Third Sunday of Easter

1 May 2022

The Great Catch

John August Swanson
1. Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; 
   Hark! how the heav’n-ly anthem dawns. 
   Wake, my soul, and sing Of music but its own. 
   Him who set us free, And hail him as your heav’n-ly King. 

2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o’er the grave; 
   And rose vic-to-rious in the strife. 
   A-wake, my soul, and sing Of those he came to save. 
   His glo ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, 

3. Crown him the Lord of love, Be-hold his hands and side, 
   Rich wounds yet vis-i-ble a-bove. 
   No an-gel in the sky Can sorbed in prayer and praise. 
   His reign shall know no end, And ful-ly bear that sight. 

   From pole to pole, that wars may cease. 
   As beauty glo-ri-fied. 
   His reign shall know no end, And round his pier-ced feet. 

5. Crown him the Lord of years, The risen Lord sub-lime, 
   Cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, The mas-ter of all time. 
   All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For you have died for me; Your praise and glo-ry 
   Heav’n-ly life to bring, And lives that death may die. 
   Burn-ing eye. At mys-ter-ies so bright. 
   Their fra-grance ev-er sweet. 
   Shall not fail Through-out e-ter-ni-ty.
CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age

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
seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
Verse 3
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 30: I Will Praise You, Lord  Marty Haugen

1. I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from the grave, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favor all through life. At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

3. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O Lord. You have changed my mourning into dancing O Lord my God, I will thank you forever.

SECOND READING | Revelation 5: 11-14
GOSPEL | John 21:1-19

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.
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.

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

1. we have put on Christ 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 Prayer
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | The Summons

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 | Missa Pacem

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Missa Pacem

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN | Missa Pacem

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.
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 | Missa Pacem
L. Randolph Babin

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

We. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, 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. Amen.
Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when you call your family, Lord, We follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude, That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav’nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?
4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then self-less let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

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

POSTLUDE | Toccata Settima

Michaelangelo Rossi (1602-1666)

Thomas, Mellan, parish organist
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.
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 June 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 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 www.stceciliaboston.org/regform.html or by filling out a registration form in the narthex.

II. You should already be an active participant in the life of the parish, whether that’s in-person or virtual.

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) about why you are interested, what Saint Cecilia Parish means to you, and any information about yourself that you would like to share. This statement will be included in the bulletins for May 22, 29, and June 5. A headshot is also requested but is not required.

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

SCHEDULE

May 16 | Statements and headshots due to info@stceciliaboston.org
May 21/22 & 28/29 & 4/5 | Biographies, platform statements, and headshots published in the parish bulletin
June 5 | Absentee ballots due no later than 1:00 p.m. via e-mail
June 4/5 | Election

CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Given the uncertainty of the pandemic, we extended the terms of the current members by 2 years in lieu of having elections while we gathered virtually.

MEMBERS WHOM TERMS EXPIRE MAY 2022
Kathryn Brown
Natasha Hartmann
Chika Offurum

MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE MAY 2023
Carly Caminiti
Nancy Nee Hanifin
Amy Paulin
Mark Horan

MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN MAY 2024
Matt Cannistraro
Anna DeMare
Mark Lippolt

Completed materials or any questions can be sent to info@stceciliaboston.org.
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, April 30 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Matthew Duprey, lector

Sunday, May 1 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Jim Dougherty, lector

Sunday, May 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Erin Young, Rosaria Salerno, and
Cathy Anderson, lectors

Sunday, May 1 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Mark Richburg and
Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, lectors

Sunday, May 1 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Spencer Dunne and Jen Kowieski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Eileen V.M. Horan, Memorial
Fr. Richard Segreve, CSC, Memorial
Dooshima Mngeren, Special Intention
Catherine Bergholzer & Paul Bergholzer, Memorial
Arthur & Kathryn Welch, Memorial
Bernadette Catoire, Memorial

Sunday, May 1 | 11:30 a.m.
Michael Stockman, 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 1 | 6:00 p.m.
Claire LaBreque Pelletier, Memorial

