

Saint Cecilia

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Third Sunday of Lent

3 March 2024

Christ Expelling the Money-Changers from the Temple
by Nicolas Colombel

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THE ORDER OF THE MASS INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



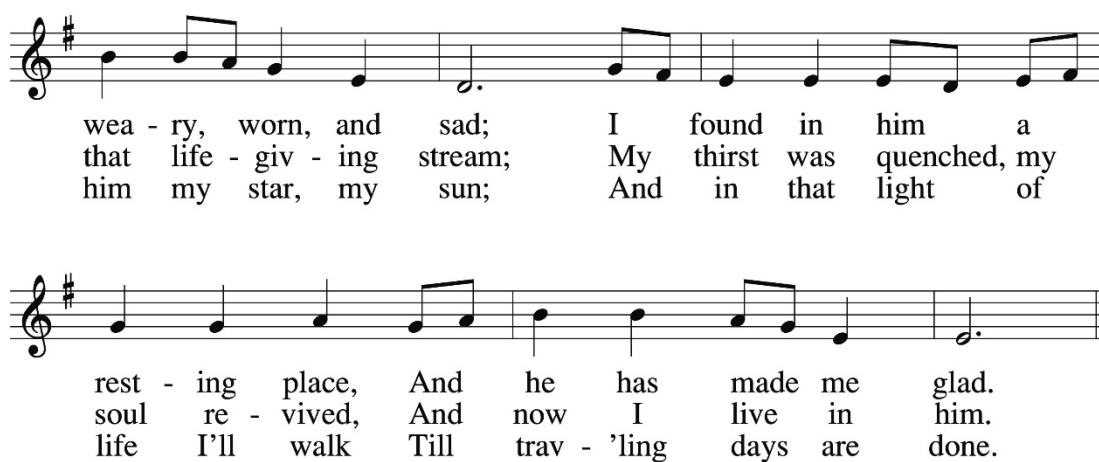
un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live." I
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
him my star, my sun; And in that light of

rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
soul re - lived, And now I live in him.
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All
(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All
(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All
(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Exodus 20: 1-17

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last-ing life.



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last-ing life.

Verses

1. The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than quantities of gold.
And sweeter are they than honey, than honey flowing from the comb.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Ruah Mass of the Breath of God

Ian Callanan



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the li - ving God!



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the li - ving God!

GOSPEL | John 2: 13-25v

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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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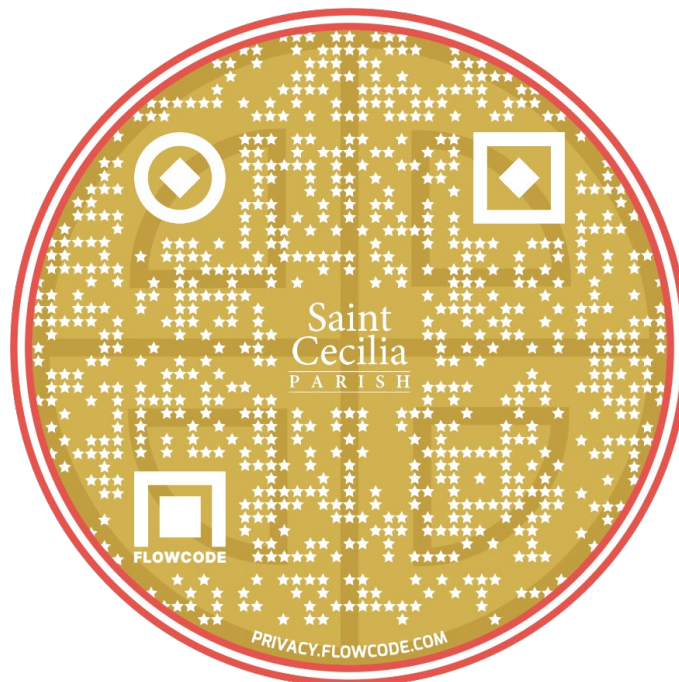
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS | O God, Who Gives Us Life and Breath

IN NOMINE DEI



1. O God, who gives us life and breath, Who
2. O God, who calls your peo - ple out, To
3. O God of cov - e - nant and law, Re -

shapes us in the womb, Who guards our lives from
ven - ture and to dare, To plumb the bleak a -
vealed in cloud and flame, Your might - y deeds e -

birth to death, Then leads us from the tomb: De -
byss of doubt And find you e - ven there: When
voke our awe; We dare not speak your Name. Yet

liv - er us from fears that kill The
we de - spair in wan - der - ing Through
we by faith are drawn to you And

life we have from you. Help us to know your
wastes of emp - ty lies, Re - fresh us with the
will your peo - ple prove, As on our hearts you

Spir - it still Is mak - ing all things new.
liv - ing spring Of hope that nev - er dies.
write a - new The cov - e - nant of love.

