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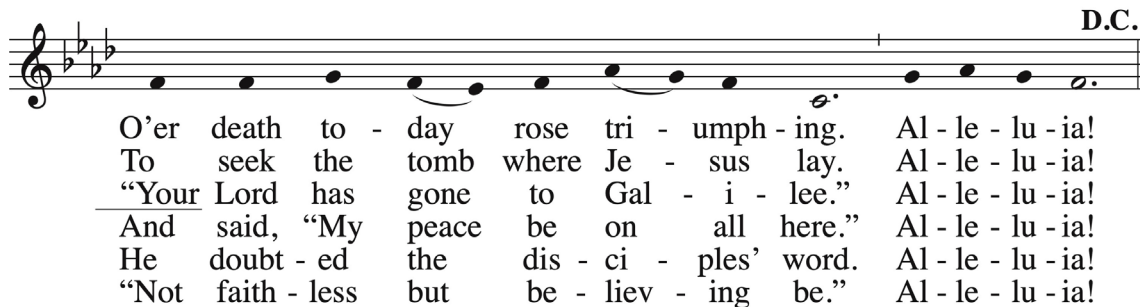
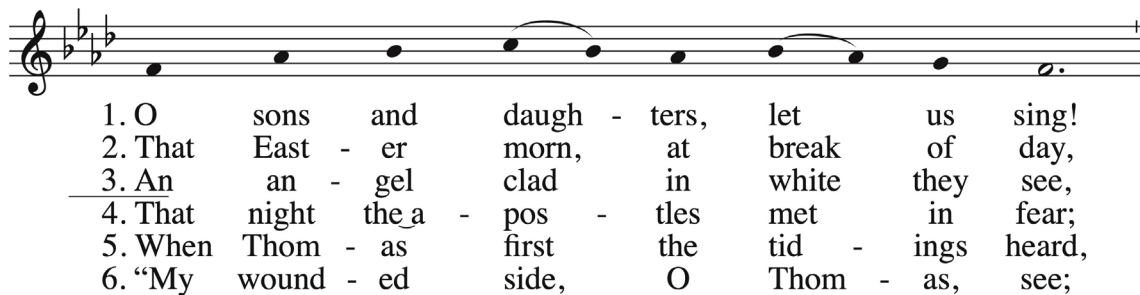
## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE | *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross*  
Brett Maguire, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | *O Sons and Daughters*

O FILI ET FILIAE



D.C.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.


✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

GLORIA | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

Refrain




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



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

Verse 1




We praise you, we bless — you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri-fy you, we



give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O God, al-migh-ty Fa-ther.


Verse 2



Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Fa - ther, — you take a-way the sins of the world, have



mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;



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

Verse 3

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. \_\_\_

COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 4: 32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 118: Give Thanks to the Lord

Marty Haugen

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er-last - ing.  
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er-last - ing.

Let the house of Israel say,  
 "His mercy endures forever."  
 Let the house of Aaron say,  
 "His mercy endures forever."  
 Let those who fear the LORD say,  
 "His mercy endures forever." R.

They pushed me, pushed me hard to  
 knock me down,  
 but the LORD was my helper.  
 The LORD is my strength and my song;

he was my savior.  
 There are shouts of joy and salvation  
 in the tents of the upright. R.

The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone.  
 By the LORD has this been done,  
 a marvel in our eyes.  
 This is the day the LORD has made;  
 let us rejoice in it and be glad. R.

SECOND READING | 1 John 5: 1-6

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 20: 19-31

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

SPRINKLING RITE | You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Tony Alonso

