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The Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024

Christ Appearing Before the Apostles by Szymon Czechowicz

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PRELUDE | *Toccata Quarta*
Brett Maguire, organist

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | As the Bread of Life is Broken

THAXTED

Refrain



As the bread of life is bro-ken, the cup of love out - poured,

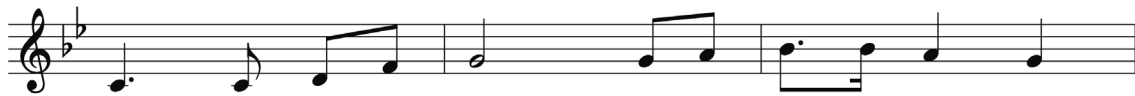


We are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here the good
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed now as one. In this joy - ful cel - e -
news of truth is heard. In the tell - ing of the
come what we re - ceive. In the cup of love here
forth in love and peace, In our wit - ness to God's



bra - tion, we re - call what God has done.
sto - ries, we are o - pen to God's word.
of - fered, we af - firm what we be - lieve.
king - dom, may our char - i - ty in - crease.

D.C.

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 Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

Refrain




Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and on



earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. *to verses*

Verse 1




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, hea - ven - ly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

Verse 2



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 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, — have mer - cy on us.

Verse 3

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. ___

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 4: Lord, Let Your Face Shine on Us

Marty Haugen

Lord, let your face shine on us,
shine on us, shine on us.

1. I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
2. Know that the Lord works wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear me whenever I call him.
3. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. You have put into my heart a greater joy.
4. In peace I will lie down and fall asleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING | 1John 2: 1-5a

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL | Luke 24: 35-48

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

SPRINKLING RITE | You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Tony Alonso

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*

You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly from the springs of sal - va - tion. from the springs of sal - va - tion.

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*

Sa - ca - rán a - guas con a - le - grí - a Sa - ca - rán a - guas con a le grí - a de las fuen - tes de sal - va - ción. de las fuen - tes de sal - va - ción.

God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and fearless. My courage is the Lord, for God has been my Savior!

Proclaim God's name to the nations, tell the world of God's works.
Praise the Lord, all you people, how glorious is God's name!

Sing the wonders God works, make them known in every land.
O people of Zion, shout: The Holy one is among you.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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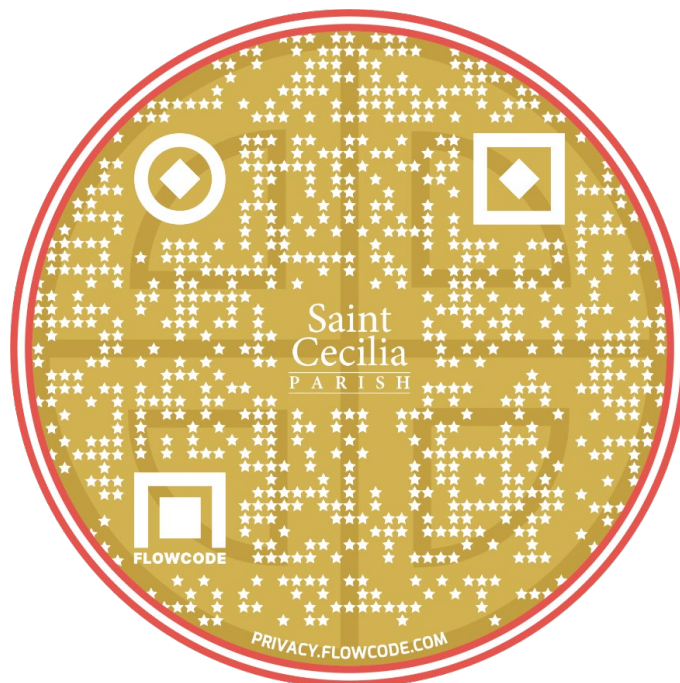
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Open My Eyes

Jesse Manibusen



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. *(To verse 2)*
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. *(To verse 3)*
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. *(To bridge)*
I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge



And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,



and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,



and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known.

