Saint Cecilia
PARISH

The Resurrection of the Lord
9 April 2023
Resurrection by Andrea di Bartolo
Prelude | Andante from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42

Douglas Major, organ

Entrance Procession | O God, Beyond All Praising

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 from Age to Age  Chris DeSilva

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

Verse 2
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
   God, Son of the Father, you take away the
   sins of the world, have mercy on us;
   you
   take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are
FIRST READING | Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 118

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever; let the house of Israel say: “His mercy endures forever.”

2. The Lord’s right hand has struck with power, the Lord’s right hand is exalted. I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes!

SECOND READING | Colossians 3: 1-4
(Full translation is below)

To the Paschal Victim, Christians, offer a sacrifice of praise.
The Lamb redeemed the sheep. Christ, sinless, reconciled sinners to the Father.
Death and life were locked together in a unique struggle. Prince of Life, who died, now he reigns.
“Tell us, Mary, What did you see upon the way?”
“I saw the sepulchre of the now living Christ. I saw the glory of the Risen One.
I saw the angels, his witnesses, the shroud and the garments, too, which once had covered heads and limbs.
Christ, my Hope is risen; He will go before his own into Galilee.”
We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; O Victorious King, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Jubilation Mass

James Chepponis

GOSPEL | John 20: 1-9

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES
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.
Come to the River

Refrain

Come, O come, come to the river
flowing from the body of Christ.

We'll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.

Verses

1. Washed in waters of rebirth,
2. Priestly people are we,
3. Blest are those who thirst
4. Let us walk in the light
5. Those who sow in tears

1. We have put on Christ Jesus.
2. Sealed and sent by the Spirit.
3. For the reign of God's justice.
4. Of God's holy promise.
5. Reap the harvest rejoicing.

Universal Prayers
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Today's collection will benefit Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work and our senior priests have support and access to quality care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of Father John and the priests of the Archdiocese who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. To donate online visit:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | This is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This is the Feast of Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow-er, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the people of God, and
4. Bless-ing, honor, glory, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be people of God.
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
join in the hymn of all crea-tion.
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

• Lift up your hearts.
  All: We lift them up to the Lord.

• Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  All: It is right and just.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Creation
Marty Haugen

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.
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.
Communion | We Remember

Refrain

We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when you come
in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verses—Set A

1. When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
2. Jesus, bread of life, broken for the world,
3. Jesus, cup of joy, God’s own life poured out,
4. Come and share this feast, life for all the world,

D.C.

we proclaim your death until you come in glory.
praise to you who comes to feed your hungry people.
in this meal you give yourself for our redemption.
here we join to celebrate God’s new creation.

Verses—Set B

5. Here, a million wounded souls are
6. Now we recreate your love, we
7. Christ, the Father’s great “Amen” to
8. See the face of Christ revealed in
Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Verses

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
   I have heard my people cry.
   All who dwell in dark and sin.
   They turn away. I will break their hearts.
   I will make their darkness bright.
   Who will bear my light to them?
   Whom shall I send?

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
   I have borne my people’s pain.
   I have wept for love of them.
   I will set a feast for them.
   Give them hearts for love alone.
   I will speak my word to them.
   Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
   I will tend the poor and lame.
   I will make their darkness bright.
   I will speak my word to them.
   Till their hearts be satisfied.
   I will give my life to them.
   Whom shall I send?
Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Take and Eat

Refrain

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you. Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

Verses

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the exile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came into the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Living One;

I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bread that comes from heav’n above;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
You are my flock; you know the shep-herd’s voice;
You are God’s dwell-ing place, on me you rest;
I am the morn-ing star that never sets;
I am the bride-groom, this my wed-ding song;

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
You are my own; your ran-som is my blood.
Like liv-ing stones, a tem-ple for God’s praise.
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
You are my bride, come to the mar-riage feast.

