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Lakota Trinity by Father John Giuliani

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PRELUDE | Variation
Brett Maguire, *organist*

César Franck
(1822-1890)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

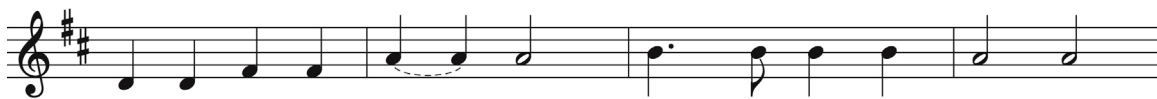
NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - 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.

GLORIA | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

Refrain




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



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

Verse 1




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




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

Verse 2



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



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



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



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

Verse 3



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

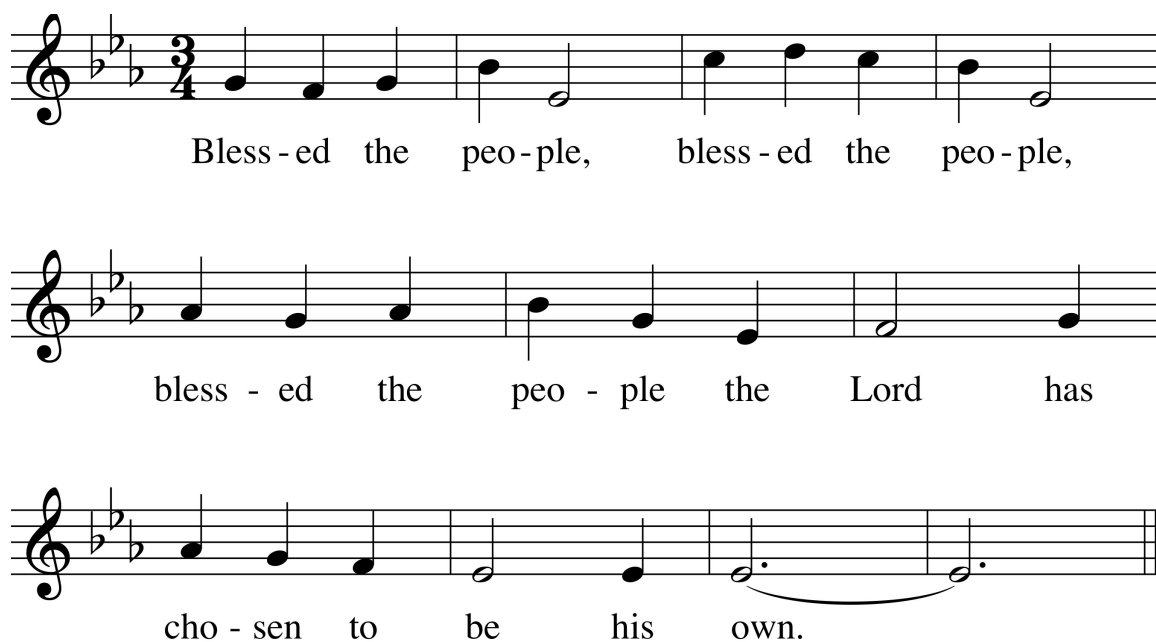
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 33: Blessed the People

Marty Haugen



Bless - ed the peo - ple, bless - ed the peo - ple,
 bless - ed the peo - ple the Lord has
 cho - sen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.
2. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He spoke, and it came to be. He commanded; it stood in place.

3. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

SECOND READING | Romans 8: 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | Matthew 28: 16-20

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Refrain

Come, O come, come to the riv - er
 flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.
 We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,
 * but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses

1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,
 2. Priest - ly peo - ple are ____ we,
 3. Blest 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 Je - sus.
 2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.
 3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.
 4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.
 5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