**Refrain in English**

*Cantor* *All / Todos*

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

**Estribillo en Español**

*Cantor* *Todos / All*

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

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

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

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

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

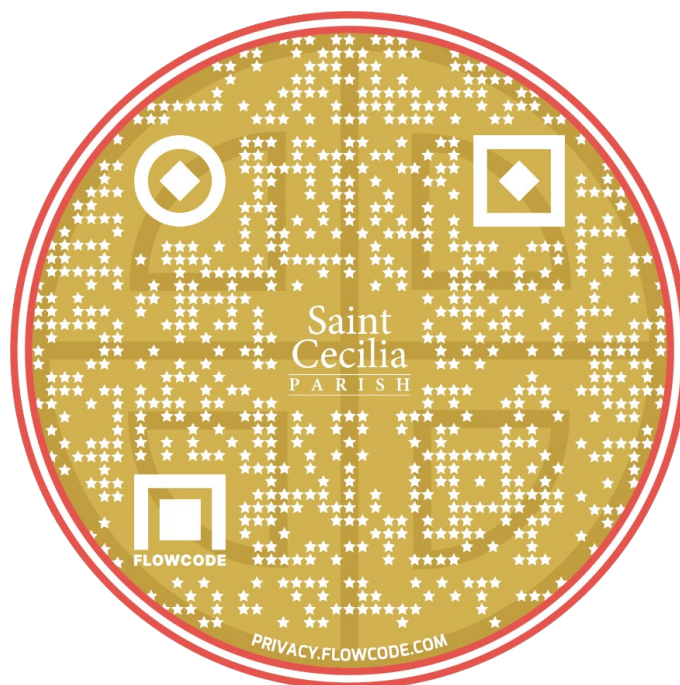
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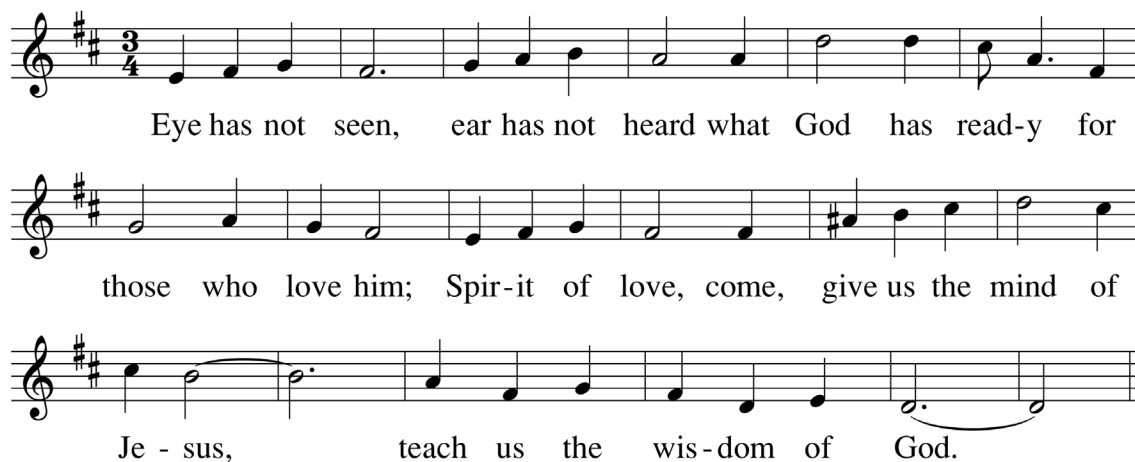
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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