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.

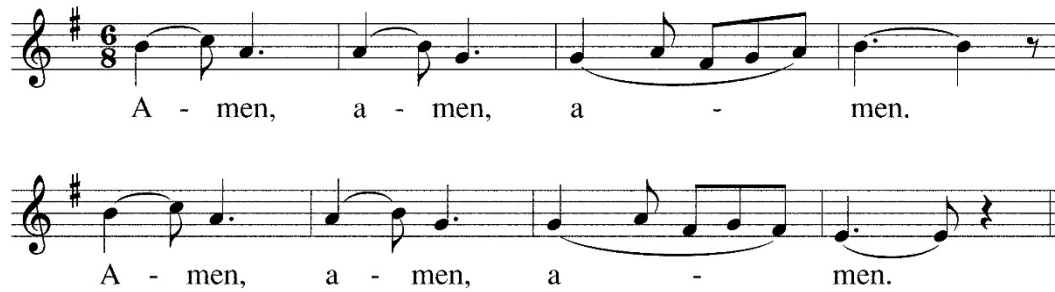
All: It is right and just.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
 fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.



COMMUNION RITE

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.

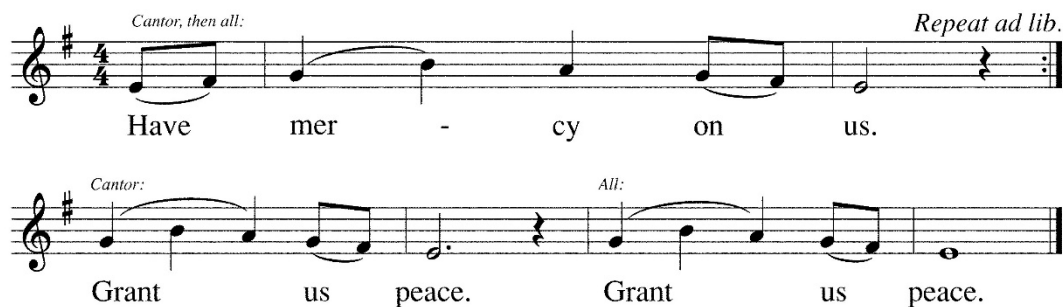
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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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 | O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Interpolations on *Sicut Cervus Desiderat*

Giovanni Luigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)
arranged by Jim Jordan

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

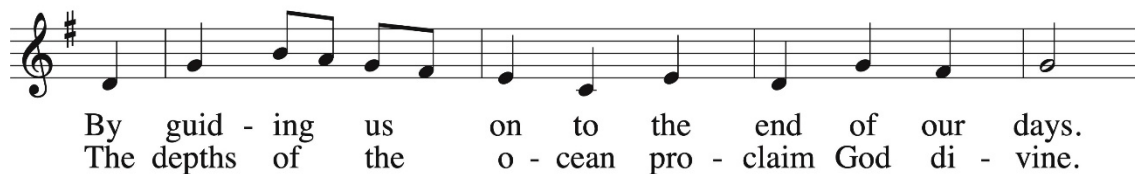
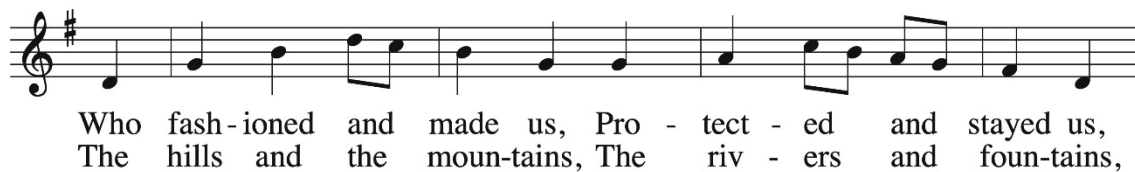
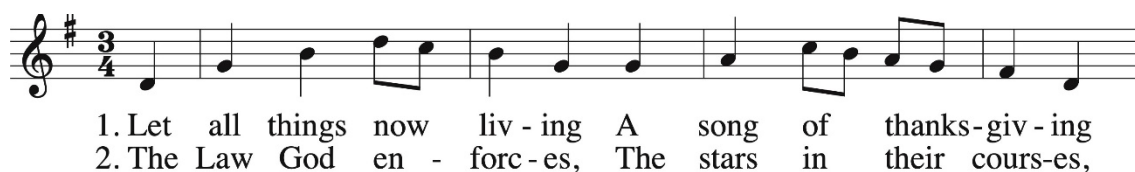
All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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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.

