Solemnity of
The Epiphany of the Lord
2 January 2022

The Magi Journeying
James Tissot
VERSES

1. We three kings of Ori-ent are; Bear-ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth-le-hem’s plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank-incense to of-fer have I: In-cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise, King and God and

TRAVERSE A - FA R Field and foun-tain, Moor and moun-tain,
crown him a-gain, King for-ev-er, Ceas-ing nev-er
de-i-ty nigh; Prayer and pra-ising Glad-ly rais-ing,
gath-er-ing gloom; Sor-row-ing, sigh-ing, Bleed-ing, dy-ing,
Sac-ri-fice; “Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!”

REFRAIN

1. Fol-low-ing yon-der star. O star of won-der,
2. O-ver us all to reign.
3. Wor-ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.

star of night, Star with roy-al beau-ty bright; West-ward
lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to thy per-fect light.

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 of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Glory 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
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 60: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 72: Lord, Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You  Marty Haugen

SECOND READING | Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Remembrance  Marty Haugen

GOSPEL | Matthew 2: 1-12

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

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 | What Child is This  

PUER NOBIS

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More loving than the noon-day light? 'Tis sent to announce a new-born king, Glad tidings of our God to bring.
2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed: "From Jacob sag-es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's command. force be-nign, To seek the Giv-er of the sign. hearts re-fuse The guid-ance of your light to use.
3. While outward signs the star displays, An inward nation raise An end-less song of thank-ful praise!
4. O Je-sus, while the star of grace In-vites us to God the Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it, Three in One, May ev-ry tongue and
5. Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Renewal

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Renewal

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Renewal

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.
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.
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. Ev’ry nation sees the glory of a
2. Ev’ry tongue shall sing the praises of his
3. Once again may we discover Word made
4. Gather, God, the world together in the

star that pierced the night. As we tell the wondrous
birth in deepest night. He is healing for the
flesh sent from above In our neighbor, sister;
brightness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for-

story we are bathed in radiant light. Star sent
ages; he is Christ, our God’s delight. He pro-
brother, in the lonely and unloved. May we
evver; help us walk the holy way. May your

forth from highest heaven, dancing light of God’s de-
claims within his being all our hopes, our
detouch him, may we hold him, may we cradle him with
justice rule the nations; may all people live as

sign. Shine upon the gift that’s given: Word made
sires. He shall die to rise redeeming all who
care As we learn to love each other, bringing
one. Now we see our true salvation in the

flesh now born in time.
follow with their lives.
hope from out despair.
glory of your Son.

POSTLUDE | Rigaudons
Jean-Philippe Rameau
(1683-1764)

All music in this worship aid is printed with permission under OneLicense.net #A700-137.

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

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

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.
PIZZA AND A MOVIE

FAITH & FILM SERIES
2021-2022

SEPTEMBER 25
THE TWO POPES (2019)

OCTOBER 16
SCENES FROM AN EMPTY CHURCH (2021)

NOVEMBER 6
MARY MAGDALENE (2018)

DECEMBER 4
LITTLE WOMEN (2019)

JANUARY 8
SCENES FROM A PARISH (2009)

FEBRUARY 5
SILENCE (2016)

MARCH 5
THE TREE OF LIFE (2011)

APRIL 2
MOONLIGHT (2016)

MAY 7
A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD (2019)

JUNE 4
A HIDDEN LIFE (2019)

A SHORT DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW THE MOVIE

SPONSORED BY THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION
OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, January 1 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Matthew Duprey, lector

Sunday, January 2 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Bobb Mann, lector

Sunday, January 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Julie DesAutels; Natasha Bolton-Pierre, and Letitia Howland, lectors

Sunday, January 2 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo and Pat Scofield, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Hector Serpes, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 2 | 11:30 a.m.
Mary Garrity, Memorial
Eleanor Ann Maciolek, Special Intention
Neil Leonard, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Celebrate the Christmas Season with Evening Prayer

Monday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m. – The 3rd Day and Saint John the Evangelist

Wednesday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. – The 5th Day and Saint Thomas Becket

Friday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m. – The 7th Day and Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 2 at 6:30 p.m. – The 9th Day and Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. – The 11th Day and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. – The 12th Day and Saint John Neumann

Sunday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Baptism of the Lord and Conclusion of Christmas
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nancy Boutin and Fred Anzalone who died last week. Pray for the consolation of their loved ones. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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, and Liam Nedell.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Tanya and Gregory Rybarczyk of Waltham, Cynthia Keenan and John Kosinski of Woodstock, Vermont, Vincent Duffy of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and Emily Falvey of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

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.

