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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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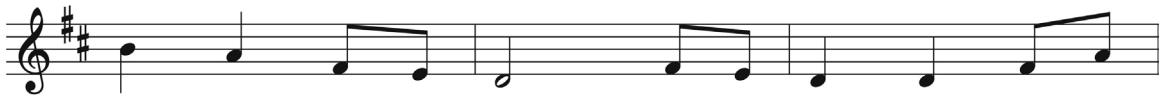
PRELUDE | *Récit de Tierce en taille*
Brett Maguire, organist

Nicolas de Grigny
(1672-1703)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Sing a New Church



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in
2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in
3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of
ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's
Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
im - age, Male and fe - male, God's de - light:
prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in

splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new Church in - to
be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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

to verses

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

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 9: 26-31

The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "I will praise you, Lord, I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people, I will praise you, Lord."

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, whose who seek him. May their hearts live on forever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the might of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations to come, declaring his saving justice to peoples yet unborn: "These are the things the Lord has done."

SECOND READING | 1 John 3: 18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

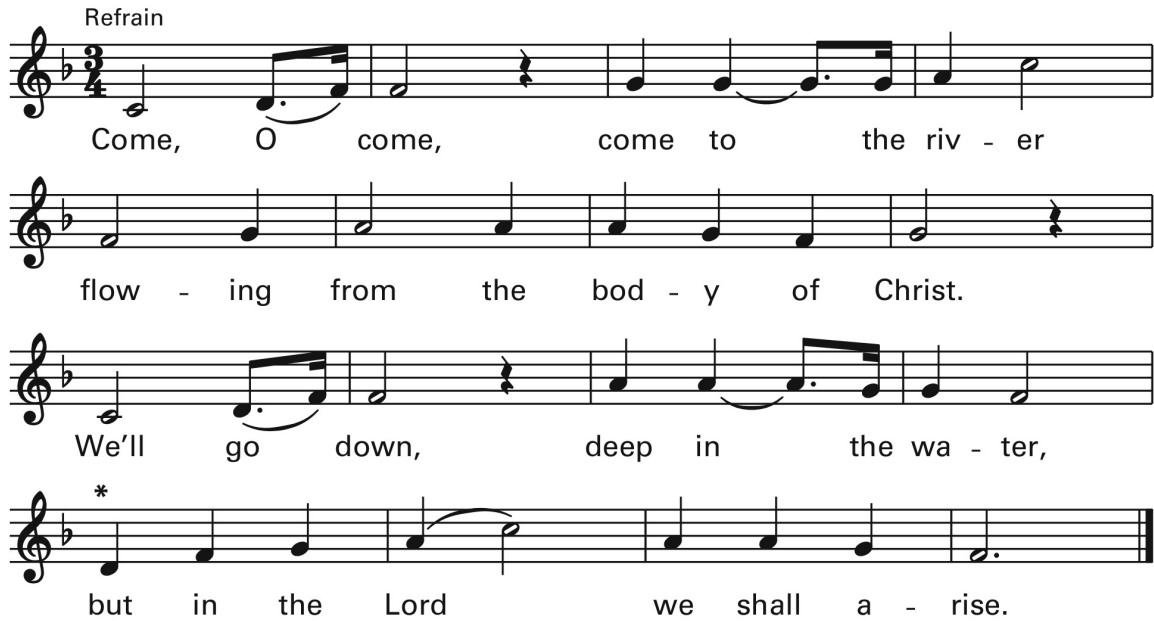
The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia."

GOSPEL | John 15: 1-8

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Refrain



Come, O come, come to the riv - er
 flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.
 We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,
 * but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses



1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,
 2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we,
 3. Blest are those who thirst
 4. Let us walk in the light
 5. Those who sow in tears

to Refrain

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.
 2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.
 3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.
 4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.
 5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

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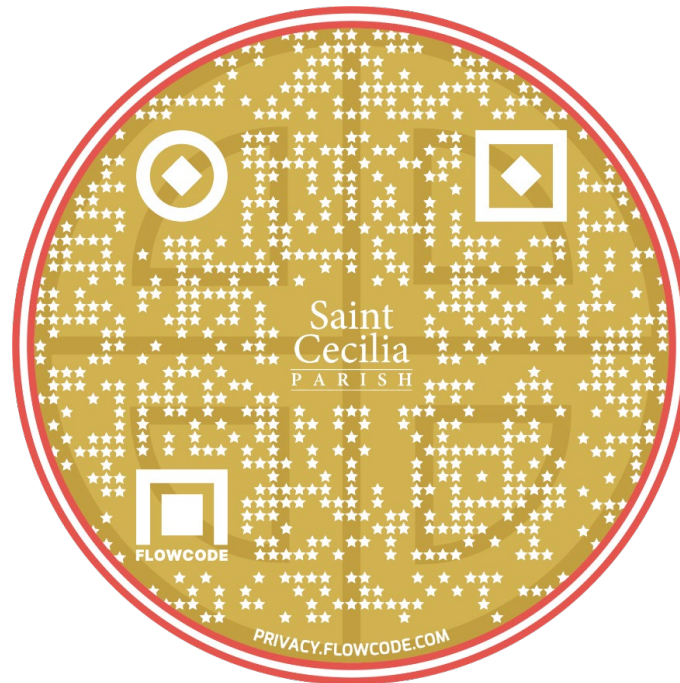
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You can also mail a check to:

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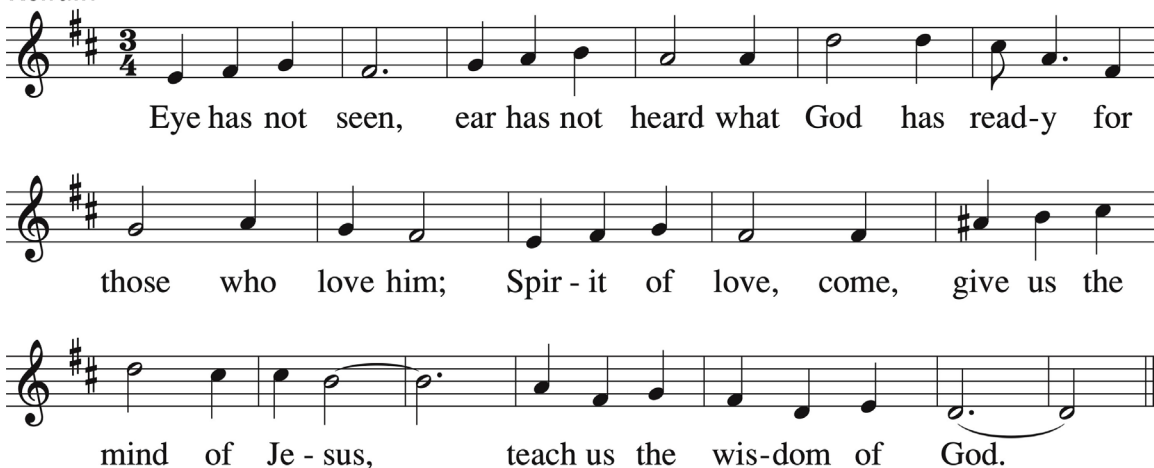


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Eye Has Not Seen

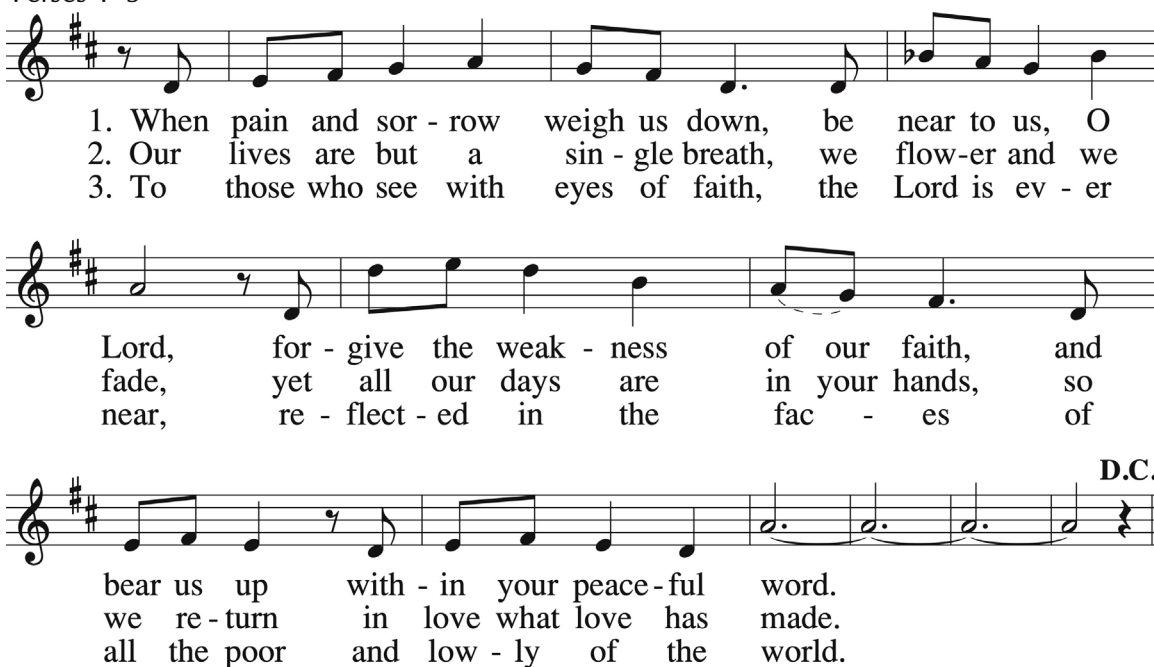
Marty Haugen

Refrain




Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow - er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4



