Saint Cecilia

PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

Ascension of Christ
Jos Luis Bentez
22 May 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE | Cantabile

Song in G-minor

César Franck
(1822-1890)

Vasyl Barvinsky
(1888-1963)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Come, Holy Ghost

LAMBILLOTTE

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.
SPRINKLING RITE | Come to the River

Bob Hurd

**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.
Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
   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

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
FIRST READING | Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 67: O God, Let All the Nations Praise You

Tony Alonso

May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shine upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. Let the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. 

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy; with uprightness you rule the peoples, 

and let all the nations praise you! 

Second Reading | Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Franciscan Alleluia

Peter M. Kolar

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

GOSPEL | John 14: 23-29

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred,
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon-

1. let me bring your love. Where there is injustice,
2. life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness,
4. ing that we are pardoned, In giving of our-

1. ry, your pardon, Lord, And where there’s doubt, true
2. on - ly light, And where there’s sadness
4. selves that we receive, And in dying that we’re

1. faith in you.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter nal life.

Verse 3

3. Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be con-

3. soled, as to console, To be un der - stood, as to un - der-

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
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**

L. Randolph Babin

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Missa Pacem**

L. Randolph Babin
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.

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.

COMMUNION | Ubi caritas

Refrain

where charity and love meet, God is there:
live this call to wash each other’s feet.

Verses

1. Sow in us kindness that we may nourish,
2. May we be comfort in times of sorrow,
3. Breathe out your freedom for those held captive,
4. Help us to reach out beyond our circles,

grow in us goodness that we may care.
may we bring healing to those in pain.
breathe in us wisdom to walk with you.
teach us to love all as you have said.

For in our giving, we share in God’s love poured out for all.

Chris De Silva
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 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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Dear Friends,

I just wanted to say hello on this beautiful sunny day here in Boston. Many of you heard me announce at Mass last month about my upcoming sabbatical from late June to late September. In 2019, I was unexpectedly humbled and honored to be nominated as a Barr Fellow. The Barr Fellowship is a program that gathers a diverse group of Boston’s leaders and it recognizes and supports leadership growth as well as the growth and well-being of their organizations...in our case, Saint Cecilia! The program normally lasts two years and includes a wealth of resources such as mentoring, support, leadership development, relationship building, a two-week whole group learning journey, and an individual three-month sabbatical. Initially, I told them, “I think you have the wrong guy,” but they were not dissuaded! :) It has been a pure gift and humbling opportunity to be selected as a Barr Fellow.

The vision and support of the Barr Foundation, as well as the opportunity to learn from and with the other Barr Fellows (check them out! Some of Boston’s unsung heroes!) has been so beneficial. Even though we have not yet gone on our group learning journey because of Covid, the individual sabbaticals are starting for each of us. It’s time to step back, take the acquired knowledge, let it sink in... and rest, read, and renew. This is NOT the “Irish/Italian goodbye” or a sneaky way to leave the parish! I’m planning to be back at the end of September and be present at the liturgies, baptisms, and weddings that weekend of October 1-2. In the meantime, I really look forward to spending some time in Italy and France, getting on a bike, making a silent retreat, and reconnecting with God, self, family, and friends.

While I’m gone, you’re going to be in great hands with one of the best priests of the archdiocese: Fr. Ron Coyne. He is someone I have looked up to since I was young! He’s down to earth, real, kind, energetic, and engaging. Best of all, he can deliver a tight, cogent, ten-minute homily!!! You won’t know what to do with all the extra time on your Sundays throughout the summer!! Parish operations will remain the same and Ron will be here and present with Giovanna and Fr. Jim for all spiritual/pastoral matters. The rest of the stellar Saint Cecilia crew will also be at your service to tend to the pastoral needs of the FFF (Far Flung Flock) and local parish community.

Please know that while I’m away, I do not take this wonderful opportunity for granted. It is a huge gift to be able to go. I will miss all of you and will miss the energy of the parish rhythms (literally and figuratively!) Thank you for being so supportive and willing to let me step away and recharge so we can all come back in the fall, ready to go and, hopefully, Covid-free! In the meantime, please keep me in your heart and prayer while away. You will all continue to be in mine the whole time away.

