

Saint Cecilia

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

30 April 2023

Stained glass at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Ashfield, New South Wales

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice
of the mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der



Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come



ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;
but more faith-ful, We should rest up-on God's word;
for the sin-ner, And more grac-es for the good;



There is joy for all the mem-bers
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior,



In the sor-rows of the Head.
For the good-ness of our Lord.
There is heal-ing in his blood.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

PENITENTIAL RITE

SPRINKLING RITE | You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Tony Alonso

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*

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

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*

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

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

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

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

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
 peo - ple of good will. and on earth
 peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

To verses *Last time*

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 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

Cantor: *Cantor:* *Assembly:* *Cantor:*



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.

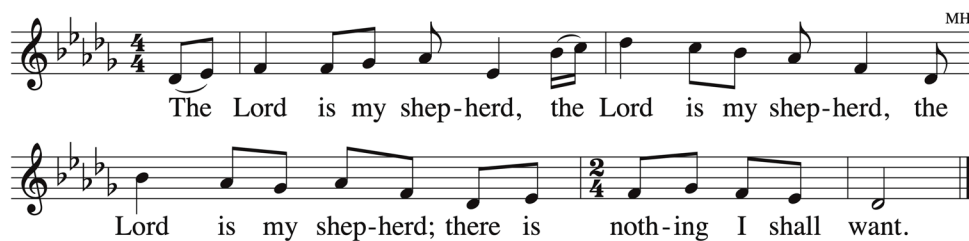
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd

Marty Haugen



The LORD is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;
 he revives my soul. *R.*

He guides me along the right path,
 for the sake of his name.
 Though I should walk in the valley of
 the shadow of death,
 no evil would I fear, for you are
 with me.

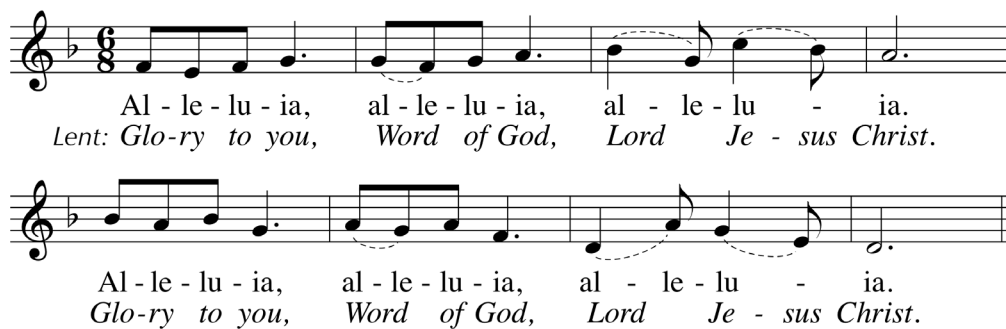
Your crook and your staff will give
 me comfort. *R.*

You have prepared a table before me
 in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing. *R.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall
 follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
 for length of days unending. *R.*

SECOND READING | 1 Peter 2: 20b-25



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL | John 10: 1-10

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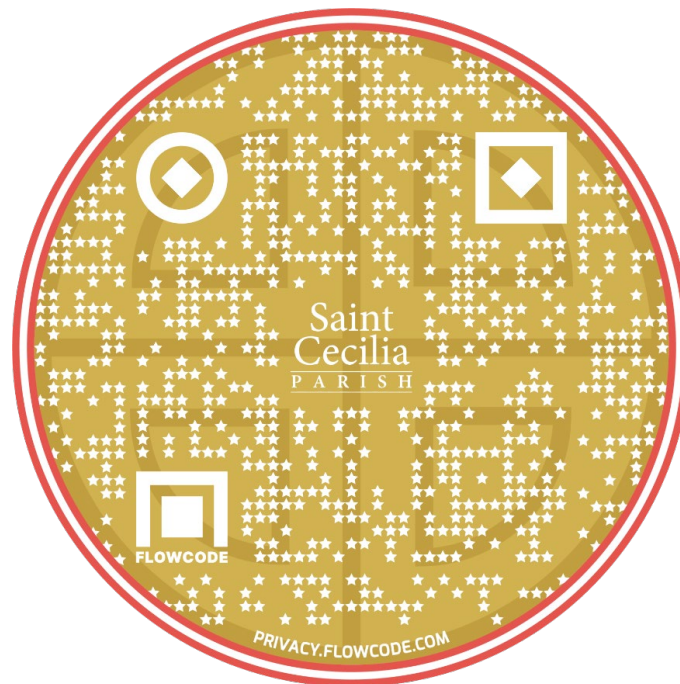
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so, through all the length of days Your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And, where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my
sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And, oh, what trans - port
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