D.C.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

✘ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✘ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✘ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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

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

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ, the Savior

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.

Cantor *Assembly*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Repeat as desired *Final*

world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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.

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

CONCLUDING RITES

- ✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

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

- ✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!
 2. He lives to bless me with his love;
 3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!
 He lives to plead for me a - bove;
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
 He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives who once was dead;
 He lives my hun - gry soul to feed;
 He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
 What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
 He lives to help in time of need.
 He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

POSTLUDE | Fugue in D Major, BWV 532
 Brett Maguire, *organist*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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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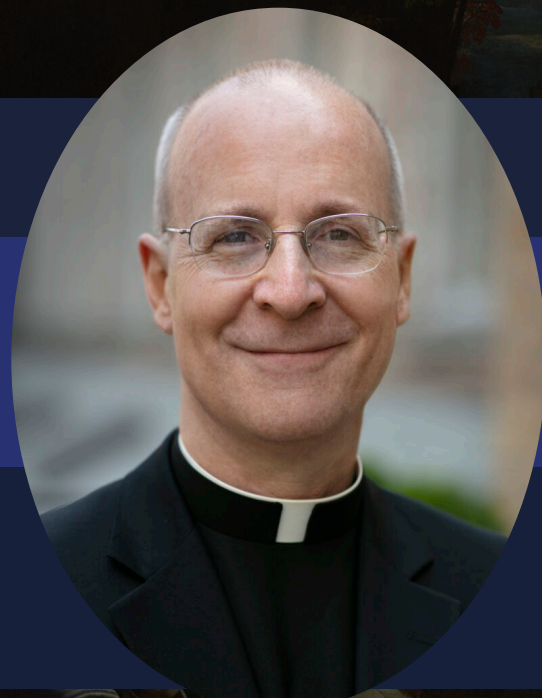
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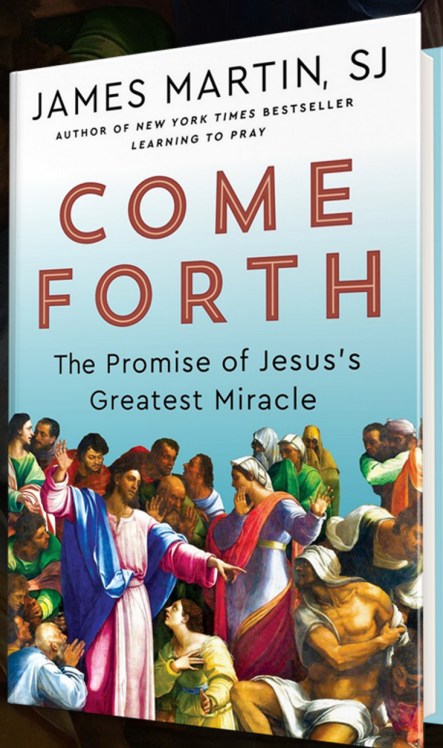
AN EVENING WITH

JAMES MARTIN, SJ

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Church, Boston



Copies of Father Martin's latest book, *Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle* will be on sale before and after the presentation. Following the presentation, Father Martin will be available to sign books.



James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor-at-large of *America* and bestselling author of many books including *My Life with the Saints*; *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*; *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*; and *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*. He is a frequent commentator on religion in the national and international media.

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 13 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, April 14 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Tom Skorupa, lector

Sunday, April 14 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Nicole Boyce, Kaitlin O'Connor, and Peter Haley, lectors

Sunday, April 14 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Nikko Mendoza, Ritika Philip, and Megan Altendorf, lectors

Sunday, April 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Kevin Dumas, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13 | 5:00 p.m.

Richard & Patricia LaHood,
Special Intention

Sunday, April 14 | 9:30 a.m.