The last weekend Sunday celebration before I leave will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. I will introduce Fr. Coyne and then we have our high school Confirmation later that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. I’m away this Sunday (May 15) and Fr. Peter Gyves will be presiding! Can’t wait to fill you in on my upcoming experience this weekend...so stay tuned!

See you on the big screen or in the pew next weekend and I look forward to participating this summer from afar...just to see if Fr. Coyne can actually give a ten-minute homily! :P

God love and bless you all!

With love and prayers,

Fr. John
The Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission is pleased to present a virtual guest speaker event:

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD

A White Catholic’s Guide to Racism and Privilege

Tuesday, May 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.

This presentation will be entirely virtual and will take place on Zoom. To register and be sent the Zoom link, please email reception@stceciliaboston.org.

Following the presentation there will be some time for questions and answers.

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, PhD is Professor of Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology and Director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. He previously held the Dun Scotus Chair of Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. A columnist for the National Catholic Reporter, he is the author of fourteen books, including Catholicity and Emerging Personhood: A Contemporary Theological Anthropology, which received the 2020 First Place Award for Theology Book from the Association of Catholic Publishers, and his two latest are titled A White Catholic’s Guide to Racism and Privilege and The Way of the Franciscans: A Prayer Journey Through Lent. Fr. Daniel regularly lectures around the United States and abroad; and serves on a number of university, academic, and publication editorial boards. He is co-host of The Francis Effect Podcast.

If you would like to purchase a copy of A White Catholic’s Guide to Racism and Privilege, you may do so on Amazon.
If you plan to attend, please RSVP to reception@stceciliaboston.org. If you cannot attend in person you may watch the livestream at https://youtu.be/2z-XboRU4f0 or on our YouTube channel.
OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, May 21 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Mary Kane, lector

Sunday, May 22 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner, lector

Sunday, May 22 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Michael Lake,
and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

Sunday, May 22 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Rev. Mr. David Kibling, SJ, Deacon & Homilist
James Paradis and Karen McMenamy, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 22 | 9:30 a.m.
Mary Drevos, Memorial
Matthew Drevos, Memorial
Kim Banks, Memorial
Linda Barton, Memorial
Tony Silvaggio, Memorial
Thomas Flynn, Memorial
Richard N. Hart Jr., 20th Anniversary
John McLaughlin, Memorial
Larry Murphy, Special Intention

Sunday, May 22 | 11:30 a.m.
Paul Joseph Capano, Memorial
Ida Capano, Memorial
Vincent Capano, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 7:55-60
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT:
This joyful Eastertide, join us for Evening Prayer.

Saint Cecilia Parish

Friday, April 29 @ 7:00 p.m.
Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, May 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
Feast of Saints Philip and James

Tuesday, May 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Memorial of Saint Damian of Molokai

Tuesday, May 24 @ 7:00 p.m.
Sixth Week of Easter

Tuesday, May 31 @ 7:00 p.m.
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page or via Zoom. Liturgies last approximately half an hour. Email sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com for details.
Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Bob Roppolo, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrenan, Michele Maniscalco, and Nick Hungerford.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Mary Jane Surette of Franklin, Elliott Barnhill of Cambridge, and Ethan and Katherine Veideman of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

Ascension Thursday
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is observed on Thursday of this week. Ascension Thursday is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate the liturgy at eight o’clock in the morning.

Congratulations Graduates!
This weekend Jack Mullin graduated from Boston College High School. Well done, Jack!

PPC Elections
Elections for the Parish Pastoral Council are only two weeks away! Please read pages 8-9 to learn more about who is running. Be sure to vote on June 5th!

Congratulations & Farewell, David!
Today is Deacon David Kiblinger, SJ’s last day with us. Despite our sadness, we are delighted to share news of David’s upcoming June 11 priestly ordination. David has been a member of the USA Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus for eleven years. For the past two years, David has ministered at Saint Cecilia as coordinator of our RCIA program, shepherding and accompanying adults who are exploring a deeper relationship with the Catholic Church. David also taught our middle and high schoolers, was an occasional homilist, and performed several baptisms. Following his ordination, David will serve the People of God at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Belize City, Belize as an assistant priest.