Pan de Vida
Refrain
*Pan de Vi-da, cuer-po del Se ñor,
cup of bless-ing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this ta - ble the last shall be first,
**po -
der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses
1. We are the dwell-ing of God,
2. Us - te-des me lla - man “Se ñor”,
3. There is no Jew or Greek,

fra - gile and wound-ed and weak.
We are the
there is no slave or free;
there is no
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 | Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN
POSTLUDE | Toccata in F Major from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42

Douglas Major, organ

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your support to the Easter collection is crucial for Clergy Trust to continue caring for all of our active and senior priests so they can continue building stronger communities for all.

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Dear Friends...Happy Easter!

Another year has just flown (or dragged) by depending on your perspective and experiences but, nonetheless, it’s now April 2023! It has been three years since Covid changed the world and our lives. So many loved ones, and so many people unknown to us have gone back to the good God. As it says in Holy Thursday’s Gospel about Jesus knowing “that he had come from God and was returning to God,” (John 13:1-15) so WE too “come from God and go back to God.” I am a wholehearted believer in this (are you?) But it’s the interim, the sadness, the mourning, and grief that can obscure this reality and we’re left to go through it asking ourselves all kinds of questions about life, meaning, faith, belief, Jesus, eternity, existence, everything!

For me, today reminds us that the loss of a loved one—the death, the sadness, the emptiness, and the darkness—do NOT have the last word...they’re temporary and passing even though our going through them feels the opposite: permanent and forever. When does the sadness lift? Does it ever? I don’t believe it entirely does. It morphs. It evolves. It deepens. It subsides. It ebbs and flows, waxes and wanes, intensifies and diminishes. It’s a dynamic process “this grief” we all experience. But what does belief in the Resurrection of Jesus have to do with this? I believe it has the power to transform us, the ones left behind, with a hope (in our sadness and loss) that there is more, that this time on earth is a temporary, hundred-year (give or take) experience enveloped in the bigger reality of “eternity.” It’s a temporary bus stop, sojourn, and opportunity for us to give more than we take, to help those in need, to work for justice (everybody being in right relationship), and to follow in the example and ways of Jesus as best as we can. We can’t take anything of what we’ve amassed with us. For some of us in the second half or last third of life, it’s less about amassing, attaining, aggrandizing, and acquiring and more about giving, letting go, and setting up others as we make our own way back to the good God. If we’re in denial of this reality, if we don’t want to think about death, if we’re afraid, or if we don’t want to talk about it, then I believe it’s a GOOD thing to think about this Easter, not to depress us or make us afraid, but the opposite...to give us hope, promise, direction, solace, comfort, consolation, forgiveness, and new life. St. Paul says to the Colossians: “If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above...think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” He reminds us that we are just “moving through” (my words) “...for our life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Jesus Christ our life appears, then we too will appear with him in glory.” (3:1-4) There’s only so much “stuff” we can attain in this life and there comes a time to “think of what is above.” The things “of above” are kindness and generosity, giving and tending, forgiving and feeding, empowering and including, loving not judging—all things we do as best as we can. This is the stuff that is eternal, of what “is above.”

Of course, all these thoughts come from my being in the interim of my own brother Joe’s passing (five months today). Sadness, good times, beautiful memories, thoughts, what if’s, internal conversations, laughs, loving feelings...the gamut...all enveloped with the belief in the promise of Jesus: “do you think I ever would have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you if I wasn’t?” The actual quote is in (John 14:2-6). I really believe this. I want you to believe this or come to this belief because it can change how we live and experience life now. In particular, it can change how we can emerge from our sadness and grief, make changes and help others with what we have learned and acquired. I’m not just talking about money and material things. I listen to so many beautiful folks who are retired and looking for meaningful things to do besides sitting at breakfast planning what to have for lunch and dinner. There must be more! The experiential capital that is in us all as we age is to be shared before we leave this world. Pass it on. Find purpose and opportunity. Volunteer. Give. I’m telling you, there is not just happiness but real and true JOY in giving...of ourselves, our time, our experience and expertise, our money, our excess, and our sustenance. Be a giver! Those actions say, “I believe in the resurrection cuz we’re just movin’ thru and there’s a way to be in the time we’ve been given!”

