but no cook to complete the job? Jumping off the boat is simply not done in our world, and in reality that is not our style of faith. No surprise work-place visits from Jesus, thank you very much. We want

our faith to be comfortable, and manageable. Nothing too extreme, especially if it involves giving up security or risking looking foolish.

But the disciples may have seen things differently. The insanity and foolishness of Jesus's call from the shore may not have been in jumping off the boat. Throughout the Gospels, people often identified Jesus as a Rabbi. And it wasn't everyday that a Rabbi wandered by and asked to be followed. To the disciples, it might have been like a rock star rolling up in a tour bus and asking for a guitar player, or a politician knocking on the door looking for a campaign manager, or that phone call that every red blooded Canadian boy is waiting for—that call from the local NHL team looking for a player to skate in a pinch.

The insanity and the foolishness of Jesus' call is truly about something more than our first reaction to this story, of our hesitation at dropping everything and following Jesus.

The disciples are willing to follow because they should have never been picked in the first place. Any other Rabbi would only choose the best of the best. The best student, the best debater, the disciples who had memorized the Torah, the Talmud and the Mishnah. But these four fisherman are not the best students. While the best candidates for discipleship have been studying the faith, these men have been studying the art of fishing.

The insanity isn't jumping off the boat, the insanity is who Jesus picks to be disciples. Jesus picks the least likely, the ones without the skills or talents that a normal Rabbi



would be looking for. And it forces us to ask that deeper question. Not the question of whether we would drop everything and follow, but the question of "Is God really calling me?" The craziness of leaving everything behind shields us from the truth. It shields us

from admitting to ourselves and to the world, that if God were to come knocking and calling out to us, that we would have nothing to offer. "What can I say about God? Won't my family and my neighbours think I am crazy? Who am I to pretend that I have any words worth hearing?"

But we are who God chooses. We are the ones into whose

lives Jesus walks. We are the ones who are called and it is not because we have something to give or to offer as disciples. We are picked because God is the one doing the calling, no application forms, no pre-requisites, no interviews.

This is the way God works in the world. The ideas and possibilities that we imagine as successful—God avoids and ignores. The ideas and possibilities for which we can only see failure—God uses those to work in the world.

God gives up power to be born as a baby in order to save the world. God preaches to and teaches crowds who do not listen and disciples who do not understand in order to show us the way. God suffers and dies on cross in order to bring New Life and a New Creation into being. God calls the least likely and most ill equipped to be proclaimers of the Good News.

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

It is not a command to knock on doors, or to memorize the bible or convert our neighbour. When Jesus calls the disciples, and when Jesus calls us, it is a declaration of who we are—we are God's chosen. Jesus chooses us—no questions asked. Jesus picks us without reservation, without hesitation. Jesus grabs hold of us whether we have the skills, or gifts or talents or not.

And then Jesus promises that he will make us fish for people. Jesus will not teach us, not show us, not suggest to us.

Jesus will make us.

That is the insanity.

We have been chosen to follow Jesus. Chosen to be the ones that God works in and through. How and when will this happen? That is up to God. That is part of the promise. Jesus will do the making, we are the ones simply being made, shaped and formed.

And maybe that is the scariest part of all. Maybe that is why we don't like to talk about evangelism. Because being called by Jesus means we will jump from boat and it won't seem crazy. Because being chosen by God means we are changed and transformed. God makes us into disciples, followers, into fishers for people.

~ The Rev. Erik Parker is a Lutheran pastor and leader of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba.





# PARISH RESOURCES

## Parish Office & Mailing Address

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## Parish Staff

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## Assisting Clergy

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:loisflaherty@gmail.com)), Maria Roche ([maria.roche15@gmail.com](mailto:maria.roche15@gmail.com)), Letitia Howland ([L\\_howland@hotmail.com](mailto:L_howland@hotmail.com)), or Erin Young ([erin.t.young@gmail.com](mailto:erin.t.young@gmail.com)) if you have any questions 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.