For Ongoing Incarnation
Pray for the grace to bring God into our world—that we may allow the Word to dwell in our hearts, become enfleshed through our lives, and revealed in our words and deeds.

For Reconciliation
Pray for reconciliation within families—that the Prince of Peace will heal old wounds, help us to recognize the gift that each person is, and lead us all into right relationship.

For Persecuted Christians
Pray for Christians who are unable to celebrate because of persecution and oppression—that God will strengthen them, fill their hearts with hope, and help them to be signs of God's love and presence.

For the People Who Inhabit the Holy Land
Pray for all who live in Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah; for Christians, Jews, and Muslims—that God’s spirit will open new pathways of peace and bring forth new hope for all who live in fear.

For Peace in Troubled Parts of the World
Pray for those who live amidst warfare and violence—that God will bring peace to their spirits and give them a new vision to help bring forth justice and peace in their land.

Six O’Clock Mass Note
There will be no six o’clock Sunday Mass tonight. The six o’clock Mass will resume Sunday, January 9, the Baptism of the Lord.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany of the Lord is one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year. Traditionally celebrated on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas, it is so important that in many countries, including the United States, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday when it doesn't happen to fall on a Sunday, as it does this year. On Christmas day we celebrate the Word becoming flesh; on Epiphany we celebrate the news getting out—the revelation of this amazing happening to the world. Epiphany comes to us from the East as its Greek name indicates. The word means "manifestation," "showing forth," or "revelation." In the Eastern Churches, this day is a triple celebration of the revealing of Christ to the Magi; to people gathered at the Jordan when Jesus was baptized by John; and to the wedding guests at Cana. While the Church in the West emphasizes the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ today, with the Baptism of the Lord commemorated next Sunday, a hint of the ancient origins of Epiphany survives in one of today's antiphons for Evening Prayer: "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation."
It is an Epiphany custom to inscribe with chalk the initials of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, along with the numerals of the new year, over the main doorway of your house or apartment. Traditionally, the letters and numbers are inscribed in this format: 20 + C + M + B + 22.

In addition to the letters being the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi, they also abbreviate the Latin words “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or “May Christ bless the house.” At Saint Cecilia, we pray that we will be a welcoming presence for all who pass through our doors; we pray that we will welcome everyone without judgment or prejudice. You are invited to take home a piece of blessed chalk with you today and say a prayer of blessing at your door. This is one option:

Loving God,

We pray through the intercession of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, that you help us create a home of peace and love.

Give to those who pass through the doorways of this house, an awareness of your presence within their hearts.

Bless our comings and our goings. Watch over us and over all our guests; when we leave, bless our journeys and bring us safely home.

We ask this through Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

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 to debrief 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.
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 $87,000, from 186 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.

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.

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

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

In the United States, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord marks the beginning of National Migration Week. The Magi were on the move, pilgrims following a star; and in the face of Herod's fury, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus would become refugees, fleeing into Egypt. Christians everywhere are called to extend a helping hand to those who are suffering, alone, and on the verge of despair. This year's theme for National Migration Week is "Building Communities of Welcome." Migrants and particularly the most vulnerable migrants—children, the undocumented, refugees, and victims of human trafficking—remain limited and their ability to live out their lives in its fullness, severely restricted. Often at risk of violence or exploitation, these vulnerable populations need to be provided the support so that they can thrive. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. Pray that the Lord will soften our hearts and help us to bring the light of Christ to these populations, and help to bring them from the margins of society to its center.