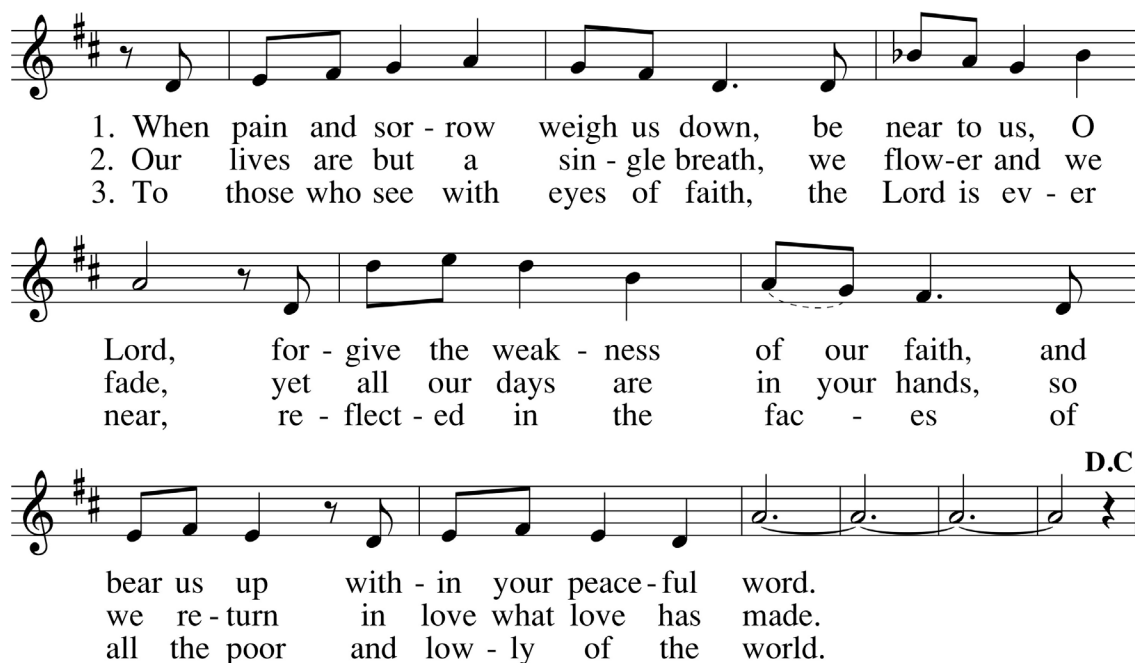
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen



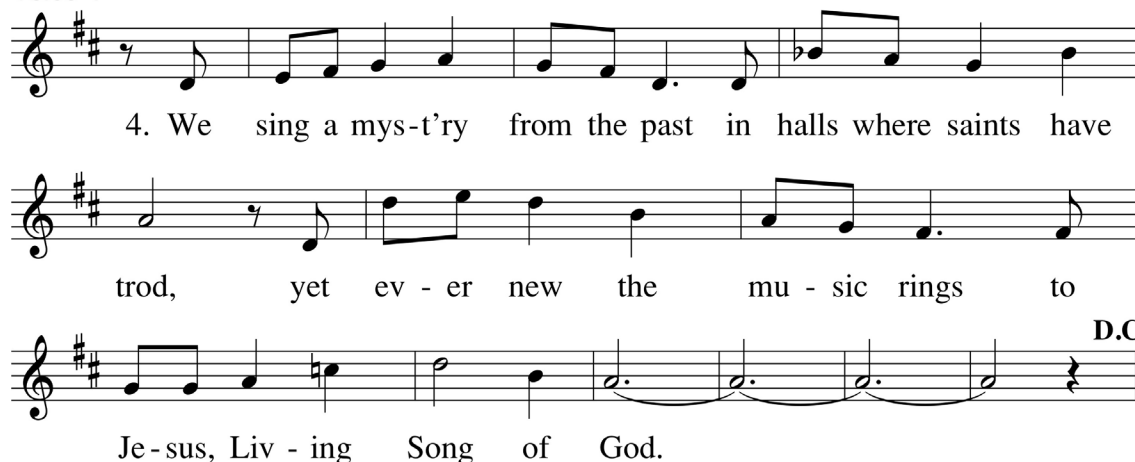
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for  
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of  
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

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 bracket) and a '(Fine)' marking. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

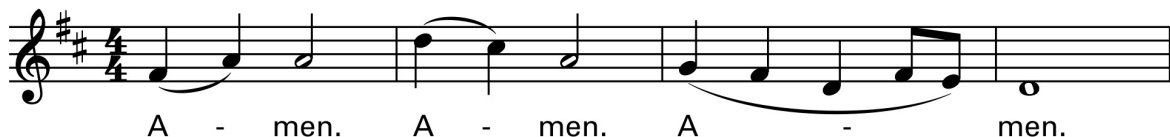
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, the Savior

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 piece concludes with a double bar line.