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.

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LENT 2024

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE



ALMSGIVING

CRS Rice Bowl

Rice Bowls to support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are available in the narthex.

Children's Faith Formation Easter Basket Project

Baskets will benefit Catholic Charities. Material donations due to parish office March 3.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election

Saint Cecilia Church
Sunday, February 18,
11:30 a.m. Mass

The Rite of Election

Cathedral of the Holy Cross
Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.

The Scrutinies of the Elect

March 3, March 10, March 17,
11:30 a.m. Masses



EDUCATION

Guest Speaker Events

Sponsored by Rainbow Ministry

Thursday, February 15,
6:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
Fr. James Alison

Thursday, March 14
6:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
Fr. Mark-David Janus, CSP



RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays: February 21,
28; March 6, 13, 20, 27 —
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.,
following 6:00 p.m. Mass



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Pine Street Inn

Parishioners often serve dinner
at Pine Street Men's Inn and
Yawkey House (formerly the
Women's Inn).

The next opportunity will be
Sunday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Our Hunger and Homelessness
Ministry is looking for drivers to
assist with weekend morning
food rescue. We are in need of
drivers for Saturdays and
Sundays in February and March.

For more information, email
HungerAndHomelessness
@stceciliaboston.org.



PRAYER

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays, Thursdays,
& Fridays — 8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays — 6:00 p.m.

The Way of the Cross

Young Adults
Traveling Stations
on the Fridays of Lent

Good Friday | Stations of
the Cross | (In-person &
Livestreamed), 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer

(Facebook Live/Zoom)
Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Day Retreat

Saturday, February 24,
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 5,
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the
sanctuary

SCYA LENTEN REFLECTIONS PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

Monday, March 11 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Hybrid [In-Person in the Community Room
& on Zoom] | Open to: Young Adults (18-40)**

How is God inviting you to draw closer to him this Lent? Each Lent, we're invited to pray, fast, and give alms, but what does that look like in 2024? Do you want to try something new this year, but don't know where to start? Consider joining the Saint Cecilia Young Adults (SCYA) in a three-part series as they dive deeply into each of these three Lenten practices! The group will discuss the spirit of these challenging calls and share ideas of how to put them into practice in new ways. Deepen your relationships with God and fellow young adults through this journey of Lenten reflection. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3vOQI2A>

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, March 5 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Location: Sanctuary in Saint Cecilia Church
Open to: Everyone**

On the first Tuesday of every month, our Young Adults host a Holy Hour in the Saint Cecilia sanctuary. For Lent, we invite you to join us for an hour of silent adoration starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by a rosary and worship music led by young adults at 7:00 p.m. One parishioner recently described the Holy Hour by saying, "Last night was just filled with healing and grace...it was one of the most powerful experiences I have had at Saint Cecilia, and there have been so many..." Bring yourself, and all that you are carrying, and allow yourself to rest in God's love. ***Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter the building.***

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, March 2 | 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 3 | 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, March 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Linda Frayling, Thomas Skorupa, and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

Sunday, March 3 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Eileen Maguire, Letitia Howland, and Kelly McClintock, lectors

Sunday, March 3 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant
Bobbi Moran, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 3 | 9:30 a.m.

James Nance, *5th Anniversary*
Dr. Costas Lambrew, *Memorial*
Jerry Galante, *Memorial*
Maria Jose Quiroc, *Memorial*

Wednesday, March 6 | 8:00 a.m.