Trudy Swords, *14th Anniversary*
Claire D. Roberts, *Memorial*

Friday, April 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Joseph J. O'Donnell, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 John 2:1–5a

Luke 24:35–48

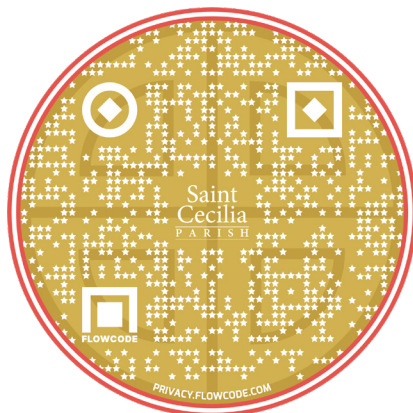
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

**SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



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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 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: **Leslee Ambrosio** of Newton, **Elli St. George and Family** of Melrose, **Mary and Jim Welsh** of Scituate, **Ashley Murray** and **Eric Pierni** of Sudbury, **Carleigh-Ann Harvey** of Framingham, and **Kristen McSweeney** and **Peter Strniste, Ana Maria Choy, Vanessa Arroyo,** and **Alyssa Teese** and **Ned Allen**, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Paschal Triduum was truly a time of grace and beauty for us at Saint Cecilia. We are now two weeks into the Great Fifty Days of rejoicing, culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on May 19. Each year on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel proclaims a post-Resurrection appearance of Christ in which he shares a meal with his disciples. The Eucharistic theme is obvious. Let us rejoice and celebrate the fact that Christ is indeed made known to us in the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

128th Boston Marathon

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend! On Patriots' Day Weekend, we always have a number of marathoners, both parishioners and visitors, with us for Sunday worship. Through our prayer, let us support and encourage all those who are running on Monday! Our parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 15 in observance of Patriots' Day.

Triduum Collections

Thanks to your generous donations, we raised \$2,871 for The Holy Land on Good Friday, and \$28,696 on Easter for Clergy Trust. These numbers don't include those who donated directly to these organizations, so the final amount is undoubtedly higher. On behalf of the wider Church, Father John, and the priests of the Archdiocese who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

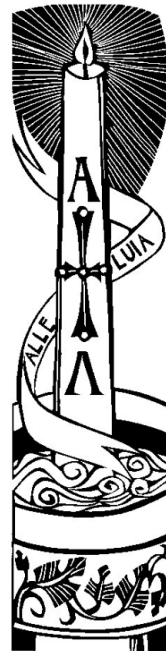
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50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT:

We spend forty days preparing for Easter, and then celebrate Easter as if it's a single day. But Easter isn't just a day, it's a season. It's not only a celebration, but an invitation to joy. Eastertide is about joy. Not any type of joy, but a particular joy: joy in the resurrection. Over Eastertide, consider what practices you can implement into your life to cultivate more joy. Our cities and the world need to see our joy as much as they need to see our fasting and sacrifice. In a world abundant with hopelessness and purposelessness, the surprising, unexpected joy of the resurrection is the antidote.

This joyful Eastertide, join us for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer



Monday, April 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

Dedication Anniversary of Saint Cecilia Church (1894)

Monday, April 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Feast of Saint Matthias

Sunday, May 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Pentecost

Join us live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page or via Zoom. Liturgies last approximately half an hour.

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Join Father John and the Saint Cecilia Choirs
Under the Direction of Robert Duff on a



2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

June 15-23, 2025

We will participate in Mass at:

- The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi
- St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

The Saint Cecilia Choir will
perform two evening concerts:

- The Basilica di Sant'Andrea della Valle in Rome
- The Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Trastevere

Want to learn more?

If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity, Music Celebrations International will be hosting a presentation outlining this tour in the parish café at Saint Cecilia Church on Sunday, April 28, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Italian refreshments will be served!

We will visit Rome, Florence,
Assisi, and Vatican City.

