The Second Sunday of Easter

16 April 2023

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas depicted in Folium 025r from the Psalter of Eleanor of Aquitaine (ca. 1185)
Saint Cecilia
PARISH

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Easter Alleluia

O FILII ET FILIAE

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.
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.
GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age  Chris DeSilva

Verse 1
1. We praise you,
   we bless you,
   we adore you,
   we glorify you,
   we give you thanks for your great glory,
   Lord God, heavenly King,
   O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
   God, Son of the Father, you take away the
   sins of the world, have mercy on us; you
   take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are
Verse 3

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 2: 42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 118: Give Thanks to the Lord  
Michael Joncas

1. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.” Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.” Let those who fear the Lord say, “His mercy endures forever.”

2. I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my savior. There are shouts of joy and salvation in the tents of the just.

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it, and be glad.
SECOND READING | 1 Peter 1: 3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ.

GOSPEL | John 20: 19-31

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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

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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
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

★ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

★ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

★ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco
GREAT AMEN | Mass of the Angels and Saints

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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  
In the breaking of the bread we have known him;  
we have been fed.
We have known him;  
we have been fed.

Verses  
1. Bread for the journey, strength for our years, manna of ages, of 
   bread we have known him;
   we have been fed.
2. Bread of the promise, people of bread we have known him;  
   we have been fed.

Estribillo  
Cuando partimos el pan del Señor,  
Pan de la vida, pan de esperanza.

Estrofas  
1. Pan para el viaje, pan de los sios de
   Pan para el viaje, pan de los sios de
2. Pan del prome sa, pan de esperanza, de
   Pan del prome sa, pan de esperanza, de

stranger, Jesus the Lord,  
va tion, fruit of the land,  
stranger, Jesus the Lord,  
va tion, fruit of the land,  

1. table, joined as his body,  
vi no, fruit of the earth,  
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vi no, fruit of the earth,  

1. ben di ce lo Padre,  
en un es piritu,  
1. ben di ce lo Padre,  
en un es piritu,  

1. be our companion;  
bless and receive now;  
1. be our companion;  
bless and receive now;  

1. the work of our hands.  
sent by the Word.  
1. the work of our hands.  
sent by the Word.  

1. y fue te de fe.  
(es tu yo mi Dios.  
1. y fue te de fe.  
(es tu yo mi Dios.  

1. con una misión.  
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Communion | In the Breaking of the Bread  
Bob Hurd
**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. Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
Yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,

2. Oh! what glory, far exceeding! All that eye has seen
Mystery due, triste historia,
Yearning! Greatest of the ages standing,

3. Can ten con glorioso fieles
Himnos de recic-es:
Je sus lives who
Que murio.

4. Vida eterna! O what wonders
Fieles cantan a una voz.

Life eternal! O what wonders!
Fieles truenos y nos vemos

Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
Frente al trono tuyo, Dios,

When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Y al pasar por tus portales,

Saints shall stand before the throne!
Brilla el cielo con fulgor.

Oh, to enter that bright portal,
Celebremos tu venida

See that glowing firmament.
En tu Hijo, el Salvador.

Know, with you, O God immortal,
Celebremos tu venida

Jesus Christ whom you have sent!
Celebremos tu venida

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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 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 Massachusett 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.
Holy Week
at Saint Cecilia
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 15 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

Sunday, April 16 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, April 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Ben DeWinter, Cathy Anderson, and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

Sunday, April 16 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Eileen Maguire, James Paradis, and Ngozi Udeh, lectors

Sunday, April 16 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner and Kevin Dumas, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 16 | 8:00 a.m.
John & Angelina Machado, Memorial

Sunday, April 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Leonard Mariani, 2nd Anniversary
Carmela McCoy, 3rd Anniversary
Tony Silvaggio, Memorial
Lynn Conover, Memorial
Christian Yunis, Special Intention

Sunday, April 16 | 11:30 a.m.
Madeline Lynch, Memorial

TODAY’S READINGS
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 2:14, 22-23
1 Peter 1:17-21

DID YOU KNOW?
There are currently 1,165 women working at the Vatican, a 37.7% increase from ten years ago.
Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Sue Ryan, Necee Regis, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, Carol Tebo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rick Gaillardetz, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following newly-registered members of our parish: Matt Borek and Megan Romanczyk of Brookline, Colleen and Rick McKenna of Winchester, Margaret Lie of Boston, Rory Schadler of Boston, Patricia Hanrahan of Boston, Christine Mastrocola of Boston, Peggy Judge of Lansing, Michigan, Bridget Queenan of Boston, Natalie Ehrenshek of Boston, and Mary Ellen Cox of Raleigh, North Carolina. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Thank You!
Many thanks to everyone who helped make our celebration of the Easter Triduum such a special time in the life of the parish. We also are thankful for everyone who helped create such a beautiful environment for our Easter celebration. Our parish is truly blessed with an abundance of generous hearts and hands!