Wednesday, May 4 | 8:00 a.m.
Genevieve Taverna, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Delia Alvarez, Charlie Naughton, Peter Tracy, MaryAnn Weber, Bob Haas, Bob Roppolo, Christopher Gobron, Joy Gilbert, Mary Walters, John Powers, Marc Pelletier, Marian Licameli, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Liam Nedell, Rick Gaillardetz, and Mary Kessler.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Cassandra Smith of Boston, Mahaney Sippel of Boston, the Pasquantonio Family of East Weymouth, Casey Lewis of Boston, Alison Brockwell of Boston, Aurora De Gasperi of Medfield, Elizabeth Maggio of Wayne, Pennsylvania, John Doherty of Medford, Brett Barrett of Boston, Tori Avella of West Roxbury, Amanda McKenney and Benjamin Salzberg of Watertown, Laura McConaty of Brookline, Martin St. George of South Boston, Marilyn and Richard Putnam of Poulsbo, Washington, Shane Ryan of Boston, Kristen Gohr of Reading, Lillian Cassidy and Zac Calahan of Boston, Christopher Manno of Boston, Kathleen McDevitt of Jackson, Michigan, and Madeline McGill and David Swanson of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

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. 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!

The Month of May
The Church in the West has long dedicated the month of May in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider some ways you might honor Mary this month.

The Third Sunday of Easter
The Paschal Triduum was truly a time of grace and beauty for us at Saint Cecilia. We are now two weeks into the Great Fifty Days of rejoicing, culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on June 5. Each year on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel proclaims a post-Resurrection appearance of Christ in which he shares a meal with his disciples. The Eucharistic theme is obvious. Let us rejoice and celebrate the fact that Christ is indeed made known to us in the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Attention Graduates
We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of the parishioners who are graduating from high school or college to Leah Bennett at Ibennett@stceciliaboston.org. Please use the word 'graduate' in the subject line. Feel free to include the name of the school and the degree awarded. We are also happy to announce recitals.

Triduum Collections
Thanks to your generous donations, we raised $1,593 for The Holy Land on Good Friday, and $25,524 on Easter for Clergy Trust. These numbers don't include those who donated directly to the organizations, so the final amount is undoubtedly higher. On behalf of Catholic Charities, and Father John and the priests of the Archdiocese who ben-efit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!
Easter is the season of initiation, and therefore the very best time to celebrate First Holy Communion. We are delighted to have fifteen youngsters receiving communion for the first time next Saturday. Please keep these children in your prayer. We are also grateful to our second grade catechists, Mr. Mark Lippolt and Ms. Anna DeMarie, who have devoted so much time and energy to their teaching.

Last Six O’Clock Mass for the Season
Today is the last six o’clock Mass until September.

VIRTUS TRAINING
Sunday, May 15 | 11:00 to 12:30 | Classroom 1

All volunteers are required by the Archdiocese to complete VIRTUS "Protecting God’s Children" (PCG) training. This is a one-time obligation unlike the annual CORI process. Volunteers are defined as parishioners participating in ministries, serving on councils, and doing any type of volunteer work. If this is you, and you have not done the training you must complete it by Sunday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. If this date doesn’t work for you, you may sign up for one of the diocesan training sessions on https://www.virtusonline.org/mypage/user_edit_prerегистration.cfm, or save the date for the next Saint Cecilia training on September 18. Included in the training will be an overview on mandated reporting, and info on how to file a 51A report. No need to RSVP.
ONLINE COFFEE HOUR
Sunday, May 1 | 4:00 p.m. ET | On Zoom

The month of May is set aside by the Church to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our Remote Fellowship Community will take opportunities to increase our devotion to her. Bernardine Ileto Chan, a spiritual director and facilitator for retreats and spirituality groups, will be the special guest speaker this month, for “Reflections on Mary: Who Has She Been and Who Is She Now For You Today?” During this coffee hour, participants will discuss the role Mary plays during this season of life and the ways in which Mary is part of our spiritual journey in the present moment. We hope you’ll join us for this timely discussion!

Think of this as your online “coffee hour” with fellow long-distance parishioners! Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the link for May. If you have not attended or are unsure if you’re on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com for the link.

WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group meets weekly. Starting May 1, the first Sunday of the month we will meet in person from 10:00–11:00 a.m. Please RSVP for the room and for more info. For the other three weeks of the month, we will continue to meet on Zoom from 8:30–9:30 a.m. All in the second half of life are welcome to join. The next book for the Zoom group is The Meaning of Mary Magdalene by Cynthia Bourgeault of The Center for Action and Contemplation. Please email Deb Garcia at sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com to RSVP.

This Mother’s Day: Can You Walk the Walk?

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute’s Mother’s Day Walk for Peace began as an event for families who have experienced the murder of their loved ones on the streets of Boston. In its 26th year, the Peace Institute is a grassroots community organization supporting families through this trauma and working for healing and peace.