As it says in Easter Sunday’s gospel, remember, “...they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” In 2023, we’ve had the benefit of 2000 years of tradition, believing and trying to understand this, so let’s get to work and believe or believe and get to work! Whatever works best, let’s just do it. We’re just passing through.

On behalf of the whole parish team here at Saint Cecilia, God bless you and your beautiful families. Thank you for your generosity to the parish throughout the year with the iGive program and to the healthcare and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston with this weekend’s offertory. We are tremendously grateful. God bless you all...those near and those in the Far-Flung Flock who are such a vital part of our online parish community.

Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter!

Fr. John
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 8 | 8:00 p.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Greg Rybarczyk, Tanya Rybarczyk, Kelly McClintock,
Chika Offurum, Harry Minehart, Cathy Anderson,
Tom O’Brien, Jordan Barnes, and Letitia Howland, lectors

Sunday, April 9 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, April 9 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Michael Lake, Karen Vachon, and Karen McMenamy, lectors

Sunday, April 9 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Eileen Maguire, James Paradis, and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

SCAN THIS CODE FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!
Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Nece 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: Diane Adams of Brighton, Samuel Ahearn of Boston, the Smith Family of Boston, Stephanie Diaz of Allston, Jeanne and Jim Tedrow of Raleigh, North Carolina. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stcceilaboston.org.

Mass Time Change & Coffee Hospitality
Please note there will be no 6:00 Mass on Easter, but we will conclude our celebration of the Paschal Triduum with Paschal Vespers at 6:00 on Zoom. Also, there will be no Coffee Hospitality in the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday as we’d like our dedicated volunteers to enjoy the Easter holiday.

Easter Collection
At all our Easter Masses, our only collection is in support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org. To donate online visit: https://www.osvhub.com/stcceilaboston/giving/funds/easter-2023-clergy-health-trust

Catholic Appeal
Thank you to those who have given to the Catholic Appeal! We are currently at 36% of our monetary goal and 96% of our donor participation goal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Donate here: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate

Our Newest Members
At this weekend's Great Vigil of Easter, we celebrate the initiation of three new Christians in the Easter waters. Brynna Autumn Finley, Ruby Liza Rollins, and Helen Sherrah-Davies will profess their faith in Christ and be baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Eucharistic table. Leander Maria Krawinkel, John Eric Mosley, Christopher Leslie Selph, Kathryn Anne Vasinda, Katherine Veideman, and Phenix Zuck (all who were already baptized in other Christian traditions) will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and be confirmed and welcomed to the table of the Lord. Hunter Nathanial Campbell, Glenn C. Gallo, Josefin Mendez, Viviann Merant, and Johanna Elizabeth Wilson were baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive further catechesis. They will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time.

Keep these men and women in your prayer as they begin the period known as "mystagogia." Mystagogia is an ancient Greek word meaning, "education in the mysteries." Christian believers in the first century used the word mystagogia to describe the period of continuing spiritual instruction following the celebration of the initiation rites.

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

CONGRATULATIONS JULIE!

Julie Theresa Nicholas DesAu-tels will receive the full out-pouring of the Holy Spirit as she is confirmed at the Easter Vigil alongside our elect, our candidates for full communion, and our uncatechized Catholics. Because of a prior commitment, Julie is unable to be confirmed with the rest of her class. Julie is a high school senior who has been coming to Saint Cecilia since she was born in 2005, when Father John baptized her—eighteen years ago! Since then, she has seen great growth in her faith thanks to the support of her faith formation teachers throughout the years, and the Saint Cecilia community as a whole. She wants to especially thank her sponsor, Rod Powell, who has shown her what it means to be a part of the community by being a living example. She will be leaving for the University of Rhode Island next year with dreams of being a naval architect.
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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.

Sunday, April 23
Music for Food Concert to Benefit Women’s Lunch Place
Location: New England Conservatory
Information about the event: https://musicforfood.net/boston

Thursday, April 27
Home Remedy — Pine Street Inn
Location: Westin Copley Place | Information about the event: https://www.pinestreetinn.org/about-us/home-remedy

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
Welcome to our newest members!