Catholic Appeal
Thank you to those who have given to the Catholic Appeal! We’ve exceeded our donor goal, but we are only at 38% of our financial goal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Donate here: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate

127th Boston Marathon
We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend. On Patriots' 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 17 in observance of Patriots' Day.

Take Home a Little White Book for Easter
In the narthex we have little white books for the fifty days of Eastertide. Take one home and spend just six minutes a day in reflection. This is a great way to celebrate this time of great rejoicing!

Our Paschal Candle
Our beautiful Paschal candle was made in New Hampshire by Martin Marklin, the godson of Monsignor Martin Hellreigel, a leading American liturgical reformer of the mid-twentieth century and one of the only movers of the liturgical reform who was actually a pastor! Monsignor Hellreigel was influential in promoting the restoration of the Easter Vigil and the participation of the assembly in the chants of the Mass. We are grateful that he inspired his namesake to such a noble profession. The Paschal candle burns next to the ambo throughout the fifty days of Easter, and is thereafter kindled for baptisms and funeral Masses. Take a moment before or after Mass to admire the beauty of the candle up close—it is truly a work of art.

Help Us Welcome Our New Community Members
We invite you to help us welcome our newly initiated brothers and sisters with a cake on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, after the 9:30 liturgy. All are welcome!

Our Neophytes and Fully Initiated
At the Easter Vigil, we celebrated the initiation of three new Christians in the Easter waters. Brynna Autumn Finley, Ruby Liza Rollins, and Helen Sherrah-Davies professed their faith in Christ and were baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Eucharistic table for the first time. They are now known as “neophytes,” from the Greek word for “newly planted.” During these fifty days of Easter, it is our task to nurture their faith and to help them feel welcome and supported. Please keep these women in your prayer as they begin the period known as “mystagogia.” Mystagogia is an ancient Greek word meaning, “education in the mysteries.” Christian believers in the first century used the word mystagogia to describe the period of continuing spiritual instruction following the celebration of the initiation rites. We are also called to support those who were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church: Leander Maria Krawinkel, John Eric Mosley, Christopher Leslie Selph, Kathryn Anne Vasinda, Katherine Veideman, and Phenix Zuck were confirmed and welcomed to the table of the Lord. Already baptized in the Catholic Church, Hunter Nathaniel Campbell, Josefina Mendez, Viviann Merant, and Johanna Elizabeth Wilson were confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time. Glenn C. Gallo, also part of the RCIA group, was baptized this year, and we look forward to his confirmation and receiving first Eucharist at an upcoming Mass. Please keep Glenn in your prayers.
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Home Remedy: A Breakfast to Benefit Pine Street Inn

Pine Street Inn’s Home Remedy fundraising breakfast brings together Greater Boston’s corporate and philanthropic leaders. Thanks to dedicated partners like you, funds raised through this breakfast will assist over 2,000 individuals daily, who turn to Pine Street for help in rebuilding their lives. The event will take place on Thursday, April 27 at 7:15 a.m. at the Westin Copley Hotel. Individual tickets are $250. If you are interested in joining a Saint Cecilia table at the event, please email Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com.

HOME REMEDY: A BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT PINE STREET INN

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. This is true again in 2023, except that, with COVID seemingly winding down, everyone is returning to in-person events.

Wednesday, May 10

LifeSavor — Community Servings
Location: Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse Galleria, Back Bay
Information about the event: https://www.servings.org/lifesavor/

Friday, May 12

Eat Lunch Give — Women’s Lunch Place
Location: Grand Ballroom, Park Plaza Hotel | Information about the event: https://www.womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give

Monday, May 15

Medicine that Matters Gala — Boston Health Care for the Homeless
Location: Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport | Information about the event: https://www.bhchp.org/events/2023-medicine-that-matters-gala/

Wednesday, May 17

Spring Celebration — Catholic Charities
Location: JFK Library | Information about the event: https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration/

Sunday, May 21

Elderbration — Friendship Works
Location: Jamaica Pond | Information about the event: https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration/

For more information about any of these events, please email Mark Lippolt at Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com
FAREWELL, GIOVANNA!