## 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

## 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.



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

## Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## 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 | Sing with All the Saints in Glory

ODE TO JOY



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry,	Sing the res - ur -
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing	All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es:	Je - sus lives who
<i>1. Can - ten con glo - rio - sos fie - les</i>	<i>Him - nos de re -</i>
<i>2. ¡Oh! qué glo - ria tan ex - cel - sa,</i>	<i>Im - po - si - ble</i>
<i>3. Vi - da e - ter - na, ex - cla - ma el cie - lo;</i>	<i>Vi - ve Cris - to</i>



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row,	earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for	a - ges plead - ing,
once was dead. Shout with joy, O	death - less voic - es!
<i>su - rrec - ción. Muer - te y due - lo,</i>	<i>tris - te his - to - ria,</i>
<i>con - ce - bir. Los más pu - ros</i>	<i>co - ra - zo - nes</i>
<i>que mu - rió. ¡Gri - ten, vo - ces</i>	<i>in - mor - ta - les!</i>



To the for - mer days be - long.	All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.	God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head!	Pa - tri - archs from
<i>Pe - nas del pa - sa - do son.</i>	<i>Nu - bes ne - gras</i>
<i>No es - pe - ra - ron re - ci - bir.</i>	<i>Dios pro - me - te,</i>
<i>Al - cen ros - tros ha - cia Dios.</i>	<i>Los pa - triar - cas</i>



clouds are break - ing,	Soon the storms of	time shall cease;	In God's
Christ pre - pares it,	There on high our	wel - come waits.	Ev - 'ry
dis - tant a - ges,	Saints all long - ing	for their heav'n,	Proph - ets,
<i>se di - si - pan,</i>	<i>La tor - men - ta</i>	<i>ce - sa ya.</i>	<i>Des - per -</i>
<i>Cris - to o - fre - ce</i>	<i>El ban - que - te</i>	<i>ce - les - tial.</i>	<i>Pa - ra</i>
<i>del pa - sa - do,</i>	<i>Los que es - pe - ran</i>	<i>ce - le - brar,</i>	<i>To - dos</i>



like - ness we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv' n.  
*tan - do en su i - ma - gen, Dios la e - ter - na paz nos da.*  
*to - dos los hu - mil - des, Vi - da en Cris - to es e - ter - nal.*  
*sa - bios y pro - fe - tas Glo - ria an - he - lan sin ce - sar.*

4. Life eternal! O what wonders  
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!  
Oh, to enter that bright portal,  
See that glowing firmament,  
Know, with you, O God immortal,  
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

4. *¡Vida eterna! ¡Gozo eterno!*  
*Fieles cantan a una voz.*  
*Cesan truenos y nos vemos*  
*Frente al trono tuyo, Dios.*  
*Y al pasar por tus portales,*  
*Brilla el cielo con fulgor.*  
*Celebramos tu venida*  
*En tu Hijo, el Salvador.*

POSTLUDE | Prelude in D, BWV 532  
Brett Maguire, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

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please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: [RDuff@stceciliaboston.org](mailto: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.



# HOLY WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Saturday, April 6 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Emily Bogert, lector

**Sunday, April 7 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, lector

**Sunday, April 7 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Rosaria Salerno, Nikko Mendoza, and Esteban Vanegas, lectors

**Sunday, April 7 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Jen Kowieski, Karen McMenemy, and Chika Offurum, lectors

**Sunday, April 7 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant  
Megan Altendorf, lector

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 6 | 5:00 p.m.**

Eleanor Howe, *7th Anniversary*

**Sunday, April 7 | 8:00 a.m.**

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

**Sunday, April 7 | 9:30 a.m.**

Paul Cincinnato, *Memorial*

**Sunday, April 7 | 11:30 a.m.**

Claire Egan, *Memorial*

**Wednesday, April 10 | 8:00 a.m.**

Cristobal Paez L., *Anniversary*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32–35

1 John 5:1–6

John 20:19–31

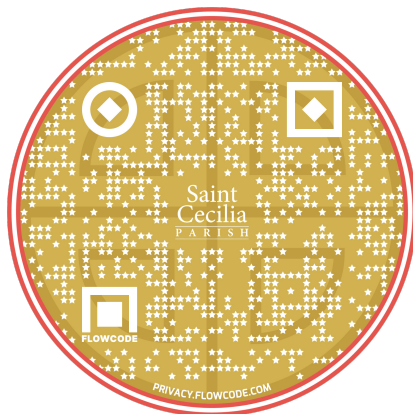
## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 John 2:1–5a

Luke 24:35–48

**SCAN THIS CODE  
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!**

# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Deceased

**Fr. John Spencer, SJ**, a former director of the Jesuit Urban Center and a good friend of our parish, died on April 2. Pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of the countless people who knew and loved him.