4. We sing a mys - t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✘ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✘ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✘ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

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 -

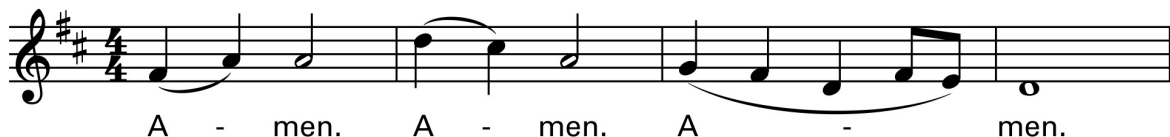
The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a 'Fine' marking at the end of the third staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



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 Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

Cantor Lamb of God, *Assembly* you take a-way the sins of the
 world, have mer-cy on us. *Final* 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.

I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my

heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing

God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses

- | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|---|----|-----|--------|------------|------|
| 1. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Bread | Sent | to |
| 2. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Vine, | Far | from |
| 3. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Way, | And | my |
| 4. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Truth. | If | you |
| 5. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Life, | Raised | in |
| 6. Je - sus | says: | I | am | the | Day, | Shin - ing | |

you from God Most High.	Take and eat,	and you will
whom no life can grow.	If you join	your - self to
path is straight and true.	Fol - low me	to where I
fol - low close to me,	You will know	me in your
tri - umph from the dead.	As one Bod - y	now re -
bright - ly through your night.	Wel - come me,	and you will

D.C.

live;	You need nev - er	fear	to	die.
me,	A rich har - vest	you	will	know.
lead;	There my Fa - ther	waits	for	you.
heart,	And my word will	make	you	free.
main,	Mem - bers joined to	me,	the	Head.
walk	By the Spir - it's	guid - ing		light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.
8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.
9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,
And my death set sinners free.
Those who drink the cup I drink
Must take up this work with me.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth. *(John 14: 15-17)*

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. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the



scep - ter, his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and



na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

POSTLUDE | *Menuet Gothique* from “Suite Gothique”
Brett Maguire, *organist*

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

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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.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 27 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Mary Kane, lector

Sunday, April 28 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Thomas Skorupa, lector

Sunday, April 28 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, SJ, celebrant
Esteban Vanegas, Ben DeWinter, and Peter Haley, lectors

Sunday, April 28 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, SJ, celebrant
Moira Macdonald, Virgen Palermo, and Zach Boutin, lectors

Sunday, April 28 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, SJ, celebrant
Bobbi Moran, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28 | 9:30 a.m.

Sue Charbonneau, *2nd Anniversary*
Charlie Jones, *5th Anniversary*

Sunday, April 28 | 11:30 a.m.

Michael Stockman, *7th Anniversary*
Janet Stank, *Memorial*

Wednesday, May 1 | 8:00 a.m.

Richard & Mahi LaHood, *Special Intention*

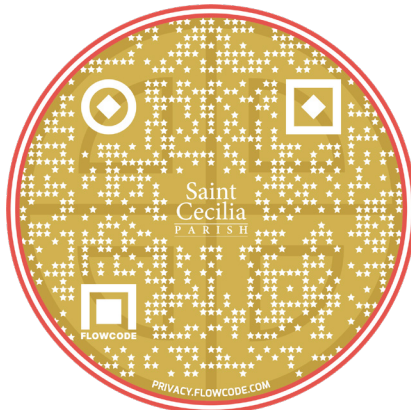
TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

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FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Rosaria Salerno's sister died on April 20. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **JoAnn Serpico** and for the consolation of Rosaria and her family. **Mary Botosh** died on April 23. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her husband, Charlie. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Sarah Pasternack** of Westwood, **Brian Cusack** of Belmont, **Zayra Muñoz** of Medford, **Erin Wetzler** of Somerville, **Peter Smith** and **Lorraine Smith** of Randolph, **Ted and Deirdre Schadler** of Lexington, and **Mary Ellen Sinkiewicz** of Dorchester. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

A Note Regarding the Six O'Clock Mass

The last six o'clock Mass of the academic year will be on May 5. This Mass will resume in September.

Children's Faith Formation

Our 2023-2024 Children's Faith Formation program will draw to a close on Sunday, May 5. Pray for a safe, enjoyable summer for our youngest parishioners and let us thank all of our catechists who generously donate their time and talents to this vital program.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Easter is the season of initiation, and therefore the very best time to celebrate First Holy Communion. We are delighted to have twenty-nine youngsters receive communion for the first time on Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. Please keep these children in your prayer. We are also grateful to our second-grade catechists, Mr. Mark Lippolt and Ms. Anna DeMare, who devote so much time and energy to their teaching.

Happy Passover!