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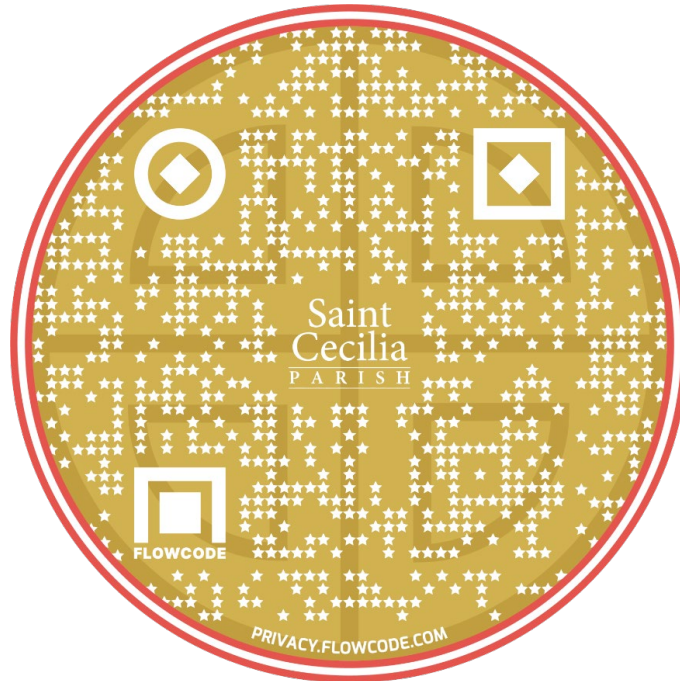
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Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

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

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name;
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn
3. Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee!
An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Joins, the sa - cred name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee;



All on earth thy scep - ter claim,
Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim,
Proph - ets swell the loud re - frain,
While in es - sence on - ly One,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;



In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:
And from morn to set - ting sun,
And a - dor - ing bend the knee,



Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
Through the Church the song goes on.
While we own the mys - ter - y.

Repeat ad lib.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✕ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✕ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✕ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
 Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
 I believe that you
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
 I love you above all things,
 and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 and unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.

COMMUNION | How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-

won-der Con-sid-er all the works thy hands have
 wan-der And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the
 spar-ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma-tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
 trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 in That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played!
 gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
 bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin!
 ra-tion And there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

COMMUNION MEDITATION | God So Loved the World

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

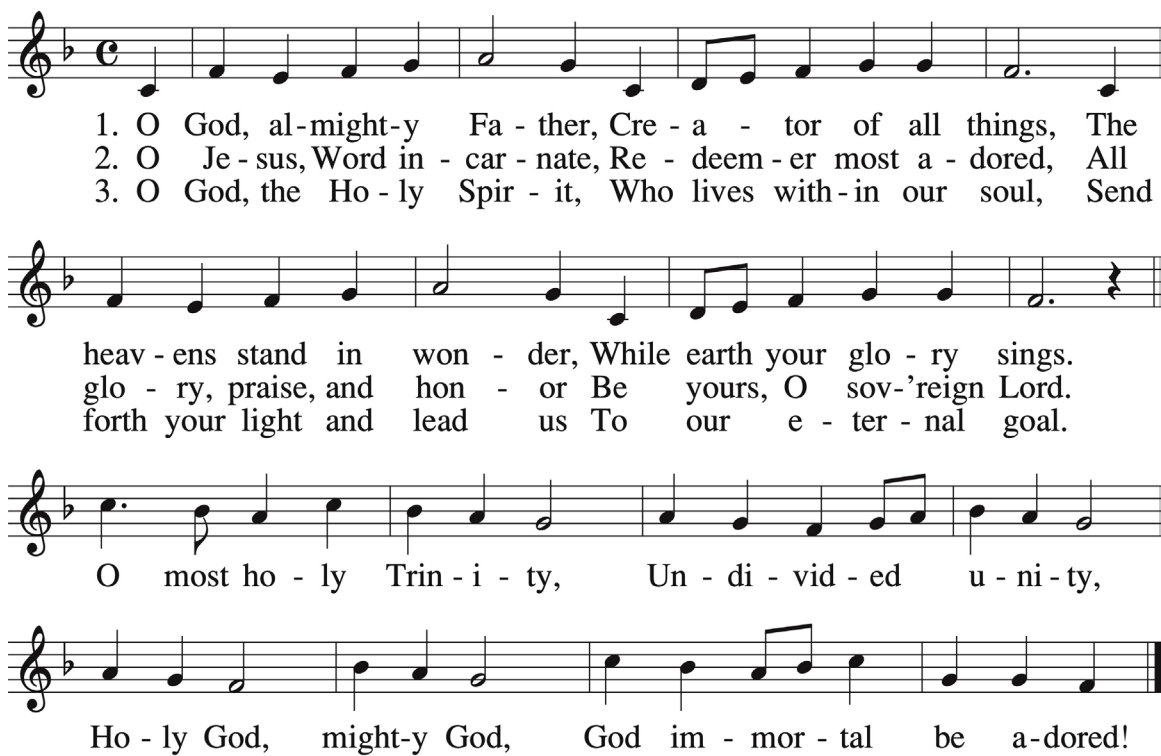
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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 | O God, Almighty Father