Hunter Nathaniel Thomas Campbell

will receive the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. He is originally from Sunderland, Vermont, and is currently a third-year law student at Boston University School of Law. Raised as a Jehovah’s Witness, Hunter became agnostic during his high school years. He began his conversion to Catholicism as a junior at Princeton University. After spending several years intrigued by the music and other arts of the Church, Hunter encountered Catholic thought through the apologetic work of Bishop Robert Barron. Hunter joined RCIA after a warm welcome from the university’s Catholic chaplaincy, the Aquinas Institute. However, he was unable to complete the sacraments after the university sent students home due to COVID-19. Hunter would like to thank his friends at the Aquinas Institute, his sponsor, Christian Schmidt, and the Saint Cecilia community for helping him to complete his sacraments.

Glenn C. Thomas Gallo

was raised as a Unitarian and attended King’s Chapel in Boston. While in college he read The Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton, which sparked an interest in the writers, philosopher-theologians, and mystics so deeply committed to the Catholic faith, such as Blessed John Duns Scotus, Saint John of the Cross, Saint Anselm, and Pope Saint John Paul II. Glenn went on to take a course on Thomas Aquinas’ Summa Theologica, which further fueled his interest in Catholicism. He was introduced to Saint Cecilia by attending the funeral liturgy of a friend four years ago. This experience was transformative and increased Glenn’s desire to pursue becoming a member of the Catholic faith. Glenn attended New England Conservatory and Tufts University and is a proud parent of two adult children and one grandchild. Glenn resides in Watertown with his wife of twenty-five years, Diane. He would like to extend his thanks to Father Unni for being a warm, welcoming mentor, and would also like to thank his sponsor, Rudy Flores.

Leander Maria Pope St. John XXIII Krawinkel

will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Leander was born in Switzerland but grew up in Hanover and Berlin, Germany. He was baptized in a Protestant church in Zürich, Switzerland. Leander completed his bachelor’s degree at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and is currently pursuing a Master of Theological Studies degree with an area of focus on religion, ethics, and politics at Harvard Divinity School. Leander would like to thank his family for supporting him on this journey of becoming Catholic. Leander is very grateful for learning so much from the inspiring RCIA group these past six months. He would also like to thank the entire Saint Cecilia Parish community for guiding and accompanying him on the RCIA journey.

Josefina Marina Mendez

will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Originally from Argentina, Josefina immigrated to the United States as a baby and her family settled in Connecticut. She studied molecular biology at Yale University, where she met her boyfriend who led her to discover the Catholic Church. His strong and positive relationship with the Church inspired her to strengthen her faith and begin her spiritual journey. She would like to thank him for his constant support and love throughout this process. Josefina is currently a graduate student at Harvard Medical School where she works to discover novel therapeutic options for breast cancer. She would also like to thank the Saint Cecilia community and RCIA instructors for their welcoming nature and excellent teaching and to thank her family for always supporting her and for accompanying her at this year’s Easter Vigil.
VIVIANN ELIZABETH MERANT
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Viviann moved to Boston in 2018 and is currently working as a medical assistant. To help her reach her goal of becoming a physician assistant, Viviann is in school pursuing her bachelor’s degree. She is also obtaining clinical hours from her current job to help her qualify for a physician assistant program. Viviann was baptized as a baby in the Catholic Church and went to Catholic school where she received her religious education but did not receive her first holy communion. She left the Church but decided to come back in 2022 because it’s where she feels at home. Viviann would like to thank her sponsor, Tanya Rybarczyk, and Rudy Flores, both of whom have supported Viviann during the RCIA process. Viviann is grateful to have found a community at Saint Cecilia and is happy to finally come back to a place where she feels safe and welcomed.

JOHN ERIC MOSLEY
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Born and raised in southeastern Kentucky, John moved to New England in 2016 after completing a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Kentucky. He currently works as a high school math teacher in New Hampshire. John was raised in an evangelical Christian denomination but started attending Saint Cecilia in 2018 after meeting his partner and sponsor, Kelly. John would like to thank Kelly for being his partner in life and for her invitation to attend Mass. He would also like to thank Mark Donohoe, Tanya Rybarczyk, Father David Kiblinger, SJ, and his RCIA group for their support.