Highlights include:

- A visit to La Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze, home to the largest number of Michelangelo sculptures in the world, including *David*
- A walking tour of the medieval town of Assisi, birthplace of Sts. Francis and Clare, including a visit to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi—one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Italy.
- A tour of the Vatican Museums which house some of the world's most important collections of art. Included will be a visit to the Sistine Chapel.
- A visit to St. Peter's Basilica, including the *Pietà*.
- A tour of the Colosseum and its arena floor, the Roman Forum.
- A tentative weekly Papal Audience and Blessing (subject to the Holy Father's schedule).
- Visits to the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain.
- Visits to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.



THE MCGOWAN TRUST

In 1998, Mr. John McGowan, a Saint Cecilia parishioner who possessed a keen interest in how music helps support the worshipping assembly during the liturgy, established a trust in favor of Saint Cecilia Parish. Since 1999, this trust, dedicated to the support of the parish music program, has provided Saint Cecilia with well over \$100,000. Mr. McGowan died shortly after establishing this trust. Please remember him in your prayer with gratitude for his foresight, generosity, and love of sacred music.

REMEMBER SAINT CECILIA PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

For the past 136 years, gifts both large and small have made it possible for us to carry out our mission of prayer and service in the heart of the city. The generous bequests of parishioners and friends are critical to fulfilling the mission of Saint Cecilia Parish. Saint Cecilia provides outreach and pastoral support to many who live on the edge of poverty and who experience loneliness. These bequests also support our music program and the maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Remembering the Church in your estate planning says something about what was meaningful in your life. It's a way to ensure that the community you value will continue into the future, and it's a way to leave a legacy to those who will come after you.

For more information or for guidance on how to remember Saint Cecilia Parish in your will, please contact Director of Finance and Development Colleen Melaugh at her parish email address. You can also visit <https://bit.ly/3VRzcWr> to fill out a bequest form. Thank you so much!

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS DAY RETREAT

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Location: Saint Cecilia Parish Hall
Open to: Young Adults (Ages 18-40)

Are you interested in getting more involved with Saint Cecilia Young Adults? Have you been getting our emails but haven't been able to make any of our events yet? Have you attended an event or two but don't feel "part of the community"? Or are you a regular SCYA attendee and love being part of this group? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please join us for a day retreat at the parish! We will be focusing on the three-fold mission of our ministry (to serve, socialize, and grow spiritually as like-minded young adult Catholics). Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP here (<https://bit.ly/3VXhCAB>) if you would like to attend.

LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE'S MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

Sunday, May 12 | 8:00—10:00 a.m
Town Field Park, 1520 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA

Join us for the 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace on Sunday, May 12 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P) is the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's (LDBPI) largest fundraising event and is a beloved 28-year-long Boston tradition celebrating our potential to create more peaceful communities. Please consider donating and/or joining us as we walk in solidarity with the families and communities impacted by violence, murder, trauma, grief, and loss. Know that your financial contribution directly supports healing for a grieving family and moves us closer to a more peaceful city. Joining our parish walking team gives you an opportunity for person-to-person connection with others who share our desire for healing. Together we can make a difference and cultivate cycles of peace!

Our team's goal is \$9,000 this year (we're only 7% of the way there) and the entire Walk's goal is \$600,000. With your help, we can reach it, together! Learn more, donate, and join the team here (<https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Stcecilia>). For additional information about the Saint Cecilia Team, email our reception team for Jeanne Bruno's contact information.

VILLANOVA SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, April 20 | After 5:00 p.m. Mass | Saint Cecilia Church

Saint Cecilia is delighted to welcome the Villanova singers for a short concert in the church following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on April 20. Founded in 1953, Villanova Singers is the university's oldest singing group. The group travels across the United States and internationally, performing a broad range of genres—from classical to pop. We hope you can join us!