GOTT VATER SEI GEPREISEN



1. O God, al-might-y Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor of all things, The
2. O Je - sus, Word in - car - nate, Re - deem - er most a - dored, All
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who lives with - in our soul, Send

heav - ens stand in won - der, While earth your glo - ry sings.
glo - ry, praise, and hon - or Be yours, O sov-'reign Lord.
forth your light and lead us To our e - ter - nal goal.

O most ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Un - di - vid - ed u - ni - ty,

Ho - ly God, might-y God, God im - mor - tal be a-dored!

POSTLUDE | *Toccata* from “Suite Gothique”
Brett Maguire, *organist*

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

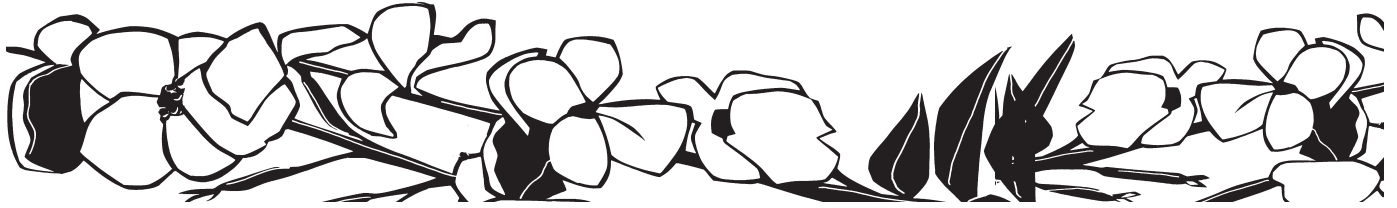
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two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

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

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

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

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, May 25 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, May 26 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, May 26 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Michael Lake, and Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, lectors

Sunday, May 26 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Pat Scofield, Nikko Mendoza, and Jen Kowieski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 26 | 9:30 a.m.

Enrico Corbi, *Memorial*
Joseph O'Donnell, *Memorial*
Wayne Perkins, *Memorial*
Richard O'Hara, *Memorial*

Friday, May 31 | 8:00 a.m.

Danielle C. Thompson, *1st Anniversary*

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

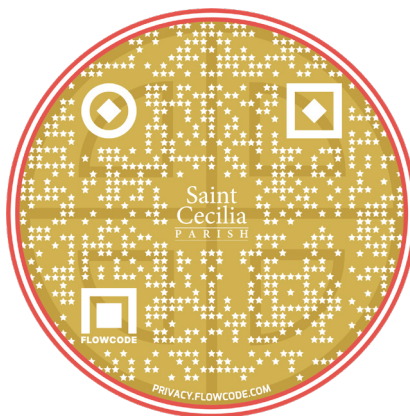
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 24:3-8

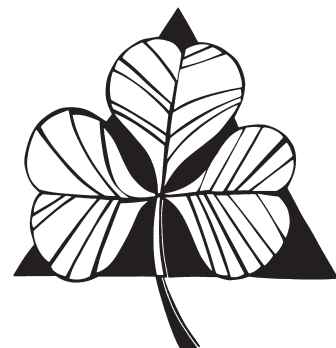
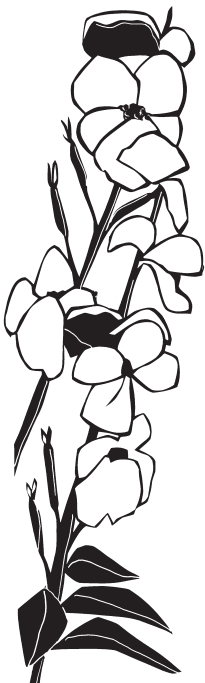
Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Bill and Ann Derry** of Keene, NH, **Emily Dosch** and **JJ Hernandez** of Ashland, **John Carter MacLean** and **Mary Wester** of Watertown, **Erik Annan** and **Deirdre Rynne** of Brookline, **Stephen and Kathleen Young** of Boston and **Cara Donleavy** and **Josh Pickett** of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

Congratulations, Father John!