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, 2021 | 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: 3KINGS20 (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/
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

EPHYPANY PARTY!
Friday, January 7 | 6:30 p.m. | RSVP for Location

Join us for an evening to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with traditional kings bread and Mexican hot chocolate! Enjoy time socializing with friends old and new! This event is for Young Adults ages 18-40. RSVP at http://tiny.cc/SCYA3kings.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 2
January 4, 25, February 8, 22 | 6:00 p.m. | Community Room

Starting in 2022, we are going to be watching *The Chosen* season 2 in person at St. C’s! *The Chosen* is the first multi-season series about the life of Christ. If you haven’t seen Season 1 yet, we highly recommend it (you can watch it for free on The Chosen app). Although, you don’t need to watch it before seeing season 2 - we’ll be sure to catch you up! We will meet a total of 4 times and watch 2 episodes at each meeting followed by some discussion. Pizza and snacks will be provided! All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please email johannathehappy@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SAINT CECILIA CARES

Our parish helps the folks who are visited by members of our Saint Cecilia CARES ministry team. Each year, the CARES ministers package up sets of Christmas/holiday cards for them. Given that many of those the CARES team visits are experiencing poverty or have mobility issues, these cards were greatly appreciated. While many stores are having 50% off sales, you might consider picking up a box (only one box per person, please) of cards for us to use next year. There will be a bin in the narthex for this purpose.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY

With growing concerns about COVID this winter, particularly the omicron variant, Catholic Charities’ five food pantries are experiencing increased demand. Food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts remains such a concern that Catholic Charities will be adding a sixth pantry next month – this one in Lynn.

For over a decade, generous Saint Cecilia parishioners have been supporting CCAB’s Dorchester pantry with food donated in our narthex. While any shelf-stable items would be appreciated, the most requested items are: canned tuna fish, tomato sauce, white flour pasta and spaghetti, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, Cheerios or corn flakes, cooking oil, and canned chicken breast. If you are still not comfortable attending Mass in person and prefer the livestream, you might want to consider purchasing any of the items listed above from an on-line vendor.

Items purchased on-line should be sent to: Beth Chambers, Catholic Charities 185 Columbia Road Dorchester, MA 02121. Thank you for your consideration and compassion!

*The Wise Men*

JC Leyendecker (1874-1951)
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. (Rev. 1:5-6)

Guerino & Olga Abruzzi
Mary Anzivino
Dudley Appelman
Sharon Appelman
Catherine Aylward
Nora Bain
Romania Barclay
Esther & Cathy Ann Barker
Wilfred & Olive Barker
Julius & Eleanore Bienkowski
Harriet Blanchard
Alan Bonus
Casey Bonus
Mary Bonus
Chuck & Betty Botosh
Charles Boudakian
Mary Bradley
John Brait
Jack Brent
Mary Elizabeth Brown
William W. Brow
Sergio Bru
Glenn Calmus
Charles M. Campion
Ann Campo

Maria Cristina Campo de Paez
Mee-Na Choo
Jong-Joo Chung
John & Nancy Coghlan
Doris Coleman
Donald Coleman
Harry Coleman
Virginia Coleman
Charlene A. Colgan
Patricia Colgan
Fr. Chuck Connolly, S.J.
Mickey & Joe Contilli
Francis & Madeline Cotton
Robert Crawford
Daniel & Jeanne Curley
Daniel T. Curley
Mary Curley
Sally Curtin
Mark Czestochowa
Mr. & Mrs. Saheed W. Dahar, Sr.
Alfredo Dalao
Cynthia Dalao Bagatelas
Telesfora Dalao
Harry Day
Frank DeMare

