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Dorothy Day Feeding the Hungry by Julie Lonneman

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Journey of Faith


LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Mak - er of gal - ax - ies, star - dust, and all that has  
2. Je - sus, of Mar - y born, bring - ing the good news as -  
3. Spir - it of Je - sus and men - tor of saints through the  
4. We are your fam - 'ly be - lov - ed in each gen - er -  
5. Praise for the joy of be - liev - ing and jour - ney a -



be - ing, O - pen the eyes of our  
tound - ing, O - pen the ears of our  
a - ges, O - pen our lips with a  
a - tion, Church on a pil - grim - age,  
maz - ing; Praise for the good - ness and



hearts to know faith's ways of see - ing.  
hearts to your Gos - pel re - sound - ing.  
word that in - vites and en - gag - es.  
called to em - brace trans - for - ma - tion.  
beau - ty here, ev - 'ry - where blaz - ing!



Shine through the night; Lead us to ra - diance of  
Hear - ing your voice, Let all the peo - ple re -  
We will pro - claim Par - don and peace in Christ's  
Called to this way, Grow - ing in love day by  
Praise for the song, Sing - ing the faint - heart - ed



light, Vi - sion em - pow - 'ring and free - ing.  
joyce, Glad in your bless - ings a - bound - ing.  
name Through all of life, all its stag - es.  
day, We live now, Christ's new cre - a - tion.  
strong; Praise for de - light in the prais - ing!

## 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



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 58: 7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 112: The Just Man is a Light in Darkness

Tony Alonso

The just man is a light in dark-ness to the up - right.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
he is generous, merciful, and just.  
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice. *R.*

He will never be moved;  
forever shall the upright be remembered.

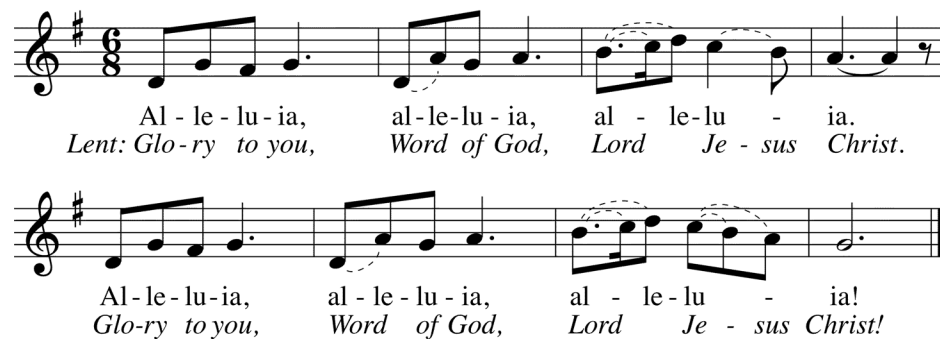
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD. *R.*

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.  
Openhanded, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm forever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory. *R.*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia from Jubilation Mass