**FATHER JOHN TO RECEIVE
CATHOLIC MEMORIAL'S BLESSED
EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE AWARD**

Catholic Memorial's Gala will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood on Friday, May 10, 2024. The evening will honor the Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award recipient, Father John Unni, and raise essential funding for scholarships.

Fundraising on behalf of Father John will support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, which honors his deep commitment to faith, learning, service, and the Boston Fire Department. This scholarship will support a student from a family employed by Boston Fire who is interested in serving the marginalized. We invite you to support this highly impactful event and make a difference in the lives of young men. For more information about tickets, sponsorships and to support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.catholicmemorial.org/gala or call Stephanie Truesdell, CM's Director of Institutional Advancement at (617) 469-8036.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
Sunday, May 5, 1:00 p.m. Community Room**

VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC), is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused and how to talk with children about these issues. The second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training. If you intend to volunteer in the future and haven't attended this training before, please join us. Please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session and the training will be approximately 3 hours, including videos and group discussion. Please help us by officially registering for this course on May 5 at 1:00 p.m. at <https://www.virtusonline.org/>. Doing so will create a permanent record of your participation and completion of the training. If you can't register online, please join us anyway and come a few minutes early so you can be registered in the system. Thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing you!



HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES

For the past seven years, our parish has provided ongoing support to Catholic Charities programs that provide aid to refugees. Just in the past year, Catholic Charities has opened two new shelters to address the Commonwealth's refugee and homelessness crisis. We have offered to provide refugee families with supermarket and general gift cards so that they will have food and household items while their applications for political asylum are processed. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Visa, Target, Market Basket, Stop 'n Shop, and Shaw's/Star Markets —and no more than \$25 per card —please feel free to drop them in the offertory basket or mail them to *Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115*. The need has never been greater and your accustomed generosity is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA
APRIL 14 – APRIL 21

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

SCYA Women's Gathering | 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Tuesday, April 16

RCIA | 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

SCYA Men's Gathering | 7:30 a.m. | Zoom
Communion Circle | Susan Balis House | 3:30 p.m.
SCYA Book Club | 6:45 p.m.
Adult Confirmation Class | 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 20

SCYA Spring Retreat | 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Wisdom Group | 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
SCYA Contemplative Prayer



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. For Eastertide, they'll be reading *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. For more information about their meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please contact the ministry at their parish email address.

ADULT FAITH
FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY



**Heart and Tears: A Theological
Aesthetics of Longing**

Presenter: Vicente Chong, S.J.,
Visiting Assistant Professor
of Systematic Theology

Thursday, April 18 | 5:30—7:00 p.m. |

**In person | TML Auditorium, Theology
and Ministry Library, Brighton Campus
Registration Requested | 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>

**ANNUAL WOMEN IN
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY LECTURE**

**They Were There: Women Who Built the Church
and Shaped Christianity**

Presenter: Catherine M. Mooney, Associate Professor
of Church History, Boston College School of Theology
and Ministry

Thursday, April 25 | 5:30—7:00 a.m. | Hybrid

**Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium
Boston College - Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street
Registration Required | Free**

For further details, visit: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

**BOISI CENTER FOR
RELIGION AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE**

**Buddhist Practices for Widening the "I":
Taking Other Beings as One's Body**

Presenter: Matthew Vale, Boston College

Wednesday, April 17 | 12:00—1:00 p.m.

**Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life,
Conference Room, 24 Quincy Rd., Chestnut Hill
Luncheon | RSVP Requested | Free**

For further details, visit: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/centers/boisi-center/events.html>

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Mortality

Presenter: Rev. Krysia Bereday Burnham,
Ordained Pastor in the United Church of Christ

Monday, April 15, 2024 | 7:00—9:00 p.m. | Zoom

Learn more: https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html



BEARERS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT: AN INVITATION TO CAREGIVERS

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

The Saint Cecilia CARES Ministry is pleased to be welcoming Katherine (Kate) Piderman, Ph.D., chaplain, researcher, and educator from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and member of the Far-Flung Flock to lead us in a half-day of prayer, input, reflection, and discussion entitled *Bearers of The Most Important Gift*. This program runs from 9:00 a.m. (8:45 a.m. arrival) to 1:30 p.m. and includes morning coffee and pastries, as well as lunch. Topics include our Christian identity, our call to service, and being like Jesus in our ministry and beyond.