David will be the deacon and homilist at this Sunday’s 11:30 Mass. Following the Mass, please join us downstairs for some cake with David. May David continue to seek and serve God in his priestly ministry to the Society, the Church, and the world. Ad multos annos, David! You have been a gift to us, and we will miss you.

Saint Cecilia Climate Justice Group
This week is the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’ on creation care. Enrollment in the Laudato Si’ Action Platform has been extended to October 4th, so there is still time to enroll and create your climate action plan https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/. If you enroll, please let us know at sc.climatejustice@gmail.com. Parishioner Jenny Jones wrote a reflection on the Laudato Si’ Movement Blog. You can read that here: https://laudatosimovement.org/news/i-have-a-moral-responsibility-to-act/

Volunteers Needed to Support Refugee Families
Our POWIR Site, a collaboration between Saint Cecilia and the Paulist Center that is supporting Afghan Refugees settling in Boston, has had many successes. We are tremendously grateful for the generosity of our two communities. A small group of volunteers has stepped up in a big way to provide English practice, budgeting support, MBTA training, school enrollment, extracurricular activities, and rides to vital appointments.

Our current family’s need for drivers is currently higher than our volunteers are able to provide. We have been told that there are more Afghan families in need of our support, but we can only provide that support if we know that we have a robust community of active volunteers. If you currently have the energy and availability to volunteer regularly with our POWIR site, especially if you are able to drive family members to appointments during weekday business hours, please fill out our volunteer form at bit.ly/POWIRvolunteer and a member of our team will be in touch.

Hunger & Homelessness Ministry: Drivers Needed
Each weekend at 8:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated food from four local supermarkets and deliver to either Catholic Charities’ Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or the Huntington Y’s “Families in Transition” program. We need drivers for all the Saturdays and Sundays in May and June. Please email Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com if you can help out.
A NOTE FROM DEACON DAVID

Dear Saint Cecilia Parish Community,

I hope the joy of Easter continues to resonate in your hearts. I know it is in mine. Being able to celebrate the Triduum with you was a blessing I'll never forget.

This Sunday is my last at the parish. I am going back to Missouri this week to start a retreat in preparation for my priestly ordination on June 11 in St. Louis. Please hold me in your prayers for this time, and I promise to hold you in mine as well. On August 1, I move to Belize City to begin a year-long assignment as assistant priest at the Jesuit parish, St. Martin de Porres.

As I reflect back on my two years at Saint Cecilia Parish, I'm overflowing with gratitude. First of all, thank you to Fr. John for welcoming me into the community. You have been a model of pastoral charity, openness, and zeal. You are inimitable, but I will try to follow your example in my own way. Thank you to the staff, especially to Scott, Mark, and Lisa, with whom I've been privileged to work closely. Your dedication to the parish is remarkable. A major highlight for me has been accompanying 22 new Catholics (and 1 returning Catholic) through the RCIA program. Witnessing your faith blossom built up my own. Thanks to the genuine and kind young people in my faith formation classes. Finally, thank you to all who have spoken with me and encouraged me throughout the year.

My main regret in leaving is knowing that there are so many more good things going on at Saint Cecilia than I have had a chance to see. I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to blow through this community. Our broken world needs to see the loving face of Christ, which is reflected so clearly here.

In the peace of Christ,

David Kubliquin, SJ

Deacon David

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES’ RICE BOWLS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Thanks to your past support in the past year, CRS touched the lives of more than 120 million poor and vulnerable people in more than 110 countries around the world. The work you make possible saves lives, addresses the root causes and effects of poverty, promotes the sacredness and dignity of human life, and helps build more just and peaceful societies outside the United States. CRS is one of the most efficient organizations in the world, with approximately 90% of the money we donate going directly to programs that benefit poor men, women, and children overseas.

On the weekends of May 28/29 and June 3/4, we will ask you to return your rice bowls. Even if you have not used the actual cardboard rice bowl to collect funds, you can still donate by making a check payable to Catholic Relief Services. Our support of rice bowls is particularly important because 25% of the donations are returned to our friends at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for your accustomed generosity!