James J. Chepponis



GOSPEL | Matthew 5: 13-16

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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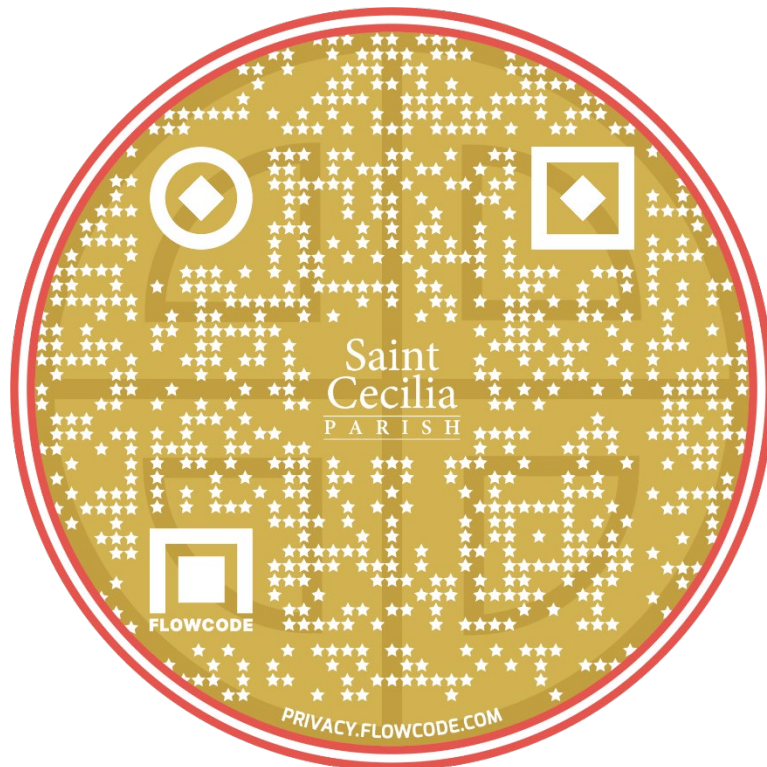
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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere Street  
Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Lead Us to Your Light

Carol Browning

## Refrain



Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.

Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

## Verses



1. Lord, we a - wait your com - ing to our world;  
2. Lord, you are hope and heal - ing for our world;  
3. Come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.  
4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slum - ber,  
5. Child of the light and love be - yond all tell - ing,

bring us the gift of sal - va - tion.  
come, now, and bring us your good news.  
Come with us on earth here to dwell.  
ban - ish the dark - ness of night.  
fill our hearts with won - der and praise.

D.C.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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





## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, 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.

## COMMUNION | Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell


Verses / Estrofas

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.

*1. Luz a - ño - ra - mos, luz es - pe - ra - mos.  
 2. Paz an - he - la - mos, se tur - ba el mun - do.  
 3. Fal - ta co - mi - da: mu - chos ham - brien - tos.*

Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.

*Ver - dad bus - ca - mos, va - mos a ti.  
 Fal - ta es - pe - ran - za, y el a - len - tar.  
 Fal - ta be - bi - da: mu - chos con sed.*



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
*Haz - nos los tu - yos, tu pue - blo san - to,*  
*Con tu pa - la - bra só - lo nos sal - vas.*  
*Haz - nos tu pan, par - ti - do por o - tros,*



Light for the world to see.  
 Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 Shared un - til all are fed.  
*Luz pa - ra el mun - do ver.*  
*Haz - nos tu vi - va voz.*  
*Has - ta sa - ciar - los bien.*

Refrain / Estribillo



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
*¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri - lla en tu I - gle - sia, luz en la*  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
*no - che. ¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri - lla en no -*  
 Church gath - ered to - day.  
*so - tros jun - tos a - quí.*

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|--|---|
| 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.<br>Longing for warmth, many are cold.<br>Make us your building, sheltering others,<br>Walls made of living stone. | 4. <i>Muchos sin casa buscan abrigo.<br/>Falta calor: yertos están.<br/>Haznos tu albergue, tus piedras vivas<br/>Que tu refugio dan.</i>   |
| 5. Many the gifts, many the people,<br>Many the hearts that yearn to belong.<br>Let us be servants to one another,<br>Making your kingdom come.              | 5. <i>Muchos los dones, mucha la gente,<br/>Muchos desean pertenecer.<br/>Haznos sirvientes unos de otros.<br/>Venga tu reino, oh Dios.</i> |

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Teach Me, O Lord

Philip W.J. Stopford  
(b. 1977)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.  
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire.  
 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.  
 O urn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way.  
 O establish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.

# CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | Lead Me, Guide Me

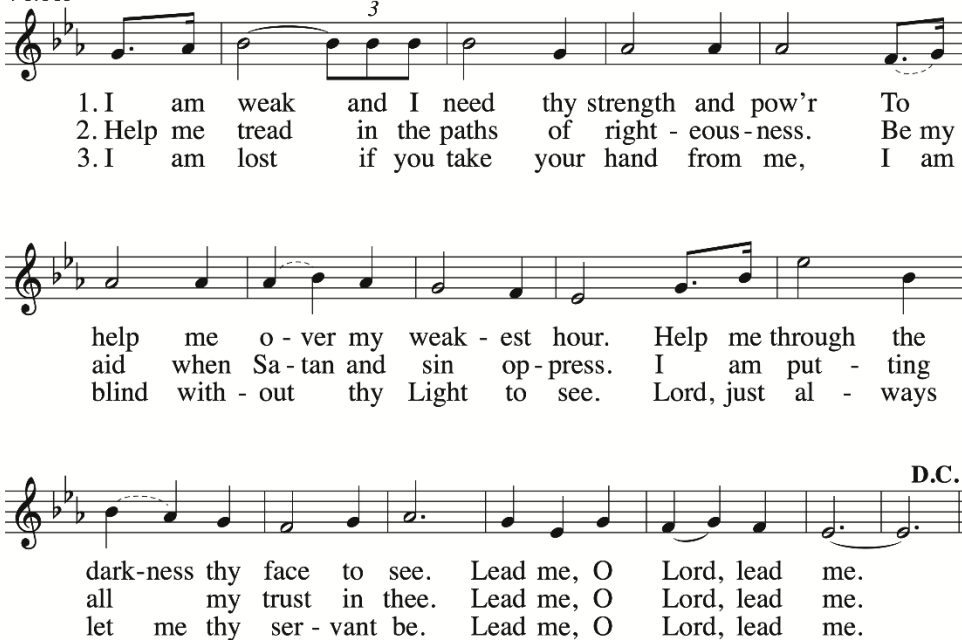
Doris Akers

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways  
dark - ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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# 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, February 4 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Emily Bogert, lector

**Sunday, February 5 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant  
Elizabeth Fahey, lector

**Sunday, February 5 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Rosaria Salerno, Moira Macdonald,  
and Kelly McClintock, lectors

**Sunday, February 5 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Brian Kelleher-Calnan, Catherine Horsley,  
and Ngozi Udeh, lectors

**Sunday, February 5 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Zachary Boutin and Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Sunday, February 5 | 9:30 a.m.**

Deceased Members of the  
Raymond Family, *Memorial*  
Catherine Aloisi, *Memorial*  
Regina Stettinius, *Memorial*

**Sunday, February 5 | 9:30 a.m.**

Elisabeth Krawinkel, *Memorial*

**Thursday, February 9 | 8:00 a.m.**

Joseph Bliss, *Memorial*

## TODAY'S READINGS

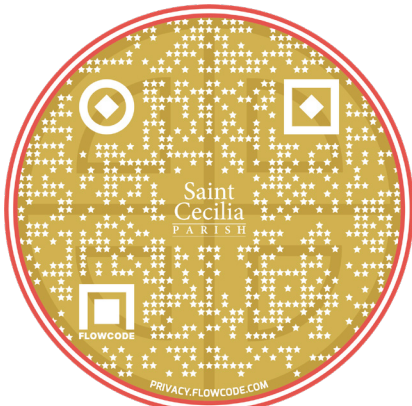
Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sirach 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37



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# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Glenn Gallo, Carol Tebo, 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: **Gera and Bill Griffiths** of Harwich Port, **Katherine May** of Brookline, the **Cataldo-Smart Family** of Boston, **Julie and Brian McDonough** of Boston, the **Gibbons Family** of Boston, **Blaise Fangman** of Boston, **Kayla Greenwood** of Marshfield, **Nancy Rogers** of Gaithersburg, Maryland, **Deborah Whalen** of Cambridge, **Sharon and Richard Miklitsch** of Denver, North Carolina, and **Mary and Larry Hennessey** of Okemos, Michigan. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## Memorial of St. Blaise—The Blessing of Throats

This Friday, the Church remembers Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. Saint Blaise lived in Turkey and Armenia during the fourth century and once saved a boy who was choking on a fish bone. From the eighth century onwards, Saint Blaise has been invoked on behalf of the sick and it has been said that those who light a candle in his memory will be preserved from illnesses of the throat. The customary Blessing of Throats will be given at the 8:00 liturgy on Friday morning (February 3).