RUBY LIZA MADELEINE ROLLINS
will be receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. She was born and raised here in Boston and attended the University of Rhode Island where she received her bachelor’s degree in nursing. She currently works as an ICU nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She would like to thank Father Joe Driscoll, who led her to Saint Cecilia where she began this journey. She also would like to thank her family, her boyfriend and his family, and especially her sponsor, Susan O’Brien, for their continued support and encouragement throughout this process. In a special way, she would like to thank the amazing community of Saint Cecilia Parish, especially Rudy Flores and Tanya Rybarczyk, for welcoming her and encouraging her throughout this journey.

CHRISTOPHER LESLIE PATRICK SELPH
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Christopher grew up in North Carolina and, following his high school graduation, joined the military as a combat medic. When he got out in 2016, he went to school for healthcare administration and moved to Boston where he started his current position as a department liaison in pharmacy at Tufts Medical Center. He was raised Methodist and began attending Mass this past fall here at Saint Cecilia. Christopher loves the inviting, accepting community and the wonderful people he has met in the RCIA program. He would like to thank Father John whose homilies are relatable and able to reach him on a personal level. He would also like to thank Rudy and Tanya and his sponsor, Anette, who has counseled and supported him during some very difficult moments.

HELEN HILDEGARD SHERRAH-DAVIES
will be receiving the three sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. British born and Cambridge educated, Helen, is a questing musician. After many years performing and teaching in the UK she came to Boston (just for a year!) in 2005, to start all over again as a “mid-life crisis student” at Berklee College of Music and then New England Conservatory, to learn how to “make stuff up” and improvise. She is now an associate professor of music at Berklee College of Music, in the Department of Harmony & Jazz Composition. Helen is insatiably curious, really, and has always had an...acute awareness of the reality of the spiritual life and that still, small voice within, which has been a strong guiding golden thread through a life that sometimes seems so dark. It felt the right time to honor that spiritual instinct, to nurture the flame, and to find it a home, which, after much searching, led Helen to Saint Cecilia. Helen would like to give deep thanks for the especially warm welcome from all at Saint Cecilia—to Fr. Unni for his inspiration, to Tanya Rybarczyk and Rudy Flores for lighting the way so beautifully, to her sponsor, Mark DeFusco, for being so generously by her side, and to all the lovely folk in the RCIA group who are sharing this path. This has been a ‘wonder-full’ journey, and Helen looks forward to new chapters as they unfold, and she counts her many blessings. Deo gratias.
KATHRYN ANNE CECILIA VASINDA
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Kate was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Boston in 2020. In her first few years living in Boston, Kate struggled to find a Christian community until a friend introduced her to Saint Cecilia in 2021. The warm and welcoming nature of the parish made her feel at home and is what helped her commit to the RCIA process. Kate has had a wonderful experience learning about the Catholic Church’s traditions and has come to appreciate the beliefs of the Church. After much self-reflection and loving guidance from family and friends, Kate is excited to affirm her belief in and commitment to the Catholic faith. She would like to thank Rudy Flores, Tanya Rybarczyk, Joseph Vasinda, her family, her fellow RCIA candidates and catechumens, and the entire Saint Cecilia community for their guiding support during her faith journey.

KATHERINE GRACE VEIDEMAN
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. She was raised in Columbia, South Carolina, and was baptized in the Baptist faith. She attended school at Clemson University in South Carolina and received a degree in bioengineering in 2020. This is where she met her husband and sponsor, Ethan, who introduced her to the Catholic faith. Kate began attending Mass regularly and became interested in learning more about the Church and its beliefs which developed into an interest in becoming a member. After they married in 2021, Kate and Ethan moved to Boston and began worshipping at Saint Cecilia and enjoyed taking part in the close community. Kate would like to thank Rudy, Tanya, and the rest of the RCIA group for their support, as well as her husband, Ethan, for all his love and encouragement.