Demers Family
John Z. Dennehy
Mr. & Mrs. Philip F. Dennehy, Sr.
Francis DeRose
Marc DeSousa
Kathy Devin
Mary and Joseph Devlin
Mario Diaz
Frank & Marjorie DiGennaro
Cecelia Dobson
Alida Dommermuth
Edmond Donlan
Rosella Donlan
George J. Doran, Sr.
Arthur T. Dunnett
R. Maragret Dunnett
Lisa Crowley Dutile
Elcock Family
Stephen Ellis
Maria Caridad Escanaverino
Irene & John Falдетta
Mary & Peter Famiglietti
Tony, Ann, & John Farinelli
Mary & Daniel Federici
Marie & Phil Ferraro
Elio Ruth Fine
Caroline & Phil Fitzpatrick
Ann Flaherty
Annie Caroline Flaherty
Joseph Flaherty
Alice Florenzano
Francescon Family
Bill Gardner
Carmina Garcia
Joseph Garcia
Michael Garvey
Richard Gilbert
Anne & William Giles
James J. Griffin
Lucy Ann Griffin
Lucy B. Griffin
Mary Ann Griffin
Michell Griffin
Griffith Family
Rev. Msgr. Michael F. Groden
Richard N. Hart, Jr.
Nicole Bairos Heck
Charles & Nancy Heaslip
Jillian Heaslip
Fr. Jerry Hogan
Bryce Holton
Leah & Tom Holton
Edmond and Agnes Horsley
Winston Horsley
Carol Howland
Richard Howland
Thomas & Jeanne Keenan
Virginia Kelly
Robert Kenney
John Kiley
Brig. Gen. Leo A. Kiley (Ret.)
Nadia & Joseph Kiley
Joseph King
Joann Kita
Elsa & Nedeljo Klaric
Cecilia Kurta
Joseph Kurta
Dot & Rene L'Abbe
Ruth M. & Robert F. Lally
Thomas Largey
LaSala-Romeo-GilberFamily
Michael J. Lawless
Sally S. Lawless
Vincent M. Lawless
Laura & Siobhan
Neil Leonard
Susan Levinsky
Kenny Liebling
Joseph & Claire Lippolt
Alice Littleton
Carmen Lombardo
Jaime Lopez
Mueit (AKA Irene) Luebke
David Macaulay
Barbara & John MacDonald
Fred Maglero
Ilda, Peter & Paul Maguire
Gerry & Bridie Maloney
Mr. & Mrs. James Manley
Alexander & Josephine Mathurine
Ana Matta
Natibidad Matta
Manuel Matos
Judy Matteson
Stephen Matteson
Elizabeth & James A. McCrohan
McEvoy Family
Jim McManus
Peter Menansche
Melville Family
Robert Menson
Joe Michalski
James & Rose Miele
Christine & Cal Milne
Kathleen Modeste
Moffatt Family
Josephine Moitooso
Jeff Monroe
Eleanor Byrne Mooney Dahar
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mooney, Sr.
Patrick & Noreen Morrisey
Iren Morillo
John & Kathleen Mullen
Bill Mullin
Dorothy & Frank Mullin
Bob Murphy
Edwin Murphy
Elizabeth Murphy
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Madie Nicpon
David O’Hara
Cristobal Paez L
Elena B. Paez L
Elena Paez L
Placido Paez C
Ana Teresa Palermo
Ernesto Palermo
Christine Anne Palmer
Pandolfo Family
James Pillow
Regina J. Platt
Jim & Sadie Price
Sheldon Rich
Roccuzzo Family
Grace Romasanta
Manolita Romasanta
Christine & John Romeo
Frances Romeo
Edgar & Josephine Roy
Jack Russel
Mary & Raif Saati
Augustine J. Salvetti
Grace R. Salvetti
Mario & Maria Santoro
Rose Scozza
Fr. Richard Segreve
Harold Seward
Elizabeth, John & Peter Shatswell
Susan Shaughnessy
Tony & Joan Shelto

Kathryn Shirley-Davidson
John & Nancy Shugars
James Shugars
Paul & Mary Siebert
Leo & Camille Simon
Mary and Francis Skinner
Gerry Smith
Ellen Solomita
Kyung-Seok Son
Pil-Yun Son
Sook-Ok Bae Son
Dorothy Starzyk
William Starzyk, Jr.
Beth Ann Strickler
Earl Strickler
Richard Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Szum
Susan R. Szum
Sue & Mike Toomey
Angela and Raymond Towle
Geraldine Travers
Nadine & John Troppy
Denis Woods
Gregg VanNostrand
Brian VanNostrand
Ramona Haney Williams
Robert Yabaccio
Myra & Michael Yenco
Imagine yourself in a darkened theater. At center stage sits a woman, child on her lap, both wrapped in tonal greys. A tiny stream of light falls from above. Off left, large animals shift their weight on floorboards, chuff-chuffing their breath; foreign tongues murmur them calm. Off right, the only sound is of metal rasps running repeatedly down the length of blades; random sparks flare off the cutting teeth.

This is Epiphany. Everything is waiting to happen.

We know the narrative detail: Mary and Jesus, a manger, the Magi’s star-trekking journey with camels and gifts to honor a “newborn king” (while Herod, like Pharaoh, plots a bloody offense).