## Scout Sunday Observance – February 5

The Boy and Girl Scouts of America designate the Sunday closest to February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday—a day set aside to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. At Saint Cecilia, we're commemorating Scout Sunday on February 5 and we invite all Scouts in the parish to come to Mass in their uniforms. We always look forward to this very special occasion. Following the 9:30 liturgy, support our local troops by purchasing everyone's favorite Girl Scout Cookies! Our Girl Scouts will be selling cookies for \$5 per box either outside the church (weather permitting) or in the parish hall.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration occurs on the Sunday following the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2). Today we pray for all those who

have consecrated their lives to Christ in the religious life by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We pray in a special way for **Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ**, a member of the Society of Jesus who is on our pastoral staff; **Fr. Terry Devino, SJ** and **Fr. Peter Gyves, SJ**, both

members of the Society of Jesus who assist us by presiding at some of our liturgies; **Fr. Peter Grover, OMV**, a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary who is also one of our regular presiders; **Sr. Ann Marie Cook, SNDdeN** of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and **Sr. Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM** of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—both Sisters are active members of our parish. May all men and women in consecrated life continue to live their lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ and respond with generosity of heart to the gift of their vocation.



## Black History Month

During the month of February we recognize that Black history is American history. To divorce the two is to perpetuate the systematic oppression and violence our neighbors of color face. Though only 28 days long, Black History Month is a time to celebrate and lift up the lives and achievements of Black Americans past and present. We plan to celebrate this year by sharing articles and highlighting some facts about some noteworthy Black figures in history. These values echo the main principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and we pray that they are increasingly embraced by all Americans.

## Liturgy of the Hours

On Saturday, February 11, we will celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick with Lauds at 9:00 a.m. Join us live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page or via Zoom. Please email [sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com](mailto:sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com) for more information.



## A NOTE ON PARISH SAFETY

Hello, Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors—



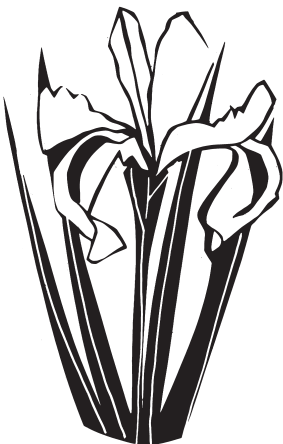
You may have noticed the presence of members of the Berklee Police Department in church during our 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday liturgies. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe parish environment, we have invited officers into our space. Officers not only

keep us safe, but they have assisted us with medical emergencies and traffic situations. With the unfortunate increase in nationwide targeted violence against houses of worship, we are grateful for the good relationship we have with Berklee Police, and we welcome their presence. If you ever notice behavior that makes you feel ill at ease, we encourage you to approach one of the officers.

Our parish staff and ministry leaders have completed an Active Shooter Response Training, but we need to rely on everyone to understand the importance of remaining vigilant, reporting suspicious activity, and being aware of their surroundings. Together, let's commit ourselves to maintaining a safe and peaceful environment at Saint Cecilia.

Be kind and be well.