The festival of Passover began just before sundown last Monday and continues for eight days, ending after night-

fall on Tuesday, April 30. Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Be sure to wish your Jewish friends and family members a Happy Pesach as they celebrate the blessings of freedom, faith, and family.

2024 Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Parish Pastoral Council elections are happening next weekend, May 4 and 5. You will be able to vote for three of the ten candidates, each of whom reflects the diversity, vibrancy, and mission of service that define our parish. Please take a moment to view the candidates' headshots and bios on pages 11, 12, and 13 of this week's bulletin. You'll find instructions for next week's voting on page 11.

Congratulations, Emma!

Emma Robertson has accepted a professional position with the Berkshire Opera Company as an advancement associate beginning in May. Saint Cecilia is so grateful for the ministry and vocal talent that Emma provided us since 2021, and we wish her all the best as she embarks on her career and on her marriage. She and **Harrison Stenson** were married on Saturday, April 20 in Wellesley, Massachusetts! Congratulations, Emma and Harrison!



MAY FAR-FLUNG FLOCK CALL

Sunday, May 5 | 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom

We are excited to announce that, once again, it's time to pull up your BarcaLoungers and gather together for an off-the-card discussion with Fr. John! Please join the Saint Cecilia Far-Flung Flock online coffee hour on May 5 at 4:00 p.m. ET for an informal hour as Fr. John answers questions and riffs on a variety of topics. There is no need to re-register if you've attended any FFF coffee hour in the past; you will automatically receive the link a few days before the call. Otherwise, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). If you have registered, but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please check your spam folder, ensure your email inbox is not full, or email the FFF Ministry email address to confirm your email address.



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

Please join us on May 12 for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P). The Institute was formed in 1996 by a Boston mother who turned her grief into action after her teenage son was murdered. The Institute's goal is to empower survivors, Generation Peace and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief and loss to cultivate cycles of peace and healing. Saint Cecilia Parish has supported the Institute's essential work for many years, and this year, we have set a parish goal of \$9,000 to contribute to the program's mission through their annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. Your gift can have a lasting impact on the healing steps that move us toward peace through compassionate justice. We're pleased to announce that the parish will be matching gifts up to \$2,500, so please consider the doubled-impact of your gift as you give!



Visit our team page (<https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/stcecilia>) on the Mother's Day Walk for Peace website to donate. You can also sign up to join our Walking Team for an unforgettable community experience. In particular, we are pleased to announce the program's founder, Chaplain Clementina Chéry, will join us after the 11:30 Mass on May 5 for a special visit and a presentation in Classroom 1. We hope you can attend! For additional information about the Saint Cecilia Team, email our reception team for Jeanne Bruno's email.

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.

In addition you can remember the woman in your life by sponsoring a meal at the Women's Lunch Place day shelter in her name:

- \$150: Provides one day of fresh fruit for all guests
- \$300: Provides one day of nutritious breakfast for all guests
- \$500: Provides one day of healthy lunch for all guests

And, of course, a Mother's Day card is included with each sponsorship.

For more information about this fundraiser, 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.



SUMMER COFFEE HOSPITALITY PAUSES

We will not have coffee hospitality for three holiday weekends in the summer—Memorial Day weekend, the Fourth of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend—so we can give our hardworking hospitality staff some time off to enjoy these holidays.

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

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!

Can't join us in person? Bring your questions to Music Celebrations International's Zoom information session on **May 2 at 7:00 p.m. ET**. This session will be recorded for those unable to attend.

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.

Zoom Info Session | May 2, 7:00 p.m. ET

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In 1998, Mr. John McGowan, a Saint Cecilia parishioner who possessed a keen interest in how music helps support the worshiping 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!

ALL ARE WELCOME MASS: CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

Friday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. | The Paulist Center
5 Park Street, Beacon Hill

"God is Father and he does not disown any of his children. And 'the style' of God is closeness, mercy, and tenderness. Along this path, you will find God." – Pope Francis responding to Fr. James Martin's question, "What would you say is the most important thing for LGBTQ people to know about God?"



The Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry, in collaboration with the Paulist Center Community; St. Anthony Shrine and the Franciscan friars; Blessed Trinity Parish, Westford/Littleton; Saint Joseph Parish, Boston; and Saint Susanna Parish, Dedham invite you to honor our LGBTQ siblings at an ALL ARE WELCOME Mass at the Paulist Center on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Help commemorate the beginning of Pride Month by celebrating the unique diversity of God's children at this liturgy. Following the Mass, there will be a reception.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWLS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Thanks to your support in the past year, CRS touched the lives of more than 120 million poor and vulnerable people in more than 110 countries around the world.