In recognition of Father John's commitment to helping improve access to education and healthcare—especially among the poor, the marginalized, and the ostracized—as well his devotion to the faith, and his compassion and service to those in need, the College of Our Lady of the Elms awarded Father John an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*, on Saturday, May 18. Congratulations, Father John!

Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring those who have died in service to our country. Originally, this day was known as Decoration Day because of the custom of placing flags and decorating the graves of members of the armed services who died in the Civil War. We give God thanks for all those who have laid down their lives to protect our peace and security. And we remember the sacrifices made by their families and loved ones in order to preserve our democratic way of life. Please note that our parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day and there will be no coffee hospitality on Sunday, May 26.

Special Collection Next Weekend

The people of Brazil are facing unprecedented floods, causing immense suffering, loss of life, and the displacement of over 600,000 individuals. The Archdiocese of Boston is deeply concerned and is responding with a special collection next weekend to aid those affected. Funds will be directed to Catholic Relief Services, which is partnering with Caritas Brazil to provide assistance. Please consider providing aid by donating here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/special-collection-for-brazil>

Attention, Graduates!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates. Please email the names of graduating parishoners to Christine Burns at her parish email address and use the word "graduate" in the subject line. Feel free to include the school's name and the degree awarded.

Ordinary Time & Today's Solemnity

With the celebration of Pentecost, Easter drew to a close last Sunday and we're now back in Ordinary Time. We have been renewed and strengthened by our ninety day journey through Lent and Eastertide. What a wonderful Easter we had here at Saint Cecilia! Easter is the primary season of initiation into the church community, and we were privileged to perform the sacraments of initiation for both children and adults during this season. We celebrated the initiation of nineteen men and women at the Great Vigil of Easter; twenty-nine of our youngsters were welcomed to the table of the Lord on Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter; and on Pentecost Sunday, nineteen of our high school students and twelve of our adult parishioners received the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation.

Though we are now in Ordinary Time, the "ordinal" or "numbered" Sundays are still two weeks away. The Church eases us into Ordinary Time with two solemn feasts: the Most Holy Trinity (today) and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (next Sunday). With today's feast, the Church expresses our Trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This feast is ancient—its origins can be traced to the seventh century and it has been on the Church's universal calendar for nearly seven hundred years.

It would be impossible to overstate the significance of the mystery we celebrate today: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us. "It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them." The history of salvation is the history of how God gradually reveals himself to humanity as the one true God, unity in Trinity. Today the liturgy holds this mystery before us, not explaining or defining, but simply showing us some of the facets of the mystery through the readings and prayers.

ALL ARE WELCOME MASS: CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

Friday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Paulist Center | 5 Park Street, Beacon Hill

"God is Father and he does not disown any of his children. And 'the style' of God is closeness, mercy, and tenderness. Along this path, you will find God." – Pope Francis responding to Fr. James Martin's question, "What would you say is the most important thing for LGBTQ people to know about God?"



The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective, representing the Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry; the Paulist Center Community; Saint Anthony Shrine; Blessed Trinity Parish, Westford/Littleton; and Saint Susanna Parish, Dedham invite you to honor our LGBTQ siblings at an ALL ARE WELCOME Mass at the Paulist Center on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Help commemorate the beginning of Pride Month by celebrating the unique diversity of God's children at this liturgy. Join us after the Mass for a reception.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

MAY 26 – JUNE 1

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

SCYA Women's Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Wednesday, May 29

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom
Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 30

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Simeon & Anna Seniors Group
Inaugural Gathering, 10:30 a.m. | Parish Hall
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Friday, May 31

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 2

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
SCYA Contemplative Prayer Group, 1:45 p.m.
Far-Flung Flock Coffee Hour, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 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 so they can 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 the following items for the kids at the camp:

- Sunblock (the higher the SPF, the better)
- Bug spray
- Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)
- Underwear (boys/girls ages 6-15)

So the next time you're shopping or on Amazon, please consider picking up some of the items above and dropping them in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. Thank you!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you or is someone you know searching for a spiritual home? Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be Catholic? If you would like to explore Catholicism or are already Catholic but have not yet received Eucharist, we would be honored to accompany you in your journey. For more information, please email Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish email address, or call her at 617-536-4548 X117.