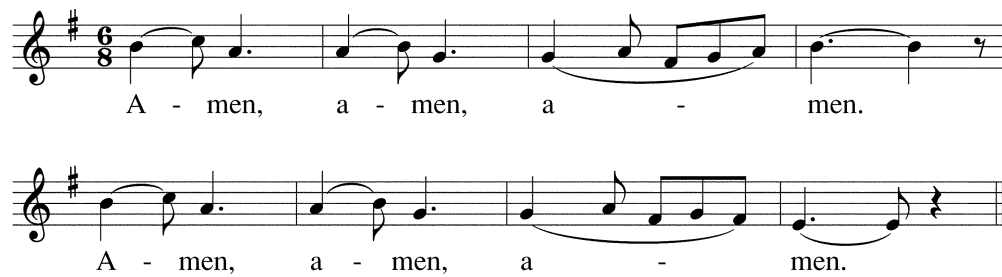
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

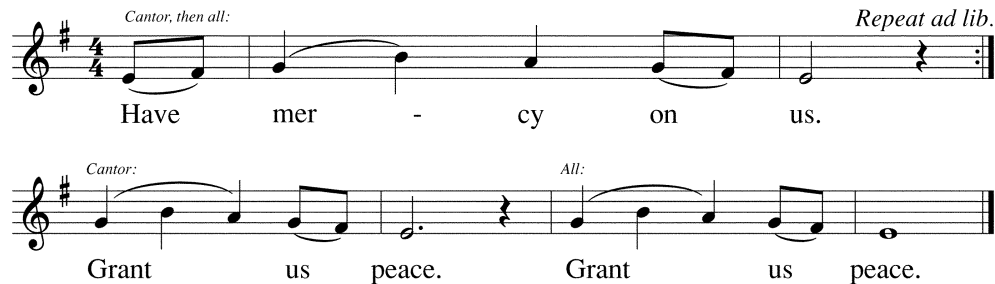


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Steven R. Janco



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

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has a 4/4 time signature and ends with a 3/4 time signature. The second line has a 3/4 time signature. The third line has a 3/4 time signature and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.'

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gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

The musical notation for the Verses is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has a 4/4 time signature and ends with a 3/4 time signature. The second line has a 3/4 time signature. The third line has a 3/4 time signature and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: '1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then
know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er
fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.'

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CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | God, We Praise You

NETTLETON

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will

name you sov-'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels
 set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -
 last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin
 judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your

wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a - dored: All cre -
 heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise, While your
 moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod: By your
 ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid: Raise us

a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and
 Church on earth con - fess - es One ma -
 cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -
 up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us

earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
 front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -
 from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all

ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"
 Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 prais - es, Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children's faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus' teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids ("Irish working out girls") and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci's The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius' life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We've been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God's love makes all things new.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 29 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, lector

Sunday, April 30 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Elizabeth Fahey, lector

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Christie Hedges, Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM,
and Chika Offurum, lectors

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Virgen Palermo, and Kelly McClintock, lectors

Sunday, April 30 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Kevin Dumas and Ben DeWinter, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Joanne DeMare, *1st Anniversary*
Charlie Jones, *4th Anniversary*
Lois Jameson, *Memorial*
Cletus Martin, *Memorial*
Annie & Frank McGovern, *Memorial*
Teresa McGarvey, *Memorial*