On the weekend of May 4–5, we ask that you to return your Lenten rice bowls. Even if you have not used the actual cardboard rice bowl to collect funds, you can still donate by making a check payable to "Catholic Relief Services." When you give, you help fill the bellies of young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors. You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. When you give, refugees find safety and receive emergency assistance and trauma counseling. Farmers learn innovative ways to plant and grow crops despite drought or disease. And women find dignity in opportunities for savings and training. Learn more at www.CRS.org.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restrooms alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in an urban building that is open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.

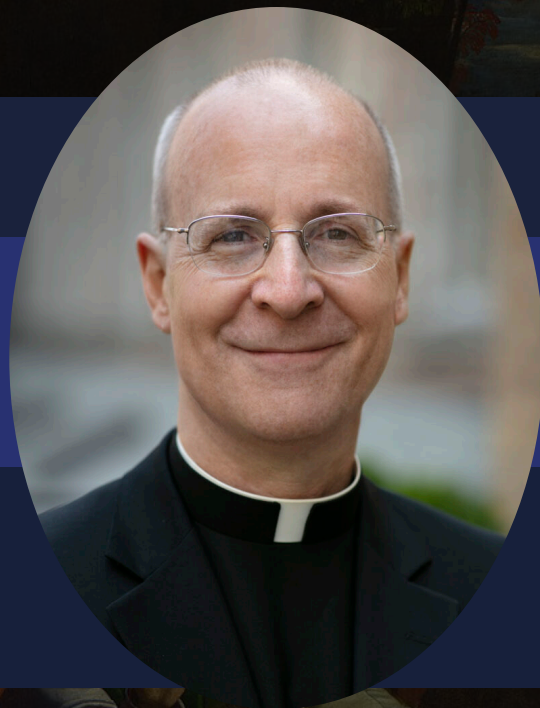
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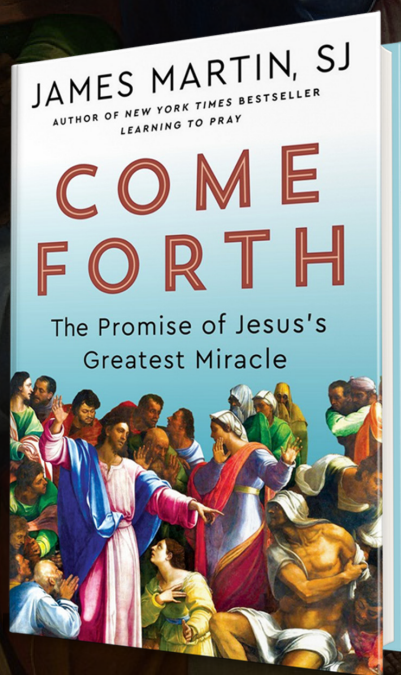
AN EVENING WITH

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. You can tune in to the livestream via the Saint Cecilia YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/SaintCeciliaParish).



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.

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN/FRONT CHURCH ENTRANCE.

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

APRIL 28 – MAY 5

Sunday, April 28

Wisdom Group | 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
Young Families Gathering, following the
9:30 a.m. Mass | Family Flex Room

Monday, April 29

Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. | Zoom
SCYA Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 p.m. | Zoom
SCYA Women's Gathering | 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Tuesday, April 30

RCIA Closing Dinner

Wednesday, May 1

An Evening with James Martin S.J., 6:30 p.m. in the
Church | **Please Enter Through Front Entrance*

Thursday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 4

CARES Retreat, 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Sunday, April 28

Wisdom Group | 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
VIRTUS Training, 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room
Far Flung Flock Coffee Hour, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom
SCYA Contemplative Prayer, 5:00 p.m.
Community Room
Last Pizza Sunday (Until Fall) After 6:00 p.m. Mass!

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 email the ministry at their ministry email address.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
APRIL 28 'PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY'
INFORMATION SESSION?

We invite you to bring your questions to Music Celebrations International's Zoom information session on May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81702743278>
This session will be recorded and put on our website for those unable to attend.



**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.



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.*



CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Next week, we will invite you to make your voice heard by voting for **THREE (3)** new members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Here's how it works:

Starting Saturday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. you can visit www.stceciliaboston.org/our-councils/ and fill out the form at the bottom of the page by selecting up to three candidates. Be sure to hit "submit." The page will reload and you'll receive a confirmation message at the bottom of the page when your votes are sent.

VOTING IS OPEN FROM SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 5:00 P.M. TO MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 9:00 A.M.



Cathy Anderson: Saint Cecilia is my spiritual home! I joined the parish 16 years ago. I was a member of the choir and am now a lector. I've also contributed to the parish in other ways—the Racial and Social Justice Ministry, the Hunger and Homeless Ministry, and the Adult Faith Commission. Before moving to Boston, I was director of music for the Penn State Catholic Community and was deeply involved in the liturgy. I am a convert to Catholicism and feel that I can add a broad perspective to most issues. I feel a special connection to Saint Cecilia since my husband's grandmother (born in 1890) was a parishioner. In short, Saint Cecilia has given me so much. I would like to be able to give back. I feel that I can do that by being on the Parish Council. I am a nurse practitioner and especially enjoy working with people.