SUMMER COFFEE HOSPITALITY PAUSES

We will not have coffee hospitality for three holiday weekends in the summer—Memorial Day weekend, the Fourth of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend—so we can give our hardworking hospitality staff some time off to enjoy these holidays.



"DISCERNING DEACONS: THE RESTORATION OF WOMEN TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE"

Far-Flung Flock Online Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 2 | 4:00 p.m. ET

Saint Cecilia's Far-Flung Flock leadership is excited to welcome **Monika Hyatt**, a parishioner and volunteer with **Discerning Deacons**, to their June 2 online coffee hour. Discerning Deacons was founded in 2021 with the mission to engage Catholics in the active discernment of our Church about women and the diaconate. This work has included engaging in active discussions with clergy and lay people about what it would mean for them and the church globally to renew the diaconate by ordaining women to this ministry.

Since 1967, when the permanent diaconate was re-established for married men, there have been four separate Commissions to consider extending the permanent diaconate to women, the most recent discussions currently taking place at the Synod in Rome. The question of women and the diaconate is a living conversation and an active discernment in our Church. In a listening, participatory, and synodal Church, it is a question not only for Synods of Bishops and papal commissions but a discernment for the entire people of God.

Monika Hyatt has been a parishioner at Saint Cecilia for almost 10 years, serving in leadership for the Young Adults and Young Families ministries, as a eucharistic minister, and undergoing CARES ministry training. Outside the parish, she lives in Somerville with her husband and two sons, works at Health Resources in Action, and volunteers with Discerning Deacons as a Boston-area "energizer." She has felt called to the diaconate since 2017.

If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). You don't need to re-register if you've attended in the past. If you have registered but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please email the Far-Flung Flock ministry to confirm your email address.

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG FAMILIES MEETUP

Miriam and Sidney Stoneman Playground
Sunday, May 26, 11:00 a.m.

Saint Cecilia Young Families (SCYF) is moving OUTSIDE this Sun-day! Due to an event in the parish hall and the gorgeous weath-er headed our way, our Young Families gathering will take place overlooking the Charles River at Miriam and Sidney Stoneman Playground (on The Esplanade between Fairfield Street and Mass Ave.—accessible via the Fairfield Street footbridge), this Sunday, May 26 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Danielle at the Young Families parish email address.



NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, June 4 | 7:00—8:00 p.m.
(First Tuesday of the Month)

Location: Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to: Everyone

Join the Saint Cecilia Young Adults for their monthly Night of Worship and Adoration from 7:00—8:00 p.m. on June 4. Celebrate the risen presence of Christ in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with praise and worship music led by the Young Adult ministry. All are invited to come to the altar! Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter. *Please Note: There will be no worship night in July. See you again on the first Tuesday of August!*



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!



*Are you a senior looking to
connect in person with other elders
in the Saint Cecilia faith community?*

Simeon & Anna Seniors Gathering

Join our new, biweekly **Simeon and Anna Seniors Gathering**. Join us for prayer, song, and communion, followed by coffee, cookies, and conversation! Our inaugural meeting is on May 30.

Simeon and Anna are the two elders who greet Mary and Joseph when they bring their newborn infant to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Moved by the Holy Spirit, they immediately recognize and witness to God in their midst. Together they represent the crucial role of older people who, as Pope Francis writes, "have the courage to dream."

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What: Simeon and Anna Seniors Gathering

When: Thursday, May 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Every Other Week Following

Where: Saint Cecilia Parish

Questions? Email Lucy Conroy
(seniors@stceciliaboston.org)

DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

With summer approaching, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries 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. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges—especially in light of rising food prices. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and 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. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex. You may wish to follow the example of some of our parishioners and have some of the items above delivered to the parish via Amazon or a similar service. If you choose to, please have them delivered to *Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115*. Thank you!

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP!