Joanna Glavin McClatchy, *1st Anniversary*

Friday, March 8 | 8:00 a.m.

Evelyn Gariepy, *1st Anniversary*

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

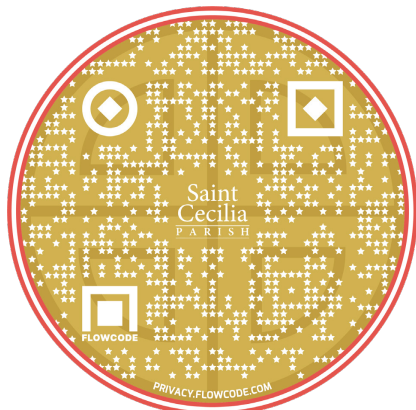
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

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FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!

PIZZA IS BACK!

March 3, After the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on
the first Sunday of every month, we
invite you to join us downstairs in the
parish hall for pizza and fellowship.

We'll see you there!

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

The mother of our former music director and organist, Richard Clark, died on February 22. Pray for the repose of the soul of **Anna Clark** and for the consolation of Richard and his family. May her soul and all the souls of 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 Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Amanda Conklin** and **Luke DeTrempe** of Boston, **Jeswald and Donna Salacuse** of Cambridge, **Henry and Sophie Gunther** of Boston, the **Nelson Family** of Boston, **Emily Rose O'Neil** of Boston, **Kim Roberts** of Chelsea, **Michaela Doyle** of Boston, **Mark and Roberta Wallace** of Wethersfield, Connecticut, **Dan Zawacki** of Boston, **Windy Lafond** of Jamaica Plain, **Leanne Puchir** of Valhalla, New York, **Jarek Kozal** of Whitehall, Michigan, the **Pierre-Yurenka Family** of Wellesley, **Zachary Martin** of Boston, **Sue Drury** of Boston, **Susie and Anthony Falco** of Quincy, **Diana Giunta** of Quincy, **Lindsey and Quinn DeMarrais** of Boston, **Timothy Sroka** of Boston, **Barbara Powers-Harris** from Grand Ledge, Michigan, the **Comenos Family** of Boston, **Nancy Brennan** of Boston, **Deborah and David Raschi** of Maynard, and **Dottie Moffitt** of White River Junction, Vermont. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Special Collection for the Church Around the World

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church worldwide. Donate here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/support-of-the-church-around-the-world-2024>

Lenten Wednesdays Mass & Reconciliation

On all the Wednesday evenings of Lent (March 6, 13, 20, and 27) we will celebrate Mass in the sanctuary at 6:00. Following Mass, confessions will be heard until 8:00 for

anyone who wishes to celebrate the sacrament. If you've been away from the sacrament for a long time, rest assured, the clergy will guide you through reconciliation and there's no need to be nervous about the structure of the rite. Come celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy and healing love this Lent.

National Catholic Sisters Week

National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) is an annual celebration that takes place from March 8 to 14. This is a week to honor women religious and to shine the spotlight on the lives and ministries of these incredible women by recognizing their contributions to the Church and to society. Our community is blessed to have two women religious in our midst: **Sr. Ann Marie Cook, SNDdeN**, a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and **Sr. Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM**, a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Say a prayer for them and for all women religious—they are the heroes of the Church! In recognition of this week, some Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will be joining us on March 10 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass for a discussion about polarization. In particular, they would like to chat with folks about how polarization robs people of their human dignity and how we all might be able to identify and prevent it. Let's fast from calling people "the other."

Laetare Sunday

Next Sunday we will be at the midpoint of our Lenten journey. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday and is marked by a joyful anticipation of the Easter celebration. Laetare means "Rejoice!" and the introit, or entrance antiphon, of the Mass begins with that word. Like Gaudete Sunday in Advent, the optional liturgical color is rose. Help brighten our celebration by wearing something rose-colored to Mass next Sunday.

Easter Flowers

Starting this weekend, you can remember your loved ones by donating toward our Easter flowers. Please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/KsGaD0gYZE> This form has the donation link, but here it is for your convenience: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-flowers-2024>. Envelopes will also be available in the narthex for people who would like to print the names of their loved ones. The names of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Palm Sunday (March 24) will be the last opportunity to donate toward the Easter flowers.



LAST WEEKEND TO DONATE ITEMS!