Saint Cecilia Parish and many individual parishioners have participated in this walk for many years. This year there are three ways you can offer your support:

- **Pray:** Pray that the efforts of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute help create communities where all families can live in peace and where children are valued.
- **Donate:** Saint Cecilia will match individual donations up to $5,000.
- **Walk:** There will be a Saint Cecilia walking team that will join with families, and other groups waving banners of hope and unity. For more information, contact Jeanne Bruno at jeannechaplain8@gmail.com.

To learn more, join the walking team, to make a donation, please visit: https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Team/View/159446/St-Cecilia-Parish.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, May 17 | 7:00–8:00 p.m. | Church & Zoom

Come take an evening to give thanks for the wonderful things God has done in our lives. Together we will pray the Rosary and have opportunities for quiet prayer and song. We will be gathering in person in the sanctuary at St. C’s! For those who want to participate virtually, we will also be livestreaming prayer.

We also welcome musicians to join us for our rehearsals two weeks before Night of Worship. If you’d like to join the music team or you have a song you’d like to hear at Adoration, email Perpetua Charles at pcharles0615@gmail.com.

Low-Gluten Altar Bread Available

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. These hosts are prepared by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri.
SUPPORT WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE

One of the major fundraisers for our friends at the Newbury Street shelter is their Mother’s Day card sale. The Women’s Lunch Place is a day shelter community for women experiencing poverty and homelessness. Six days a week, trained staff and volunteers work as a team to provide hundreds of women healing, hope and dignity. Some guests use the shelter’s services on a daily basis, while there are others who we see less frequently. For each $25 donation to WLP, you will receive a card designed by one of the shelter’s guests as a thank you. Proceeds from the Mother’s Day card campaign support a wide array of services to the most vulnerable women in our community, including healthy meals and individualized services that empower women to make positive changes in their lives. In addition to our cards, you can sponsor a breakfast for $300 or a day of fresh fruit for $150 in honor or memory of a meaningful person in your life. Cards will be sold in the narthex after our 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 p.m. liturgies. For more information, please contact Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com or you can order a card directly by clicking on www.Mother’sDayCards.org

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ FOOD PANTRY

Now that our Faith Formation classes will be ending for the academic year, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for Catholic Charities will be away until September. We hope that you will consider participating in this important ministry during the summer months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry: Cheerios or corn flakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Because food is delivered only twice a month to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex. If you would like to send food donations directly to Catholic Charities through a service like Amazon.com, please have them delivered to: Beth Chambers Catholic Charities 185 Columbia Road Boston, MA 02121

ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Texts Less Traveled: What Would Be Missed Without Them
Presenter: Rev. Thomas D. Stegman, S.J., Dean and Professor at Boston College School. This will celebrate the launch of his latest book, Texts Less Traveled: Exploring Hebrews, the Catholic Epistles, and Revelation.
Thursday, May 5 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. | Cadigan Alumni Center, Atrium | In-Person and Virtual Event | Registration Required

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/campus-events.html

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Facilitators: Pat Ferrone and Father Rocco Puopolo, SX, co-chairs, Pax Christi Massachusetts.
Monday, May 2 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom Presentation

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: https://www.saintsusanna.org/Attachments/aff_yearly_program_standard.pdf
“Wow, you have really beautiful eyes” the stranger said to me as we both made our way down the buffet line.

“Well….(I pause and brighten)… thank you.”

“Would you like to come sit with me and my family?”

We are on a trip together with 140 people other people – none of whom I know, and most of whom are much younger and cooler than me.

I have no idea what is going on for him. We never can really know. But of this I am certain: he has NO IDEA what these words mean to me. NONE. He has no idea the wounds I carry (mostly healed but not really gone) that his greeting gently brushed up against in me. He could never have been aware of the years of my life, ages 12-16, in which these same eyes were a crucible; how the disease I bore throughout my body, for some ungodly reason, caused my eyeballs to bulge so far out of my skull that my eyelids could not do as they were meant and close around them. He does not know how many lunches I ate alone in that cafeteria. He does not know what it meant to be told I have beautiful eyes.

Not one week later, yesterday to be exact, as I was in the vestry of a Lutheran church in Wales, Wisconsin with half a dozen other clergy preparing ourselves for an ordination, I introduced to be able to tell you this: You shared your chicken with me that night and you have no idea what it meant.”

Tell me, when has someone unknowingly been your angel?

~Nadia Bolz-Weber is an ordained Lutheran Pastor and founder of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado—an urban liturgical community with a progressive yet deeply rooted theological imagination.
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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Assisting Clergy
Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ
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Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

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 Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for $11, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $14 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters 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, first 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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