A CATHOLIC CHARITIES REQUEST

For nearly 100 years, Sunset Point Camp has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 low-income, at-risk children aged 6-13 from Greater Boston without regard for their race, nationality, or religious affiliation. Nearly 450 city-based boys and girls travel to Hull, Massachusetts each summer for a one or two-week overnight camp experience letting them enjoy the fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support and simply have fun.

Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities. They have mentioned to us that they always need donations of sunscreen for the kids at the camp. So the next time you’re at CVS, Walgreen’s, or your local supermarket, please consider picking up an extra tube of sunscreen and dropping it in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. We have been told the higher the SPF number, the better. The Camp also needs kids’ flip flops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12.

PS. My ordination at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis, Missouri will be livestreamed June 11 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern: https://bit.ly/Ordinations2022
**1. Elliot Barnhill**

I have been a parishioner since February 2019, and Saint Cecilia Parish has been a cornerstone of my spiritual life for the three years I’ve been part of it. This parish has helped me evolve my spirituality so much that I’ve even been inspired to pursue a graduate degree in theology! So far I’ve been involved with the Young Adult Ministry and the Rainbow Ministry, and I want to be a member of the Parish Council to serve Saint Cecilia’s on a more structural level. In the Parish Council, I can maintain and improve the community that means so much to me. As a young, LGBTQ person in the Church, I believe that I have a valuable perspective I can offer to Saint Cecilia’s, and I can’t wait to be of more service to my community, however that manifests.

**2. Dorene Calmus**

I’m Dorene Calmus and I have been a member of St Cecilia’s Parish for the past two years. From my first visit to St. Cecilia’s I felt so welcomed. During the Easter Vigil I sensed “I am home”. I am currently a member of the Hospitality Committee and a Eucharist Minister. I would like to expand my involvement in the Parish. The Parish Pastoral Council will provide me an additional opportunity to contribute to the vitality and life at St. Cecilia’s. I have been in the field of Social Work for over 45 years currently in private practice. I was an active member of the Executive Board at the Passionist Community Retreat Center in Shrewsbury for a number of years. I bring extensive experience to St. Cecilia’s. I ask for your consideration and vote. Thank you.

**3. Ryan Egan**

My name is Ryan Egan and I have been a member of Saint Cecilia’s for close to five years now. My Catholic has always been a central part of life. I joined Saint C’s in order to celebrate and grow that faith in an inclusive and welcoming environment. Before joining Saint C’s I was a member of St. Mary’s Parish in my hometown of Randolph, where I served in various roles as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, CCD Teacher, Altar Server Trainer, and as a member of the Parish Council, amongst much else.

I am a Eucharistic Minister here at Saint C’s and am running for Parish Council to continue to give back to our vibrant faith community. As a member of the Parish Council, I look forward to taking a more active role in the parish to help keep it a warm, welcoming experience for all who come to worship. Currently I am serving my third term as a Town Councilor in Randolph and work in municipal government full time. I kindly ask for your vote for this important position. Thank you!

**4. Peter Lin-Marcus**

I have participated as an active member of St Cecilia’s Parish for over 15 years, including serving as a participant in the Journey to Racial Justice efforts and the Racial and Social Justice Ministry. For me St Cecilia’s Parish and our faith is not about 2-3 hours on Sunday but how we live the remaining 6 ½ days per week. St Cecilia’s Parish has inspired me to serve as a community organizer and racial justice activist empowering youth, disabled and excluded, and ending violence and homelessness. Father John Unni’s sermons and leadership, and the St Cecilia’s community made this possible by meeting people where they are at and acknowledging the systems present. I will help St Cecilia’s keep building the Kingdom of God by helping its systems have maximum feasible inclusion of all, including BIPOC, youth, LGBT, neurodiverse, and disabled communities.
5. Raymond Marsh

My name is Raymond Marsh. I have been an active parishioner since 2016. After moving to Boston in 2003, I struggled to find a welcoming parish similar to my own in Rochester, NY. My parish there was instrumental in the late 90s to speak out in favor of women in the church and the LGBTQIA community.