JOHANNA ELIZABETH ROSALIA WILSON
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Born and raised in a loving family in Syracuse, New York, she did not have a formal religious upbringing. Her grandmother, an immigrant from Sicily, was a strong Catholic influence who, shortly before passing away from cancer, ensured that Hanni was baptized as an infant. Hanni moved to Boston to attend Northeastern University, receiving her bachelor’s degree in bioengineering last May. She currently lives in South Boston and works at a pharmaceutical company, contributing to the early-stage development of oncological drugs. Hanni always felt a deep sense of peace anytime she had the opportunity to be in a Catholic church. Her younger sister embarked on the RCIA journey over a year ago and she was able to support her while also learning more about the Catholic faith and attending Mass regularly. She was inspired by her sister’s passion to convert to Catholicism at such a young age, leading her down the path of joining RCIA herself at Saint Cecilia Parish. She would like to thank her sister (who is also her sponsor) along with the rest of her family for their love and support. She would also like to thank the entire RCIA group, for their support, guidance, and passion that has been continuously inspiring during this faith journey.

PHENIX ST. ANNE ZUCK
will be receiving the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Phenix grew up in the Bay Area of California where she was baptized in the Methodist Church. Her introduction to Catholicism began during her undergraduate years at the University of Notre Dame where she enjoyed attending Mass with her friends and where she met her husband, Avery. Phenix lives in the South End with her husband, Avery, their 2-year-old daughter, Aurora, and their dog, Tonka. They look forward to becoming parishioners at Saint Cecilia. Phenix would like to thank Scott MacDonald and the RCIA group for their guidance, as well as her family and sponsor, Marta Coneway.
Easter Flowers