Friends,

Easter greetings! I hope your Triduum experience was all you had hoped for, after a fruitful Lent! For me, it was particularly poignant and bittersweet, as it marks the end of my time as part of the staff and my transition to ministry work.

Six months into the pandemic, Father John gave me the opportunity to come out of retirement and join the staff. Although my role was unclear and our collective futures were unknown, I knew in my heart that the Holy Spirit was leading this and I wholeheartedly accepted.

What a privilege it has been to serve with such a hard-working, dedicated, loving, and creative group of people—especially in such unprecedented times! As a long-time parishioner, to experience all that happens behind the scenes to create the sacred space for our community, and to be part of that, has been an eye-opener, an education, and an honor.

I’ve been reflecting back on the last two Lents and Triduums I experienced as part of the staff and there is one thing that remains constant. The staff did whatever had to be done—which often meant people took on more than their job description—to serve our community and tend to the needs of our parishioners. There are so many instances, but one thing in particular—the Lenten packages of 2021—remember?

Life has continued and we’ve all begun to emerge from the pandemic—finding our way and creating a new normal. As is our way as beautifully imperfect humans, we’ve let the painful, traumatic memory of the pandemic recede, so we can continue to live our lives. At the same time, I want to remember all the good—the courage and determination, the acts of kindness and generosity that emerged during the pandemic, the creativity it took on the part of the staff to keep our community connected, and the endless hours required to make it happen.

In our once again busy, noisy lives, I think it’s important to pause and remember these times and the silence. Prayer is in the silence. Silence is the prayer. After much silence, prayer, and reflection, I have made the decision to once again retire and shift into ministry work. Although I’m not exactly sure how this will look, I know the Holy Spirit will guide me along the way.

With heartfelt thanks to Father John, the staff, and all of you for the opportunity to serve in these unprecedented times and for all your love and support during this transition.

Wishing you peace and all good,

Giovanna

CARE-TAKERS SUPPORT GROUP

Calling all parishioners who visit the sick, the elderly, or the homebound! Are you visiting people as part of a hospital or hospice volunteer group or through the CARES ministry and feel that you would benefit from peer support? We are considering starting a parishioner-led group to meet virtually, in person, or on a hybrid basis (likely once a month) to build spiritual connection and share experiences. Anyone who attends Saint Cecilia in person or virtually is welcome. If you are interested, send your thoughts to aerusso2015@gmail.com. Our best, Silvina Ibanez, Bob Sances, and Amy Russo.
CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Project Bread: “Prior to the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at it's peak rendering 19.6% of households food insecure.” Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals. Music for Food’s 13th season concludes at 7:30pm on Sunday, April 23, in New England Conservatory’s Brown Hall, featuring Brahms Piano Quintet, Beethoven String Quartet Op. 59, No. 1, and selections from Robert Schumann’s Zwölf Gedichte von Justinus Kerner, op. 35, performed by the ever-inspiring Ayano Ninomiya, Lucy Chapman, Kim Kashkashian, Peter Stumpf, Alessio Bax, Corey Gaudreau, Tanya Blaich, and the Parker Quartet.

Admission is free, and all donations will benefit Women's Lunch Place (WLP). Suggested donation is $30+ and $10+ for students, collected at the door. 100% of donations will benefit Women’s Lunch Place. To reserve your tickets: https://musicforfood.net/checkout/donate?donatePageId=6d14e1c161e8826ca9844d1f

Understanding Homelessness in a Post-Covid Environment

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ET

Join A Faith That Does Justice for a conversation with Jim O’Connell, MD, President of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, for a Fireside Chat exploring issues of homelessness in today’s post-Covid environment. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the challenges and root causes of homelessness, and what can be done to provide better care and support for those experiencing homelessness.