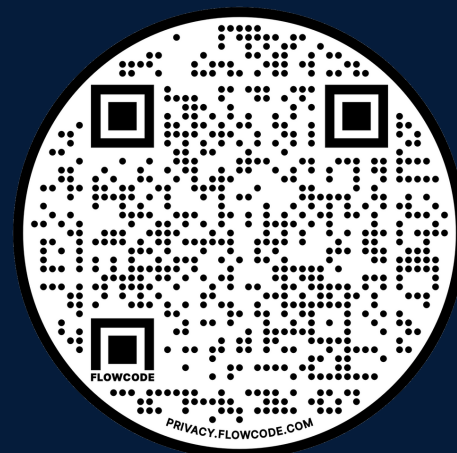


Help Our Faith Formation Classes Make Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities!

For the past two years, our Faith Formation students created Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities to distribute to local families experiencing poverty. We were FLOORED by the generosity of our community members who donated goodies for our baskets last year.

This year, we're hoping to spread Easter joy to even more local children by creating 110 Easter baskets. *Can you help us gather the materials we need?*

Along with our normal Easter materials, we ask that you donate baby food, bibs, sippy cups, teething rings, and more as we look to support the Yawkey Center in Dorchester. Help support local young families by providing essential food and resources by scanning the Flowcode with your smartphone and signing up!



If you're in the area, you can bring these items to the parish office. If you worship with us from afar or aren't in the area this week, you can order any of these items online and have them shipped directly to Saint Cecilia. We need these items by Sunday, March 3, so if you can help out, please hop to it!



AN EVENING WITH MARK-DAVID JANUS, C.S.P.

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m | Hybrid

The Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry is pleased to host an evening with Paulist Fr. Mark-David Janus, C.S.P in the Parish Hall on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. The event will also be livestreamed to the Saint Cecilia YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/4bwqOkI>). Fr. Mark-David has served as president and publisher of Paulist Press since 2010. In 2015, he edited the Paulist Press book *Crossing the Threshold of Mercy: A Spiritual Guide for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy*. In 2018 he authored *Your One Wild and Precious Life: Thoughts on Vocation*. A native of Rochester, New York, Fr. Mark-David earned an undergraduate degree at St. John Fisher College, a master's degree at The Catholic University of America, and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Connecticut. He made his first promises to the Paulist community on August 16, 1975, and was ordained a priest on May 19, 1979.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH TO SUPPORT MARY ANN BRETT PANTRY

Saturday, March 16 | 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Dorchester's 15th annual Saint Patrick's Day Brunch will benefit our nonprofit partners at the Mary Ann Brett Pantry. The event will be held in Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall at 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester. Honorees at the event include The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, The Honorable Frank Baker, and Latoya Edwards. Dan Rea will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$100 each. You can make checks payable to Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry and send them to: *Jim Brett, 7 Wedmore Street, Dorchester, MA 02125*. All proceeds benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry.

SAINT CECILIA FAR-FLUNG FLOCK ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. ET

The Far-Flung Flock's leadership team is excited to announce that, once again, Sebastian Gomes, executive editor of audio and video at America Media, will be the March online coffee hour guest speaker! Since 2019, Sebastian has created several podcasts which he chatted about during the September online coffee hour. This time, Sebastian will break down the activities, discussions, discernment process, and interviews that occurred in the first part of the Synod. Join us for a first-hand account of the Synod, conversation, and bring your questions for Sebastian! If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). There is no need to re-register if you've attended in the past. If you have registered, but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please email the FFF Ministry to confirm your email address.

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received first Communion, but was never confirmed? If so, perhaps this is the right time.



This year's adult confirmation will take place at Saint Cecilia on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. We will be offering a class at Saint Cecilia for adults who wish to prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. Four classes will be held at Saint Cecilia from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: April 10, April 17, April 24, and May 1. If you would like more information or would like to register for this class, contact Scott MacDonald at his parish email address.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

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

VISIT OUR FAMILY CENTER



As we gather together to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance of community and the shared experience of worship. However, we understand that attending Mass with young children can sometimes be challenging. That's why we encourage you to visit our Family Center, located to the left of the parish café and underneath the staircase on Saint Cecilia Street. The center is open during liturgies and provides a comfortable environment for parents with young children. Here, parents can watch Mass as their children play, and nursing mothers can enjoy a quieter, more private space. If you have any questions about the Family Center, please contact our Director of Facilities and Events Lisa Pickering at her parish email address. Thank you!