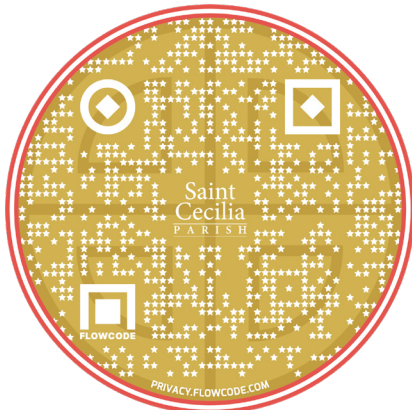
TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Anastaja Lee, 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: The **Vaughn Family** of Concord, **Stecia-Marie Fletcher** of Boston, **Samhita and Edward Quach** of Boston, the **Connors Family** of South Boston, **Ana Palermo** of Boston, **Meghan McNamara** of Boston, **Terry Netusil** and **Anthony Pacchiarotti** of East Boston, **Sheila Myron** of East Lansing, Michigan, and the **McCormick Family** of Duxbury. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have given to the Catholic Appeal! We've exceeded our donor goal, but we are only at 52% of our financial goal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Donate here: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate

Take Home a Little White Book for Easter

In the narthex we still have few 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!

Good Shepherd Sunday

Let us pray in a special way for the members of our parish who are catechists in our children's faith formation program. May the Lord continue to guide them as they partner with parents to help nurture the spiritual formation of the children they shepherd.



Attention Graduates!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of the parishoners who are graduating from high school or college to Christine Burns at cburns@stceciliaboston.org. Please use the word "graduate" in the subject line. Feel free to include the school's name and the degree awarded.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS Training

Sunday, April 30 | 1:00 p.m. | Community Room



VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC) is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused and how to talk with children about these issues. The second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training. Please plan to attend if you've not done so in the past and you intend to volunteer in the future. Also, please note that **both** parts will be covered in Sunday's session and the training will be approximately 3 hours, including videos and group discussion. Help us officially registering for this course on April 30 at 1:00 p.m. on <https://www.virtusonline.org/>. By doing so, you will create a permanent record of your participation and completion of the training. If you are unable to register online, please join us anyway and come a few minutes early so you can be registered in the system. Thank you so much!

A Note Regarding Six O'Clock Mass

The last six o'clock Mass will be on May 7, 2023. This Mass will resume in September.

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-six youngsters receive communion for the first time on Saturday, May 13 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.



This Mother's Day

**HONOR A WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE
WITH A GIFT TO WOMEN IN NEED**

Each Mother's Day card supports a week of healthy lunches for a guest of **WLP**.

The artwork was created by a guest and the back of the card tells her story!

Visit **mothersdaycards.org** for more information.

SUPPORT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is approaching, and Women's Lunch Place (WLP) has the perfect opportunity for you to honor the special women in your life while supporting women in need. For each \$25 donation to WLP, you will receive a card designed by one of the shelter's guests as a thank you. *At Saint Cecilia, Mother's Day cards will be sold in the narthex following the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies this weekend.* 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 to Mother's Day cards, you can sponsor a breakfast for \$300 or a day of fresh fruit for \$150 in honor or memory of a meaningful person in your life.

This year's Mother's Day card was designed by Deirdre, who is a friendly and welcoming presence in the Women's Lunch Place community. A traumatic childhood led Deirdre to self-medicate leading to a substance use disorder, but she has since found sobriety and stability at WLP's shelter and advocacy center. Deirdre participates in WLP's addiction recovery program (in partnership with Boston Medical Center), group therapy, and Therapeutic Expressions classes. In March, Deirdre partnered with local artist Janice Hayes-Cha to create a vibrant collage out of repurposed greeting cards.

For more information about this fundraiser, please contact Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com or you can order a card directly by visiting <https://womenslunchplace.org/mothers-day>. Thank you for supporting Women's Lunch Place and for making this Mother's Day a meaningful one for the special women in your life.



JOIN US FOR THE 2023 MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

Please join us on May 14 for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 27th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. 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 \$7,000 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. 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 April 30 for a special visit and a presentation in Classroom 2. We hope you can attend!