St. Cecilia parish is a place where the liturgy comes alive and the spirit of Christ lives. I would like the opportunity to continue to move the parish forward in diversity, inclusion and equity. I truly believe this parish is one of a kind and a parish that doesn’t exist everywhere. Together we can build a place where everyone continues to be welcomed and is able to find God in their heart. I am committed to serving God and this community as a potential member of the PPC.

6. Melon Regis-Civetta

I LOVE this Parish Community! I came here with the Jesuit Urban contingent and was made to feel welcome immediately. I have also been a volunteer since I arrived, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, a previous member of the PPC, and as Co-Chair of the Rainbow Ministry. In that capacity we brought a lot of hospitality to St. C’s, with speakers, receptions, working with Asylum Seekers, and our wonderful Cabaret Night to name a few.

As our Parish adapts to a new post-COVID way of being Church, I feel the call to serve again on the Council. I feel that it is important to have a representative from our Senior population. As parents and grandparents we have a lot to give and share. Our faith is continuing to grow here in this Church and the mix of young and old and in-between gives us that chance to continue to grow and learn as a community. I am young at heart and in spirit and very hopeful for our Church in the future.

7. Ellen Ryder

Thank you for considering me to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. After relocating to Boston from San Francisco last year, I have been inspired by the beauty of the parish community and the willingness of parishioners to engage in service and work for justice. I was impressed with the process, rigor, and thoughtfulness that went into the racial equity assessment, and believe it is a solid start to exploring how Saint Cecilia can advance representation, inclusion, and participation.

I grew up in Worcester, attended Wellesley College, then graduate school at Northwestern. A career shift led me to higher education marketing and communications: first at Holy Cross and now (remotely) at the University of San Francisco. Working in Jesuit higher education has been an extraordinary experience, particularly the work that advances education among first-generation students and others without traditional straightforward access to college. I recognize the challenging work ahead during these difficult economic, political and cultural times. I am committed to working with the Saint Cecilia community to support and advance the parish’s priorities and needs.

8. Uma Staehler

I joined Saint Cecilia about 4 years ago, after moving from Indianapolis (via a detour to Shanghai for 3 years). As an adult convert who recently celebrated my 26th year in the church, parish and community life experiences are an important part of my spiritual journey. My husband, David, and I visited several churches in the area, and fell in love with Saint Cecilia for its community, music, and of course, beautiful sanctuary! I have enjoyed getting to meet parishioners through the Marriage Ministry, and more recently as a greeter and usher. I am interested in serving on the PPC to be a voice in the parish and serve our community in a greater way. Eli Lilly brought me to Boston, on the diabetes global marketing team. I enjoy running and traveling in my spare time, and love all the history, culture, sports and beauty that Boston offers!
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PARISH OPERATING STATEMENT

We are pleased to present the Parish Operating Statement for the first nine months of our fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. As you can see, we ended this period on a positive note, with a surplus of $991,022, largely due to the outstanding generosity of our parishioners and those who join us on the livestream. Also, our year-to-date expenses have been far under budget because of the extended period of time the parish was not able to operate at full capacity. This unexpected surplus has allowed us to transfer $568,500 to our Capital Repairs Reserve Account, an account we created to help fund unanticipated repairs and upkeep on the church building and facilities. We plan to move another $300,000 of the surplus into the Capital Repairs Reserve Account during the fourth quarter. The Finance Council believes that the account is currently underfunded given the size, age, and usage of our property, so we are very pleased to be able to increase it with these funds. A major focus of the Finance Council in the coming months will be to ensure that this account is fully funded and available for repairs and replacements when needed.

As always, we continue to be appreciative and thank you for your very generous support and urge you to continue your support as we all strive to make Saint Cecilia a vibrant and positive force in our community.

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Father John Unni, Pastor; Matt Maguire, Chair; Bonnie Blanchfield; David Castaldi; Alicia Cooney; Mark Duggan; Jason Grapski; Jason Kelly; Mark Lippolt; Cole Young; Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance
A friend of mine, somewhat cynical about the church, recently remarked: “What the institutional church today is trying to do is to put its best face on the fact that it's dying. Basically, it’s trying to manage a death.”