FOOD CHOICES MATTER: WHAT WE EAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD (AND US)

Thursday, March 7 | 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join the Creation Care Ministry at Lexington Catholic Community and our Climate Justice Ministry for an enlightening discussion on the impact of our food choices on health, global food security, and the environment. Dr. Mary E. McGann, RSCJ, a distinguished faculty member at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, specializing in Liturgical Studies and Ecology, will lead the discussion. Her latest book, *The Meal That Reconnects: Eucharistic Eating and the Global Food Crisis* provides valuable insights. This discussion's key topics are:

- The significant impact of individual and collective dietary choices, especially the consumption of meat.
- Shifting to a more plant-based diet as one of the most effective actions for personal and global well-being.
- Reducing pollution, mitigating climate change, and preventing suffering in other creatures.

Our Climate Justice Ministry lead, Jenny Jones, will be on the panel of plant-eaters and "flexitarians" who will answer questions and offer practical suggestions. To participate in this session, register at <http://tinyurl.com/justfoodfast>. Don't miss this opportunity to explore how your food choices can make a positive impact on the world and enhance your well-being.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

**BOSTON COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY**

CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

**22ND ANNUAL EVELYN UNDERHILL
LECTURE IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**Beyond the Reactive Mind: Christian Contemplative
Practice in Polarized Times**

Presenter: Brian Robinette, associate professor of
theology, Boston College

**Saturday, March 23 | 10:00–11:30 a.m. | In-person
| Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room
113 | Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street, Boston, MA
Boston College | Registration Required | Free**

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM
Online: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

ONLINE COURSES

Black Catholic Spirituality

**March 6 – April 2 | 4-Week Online Course
Registration Required | \$30.00**

Retiring Gracefully

**March 6 – April 9 | 5-Week Online Course
Registration Required | \$60.00**

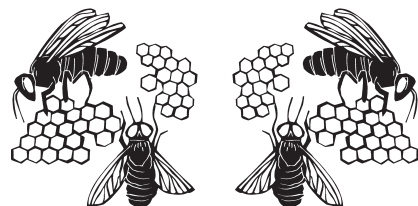
For more information or to register for these events, please check the
STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm_online_crossroads

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

**March 4, 2024 – Missionaries on the Homefront
(Ignatian Volunteer Corps)**

Presenter: Dave Hinchey, New England Regional
Director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Monday, March 4 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Zoom

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



LENTEN DAY RETREAT

Last Saturday, we were delighted to host 150 people for a day retreat at the parish. We started the day with some warm welcomes and delicious coffee, followed by an enlightening presentation from Olivia Hastie on "Walking With the Human Jesus This Lent." Tanya Rybarczyk led a soothing guided meditation, and we had time for reflection and prayer. Father John shared wisdom during lunch, and Dr. Brianne Jacobs delved into "Lent: The Apophatic Season" in the afternoon. The day ended beautifully with Taizé Prayer in the church. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this retreat a success! Everyone's presence and warmth added so much to this day of spiritual growth and fellowship.



RITE OF ELECTION

On February 18, we celebrated the Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election. In this rite, the parish community expressed its support of our catechumens by sending them forth to the Rite of Election. Following the testimony of godparents and catechists, the affirmation of Saint Cecilia parishioners, and the catechumens' own affirmation of their desire to enter fully into the life of the Church, the Church made its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Easter Sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. Cardinal Seán declared them to be members of the Elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil. Now, our catechumens are in the Period of Purification and Enlightenment (the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation).

We thank God for the gift of new life in our Church and we ask that you pray for our community's newest members! Looking forward, three Scrutinies of the Elect will happen at the 11:30 liturgy on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.