Are you a caregiver offering spiritual support to a loved one? We invite you to join this CARES Ministry day of reflection by emailing the CARES Ministry (RSVP is required if you're not currently a CARES minister).

About the Facilitator:

With extensive experience in ministry and education, Kate aims to foster affirmation and growth in spiritual caregiving. In this session, Kate will share examples from her own life and ministry, and encourage others to do so too, so we might learn from each other's experiences. Her education includes master's degrees in education, pastoral studies, and scripture, and a PhD in psychology. Currently, Kate is an associate professor at the Mayo College of Medicine, contributing to research in spirituality and health.



TYLER CESARIO GRADUATE RECITAL

You likely know Tyler Cesario as one of our four professional singers who enhance our Sunday liturgies. Come enjoy a delightful evening of music as Tyler presents his graduate voice recital, alongside collaborator Daniel Goldsmith and some special guests, featuring underrepresented repertoire. This recital will be held at Saint Cecilia Church on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. We hope you'll join us for what is sure to be an inspirational evening that celebrates diversity in the teaching studio.



HELP OUR FRIENDS AT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

Mother's Day cards will be sold this weekend in the Saint Cecilia narthex. By purchasing Mother's Day cards through their fundraiser, you help WLP provide a wide array of services for the most vulnerable women in our community, including healthy meals and individualized services that empower these women to make positive changes in their lives. The cards are blank on the inside so they can also serve as a personal or "thank you" note.

For more information about this fundraiser, please contact Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email or you can order cards directly by visiting www.MothersDayCards.org. At checkout, please indicate that Katie Balian or Mark Lippolt referred you to this campaign.





SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Spring is traditionally the time of year when the majority of the nonprofit agencies Saint Cecilia supports through our Hunger & Homelessness Ministry have their most critical fundraisers. We invite you to learn more below.

Wednesday, May 1

LifeSavor — Community Servings

Location: Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse Galleria, Back Bay

Information about the event: <https://www.servings.org/lifesavor/>

Thursday, May 2

Home Remedy — Pine Street Inn

Location: Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.pinestreetinn.org/about-us/home-remedy>

Friday, May 10

Eat Lunch Give — Women's Lunch Place

Location: Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental | Information about the event:

<https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give>

Monday, May 13

Medicine that Matters Gala — Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Location: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.bhchp.org/events/2024-gala/>

Sunday, May 19

Elderbration — Friendship Works

Location: Jamaica Pond | Information about the event:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration2024/>

Wednesday, May 29

Spring Celebration — Catholic Charities

Location: Wharf Room, Boston Harbor Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration-2024/>

*For more information about any of these events,
please email our Hunger and Homelessness Ministry
at their parish email address.*



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS — JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY!

This year, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) election will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. There are three seats to be filled, each for a 3-year term. This is an exciting and critical time for our parish and serving on the Parish Pastoral Council is a significant way of contributing to our vibrancy and growth. Please take the time to vote, and if you feel inspired, consider running for one of the open seats.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PARISH COUNCIL?

- I. You must be a registered member of our community and at least eighteen years old. You can register by visiting our website at <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/> or by filling out a paper registration form in the narthex.
- II. You should already be an active participant in the life of the parish.

WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY?

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In addition to monthly meetings, members are expected to volunteer to lead or assist with occasional parish initiatives or activities. It is also expected that council members will participate in a variety of parish events and programs and be visible representatives of the parish community.