Tom O'Brien's father died on April 1. The funeral will be at Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich on April 8 at 11:00 am. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John O'Brien** and for the consolation of Tom and his family. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed 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: **Mary Ann Wilson** and **Barry Pehrsson** of Saugerties, New York, **Pamela Sloan** of Pelham, New York, **Nancy Sanders** and **Brian Degenhardt** of Kirksville, Ohio, **Joanna Garcia** of Somerville, **Leah Murphy** and **Christopher VanBlargan** of Somerville, **Marcia Walker** of Medfield, the **Klosek Family** of Newton, **Lisa Earley and Family** of Carlisle, **Joel and Jason Thoman** of Framingham, **Magda Saldana** of Huntington Beach, California, **Arthur and Patricia Bergeron** of Marlborough, and **Jessica Tuholsky, Natalie Olsen**, and **Sean McGaughey** and **Anielka Jiron Montiel**, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).



## Welcome Our Newly Initiated!

We invite you to help us welcome our newly initiated parishioners with a cake on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, after the 9:30 Mass. All are welcome!

## Arranging Bequests

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made bequests to the parish. These gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations. If you have already made provisions in your will for our parish, please advise our Director of Finance and Development, Colleen Melaugh, at her parish email address so that we can ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

## Catholic Appeal Update

Because of your generous support, we have reached 67% of our monetary goal and 59% of our donor goal. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! You can donate here: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>

## Thank You!

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

## Our Paschal Candle

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

## Flowers

If you would like to contribute flowers for our sanctuary on a Sunday in memory of a loved one or in thanks to God, please contact Mark Donohoe at his parish email address on Monday in advance of the weekend.

## Take Home a Little White Book for Easter

In the narthex, we have little white books of six-minute reflections for the fifty days of Eastertide. We invite you to take one home and spend just six minutes a day in reflection. This is a great way to celebrate these fifty days of great rejoicing!







**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](http://www.catholicmemorial.org/gala) or call Stephanie Truesdell, CM's Director of Institutional Advancement at (617) 469-8036.

**FAR-FLUNG FLOCK  
ONLINE COFFEE HOUR  
Sunday, April 7 | 4:00 p.m. ET**

Saint Cecilia's Far-Flung Flock leadership is excited to welcome Tanya Rybarczyk, pastoral associate at Saint Cecilia, to their April 7 online coffee hour for a Meet and Greet. Tanya is a Catholic writer, speaker, teacher, and retreat leader specializing in adult faith formation, meditative Christian prayer, and spiritual caregiving. She holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland and finds it a joy to walk with parishioners through the RCIA process, lead Saint Cecilia CARES, and liaise with our vibrant parish ministries. Tanya lives with her husband in Waltham and is the mother of two college-aged children. Please join them for an inspiring and interactive call, as Tanya shares her unique faith journey and how she came to Saint Cecilia. If you have any questions about any of the ministries at St. C's, about what a pastoral associate does, or about RCIA in particular, you won't want to miss this coffee hour! If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). There is no need to re-register if you've attended in the past. If you have registered, but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please email our Far-Flung Flock ministry to confirm your email address.



**HEARING ASSISTANCE IN CHURCH**

The church is equipped with an FM listening device. Small receivers are available for anyone who may have trouble hearing the sound system. Simply request a receiver from one of our greeters before Mass.

**HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES**

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



# 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  
its ministry email address.*



# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS — JUST 4 WEEKS AWAY!

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

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

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

## WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY?

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

## HOW CAN I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

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

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

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

A headshot is also required.