THE SCRUTINIES

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the newly "Elect" participate in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." These rites date back to the early Church, and the three passages from the Gospel of John that accompany them are powerful depictions of the hidden transformation God accomplishes not only in our Elect but also in each of us. Today we celebrate the first scrutiny of the following Elect:

Eliana Coy • Junyi Fang • Motoy Kuno-Lewis • Andy Moore • Mike Sheridan • Matthew Steinschneider • Nima Valibeig

These seven men and women are in a period of conversion called "Purification and Enlightenment" where their focus is on deepening their relationship with Jesus as they prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments. We are invited to journey with them and prepare to renew our own baptismal promises this Easter. While the word "scrutiny" can have negative connotations, for our purposes it is closer to what a jeweler does when he discovers a beautiful gem, turning it over and over to discover its hidden beauty and potential. The Scrutinies are God's way of taking a close, loving look at the Elect, to heal what is hurting, sick, or sinful and to bring forth all that's beautiful, good, and true. God "scrutinizes" us with Divine Light, revealing what is valuable within each of us.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CHOIRS

In about two months, we will celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus with Christians everywhere, with the Church universal, with all our talents, and with faith-filled and hopeful hearts. This holiest of weeks is a golden opportunity to welcome thousands of Saint Cecilia community members to a joyous and sacred time of prayer and celebration.

If you would like to add your voice to the choirs that uplift and breathe life into these liturgies, please contact Director of Music Robert Duff at his parish email address. for more information or to schedule a vocal hearing/audition. To commit, attendance at Thursday night rehearsals (7:00-9:00 p.m.) beginning on March 7 is required. The choirs will sing at the following liturgies:

Palm Sunday Masses (3/24) 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (3/28) 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (3/29) 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass (3/30) 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses (3/31) 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP!

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week. They meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to share the ways in which faith informs and enriches the second half of life. Although the group is not a book club, their conversation is informed by the spiritual book or article that they read together each week. Through the end of Lent, they will share selected readings from the C21 Center at Boston College. For more information about their meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please email this ministry at their parish address.

LENTEN ALMS CHANGE LIVES

Throughout Lent, we are called to repentance and deeper communion with God and neighbor through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In a special way, Lenten almsgiving enables us to grow in generosity, actively participate in the body of Christ and respond to God's call to love and care for others. Your Lenten alms through Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program make a global difference for millions. They help families in countries like Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia to access nutritious food, build sustainable livelihoods, and adapt and thrive in the face of climate change. Please consider donating today and join us in praying that we may grow closer to God by serving one another this Lent. Donate here:

<https://bit.ly/42FAtrR>

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA MARCH 3 – MARCH 10

Sunday, March 3

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom

Pizza in the Parish Hall,

Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, March 4

Knitting Ministry Meeting, 3:30–4:30 p.m. | Zoom

SCYA Book club, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. | Zoom

RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Saint Cecilia Holy Hour, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 6

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom

New & Expecting Parents Faith Sharing Group;

10:30 a.m. Arrival & Social Time; Programming

beginning at 11:00 a.m., Family Flex Room

CARES Gathering, 7:00–8:00 p.m. | Zoom

Taize Prayer, 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Thursday, March 7

Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Friday, March 8

SCYA Traveling Station of the Cross

The Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual

Help (Mission Church), 1545 Tremont Street

Saturday, March 9

RCIA Visit to Catholic Charities,

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom

Pizza following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur





BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS OVER. THANK GOODNESS.

BY COLE ARTHUR RILEY

Bulletin editor's note: This opinion piece was published in *The Washington Post* on March 2, 2022.

Black History Month is over, and I can finally breathe.

Over the course of February, I received 21 requests to speak or write for Black History Month. Of those requests, 18 were from White people.

I'm not alone. Every year, what is intended to be a time of remembrance and storytelling becomes a month of additional labor—usually with very little notice—for Black people. It becomes a season when we must sell our stories and ideas to sate the appetites of White folk who want to feel as though they've done the right thing.

For 28 days, every Black person in America is expected to shape-shift into a historian. We ask this of no other race.

Whiteness is permitted the freedom to explore (or neglect) its history on its own terms, spreading the practice out lavishly throughout the year, without deadline or expectation. Black people are expected, in just four weeks, to do everything we can to preserve our stories and take up the space we are often denied.

A friend of mine waited until January to do all his pitching to big publications in hopes that, looking toward Black History Month, editors would open a door that would otherwise remain shut to outsiders. Often, we're asked to do such labor for little or no pay, in exchange for what we hope will be career capital down the road. That is: A month meant to celebrate Black liberation winds up being a new form of indentured servitude.