HOW CAN I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

Please prepare a brief statement (no longer than 150 words) that tells us about yourself and why you are interested in serving the parish as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your statement should also include the following:

- *What Saint Cecilia Parish means to you.*
- *How long have you been a registered parishioner?*
- *What ministry/ministries are you involved in?*
- *What Mass do we typically see you at?*

This statement can be sent to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address and will be included in the bulletins for April 21, 28, and May 5.

A headshot is also required.

Elections will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. If you cannot be present that weekend, you may submit your vote via e-mail at info@stceciliaboston.org until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

SCHEDULE

April 15 | Statements and headshots due to info@stceciliaboston.org

April 20/21 & 27/28 & May 4/5 | Biographies, platform statements, and headshots published in the parish bulletin

May 5 | Absentee ballots due no later than 1:00 p.m. via e-mail

May 4/5 | Election

**Completed materials or any questions can be sent
to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address.**



THE SAINT CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL THROW YOUR HAT IN THE RING!

BY ANNA DEMARE & NANCY NEE HANIFIN

As our tenure on the Saint Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) draws to a close, and with elections for new members taking place in just three weeks, we want to share a bit about what serving on the PPC has meant to us, in the hopes we might inspire others to throw their hat in the ring.

The PPC plays an important role as an advisory body for Father John. We are the boots on the ground, the seats in the pews, and the coffee cup holders after Mass. Many of us have served or participated in various parish ministries and are therefore able to function as the eyes and ears tuned to the needs and desires of the parish community.

To help us better discern God's will for the parish, our monthly in-person meetings are grounded in an atmosphere of prayer and are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in the power of the Spirit, council members pledge to remain open to the experiences, thoughts, and concerns of others.

In addition to the work that happens on the council, meeting and engaging with other council members has been personally enriching, allowing us to collaborate with fellow parishioners from diverse backgrounds and perspectives—many of whom we may not have

otherwise come to know. While most council members attend one of our Sunday morning liturgies, it's important that the PPC also has representation from those who attend the Saturday and Sunday evening liturgies.

It's been a privilege to work as a team with other PPC members, to share ideas, and to serve as a sounding board for Father John. Our broad-ranging discussions have led to various parish initiatives (one example was this year's February Lenten day retreat) and additional opportunities for us to engage with various parish ministries.

Being on the PPC has been a rewarding experience and an opportunity to contribute to and help shape the life of our parish community. Can you imagine being a part of this? If so, we hope that you will consider running for a seat on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you decide to run, materials are due this Monday, April 15 and elections are on the weekend of May 4/5.

As a gentle reminder to those interested, completed materials or any questions can be sent to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address. Thank you so much!





**BISHOP GUMBLETON: REMEMBERING A
PROPHET PIONEER OF CATHOLIC LGBTQ+ EQUALITY**

BY FRANCIS DEBERNARDO

The following is a statement from Francis DeBernardo, New Ways Ministry's Executive Director, honoring Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, who passed away April 4 at the age of 94.

With great sadness and great gratitude, New Ways Ministry mourns the passing of our dear friend, Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton. We will miss both his courageous voice for justice, which rang through our church, our country, and our world, and his gentle personal presence which touched our hearts.

He spoke on many issues, but the one most important to us was his uncompromising pursuit of justice for LGBTQ people, particularly in the church. Bishop Gumbleton paved the way for Pope Francis. Decades before this pope's openness, when a Catholic leader's support for LGBTQ people could negatively affect one's stature in the church, Bishop Gumbleton spoke fearlessly with compassion and certainty that were rooted in a deep commitment to the Gospel of Jesus.

He was not concerned about his own reputation or person. He was concerned that justice be done, that people be accepted, and that the institutional Catholic Church have the courage to live up to its own best ideals.

In the 34 years that he had been public about his support for LGBTQ issues, Bishop Gumbleton did more than any other member of the hierarchy to move church members, theologians, and pastoral ministers to extend a friendly and welcoming hand to LGBTQ people. For him, LGBTQ issues were not a question of sex, but of justice.