Peace,  
Lisa Pickering  
Director of Facilities



## FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute flowers for our sanctuary in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God, please contact Mark Donohoe ([mdonohoe@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:mdonohoe@stceciliaboston.org)) several days in advance of the weekend.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

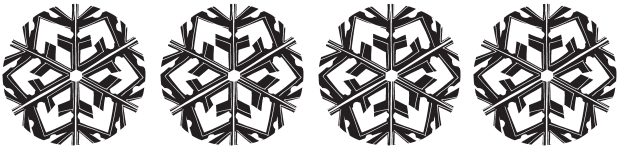
*"Is there anyone sick among you?"* This question, found in the New Testament Letter of James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the Church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to call the parish office to ask for prayer and the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with serious illness. This sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but rather as a powerful instrument of God's healing presence. On February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church observes World Day of the Sick. This celebration is a reminder to pray for all those who are sick and to recognize and honor those who work in healthcare and those who serve as caregivers. At Saint Cecilia, we will observe this day on Sunday, February 12 with a special Blessing of Healthcare Workers and Caregivers at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies. The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after the 5:00 p.m. (Saturday), 8:00 a.m., & 11:30 a.m. liturgies that same weekend, for those who are living with physical, mental, or spiritual sickness or the frailty of advanced age. If you would like to take part in this special celebration, be sure to attend one of these liturgies.

## SAINT CECILIA REMOTE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CALL

**Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. ET**

Please join the Remote Fellowship Community as we welcome Carly Caminiti and Peter Lin-Marcus, members of Saint Cecilia's Racial Equity Team, to our February online coffee hour. As many of you know, beginning in 2022, Saint Cecilia embarked on the second phase of work with Health Resources in Action (HRIA) to develop a multi-year strategic plan to become a more welcoming, anti-racist community. A diverse group of Saint Cecilia parishioners worked together to determine Priority Areas, including improving belonging and inclusivity for parishioners, parish culture, and solidarity in action. We're excited to have Carly and Peter update us on what they've been working on and what the future plans look like!

We hope you can join the "Far Flung Flock" for this online coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to join us! If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the email with the link for February. If you have not attended or are unsure if you're on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at [gallaghercomms@gmail.com](mailto:gallaghercomms@gmail.com) to be added to the list. The Zoom link will be emailed to the entire list a few days before the call.



## SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES FOR SAINT CECILIA'S MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM (PRE-CANA)

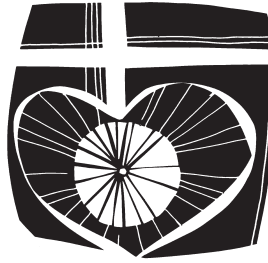


### WINTER WALK BOSTON

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/winterwalk-boston23/register/form/registration> or contact 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/winterwalk-boston23/team/911184/>

Members of the Saint Cecilia Winter Walk Team will be at weekend Masses if you would like to make a donation by check (made payable to "Winter Walk Boston") or cash.



One of the primary initiatives of our Marriage Ministry is to offer a Marriage Prep course for all engaged couples. Since 2019, Saint Cecilia has offered our own course, based on the Archdiocese model of Marriage Prep ("Transformed in Love"), in which married couples serve as witness couples to lead the engaged couples through the coursework. But we can't do this without your help! Whether you have been married for a month or 50 years, we would love your marital experience and wisdom for the engaged couples enrolled in the program. Marriage Prep courses are offered several times a year, but commitments are flexible. *Our next class is March 4/March 11!* For more information, please email Julianne and Michael Lavelle at [stc.marriage@gmail.com](mailto:stc.marriage@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.



### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Generous parishioners have donated a supply of children's books that can be found in a box in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow these during one of our liturgies.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know that we do not receive any financial support from the Archdiocese, but like all parishes, we are required to pay a monthly Central Ministry Tithe? Each parish is expected to contribute 10% of their offertory (or 5.7% if the parish has a school) to help support the work of the Archdiocese.**





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### BOSTON COLLEGE ANNUAL CANDLEMAS LECTURE

#### On the Edge: Reflections on Being a Catholic Intellectual amid Many Religions

Presenter: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Parkman Professor of  
Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology at Harvard  
Divinity School

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

**Gasson Hall, 100, Chestnut Hill Campus**

### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

#### Imagination and Faithful Practices of Resistance

Presenter: Callid Keefe-Perry, Assistant Professor of  
Contextual Education and Public Theology, Boston College  
School of Theology and Ministry