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

## SCHEDULE

April 15 | Statements and headshots due to [info@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:info@stceciliaboston.org)

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

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

May 4/5 | Election

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA  
APRIL 7 – APRIL 14

**Sunday, April 7**

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Far Flung Flock Coffee Hour, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom  
Pizza Sunday Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass!

**Monday, April 8**

SCYA Women's Gathering, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom  
SCYA Lenten Debrief, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9**

RCIA, 6:30—8:00 p.m.  
Vespers for Tuesday in the Second Week  
of Easter, 6:00 p.m. | Zoom/Facebook Live

**Wednesday, April 10**

SCYA Men's Gathering, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Rainbow Ministry: LGBTQ+ Space to Share,  
6:30—8:00 p.m. | Community Room

**Thursday, April 11**

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

**Saturday, April 13**

SCYA Game Night, 7:00—10:00 p.m. Back Bay

**Sunday, April 14**

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

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO  
HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

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



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

ADULT FAITH  
FORMATION EVENTS  
BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF  
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

**ANNUAL LECTURE IN HONOR  
OF RICHARD J. CLIFFORD, S.J.**

**Reading the Old Testament  
with Paul the Apostle's Eyes**

**Presenter:** Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., former Superior General of the Sulpicians, adjunct professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, Maryland

**Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 5:30—7:00 p.m. | Hybrid  
Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room  
113 | Boston College - Brighton Campus, 117 Lake  
Street | Registration Required | Free**

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

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

**What Happened at the Synod?**

**Presenter:** James Martin, S.J., Author, Consultor to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication, and a member of the 2021-2024 Synod of Bishops

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 5:30—7:00 p.m. | In  
person | Boston College - Brighton Campus, 140  
Beacon Street, McGuinni Hall, Room 121  
Registration requested | Free**

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

**ONLINE COURSES**

**Mapping Your Inner Landscape**

**April 10—May 14 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00**

**The Psalms: Prayers for All Times**

**April 10—May 14 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00**

Learn more: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads/course-schedule.html#tab-march>

**SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM**

**Mortality**

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

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

Learn more: [https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult\\_faith\\_formation.html](https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html)

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 parish email.



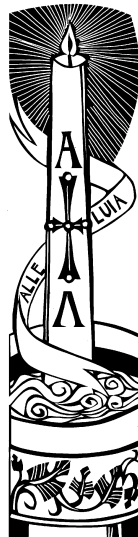
Saint Cecilia  
P A R I S H

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT

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

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

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



Saturday, April 6 @ 9:00 a.m.  
*Saturday in the Octave of Easter*

Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:00 p.m.  
*Tuesday in the Second Week of Easter*

Monday, April 22 @ 6:00 p.m.  
*Dedication Anniversary of Saint Cecilia Church (1894)*

Monday, April 29 @ 6:00 p.m.  
*Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena*

Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00 p.m.  
*Feast of Saint Matthias*

Sunday, May 19 @ 6:00 p.m.  
*Solemnity of Pentecost*

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

QUASIMODO SUNDAY?

This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and thus an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing is meant to last for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a decidedly new point of view.

A long title for this day was "Dominica in Albis Depositio," or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," after the white-robed neophytes in assembly. If you are connecting the dots, this is why the priest's white garment is called an "alb," it is his baptismal garment. Yours too. In our old calendar, before 1969's reform, it was also known as "Quasimodo Sunday" after the first words of the opening chant "Quasi modo geniti infantes," or "as newborn infants," a reference to the newly-baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the Feast. (Source: Rev. James Field, © J.S. Paluch Co.)

REMEMBERING JOANNA, THE FORGOTTEN WITNESS  
TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

BY ROBERT P. MALONEY



Recent years have seen a renewed appreciation in theological and scriptural studies of Mary Magdalene, whom early Christian writers recognized as the “Apostle to the Apostles” and the “first witness to the resurrection.” Strangely, she had fallen into disrepute over the centuries as she came to be portrayed as a prostitute.

But whatever happened to her friend Joanna? Who ever talks about her? Who even knows about her?

History has ignored Joanna, as it has most of the other women who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem and provided for him and the Twelve “from their resources” (Lk 8:2-3). We know more about Joanna than about some of the Apostles. Yet, while we celebrate their feasts every year, we neglect her completely.