JOIN THE HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS MINISTRY MAILING LIST



Over the past decade, Saint Cecilia Parish has developed a significant relationship with several Boston-based non-profit agencies that focus on housing and homelessness as well as hunger relief and food insecurity. From facilitating the collection of food and supply donations for our partners to offering safe, limited-contact opportunities for volunteering, Saint Cecilia's Hunger and Homelessness Ministry provides plenty of ways to pitch in for our neighbors in need. To get involved, or learn more about the work of this important ministry, please contact Mark Lippolt at Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

At Saint Cecilia, we're committed to keeping our community safe. This year, we had 27 parishioners and staff members participate in Active Shooter Response Training and 19 parishioners and staff members participate in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training.

JOIN THE REMOTE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY'S MAY COFFEE HOUR!

In their continuing effort to introduce Saint Cecilia's various ministries to the Far-Flung Flock (FFF), the Remote Fellowship Community is pleased to welcome the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group to their May 7 online coffee hour. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group has been meeting weekly via Zoom to share their reflections on books and to "rediscover the joy of being Catholic in the second half of life." The group's meetings have been a wonderful way to deepen the community's faith through transformative and healing conversation, prayer, and occasional social justice actions. The FFF looks forward to hearing members of the Wisdom Group share their journey. Learn how the second half of life can be full of transitions and change—happy and sad—and how this ministry has been surprised by grace each week.

Anyone is welcome to join this call! If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the email with the link for May. The Zoom link will be emailed to the entire list a few days before the call. To join the FFF mailing list and get the link for this call, fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/jUx6DgMLyMb2c2526>

If you have any questions, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com.

PLEASE SHARE ABOUT OUR RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., every other Monday evening. During each meeting, a group of volunteer parishioners gathers to welcome men local to the Boston area who have experienced any local, state, and federal correctional institutions. Some are recently released, living in supervised settings, and others have already settled in the area. These Monday nights are designed to provide a safe space where men reentering society from prison or jail can feel welcomed and loved. Each evening, these men share their experiences and share a meal with our parishioners. Needless to say, the stories shared are very powerful and a blessing for all to hear.

We need help recruiting and inviting new members. If you know any men who could benefit from this kind of supportive conversation and fellowship, please let them know that they would be more than welcome. Questions? Please email Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ, at shaughnessyfr1@gmail.com.

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://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



OUR ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION NEEDS YOUR INPUT!



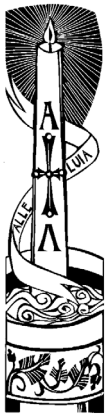
The Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission (AFFC) provides a range of impactful in-person and virtual parish events throughout the year. Past programming has included a monthly "Faith & Film Series" as well as special guest speaker events, such as last October's, "An Evening with Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ," an enlightening presentation and discussion on faith and science with the Director of the Vatican Observatory and world-renowned astronomer. Looking ahead, the AFFC would like to hear from the parish community on ways to create new programming that is current, inspirational, and accessible. Whether you have attended an event in the past or would be interested in doing so in future—either locally or from across the globe—the AFFC would love to hear from you! Please take a moment to fill out a two-minute survey by scanning this QR code—it's fast and easy. If you have any questions, please email Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility, at smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Saint Cecilia PARISH

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT

We spend forty days preparing for Easter, and then celebrate Easter as if it's a single day. But Easter isn't just a day, it's a season. It's not only a celebration, but an invitation to joy. We are [in the midst of] *Eastertide* (or Easter Season, or Easter Time or Paschaltide – all of them work!). This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It's a time to remember that Jesus wasn't in a rush to ascend, but that he spent time appearing to his disciples and preparing them for Pentecost. This is an extended time, then, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection. After all, the resurrection changes everything. St. Paul even writes, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Easter is a big deal. Consider what Pope John Paul II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Eastertide is about joy. Not any type of joy, but a particular joy: joy in the resurrection. Over Eastertide, consider what practices you can implement into your life to cultivate more joy. Our cities and the world need to see our joy as much as they need to see our fasting and sacrifice. In a world abundant with hopelessness and purposelessness, the surprising, unexpected joy of the resurrection is the antidote.

Alastair Stern, <https://www.stpetersinside.org/2019/04/the-50-days-of-joy-challenge>



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

Saturday, April 22 @ 9:00 a.m.