**Thursday, February 16, 2023 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid**

**TML Auditorium, Theology and Ministry Library, Room 113**

**Boston College, Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street**

**Registration Required | Free of charge**

#### Do THE WORK: Toward a Catholic Anti-Racism

Presenter: Tia Noelle Pratt, Assistant Vice President for  
Mission Engagement and Strategic Initiatives, Villanova  
University

**Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid**

**TML Auditorium, Theology and Ministry Library, Room 113**

**Boston College, Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street**

**Registration Required | Free of charge**

To learn more or register, visit: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/campus-events.html>

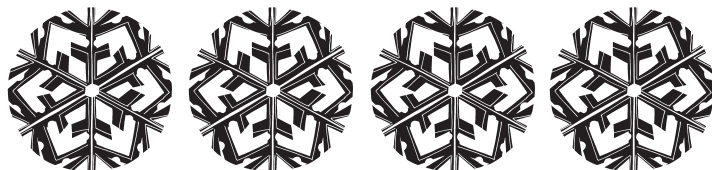
### SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

#### Heaven, Hell, Resurrection, and the After Life

Presenter: Dr. Nate DesRosiers, Associate Professor  
in Religious Studies at Stonehill College

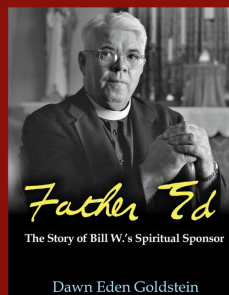
**Monday, February 13, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom**

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



## 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



*You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.  
Nor do they light a lamp and then put  
it under a bushel basket;  
it is set on a lampstand,  
where it gives light to all in the house.  
Just so, your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father.*

~ Matthew 5:14-16



## THE GRACE OF GROWING OLD

BY MARY KAY JORDAN FLEMING

I distracted myself with my phone during a long wait for my sister's appointment with a pain specialist. An elderly woman maneuvered into the seat across from me. I shifted in my chair and retracted my outstretched legs as she reeled in her walker and situated her belongings. Baggy clothing hung from her tall, thin frame. My gaze drifted downward to her shoes, the right one untied.

I pointed. "Can I tie that for you?"

Her watery blue eyes locked onto mine. "Oh, yes, thank you."

I fumbled for words as my casual courtesy suddenly felt intimate. "My own shoes are untied half the time, too," I said.

As I reached for the armrest to pull myself up, the woman placed her wrinkled hands atop mine. "God bless you! Thank you!" she repeated three times, cocooning my fingers in her warmth. Now my eyes became watery, too.

This took place five years ago. And it has taken me those five years to figure out why the old woman's gratitude moved me to tears.

I too have begun to struggle with bending over, getting up from the floor and maintaining balance on uneven ground. Undeniable evidence of my own aging. Now in my late 60s, I am the person getting dropped off close to buildings to save walking. I am the one hoping for ramp access instead of stairs. At some point, I may need help tying my shoes.

I should not be surprised at any of my body's changes—my entire career prepared me for what to expect. For 38 years, I taught nursing students about human development and aging. But for all my attention to achy joints and dwindling

reserves, I may have failed to consider the emotional cost of those losses. Most people do not welcome the slowing of movement, restricted range of motion and loss of sensory acuity that often accompany later life. Coping with these changes is a significant challenge.

If I could go back and do it all again, I would shift the emphasis in my teaching a bit, telling my students about the woman at the pain clinic. I would ask them to empathize with the physical limitations and frustration that elicited such effusive gratitude for a simple fastened shoe, or perhaps the loneliness that prompted her to caress my hands.

Science may explain physical aging, but life experience and faith are teaching me far more about how to cope with it. Among the many lessons of my late 60s: *Give grace*. We who aren't as fast, agile or sharp as we used to be once fancied ourselves young and quick and indestructible, too. Until we weren't.

For all I knew, the long arthritic fingers that enveloped mine in that waiting room belonged to a concert pianist. Or perhaps a ballerina who laced up toe shoes for decades before acquiescing to the sensible sneakers I tied. This woman was young and invincible, too, before the chronic pain that now dominated her waking moments.