His passion for LGBTQ issues sprang from his relationship with his brother, Dan, who was gay. Bishop Gumbleton confessed that, when he first learned that Dan was gay, he was concerned about how Dan's identity might reflect negatively upon him. But the bishop was moved by a question his mother asked him, "Is Dan going to hell?" He quickly disavowed her of that notion and began to realize the truth of faith: God loves everyone, so the church

should welcome everyone, just as they are.

When asked once how Catholics could get more bishops to speak out positively on gay issues, Bishop Gumbleton answered, "Find the gay and lesbian members of your families. That experience will change you."

New Ways Ministry is grateful for our relationship with Bishop Gumbleton over many decades. At New Ways Ministry's 1992 national symposium, Bishop Gumbleton first spoke publicly about his gay brother and how the Catholic Church needed to do so much more for LGBTQ people and for people like his mother. After that event, he began crisscrossing the United States, speaking to Catholic groups to help them better understand and welcome LGBTQ people. On such occasions, he sometimes celebrated Mass wearing a bishop's miter adorned with a pink triangle and rainbow colors.

From 1997 to 2002, Bishop Gumbleton served on New Ways Ministry's Advisory Board, stopping only because of a direct order from Pope John Paul II's Vatican to separate from the organization. He did separate in a public sense, but continued to attend board meetings and offered his wisdom and counsel. In 1992, Bishop Gumbleton collaborated with New Ways Ministry in recruiting 20 bishops to ask the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to write a pastoral letter to Catholic parents of lesbian and gay children. The result, five years later, was the document, *Always Our Children*. To this day, *Always Our Children* remains the most positive statement the U.S. bishops conference has produced on LGBTQ issues.

In 1992, Bishop Gumbleton received New Ways Ministry's "Bridge Building Award" for his brave pastoral leadership. During the introduction to the event, the emcee thanked Daretta Williams, Bishop Gumbleton's secretary, for her help in planning. When Bishop Gumbleton was called to the stage to accept the award, amidst sustained, thunderous applause, and a standing ovation, he whispered to the emcee, "Thank you for mentioning Daretta."

In a moment when he could have basked in glory, his first thought was not for himself, but for his secretary. Such is the example of humility that is part of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton's legacy.

The road ahead for LGBTQ Catholics is still a perilous one within their own church. Last year's Synod General Assembly in Rome showed that achieving consensus on questions of sexuality and gender appear to be in the distant future. But perhaps the closing Synod assembly in October 2024 will produce a surprisingly more positive outcome for LGBTQ people because we now have a powerful saint in heaven whose calls for justice and equality, for compassion and welcome have not died, and they will continue to echo through eternity.

~ Francis DeBernardo has ministered at New Ways Ministry since 1992, first as a volunteer, and then as a staff member since 1994. He has served as Executive Director since 1996. He has conducted programs on LGBT issues and Catholicism in parishes, dioceses, retreat houses, colleges, and religious communities throughout the United States. He authored *Marriage Equality: A Positive Catholic Approach*. He is the editor and a contributor to *Bondings 2.0*, a daily blog of news and opinion covering Catholic LGBT topics. His articles have appeared in *The National Catholic Reporter*, *Commonweal*, *The Advocate*, and *The American Catholic*. He was the keynote speaker at the conference on religion and LGBT issues at the first World Pride event in Rome, Italy, in 2000, and a featured speaker at the interfaith conference at World Pride in London, England in 2012.

INTERESTED IN
LEARNING MORE ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you or is someone you know searching for a spiritual home? Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be Catholic? If you would like to explore Catholicism or are already Catholic but have not yet received Eucharist, we would be honored to accompany you in your journey. For more information, contact Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish email address, or at 617-536-4548 X117.



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PARISH RESOURCES

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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

Music Ministry

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.

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● Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses
● from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of po-
● tential 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 help-
● ing us maintain our parish security online!
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