Joanna (whose name means “God has been gracious”) was the wife of Chuza, the steward of Herod Antipas. This Herod was the tetrarch of Galilee (Lk 3:1) and the son of Herod the Great, the despot whom Matthew’s infancy narratives describe as plotting to kill the child Jesus. When Herod the Great died, the Romans divided his kingdom among his three sons and his sister. Herod Antipas got Galilee.

As the steward of this vacillating puppet-king, Chuza was an influential major-domo, like the White House chief of staff but on a smaller scale. Herod probably knew Chuza’s wife, Joanna, well. That raises some intriguing questions, especially since, in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus calls Herod “a fox” (Lk 13:32), comparing him to a sneaky, unclean animal. How did Herod become so interested in John the Baptist and Jesus? Were Joanna and Chuza talking enthusiastically about them in Herod’s palace? Was Herod pumping them for information about these two popular preachers? Herod had other possible sources. He surely had spies.

Mark indicates that Herod “feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody.” He adds, “When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him” (Mk

6:20). However, he beheaded him because he didn’t want to disappoint his guests at a lavish banquet. This is one of the few New Testament episodes to which historical sources outside the Scriptures testify. Josephus, in his *Antiquities*, mentions it explicitly.

Luke tells us that Herod was perplexed by Jesus. He “kept trying to see him” (Lk 9:9). A friend of Herod’s, Manaen, later became a prophet and teacher in the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1); so, like Joanna, he was most likely an early disciple of Jesus. Did Manaen and Herod chat about Jesus?

Luke describes Joanna as one of the women “who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities” (Lk 8:2). These women followed Jesus on his final journey from Galilee to Jerusalem and were present at a distance during the crucifixion (Lk 23:49). It is easy to forget that other followers witnessed Jesus’ death besides his mother and Mary Magdalene and Mary of Clopas, whom John’s Gospel highlights.

These same women from Galilee followed Joseph of Arimathea when he carried Jesus’ body away. When they located the tomb that Joseph had prepared, they returned home and prepared spices and perfumed oils to give Jesus a dignified burial (Lk 23:55-56).

It is noteworthy that Luke identifies Joanna by name as a witness to the resurrection. How did we forget that? She went back to the tomb at daybreak on the first day of the week with the other women from Galilee, bringing the spices they had prepared. Luke gives us their names: “the women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James” (Lk 24:10).

They found the tomb empty. Two men in dazzling garments appeared to them and said to them, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and rise on the third day” (Lk 24:5-7). Luke tells us that the women and others who accompanied them “told this to the apostles” (Lk 24:10).

After that, Joanna was likely among the women who devoted themselves with one accord to prayer in the upper room, together with Mary the mother of Jesus and his brothers (Acts 1:14). Was she also among the 120 people who came together and cast lots to choose Judas's successor (Acts 1:15)? Was she one of those who were "all in one place together" when "there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them," and who were "all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" (Acts 2:3-4)? Most likely.

The Orthodox tradition is kinder to Joanna than the Roman tradition is. It refers to her as "Saint Joanna the Myrrh-Bearer," since she brought spices to Jesus' tomb on the morning of the resurrection (Lk 24:1).

Though we often speak of the sometimes reluctant male witnesses to the resurrection, who speaks of St. Joanna and her women companions who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem? How did we forget her?

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*Three Women at the Tomb of Christ by Irma Martin, 1843*



# 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](http://www.stceciliaboston.org)

## Parish Staff

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

## Assisting Clergy

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

## Music Ministry

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

## Audiovisual Support

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

## Schedule for Liturgy

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

## Hearing Assistance in Church

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

## Building Accessibility

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

## For Those with Celiac Disease

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

## Parking

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

## Baptism for Infants

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

## Faith Formation for Children

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

## Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

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

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

## Marriage

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

## Care of the Sick

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

## Order of Christian Funerals

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

## Joining Our Community

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

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• 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 po-  
• tential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email  
• address or ministry email address, please call our reception  
• desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to  
• pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for help-  
• ing us maintain our parish security online!  
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