Dedication Anniversary of Saint Cecilia Church (1894)

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:00 p.m.

Feast of Saint Mark

Wednesday, May 3 @ 6:00 p.m.

Feast of Saints Philip and James

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

Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia

Join us live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page or via Zoom. Liturgies last approximately half an hour.
Email sc.hoursandraise@gmail.com for details.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

PAULIST CENTER – BOSTON

It's Not Just You, It's Everybody: Getting Real about Mental Health and Our Faith—A Sacred Symposium

Speakers: Dr. Jessica Coblenz of St. Mary's University; Dr. Elizabeth Antus, Department of Theology, Boston College; and Paulist Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith of Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago | Moderator: Ms. Patty Simpson, Paulist Center Pastoral Administrator and Harvard Divinity School faculty member.

Friday, May 12, 2023, 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m.—3:45 p.m.

5 Park Street, Boston | In-Person Only

Suggested donation is \$50.00 (All are welcome, with/without a donation.) | Register by May 7

To learn more or register, visit:

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/mental-health-and-our-faith-symposium/>.

SACRED THREADS

A Widow's Journey: Moving Forward After the Death of Your Spouse

Presenter: Sarah Clancey, Hospice Chaplain and Widow

Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

Registration Required | \$25

To learn more or register, visit this website:

<https://sacredthreadscenter.org/events/>

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Father Steve's Book Group: Living in the Company of Jesus: A Practical, Scripture-Based Guide to Deepening Our Journey Within His Nonviolent Kingdom

Presenter: Father Steve Josoma,
Pastor, Saint Susanna Parish

Monday, May 8, 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





BECOMING A GRANDPARENT HAS HELPED ME TO SEE GOD'S CREATION THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

BY VALERIE SCHULTZ

"The world when seen through a little child's eyes, greatly resembles paradise." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

My eyes have never been good. I got fitted for my first pair of glasses for nearsightedness in the fourth grade, which was revelatory: The world became so crisp. I graduated to contact lenses in college. I had to add reading glasses in middle age. Now I wear bifocals and have been told that cataract surgery is in my future. Weirdly, a result of that surgery may be that I will no longer need glasses. That feels like a full circle.

But I am no longer that fourth-grader, so looking at the world through the eyes of a child does not come easily to me. Jesus tells us to become like little children if we want to follow him to the kingdom of heaven (Mt 18:3), but I am ridiculously far from childhood. And as I approach old age, I don't want to become literally like a child. I actively fear the return of childlike dependence on someone for my physical care, specifically the intimate kind of caring I did for my dad and mom. I want to remain self-sufficient, considering the world through the eyes of an independent adult. How good of God, then, to make me a grandma, so that I can't help but observe life's journey through a beloved child's eyes.

From the moment of her birth, my granddaughter has retaught me one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we learn at Confirmation: a sense of wonder and awe. As adults we feel those big feelings mostly when we encounter big things: the Pacific Ocean, the Grand Canyon, the mighty forces of nature's storms, the photos from the moon. But when you spend the day with a child, you get to note the fascinating aspects of small things. I watch my 11-month-old granddaughter give her total focus to picking up a squashed raspberry with pincerlike fingers or finding the tag on a fuzzy stuffed lamb. She is not in a rush. And neither am I. She smiles broadly every time she sneezes. Every time. She makes a sneeze seem like a marvelous event.

Once you let go of your pretensions to adulthood and try to see God's creation through a child's eyes, you may also begin to hear with a child's ears or feel with a child's hands, smell

with a child's nose or taste with a child's tongue. A dog's bark, a piano's chord? Wonderful. The feel and smell and taste of bread fresh from the bakery? Incredible. Fantastic. Give me more bread, less angst about the problems of the world.

I'm not sure why a grandchild moves me to contemplate God's creation more than mothering my four children ever did. Maybe the sleeplessness and hardworking breasts and unending demands of motherhood are too immediate to allow for much contemplative time. Now my daughter meets these urgencies for her daughter, and I sit back and watch the miracle happen. It turns out that my advice is largely useless anyway, as demonstrated by my recent suggestion of rice cereal for introducing solid foods to a baby. My daughter and my niece, also a new mother, looked at me sadly.