Aubrey Hartnett: I've been part of Saint Cecilia's since 2012. In that time, I have been involved in the choir, the Young Families ministry, the Racial Equity Team, and other activities. My children and I typically come to the 9:30 Mass from East Boston. As a longtime parishioner raising my family in this community, Saint Cecilia's has been an essential source of spiritual and other support, as well as a place where I have been able to put my faith into action at whatever phase of life I have been in. I hope to serve on the Pastoral Council to be a voice for other multifaith and multicultural families, as well as to bring my experience and expertise in various ministries and leadership, including as a lay Marianist, to deepen opportunities for spiritual and community growth within the parish for folks of all backgrounds. I look forward to meeting those I do not already know—I am always happy to connect with more of our community!



Olivia Hastie: I have been a member of Saint Cecilia since 2022, served on staff as the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation, and volunteer as a catechist for seventh/eighth grade and adult confirmation candidates. I attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and often spend most of my Sundays catching up with friends at the coffee hour. Saint Cecilia has been an integral piece of my life since moving into Boston, and I would be so grateful to serve the parish in this role. This spring, I'll receive my Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University and I'll begin doctoral study in theological ethics at Boston College this fall. My research centers diversity, equity, and inclusion in the context of the Catholic tradition, and I hope to bring this study to practical fruition on the PPC. I am also the program associate for FutureChurch, an organization focused on creating equitable spaces for all Catholics to participate in Church life.



Sabrena Tufts: I am deeply rooted in the fabric of Saint Cecilia Parish, where my faith journey has flourished since my confirmation two years ago. As a regular attendee of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, coffees, and parish events, St. Cecilia's is not just my church; it's a vital part of my life in Boston. My involvement in the Hunger and Homeless Ministry reflects my commitment to addressing hunger relief and food insecurity, through volunteer work at Catholic Charities, Community Servings, and Pine Street Inn. Drawing from my time living in Manhattan and Washington, DC, I bring a rich tapestry of experiences and a diverse perspective to the Parish Pastoral Council. As a seasoned communications professional, I am eager to leverage my skills to foster community engagement and contribute to the growth and evolution of our beloved parish. Serving on the PPC would be an honor, allowing me to deepen my connection with St. Cecilia's and further enrich our collective journey of faith.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION



Andre Jones: Saint Cecilia holds an integral place in my spiritual journey, helping me center my life by accepting the teachings of Jesus Christ and providing an avenue for my desire to provide service when and where it is requested and needed. I have been a proud parishioner for 10+ years typically attending the 9:30 a.m. Mass. During my time at Saint Cecilia, I have participated in Open Doors (when that was a ministry), as a board member of St Cecilia/McBride House since 2016, and currently serve as a Greeter. Recently, a current member of the Council asked whether I would be interested in running for a position on the Council. Consistent with my philosophy, my candidacy was requested so I am expressing my desire to fulfill this service role at Saint Cecilia. My full-time job is at *Nuestra Comunidad* in Roxbury, where I am engaged in the mission of developing affordable housing. I live in Somerville with my partner, Colleen.



Greg Drake: A member of the parish since 2010, you can usually find me at 9:30 Mass with my wife Kathleen, and our daughters Maggie and Patty. As a high school history teacher, I've been humbled by my work teaching 1st, 3rd, and 4th graders over the past three years in our Faith Formation program. The recent growth in that program is a true testament to the vibrancy of our parish. For me, the most important aspect of life at Saint Cecilia is the strong determination to put our faith into action. Whether through the various service ministries or the small kindnesses before and after Mass, parishioners clearly believe that to build a just society, actions are as important as words. If elected I look forward to working with Father John and the council to strengthen our programs by engaging the inclusive, dynamic community that is St. Cecilia's.



Jennifer Crumlish: My family and I found Saint Cecilia's during COVID and have been regular Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass goers since then, proudly calling Saint C's our faith home. You may recognize us as the family of four young children, who often split up between upstairs and downstairs depending on the moods of the day. We looked for a while to find a parish with a vibrant community, that truly welcomes children and larger families, and with a strong faith formation program. This is it! It is rare (and special) to find a church where we can comfortably sit in the pews, with our smallest children on the floor playing puzzles, and not feel out of place. Sundays truly feel like an escape from the chaos of life for us, an opportunity to reconnect with God, each other, and our Saint C's family. And the pastries are an added bonus. :)



James Wynn: My name is James Wynn and I have been a parishioner at Saint Cecilia since 2018 when I moved to Boston. You'll see me most often at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and I serve on the Eucharistic Ministry team within the parish. For me, Saint Cecilia is my spiritual home and epitomizes community and openness. I am choosing to run for Parish Council to bring a young lens to support and enhance continued growth and the vibrant initiatives the parish stands for and supports. Saint Cecilia emulates a sense of community that encourages me to celebrate Mass weekly and get to know others at the coffee hour after Mass. I hope to continue to add to this community and be provided the opportunity on Parish Council to serve the church in new ways.



CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION



Ray Marsh: I have been a parishioner at St. Cecilia's since 2016. You may see me helping out on Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Mass as a Eucharistic Minister. I found St. Cecilia's in 2016, a month after my grandfather passed. I was disconnected from my faith and was looking for a new spiritual home, that was vibrant and welcoming. I found that here and was truly moved by the spirit since day 1. The music, the community, Father John and the staff all make this a special place for us all. Since the pandemic, we have seen this community grow both in person and online. This spirit of God is alive here and many people need our faith community in their lives. I am running for Pastoral Council to continue to serve God and this faith community. Together, we can walk in faith and continue to spread the word that all are welcome here.



Abby Rapillo: I've been attending Saint Cecilia's for two years. In that time, I have had the opportunity to engage with a wide swath of ministries, from ministering the Holy Eucharist, to the Rainbow Ministry, to the Young Adults' group, and the homelessness ministry. Being involved in a parish was something I missed deeply before arriving at St. C's. In my many moves across the country, I've had varying levels of involvement in parishes, due to my own queer identity being perceived as a barrier in many communities. My aunt, a member of the Far-Flung Flock, first told me about St. C's, a church that had a wide variety of ministries opportunities and would embrace me exactly as I am, and I am so grateful. Service and community have always been how I connect with my faith, and I want to continue the tradition of welcoming here.



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY DAY RETREAT

Last Saturday, over 30 members of our Young Adult Ministry gathered for a day retreat at the parish. They reflected on the importance of community, as well as the ministry's three-fold mission of fostering the spiritual and social lives of 18 through 40-year-old parishioners and giving back to the community through service work. Together they prepared bags of toiletries for Catholic Charities, bonded over social activities, and prayed together with scripture and in adoration. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event—it was a true success!



For those who couldn't make it, we invite you to connect with the Young Adult Ministry. Sign up for their weekly newsletter using this link (<http://bit.ly/3AkqaWi?r=qr>). Stay in the loop about upcoming events like their contemplative prayer group, book club, happy hour, worship night (open to all parishioners), men's and women's groups, and service opportunities in the Boston area. We'd love for you to join this growing community and be part of our shared journey of faith and fellowship.





ABIDE

BY DEBIE THOMAS

Once, when my daughter was two years old, her grandfather took her out for ice cream. After parking his car and lifting my daughter out of her toddler seat, my dad offered her his thumb. “You have to hold it tight until we’re inside the ice cream shop, okay?” he told her. “This is a busy street.” My daughter took one look at his outstretched hand, wrapped her left fist around her own right thumb, and said “No, thank you. I can hold my own.”

“No, thank you, I can hold my own,” might be the perfect slogan for Western Christianity. We are products of a contemporary culture that celebrates the individual and distrusts the communal. We often represent the Christian life as a one-on-one transaction between a single believer and her God: “I accepted Jesus as my Savior.” We put a lot of stock in our personal spiritual experiences: *my* prayer life, *my* worship, *my* epiphany.

If we do align ourselves with a larger Christian community, we generally do so with a consumer mindset, trusting that we’re free to join up and free to quit as personal preference dictates. We are, in other words, proud Lone Rangers. We believe in pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps and encouraging others to do the same. We struggle not to view dependence as moral weakness. We cherish our personal space and feel claustrophobic when other people press too close. We believe, of course, in loving our neighbors, but we feel most comfortable loving them from a distance, or at least with one eye trained on the nearest exit.

Given this context, I can’t imagine a more counter-cultural and challenging vision of the Christian life than the one Jesus offers us in this week’s lectionary reading: “I am the vine, and you are the branches,” he tells his disciples. “Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing.” If those words aren’t blunt enough, he continues: “Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

Burned? Gulp. Goodbye, Lone Ranger. Hello...*branches*??

I’m not much of a gardener, but I have a potted jasmine vine growing on my patio. It’s fragrant and beautiful, but here’s the thing: it doesn’t care one whit about personal space. It’s a messy, curly, jumbly thing. It stretches, it spreads, and it invades. It grows in all kinds of tangled-up directions, and its densely interwoven tendrils are just about indistinguishable from each other.

If this is Jesus’s metaphor for the spiritual life, then I think Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz Weber says it best: Christianity is a lousy religion for the “I’ll do it myself” set. We are meant to be tangled up together. We are *meant* to live lives of profound interdependence, growing into, around, and out of each other. We cause pain and loss when we hold ourselves apart, because the fate of each individual branch affects the vine as a whole. In this metaphor, dependence is not a matter of personal morality or preference; it’s a matter of life and death—branches that refuse to cling to the vine *die*.