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week. They meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to share the ways in which faith informs and enriches the second half of life. Although the group is not a book club, their conversation is informed by the spiritual book or article that they read together each week. For Eastertide, they'll be reading *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. For more information about their meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please email the ministry at their parish email address.



TRINITY SUNDAY
BY JULIA ERDLLEN

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, one of the most complicated and hard to explain mysteries of our Church, even as many theologians have tried. We have a God who is three persons in one, Creator, Jesus Christ, and Spirit, all 100% God and not a fraction of a whole. Trinity isn't a math problem that we can solve, even if it's tempting to try and approach it that way. It's a relationship. We have a God of relationship, between even the persons of God. And that is an invitation and a comfort. What blessed people we are, as the psalmist says, that God has chosen us to be God's own.

As I walked my college students through rehearsal for the rites of initiation, I ran through the promises they would be making in their baptism, mimed big dramatic gestures of pouring a pitcher of water out three times, and stressed that they would certainly be drenched in water. The Trinity can be compared to many things, but for me it is most recently three pitchers dumped over their heads, and my student's eyes going wide when they realized just how much water that would be. The Trinity, like the water, can be overwhelming and always so much more than we expect.

God is always bigger than we can imagine, and the Trinity is a constant reminder of that. If I try too hard to nail down one metaphor, one perfect image to describe this mystery, I'll hit up against the limit of my own human understanding. I can't smush down God into a tiny box. God simply won't fit. God is always bigger than I can imagine, and all I can do is keep adding more and more ways to describe and understand God, as I grow in my own understanding and encounter with God.

The Trinity reminds us that we have a multitude of connection points to God. One of my favorite retreat activities I do with my students is invite them to reflect on their Image of God. What images did they grow up seeing or hearing about, what they might want to leave behind, and what their Image of God looks like right now. We have

so many images in scripture, tradition, and from the saints to inspire and shape an image of God that works for wherever we are now. We have a multitude of connection points to God, and the Trinity gives us three wonderful jumping-off points.

For many of my queer students who have fraught relationships with their biological families, the image and language of God, their Heavenly Parent, whose love and acceptance is truly unconditional, is very needed in their life. Jesus called God Abba and showed us the closeness of relationship God invites us all into. As the first reading says, "Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?" How wonderful it is to be invited so close to our all-powerful, all-encompassing Creator!

And when I meet students in crisis - in tears because they are carrying burdens heavier than any young person should - I can offer the person of Jesus to them. In the midst of great pain, Jesus Christ who cried, was wounded and suffered became very precious to them. God understands them because Jesus Christ was so very human. When tears come, theirs or mine, I see in them the tears of Christ, tears of God.

And for me, the Holy Spirit is my go-to. When I look around and see a world and a church broken by sin, I call to mind the Spirit, the Sustainer, sent to us on Pentecost to guide us to make the Kingdom of God more present on Earth, day by day. The Spirit gives me a hope that is not easily dashed, even when that Kingdom of God isn't being realized on earth as quickly as I might like. God is all encompassing, surrounding Love that is with us till the end of the age.

When, as our second reading says, I might fall back into fear, I can recall that the God of relationship, who is three persons in one God, continually invites us to grow in relationship. God has modeled Love in God's very self. And so, as heirs of God we must try to rise to that invitation to Love, to love God, ourselves, our neighbors, and our planet, as best we can, day by day.

~ Julia Erdlen (she/her) is originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia, completed her undergrad at Notre Dame, and then spent a year in Detroit serving as a Jesuit Volunteer at the University of Detroit Mercy. She completed her MDiv at Boston College's Clough School of Theology and Ministry, where she worked with low-income and LGBTQ+ students. She now serves as the liturgy coordinator at Saint Louis University. She has also written for US Catholic & New Ways Ministry, and is a part-time hospital chaplain.

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Parish Staff

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Audiovisual Support

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

Schedule for Liturgy

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

Hearing Assistance in Church

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

Building Accessibility

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

For Those with Celiac Disease

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

Parking

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

Baptism for Infants

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

Faith Formation for Children

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

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Marriage

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

Care of the Sick

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

Order of Christian Funerals

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

Joining Our Community

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

Please note:

According to online safety guidelines released by the Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online!