The week after my encounter with the elderly woman, I met a new mailroom employee at my office. Watching me struggle to carry several bundles from my car, he opened the door for me. I thanked him and we introduced ourselves. The man's advanced age and labored gait surprised me, considering his job required so much walking and lifting.

He said he was 73, diabetic and trying to lose weight to reduce knee pain. He lifted his pant leg to show me a new compression sleeve that provided some relief, and



suggested it for my own painful knees. I thanked him for his recommendation and offered a casual "God bless you!" as he departed down the hallway.

He stopped in his tracks, stood full upright, and turned to face me. "I receive that!" he proclaimed with a broad smile and a nod, hand over his heart. That was the day I was taught not only how to give grace, but how to receive it.

It is easy to think of older people as always having existed in their current condition. Does it make us feel younger to think that way? More superior? Perhaps we hope it holds our own mortality at bay.

Life does not work that way.

We live, we age and we will die. How should we accompany one another on our journeys?

That day in the pain clinic, I was tempted to simply disappear into my phone, safe and unbothered by anyone else. But I would have missed an important lesson had I stayed there. Apathy and isolation never summon our better angels.

Father Richard Rohr said, "If something comes toward us with grace and can pass through us and toward others with grace, we can trust it as the voice of God."

It took my own aging to teach me this lesson, to see these encounters as the voice of God, and I still fail more often than I succeed at living it. But I am committed to learning.

~ *Mary Kay Jordan Fleming is professor emerita of developmental psychology and a freelance essayist with publications in Next Avenue; Pulse: Voices from the Heart of Medicine and in several anthologies.*

HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
WELCOME FAMILIES TO  
THEIR NEW HOMES!

Here's Habitat Greater Boston's Amazon Wish List of items that will make moving into a new Habitat home even more special for local families!

Your generosity makes a significant impact on the lives of these families. All items on this list are reasonably priced under \$75: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/38KJ36TTTSL8Y?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/38KJ36TTTSL8Y?ref=wl_share)



CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S  
LUNCH PLACE

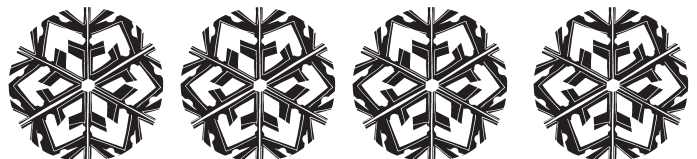
Sunday, February 19, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Project Bread: "Prior to the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at its peak rendering 19.6% of households food insecure." Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals.

Music for Food's 13th season continues at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, in New England Conservatory's Brown Hall. The incredible Don Weilerstein, Kim Kashkashian, Vivian Weilerstein, William Coleman, Meesun Hong Coleman, Yiliang Jiang, Jeffrey Ho, Samuel Zacharia, Cameron Stowe, and Katherine Whyte will perform Charlotte Bray's *Replay* for Piano Quartet, George Benjamin's "Viola, Viola," Benjamin Britten's *String Quartet in D major*, and Britten's *On This Island*. Admission is free, and all donations will benefit Women's Lunch Place (WLP), which will soon launch its 40th anniversary of providing needed resources to vulnerable women in Boston.

Suggested donation is \$30+ and \$10+ for students, collected at the door. 100% of donations will benefit Women's Lunch Place—a day shelter serving women experiencing homelessness, hunger, and poverty in the greater Boston area.

Masks are required. To reserve your tickets: <https://musicforfood.net/boston/s13core3>



# PARISH RESOURCES

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Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

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## Schedule for Liturgy

**Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday** | 8:00 a.m.

**Lord's Day** | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30\*, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Holy Days** | 8:00 a.m.

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

## Baptism for Infants

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

## Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at [ohastie@stceciliaboston.org](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 (VIR-TUS). 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 a greeter 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, 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.