What he’s suggesting is that the church today, like a person struggling to accept a terminal diagnosis, is trying to reshape its imagination to eventually accommodate itself to the unthinkable, its own dying.

He’s right in suggesting that the church today is trying to reshape its imagination, but he’s wrong about what it’s trying to manage. What the church is trying to manage today is not a death, but an ascension. What needs reshaping in our imagination today is the same thing that needed reshaping in the imagination of the first disciples in the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension. We need to understand again how to let go of one body of Christ so that it can ascend and we can again experience Pentecost. What’s at stake here?

Among the elements within the paschal mystery, the ascension is the least understood. We are clearer about the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. We have less understanding of the ascension.

The forty days between the resurrection and the ascension were not a time of unadulterated joy for the first disciples. It was a time of some joy, but also of considerable confusion, despondency, and loss of faith. In the days before the ascension, the disciples were overjoyed whenever they recognized again their risen Lord, but most of the time they were confused, despondent, and full of doubt because they were unable to recognize the new presence of Christ in what was happening around them. At one point, they gave up completely and, as John put it, went back to their former way of life, fishing and the sea.

However, during that time, Jesus slowly reshaped their imaginations. Eventually they grasped the fact that something had died, but that something else, far richer, had been born, and that now they needed to give up clinging to the way Jesus had formerly been present to them so that he could be present to them in a new way. The theology and spirituality of the ascension is essentially contained in these words: Refuse to cling to what once was, let it go so that you can now recognize the new life you are already living and receive its spirit. The synoptic gospels teach this to us in their pictorial rendering of the ascension, where a bodily Jesus blesses everyone and then rises physically out of their sight. John gives us the same theology but in a different picture. He does this in his description of the encounter on Easter morning between Jesus and Mary Magdala when Jesus says, “Mary don’t cling to me!”

Today, the church is trying to manage an ascension, not a death. I can easily see where my friend can be confused because every ascension presupposes a death and a birth, and that can be confusing. So where, really, is the church today?

Edward Schillebeeckx once suggested that we are living in that same despondency that was felt by the early disciples between Jesus’ death and their realization of his resurrection. We are feeling what they felt, doubt and confusion on the road to Emmaus. The Christ we once knew has been crucified and we cannot yet recognize the Christ who is walking with us, more alive than before, though in a new way. Hence, just as those first disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also frequently walk with faces downcast, in a confused faith, needing Christ to appear in a new guise to reshape our imaginations so that we can recognize him as he is now present to us.

I think Schillebeeckx is right about this, except that I would put it in another way. The church today is in that time between the resurrection and the ascension, feeling considerable
despondency, with its imagination attuned to a former understanding of Christ, unable to recognize Christ clearly in the present moment. For many of us who grew up in a particular understanding of the faith, our former understanding of Christ has been crucified. But, Christ is not dead. The church is not dead. Both Jesus and the church are very much alive, walking with us, slowly reshaping our imaginations, reinterpreting the scriptures for us, telling us again: Wasn’t it necessary that the Christ (and the church) should so suffer…

For many of us today, to live in faith is to be in that time between the death of Christ and the ascension, vacillating between joy and despondency, trying to manage an ascension.

On the road of faith, there’s always bad news and good news. The bad news is that invariably our understanding of Christ gets crucified. The good news is that Christ is always very much alive, present to us still, and in a deeper way.

~ Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI was born in Macklin, Saskatchewan. Following his school years, Ron entered the novitiate of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and professed his First Vows in September 1966. Ordained to the priesthood in 1972, Ron continued his education, receiving a B.A. (University of Ottawa, 1969), B.Th. (Newman Theological College, 1973), M.A. (University of San Francisco, 1974), M.R.Sc. (University of Louvain, 1982) and Ph.D/STD (University of Louvain, 1983). During and after his own studies, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Fr. Ron’s column is carried by many Catholic newspapers worldwide.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ FOOD PANTRY

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:

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A PRAYER IN SPRING

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

~Robert Frost
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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
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.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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