But Epiphany is a season for paradigm shifts. What if we scramble the details?

Imagine this. Off left, the chuff-chuffing of foreign tongues come not from men calming beasts, but camels praying as they approach the child, the spiritual waterhole for the world. The camels have not brought kings or astrologers, but a guild of bakers, who extend platters of fresh bread toward the child. At center, the woman wrapped in a cloak of ultraviolet leans back on her stool: She has given birth to a star, filling them both with light. At her side stands a human child. He gazes off right. The sound of rasps and swords, boots and shouted commands fascinate him. Slowly, the child lets go his mother’s hand, relaxes his throat muscles, measures his breath. In a world of bread and circuses, he has made brothers of soldiers. He is a sword-swaller and eats their pain.

Third-Century Frescoes in Roman catacombs hold the earliest depictions of the Adoration of the Magi. In one, three men advance in a line toward a child standing in his mother’s wide-legged stance, showing her authority. Others reveal the Magi extending platters of bread toward the child Jesus. Another illustrates men with camels approaching Mary and Jesus with gifts. The lead gift-bearer extends a disproportionately large right hand to an encircled star overhead. These are the earliest details of the nativity narrative: travelers, bread, camels, a wide-legged woman, a child, a star. Later portrayals add partially visible soldiers.

Epiphany is a time for imaginative leaps. Poet Denise Levertov notes that what we love about the greatest writers is the detail, “relevant, illuminating detail—which marks the total imagination, distinct from intellect, at work.” But details are organized into narratives or paradigms that are containers of meaning. Is it possible to keep the details but transform the paradigm?

Walter Brueggemann reminds us that the world we take as “given” is only a long-established act of imagination “that appeals to be and claims assent as the only legitimate occupant of the field.” Ingenious vaulting from one plane to the next happens when, “through a daring political act,” a new paradigm is articulated, a new understanding revealed.

Same details, new story. The “long-imagined ‘givens’” are challenged and a “counter given” becomes entertainable.

We sit in a darkened theater alongside our unspeakable sorrow—anxiety, brutality, grievous loss, alienations we never thought possible. The child faces us from the edge of the stage, a taste of metal still on his tongue. “Let me give you a gift,” he says, “something made of starlight and old swords.” From his mouth spews a million fireflies.

The people who walked in darkness have become a great light. Epiphany is our mystery.

~Rose Marie Berger, author of Bending the Arch: Poems, is senior editor of Sojourners magazine.
Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

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 Eucharist and confirmation.

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

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

Holy Days

Lord's Day

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Schedule for Liturgy

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support
Rev. Mr. David A. Kiblinger, SJ, Deacon
Leah Bennett, Communications and Operations Manager, lbennett@stceciliaboston.org
Mike Currier, Reception reception@stceciliaboston.org
Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate
Robert Duff, Director of Music rduff@stceciliaboston.org
Giovanna Franchi, Pastoral Minister
gfranchi@stceciliaboston.org
David Girardin, Assistant Music Director dgirardin@stceciliaboston.org
Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance
cmelaugh@stceciliaboston.org
Thomas Mellan, Organist
tmellan@stceciliaboston.org
Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events
lpickering@stceciliaboston.org
Christin Roskos, Reception
reception@stceciliaboston.org

Assisting Clergy

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

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 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 other states as well as other countries. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff person 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.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address
18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115
Hours | Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & by Appointment
Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781
E-mail | info@stceciliaboston.org
Website | www.stceciliaboston.org

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support
Rev. Mr. David A. Kiblinger, SJ, Deacon
Leah Bennett, Communications and Operations Manager, lbennett@stceciliaboston.org
Mike Currier, Reception reception@stceciliaboston.org
Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate
Robert Duff, Director of Music rduff@stceciliaboston.org
Giovanna Franchi, Pastoral Minister
gfranchi@stceciliaboston.org
David Girardin, Assistant Music Director
dgirardin@stceciliaboston.org
Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance
cmelaugh@stceciliaboston.org
Thomas Mellan, Organist
tmellan@stceciliaboston.org
Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events
lpickering@stceciliaboston.org
Christin Roskos, Reception
reception@stceciliaboston.org

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.

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.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

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.

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

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

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.