"Not rice," said one.

The other nodded. "Arsenic" was all she said.

They nodded together at this common new-mother knowledge.

Wait, what?

Apparently rice contains traces of arsenic, an unfortunate fact unknown back in the dark ages of mothering. I stick to reveling in each new discovery my granddaughter makes: sitting up, crawling, pulling herself to standing, ever closer to walking. Her little dynamic body is in constant motion, figuring, assessing, experimenting, growing. She trusts her body's possibilities. She trusts completely in her world's goodness and stability. I know better about the outside world that awaits her; still, I want her trust never to be broken by anyone or anything.

"When I was a child," writes St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, "I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things" (13:11). With apologies to St. Paul, who was never

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a grandpa, maybe that's our problem. Maybe putting aside childish things boxes us into that jaded, cynical, unobservant mindset that seems to accompany adulthood. Sometimes I look back and wonder if I was sleepwalking through all those years of parenting my young children. With my eyes only half-open, I worried about illnesses and accidents and every tragedy that could befall my children but moved through the everyday not quite conscious to wonder and awe. I was relieved when they safely outgrew the baby stage, the toddler stage, the elementary school age, when they survived the awkward adolescent stage. They made it through driving, through high school, through college, safely launched into the world. Then they were adults, battling their own adult challenges, working, marrying, having their own children. They are concerned with big things, with climate change, with democracy, with inequality, with injustice, with making a difference. Having solved little, I have handed over the big worries to them. Now my focus is shrinking.

Where am I going with this? I'm wandering. I'm meandering. I'm feeling my way to the light. I'm going to the place of little relevance known as grandparenting, arriving where the joy of small things with small people is everything. I'm on the road to nowhere, to quote the Talking Heads, and that means everything to me. We like to say that God is in the details, but when I look with the wide-open eyes of a child, I understand the stripped-down theology that God is the details, and the details are amazing. God's hand winds the lovely cycle of mother-daughter-mother and we turn with it, full of wonder and awe, full of the grace that greatly resembles paradise.

~ Valerie Schultz is a freelance writer, a columnist for The Bakersfield Californian and the author of A Hill of Beans: The Grace of Everyday Troubles. She and her husband Randy have four children and three grandchildren.



Last month, Marjean Perhot, Vice President of Refugee and Immigrant Services at Catholic Charities wrote to Saint Cecilia and provided an update about the effort to welcome and resettle refugees. Thanks to the support of our parishioners and that of other donors, parishes, synagogues, churches, and non-profit groups, Catholic Charities Boston was able to resettle 171 individuals as part of the US government's *Operation Allies Welcome*.

Refugee services have been a vital part of helping families and individuals who have fled war, persecution, and other hardships to establish roots in the United States. In particular, recent efforts to welcome Afghan evacuees have been complicated and all-encompassing. Finding housing, jobs, and schools for the children, and providing English language classes for adults has taken time and substantial financial support. Many Afghan families have reached a sense of stability, but many remain in legal limbo while waiting for their asylum cases to be decided. Catholic Charities' commitment to supporting the Afghan evacuees has and will continue long after their plight has faded from the headlines.

Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigrant Services Department works closely with national and local partners to provide critical support to refugees from all corners of the world. In specific, the department is honored to be one of six agencies participating in *Welcome Circles for Ukrainians*, a pilot program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Services (USCCB/MRS). Volunteers from parishes, communities of faith, or organizations provide financial support, guidance, and community connections to help Ukrainian families resettle in Massachusetts. Nine *Welcome Circles* have come together, helping a total of nineteen Ukrainian humanitarian parolees with everything from basic needs to finding employment to helping their children enroll in school. The year ahead will be brighter for many because of supporters like the generous parishioners of our parish. Thank you for your contributions!

31ST ANNUAL POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 31st Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is on Monday, May 15th, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction, and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan (781-899-5500), email her (kfolan@psjs.edu), or visit www.psjs.edu.

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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 (VIR-TUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), 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.