It's worth noting that I am not exempt from this machine. I wrote this piece during Black History Month and submitted it, unsolicited, to *The Post* (and yes, I'm getting paid). I won't be blamed for taking advantage of the system. But I won't be held captive to it.

A year and a half ago, I created and began to write for

what I called Black Liturgies. The project—which connects Black thought, art, emotion and embodiment to a liberating spirituality—has 150,000 followers on Instagram. When February 1 came around this year and I'd made no mention of Black History Month, the direct messages began to trickle in: *Will you be doing a series for BHM?...I see you haven't posted anything related to BHM...Against it?* I probably don't need to tell you that these messages were from White people.

To pass on and inherit our stories can be beautiful, but when we are expected to teach the outsider—to convince the outsider of our intellect, our contribution—Black History Month becomes less a tradition of memory and inheritance, and much more a path to exhaustion under the relentless weight of what Toni Morrison called the “White gaze.” “Black excellence,” at its worst, can devolve into the mere act of proving that Black people are capable of the excellent. Or worse still, of proving that Black people are human at all.

Because of what White capitalism has done to us, it requires great strength to resist the gaze of Whiteness. Because (1) the White gaze pays; and (2) White affirmation goes viral.

A Black History Month TikTok video clocks 1.4 million views. Its premise: “White people did not invent that”—from a well-intentioned White woman who (like many others) seems incapable of decentering her Whiteness even for a month. One must ask, why not make a video called “Things invented by Black people”?

Part of the exhaustion of Black History Month is the White leech on Black History Month. The White gaze is never only gazing. In fact, it cannot bear to silence itself or its demands.

Tricia Hersey, an activist and artist best known for founding the Nap Ministry—an organization that uses rest as a framework for liberation—is one of the many Black voices who this year rose above the demand. As Black History Month began, she wrote simply to her social media followers, “We won't be doing anything specific for Black

History Month on our platforms.” And then: “The genius of Black culture is all around. Open your eyes. Plus, we not doing more for these platforms. We doing less. We slowing down. We resting. To thrive as a Black person in this wicked land is breathtaking. It is history.”

I’m too tired to be a historian in this season. To be clear, I want to remember our history—and remember well. But to honor Black history I must extricate myself from the demands and temptations of the White gaze. I owe this to myself, to Morrison, to the Black women who made history and those who did nothing but lie down and breathe. After all, rest is how memory is stored.

~ *Cole Arthur Riley is the author of This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us and the creator of the contemplative project Black Liturgies.*



Saint Cecilia
PARISH

Lent 2024 Liturgy of the Hours

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER AT 6 PM
March 5, 12 & 19

Join us live on the [Saint Cecilia Facebook page](#) or via Zoom.
Email hoursandtaize@stceciliaboston.org for details.
Liturgies last approximately half an hour.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm

Live streamed from St. Francis de Sales in West Philadelphia
Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/SFDSPhiladelphia>
Recording available afterwards: <https://bit.ly/SFDSchannel>

EVENINGS WITH FRANK RUNYEON

The Charlestown Catholic Collaborative invites you to two very special evenings with TV and film star Frank Runyeon, who will light up St. Mary’s Church at 55 Warren Street with three presentations: *Signs! The Gospel of John* on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m., and *The Sermon on the Mount and Hollywood vs. Faith!* on Friday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Invite everyone to this special evening! Admission is a free-will offering. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us. For more information, call 617-242-4664 or go to charlestowncatholic.org.



PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115
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Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781
Website | www.stceciliaboston.org

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support
Christine Burns, Digital and Print Media Coordinator
Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate
Robert Duff, Director of Music
Carly-Anne Gannon, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation
Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance and Development
Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, Pastoral Director of Operations
Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events
Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate

Assisting Clergy

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

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Tyler Cesario, Assistant Director of Music
Daniel Lamoureux, Vigil Organist
Brett Maguire, Parish Organist
Pendexter Macdonald, Assistant Organist

Audiovisual Support

Maureen Deery, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show
Geoffrey Edwards, Livestream Videographer
Vasily Izumchensky, Livestream Sound Engineer

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.

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.

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.

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 get 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.

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 Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at her parish email.

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 provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, or Erin Young if you have any questions. 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 policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This 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.

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.

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. 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.

Please note:

According to online safety guidelines released by the Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online!