The Abrahamyan Family
The Abruzzi Family
The Abruzzi & Bufalini Families
Heather Allen
Elsie & Tony Andrade
Mary Anzivino
Cora Arnold
Patrick Attridge
Joanne Austin
Catherine Aylward
John Baker
Frank Baldwin
Joseph J. Banick
Maria Barbosa
Mr. & Mrs. Vasco Barbosa
Romania Barclay
Joanne Bean
Estelle Begley
Bill Begley
Gertrude Bienkowski
Julius & Eleanor Bienkowski
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Bigeard
Paul Birmingham
Eileen Bolesky
José Bento Botelho
Rita Botelho
Herminia Botelho
Chuck & Betty Botosh
Treshawn Boyd
Virginia Boyer
Mary Bradley
John Brait
Jack Brent
Mary Bresnahan
Joseph Bresnahan
Pat Brooks
The Brooks Family
Claire, Warren, & Alex Bruno
Francisco Bucatus
Burda Family
Sheila E. Butler
Robert Byrne
Brian & Julie Byrne
Glenn Calmus
Ann Campo
Maria Cristina Campo de Paez
Mary & James Carolan
William & Catherine Carroll
Bob Carroll
Bill & Marilyn Carroll
Jack & Connie Carven
Kam Ping Chan
Pui K. Chan
Charland Family
John Cole
Eleanor Cole
Ann Coleman
The Coleman Family
Nicholas Collins
James & Margaret Collins
Maria Cone
Fr. Chuck Connolly, S.J.
Richard Kennedy Corcoran
Maurice & Marjorie Cormier
Ryan Costa
Pauline & Denis Cote
Francis & Madeline Cotton
Msgr. John F. Cox
Susanne Coyne
Robert & Elizabeth Craven
Robert Crawford
Jack Crehan
Daniel & Judith Crumlish
Daniel & Jeanne Curley
Daniel T. Curley
Nancy Curtin
Jack Curtin
Mark Czestochowa
Lillian D'Alessio
Eleanor Byrne Mooney Dahar
Mr. & Mrs. Saheed W. Dahar Sr.
Sean Dalton
Frederic & Evelyn Davis
Clifton Davis
Jaime Jacinto de Lima
Norma De Robinson
Irene & Earl DeBlieux
Madeline & Tom DeFalco
Marie Deignan
Frank DeMare
Joanne DeMare
The DeMers Family
John Zekas Dennehy
Mr. & Mrs. Philip F. Dennehy Sr.
Marc DeSousa
Terry Devery
Hannah-Mai Devery
Kieran Devery
Kathy Devlin
Alfred DeVito
Frank DiGennaro
Marjorie DiGennaro
Anne & Phillip Dinkel
Julia E. Diodati
Cecelia Dodson
Walter Doherty
Alida Dommermuth
Madeline & Ed Donohue
Marian Donovan
Billie Dove
Margaret Doyle
John Drexelius
Joan Drexelius
Joe Drexelius
Robert DSilva
Julie DSilva
Margaret Duane Gordon
Arthur F. Dunnett
R. Margaret Dunnett
Roseanne Dyer
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Cleveland & Dorothy Nelson
   Mary Niro
Sr. Jeannette Normandin, SSA
   Barbara O'Brien
   Richard O'Brien
   Tara O'Brien
   Jerry O'Connor
   John O'Connor
   Theresa O'Connor
   Patricia Oakes
The Odette-Mooney Families
   C. Anthony Olivieri
   Maria Olivieri Hakansson
   Angel Oller
   Placido Paez C.
   Cristobal Paez L.
   Elena Paez L.
Carmela & Anthony Pandolfo
   Susanne Papa
   Robert Paroli
   Bob Patterson
   Thomas Peterson
   Kim Pickering
   Maria José Pimentel
   Maria do Carmo Pimentel
   Julia Powell
   Mary Louise Powell
   Sadie & Jim Price
Milton & Marjorie Putnam
   Deceased members of the Quigley
   and Cooney families
   Joanne Radner
   Don Felske & Ray Vasinda
   John & Elaine Reilly
   William & Janet Reilly
   Richard & Geoff Reilly
   Grace Rett
   Lauren Rice
   A. Sheldon Rich
   Mary & Vincent Riley
Giuseppina & Carmelo Roccuzzo
   Grace Romasanta
   Helen Roughan
   Edgar & Josephine Roy
   Ted Rubin
   Elizabeth Rose Russo
   Dorothy Ryan
   Betty Ryan
   Mary & Raif Saati
   Michael Sabato
   Patrick Sanders
   The Santoro Family
   Joan Scheib
   Frank Scheib
   Mary Scott
   Elizabeth, John, & Peter Shatswell
   Susan Shaughnessy
   Laura Shea
   Siobhan Shea
   Ann Sheehan
   Joan Shelto
   Anthiny Shelto
   Christina Mary Sherrah-Davies
   Evan Sherrah-Davies
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   Ruthanne Sieliki
   Adeline Silvestro
   Robert E. Simmons
   Rubin & Janice Slotnick
   Bob Smith
   General James & Marie Sniffen
   Ellen Solomita
   George & Myrtle Sontag
   Kathleen Sontag Panko
   Edith Sorrentino
   Gena M. Squarcia
   Dorothy Starzyk
   William Starzyk Jr.
   Mary & Melvin States
   Winston Earl Stevens
   Wayne Matthew Stevens
   Kathleen Claire Sullivan
   Walter & Mary Sullivan
   Bill Sullivan
   Bob Sullivan
   Dr. & Mrs. Earl Sunderhaus
   Mary King Supple
   Edward F. Supple
   John & Ruth Szum
   Susan R. Szum
   Sue & Mike Toomey
   Angela & Raymond Towle
   Kathryn & Clifford Towle
   Suzanne Trombley
   Claire Tutein
   Frank & Estelle Unni
   Joseph Unni
   Lawrence Vachon
   Mary Crean Vachon
   Jude Vachon
   Gregg VanNostrand
   Brian VanNostrand
   Andrew J. Venstrord
   Angie & Frank Verderane
   John Walsh
   Rose Mary Walsh
   Margaret Walsh
   Catherine Walsh
   Dr. Alfred Weber
   Richard White
   Frank Williams
   Kathy Wirtz
   Thomas Hunt Wyman
   Robert Yobaccio
   Dr. Wilson Young
   Dianne Zimmerman
The Veysey & Maslack Families
Parish Resources

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.

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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.

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