Register for free: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/881677183865/8WN_CToYcRROV0o8e23fwpC5w

Or scan the QR code to register:

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Open Our Hearts and Minds

Presenter: John Bailes, a Zen Buddhist priest
Monday, April 24, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

ANNUAL WOMEN IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY LECTURE

Women Religious and the Transformation of Theological Education
Presenter: Margaret Eletta Guider, OSF, Th.D., Associate Professor of Missiology, Professora Ordinaria, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid School of Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room 113 | Boston College - Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street, Boston, MA | Registration Required | Free

To learn more or register, visit: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html#tab-continuing_education

SACRED THREADS

Faith Food & Friendship
Presenter: Walter J. Smith, S.J., Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry
Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Zoom Registration Required | $25

A Widow’s Journey: Moving Forward After the Death of Your Spouse
Presenter: Sarah Clancy, Hospice Chaplain and Widow
Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Zoom Registration Required | $25

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Easter Flowers

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The Veysey & Maslack Families
On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here: He has risen!" (Luke 24:1-6)

Imagine what these women—these followers of Jesus—must have felt as they heard the best news in the history of the world.

In so many of the gospel stories that are familiar to us, women were behind the scenes—always there, always present, always faithful—but nearly always in the background and hardly ever mentioned by the men in the stories, and certainly not the ones writing the stories. Their testimony as women was not even admissible in court under Jewish law; the word of a woman had no public credibility in that patriarchal culture. But God chose to reveal the miracle of Jesus’ resurrection first to women. They were then told to report the astonishing news of the empty tomb to the men. The women at the tomb have always reminded me of other women, like the "Mothers of the Disappeared" in Latin America, who in country after country were the ones who—when things were at their worst, when the violence of military-ruled countries was most grotesque, when the suffering was so horrible—came out time and time again and stood alone before the military and before the world, testifying for their loved ones, and for the truth. Women also put their lives on the line and played key roles in the transformations in many African countries, the peace movement in Northern Ireland, and in the hopeful beginnings of the Arab Spring protests.

I also think of the women at the tomb when I think of the Mothers of the Movement—mothers of young men and women of color who have died at the hands of law enforcement, while in police custody, or as the result of gun violence. We know the names of their children: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Hadiya Pendleton, Dontre Hamilton, Jordan Davis, and so many more. Their powerful testimonies on behalf of criminal justice reform, racial justice, and commonsense gun control speak of the power of these women to raise their voices for justice and hope in the face of unspeakable personal tragedy.

We have also seen women disproportionately leading the broader Black Lives Matter movement, often on the front lines of protests where police in military gear have been all too willing to use force against overwhelmingly nonviolent protestors.
The Women’s Marches all over the world the day after Donald Trump’s inauguration were a harbinger of what has happened since. Statistics are emerging that suggest that women form the clear majority of the resistance to some of the most harmful and dangerous agendas of the former administration.

We have seen it in so many places: When things get rough, when things are at their worst, when everyone else flees or is in hiding, very often it is the women who stand up, offering themselves, becoming completely vulnerable as they submit to the risk of death. That is indeed their strength and their power.

So here in the resurrection event is the pivotal moment in all history. The male disciples have fled and are hiding, and only the women are left. And they come not without fear, the gospel story tells us, but they come out of love and faith. They were faithful to Jesus in all of his life, and in his death, and now even after his death. Out of their love for him, they are going to minister to him even at the tomb.

For their loving perseverance and courage, these women are rewarded with the honor of being entrusted with the most important news in the history of the world. These women, and many women who have come after them, can rightly be called history’s midwives of hope. And they become for us, on the resurrection morning of Easter, the primary example in the story of what we too are called to be—midwives of hope.

What does it mean to be a midwife of hope? The word hope is so often used in ways that are mostly mystical or rhetorical—politically or otherwise—or so religious that the meaning escapes the world. It somehow escapes the reality in which we have to live.

Hope becomes a feeling, or a mood, or an inspired moment that is lived somehow above the painful and the dull agonies of history. We’re down here living in it all, and someone says, "Well, you have to have hope." And right away we think, "I’m supposed to feel something I’m not feeling — to get into a mood that isn’t natural to me. I need to rise above this daily reality somehow and be hopeful." But the more I wrestle with this word "hope," the more I am convinced that we must see hope in a different, and indeed a more biblical, way.

You see, hope is not simply a feeling, or a mood, or a rhetorical flourish. It is a choice, a decision, an action based upon faith. Hope is the very dynamic of history. Hope is the engine of change. Hope is the energy of transformation. Hope is the door from one reality to another.