My problem, of course, is that I don’t believe this. I don’t *want* to believe it, because it’s inconvenient and offensive. It implies that my life is not my own. That my choices affect people I don’t even know. That I am bound to the community of God’s people whether such boundedness suits my temperament or not. Worse, it requires me to hold two seemingly contradictory truths in perpetual tension. One: that the point of my Christian life isn’t *me*—my growth, my catharsis, my contributions, my achievements. I am inextricably connected to a larger whole, and apart from that whole, my spirituality—profound and precious though it might feel to me—is without value. Apart from the vine, I am not only barren; I am dead. In other words, *I’m not the fruit* in this metaphor. I’m not supposed to be the end product of my own spiritual life.

And two: that I matter more than I can possibly imagine—that *every* branch matters more than I can possibly imagine—because the fruitfulness of God’s vine is no trivial thing—it constitutes the life and nourishment of the world. I read a

little bit about grapevines this week. Apparently, the best grapes are produced closest to the central vine, where the nutrients are the most concentrated. To cut myself off from the vine, then, is to diminish my fruitfulness. It is to deny the world the fruit of Christ's saving, cleansing, healing love.

I titled this essay, "Abide," because it's the key word in Jesus's metaphor, appearing eight times in the lection. If God is the vinegrower, Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches, what should we do? We have only one task: *to abide*. To tarry, to stay, to cling, to remain, to depend, to rely, to last, to persevere, to commit, to continue, to tolerate, to endure, to acquiesce, to accept. To hang in there for the long haul. To make ourselves at home.

It's a tricky word. Passive on the one hand, and active on the other. To abide is to stay rooted in place. But it is also to grow, to change, and to multiply. It's a vulnerable-making verb: if we abide, we'll get pruned. It's a risky verb: if we abide, we'll bear fruit that others will see and taste. It's a humbling verb: if we abide, we'll have to accept nourishment that is not of our own making. And it's a relentlessly communal verb—if we abide, we will have to coexist with our fellow branches. We will have to live a life that is messy, crowded, tangled, and gorgeous. A life that's deeply rooted and wildly fertile.

I can't imagine that there was ever a time when Jesus's followers found the metaphor of the vine easy to apply in daily life. But I also think that it's especially challenging to do so now. We live in bitterly divided times. We have good reasons to be cautious and self-protective, even within the Church. It's hard in our self-promoting culture to confess that we are lost and lifeless on our own. That our glory lies in surrender, not self-sufficiency.

Equally hard is the spiritual and imaginative leap we must make in order to trust the metaphor at all. As in, really? Jesus really isn't just a wise teacher? A good role model? A provocative historical figure? He's really the very source and sustainer of my life?

My dad and I had a good laugh over my daughter's attempt at independence when he brought her home from their outing. Needless to say, he didn't allow his two-year-old granddaughter to hold her own hand while crossing the street. He told her she had to grasp his thumb, or else miss out on the ice cream. In typical toddler fashion, my daughter threw a tantrum, waited for a few minutes to see if my dad would relent (he didn't), and finally grabbed hold of his hand, not letting it go until she got her ice cream.

If only we would surrender our ferocious independence with no more than a quick tantrum. If only we would consent to see reality as it truly is: not that Jesus is sitting around waiting for us to get organized, but that he has already started nourishing the world through us. "I AM the vine," he told his disciples. "You ARE the branches." It's a done deal. Meaning that whether we like it or not, our lives are bound up in his and in each other's. Meaning that the only true life we will live in this world is the life we consent to live in relationship, messy and entangled though it might be. Meaning that the only fruit worth sharing with the world is the fruit we produce together. Yes, it's difficult. But it's also easy. Remember: our Vine is true and our Vinegrower is skilled. This is what we were made for. *Abide*.

~ *Debie Thomas is author of A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity, and Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ. She is a columnist and contributing editor for The Christian Century, and from 2014 to 2022, was a staff writer for Journey with Jesus: A Weekly Webzine for the Global Church. Thomas now serves as the Minister for Lifelong Formation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, CA.*



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.

DAYTIME EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Looking for rest and a deeper prayer life? Come spend quiet time in adoration at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, located down the street at 1105 Boylston Street. They host daytime Eucharistic adoration weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and weekends from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., open to all. For after-hours adoration and more information, please email gcunningham@omvusa.org. They hope you come and see!

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115
Hours | Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & By Appointment
Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781
Website | www.stceciliaboston.org

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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
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Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events
Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate

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

Audiovisual Support

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

Schedule for Liturgy

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

Hearing Assistance in Church

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

Building Accessibility

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

For Those with Celiac Disease

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

Parking

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

Baptism for Infants

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

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at her parish email.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Le-titia Howland, or Erin Young if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Marriage

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

Care of the Sick

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

Order of Christian Funerals

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

Joining Our Community

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

Please note:

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