Things that seem possible, reasonable, understandable, even logical in hindsight—things that we can deal with, things that don’t seem extraordinary to us—often seemed quite impossible, unreasonable, nonsensical, and illogical when we were looking ahead to them. The changes, the possibilities, the opportunities, the surprises that no one or very few would even have imagined, just become history after they've occurred. What looked before as though it could never happen is now easy to understand.

The news from the women at the tomb was the greatest hope that the world has ever known. And yet what did the disciples call it? "Nonsense."

Hope unbelieved is always considered nonsense. But hope believed is history in the process of being changed. The nonsense of the resurrection became the hope that shook the Roman Empire and established the Christian movement. The nonsense of slave songs in Egypt and Mississippi became the hope that let the oppressed go free. The nonsense of a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, became the hope that transformed a nation.

This is also how personal transformation takes place. We can’t imagine ourselves different than we are today or healed of that which binds and afflicts us. We can’t imagine ourselves forgiven. We can’t imagine our own salvation. But when we walk through the door of hope, and we look back at where we have been and where we are now, we see evidence of the grace of God.

For Christians, the Resurrection is that door of hope, and Jesus showed us that the resurrection comes by way of a cross. Suffering and hope are always joined in human history. The cost of moving from one reality to another—in our personal lives and in history—is always great. But it is the only way to walk through the door of hope.

History depends on those who are willing to walk through that door, those who live and act and even die in hope for the sake of the future they know by faith is there—those such as the women at the tomb who were given the news of the resurrection. They were given the news of the resurrection because they opened the door for all the rest of us.

On Easter morning we stand on the knowledge of the resurrection. We stand on the faith of those who have been given the news of the resurrection before us.

It is not nonsense to believe that weapons of mass destruction are not necessary, and that war is not inevitable. It is not nonsense to believe that a child’s race and class and sex will not always determine their future share of
happiness and well-being. It is not nonsense to believe that we who have been divided from each other can, and will, one day sit down together at the welcome table of God's love and God's grace.

These are not nonsense thoughts. With the Easter eyes of resurrection faith, we can see the door through which we too can walk, through which we are invited, where we also will be given the news of the resurrection.

And with this hope, sisters and brothers, we can know our sins forgiven, and our lives made whole. We can look into the faces of our children and believe there is a future for them.

With this hope we can look into the eyes of the poor, the suffering, and the dispossessed and believe that God is able to establish justice for all. With this hope we can together build new communities of faith that will someday overcome the barriers of race and class and gender. And with this hope we can even look forward to a day when our nation no longer measures its security by its weapons, and its status by its wealth.

With this hope we can envision an America finally able to live without racism and without oppression, but no longer able to live without justice and compassion. With this hope we can plan and sow and build and create visions and dreams. And with this hope we can find the faith and the courage to bear the cost of such possibilities.

So with all this in mind, we prepare to hear this Sunday, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Amen.

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27TH ANNUAL LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE'S MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

On Sunday, April 30, after the 11:30 Mass, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute’s President and CEO, Chaplain Clementina Chéry, will visit Saint Cecilia to chat with parishioners and give a short presentation in one of our classrooms. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a profound and thought-provoking talk!

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P) is the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute’s (LDBPI) largest fundraising event and is a beloved 27-year-long Boston tradition celebrating our potential to create more peaceful communities. The Walk’s goal is to empower survivors, Generation Peace, and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss to cultivate cycles of peace and healing.

This year, the Walk will be held on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. and the theme is “Cultivating Cycles of Peace.” In our society, we are constantly looped into cycles of violence that overshadow the transformative power of peace. Like a blooming flower, cycles of peace flourish when carefully cultivated. We have the agency to cultivate these cycles by empowering survivors, supporting returning citizens and their families, and investing in Generation Peace.

We invite you to donate to and/or walk with the Saint Cecilia team as we cultivate cycles of peace in our communities. The entire Walk’s goal is $600,000. With your help, we can reach it, together! To learn more, join the walking team, to make a donation, please visit: https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/stcecilia

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Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

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

Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

Marriage
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Order of Christian Funerals
The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

Care of the Sick
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team
The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God’s Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease
If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church
The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

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

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask a greeter for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Joining Our Community
We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

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