

Saint Cecilia

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Fishermen - Let Down Your Nets (detail)

John August Swanson , c. 2021

Third Sunday of Easter
4 May 2025

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE | Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson
(b. 1960)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | This is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *To verses* lu - ia. *Last time*

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

D.C.

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

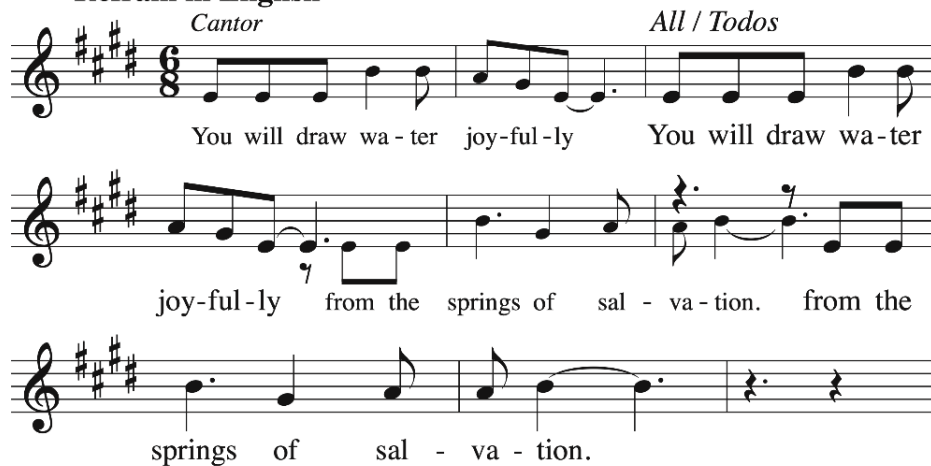
All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*



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

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*



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

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

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

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

Refrain

The Refrain is written on four staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

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

The Verses are written on two staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first five lines of the verses, and the second staff contains the next five lines. The key signature changes to B major for the final line of the second staff.

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

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.

to Refrain

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
 peo - ple of good will. and on earth
 peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

To verses *Last time*

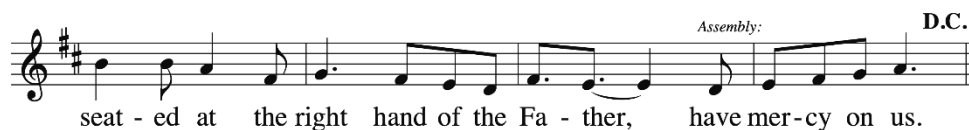
Verse 1

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 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

Cantor: *Cantor:* *Assembly:* *Cantor:*



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

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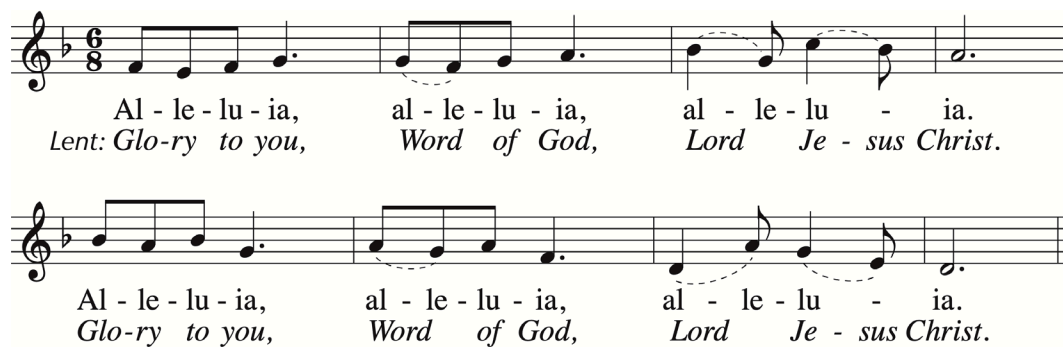


My vows I will pay before those who
 fear him.
 The poor shall eat and shall have
 their fill.
 They shall praise the LORD, those who
 seek him.
 May your hearts live on forever and
 ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return
 to the LORD,
 all families of the nations worship
 before him.

They have eaten and adore him, all
 who sleep in the earth;
 before him shall bow all who go
 down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my
 descendants serve him.
 They shall tell of the LORD to
 generations yet to come,
 declare his saving justice to peoples
 yet unborn:
 "These are the things the LORD
 has done." R.



GOSPEL | John 21: 1-19

HOMILY

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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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

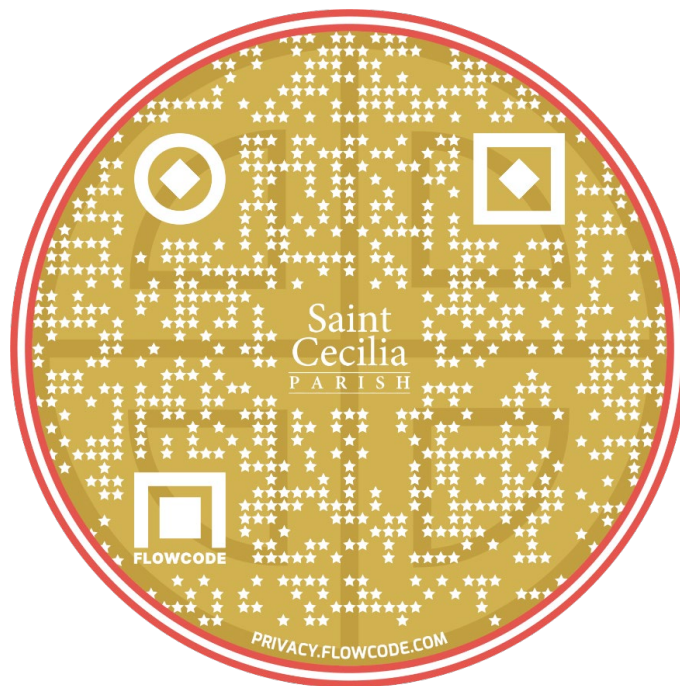
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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.

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You can also mail a check to:

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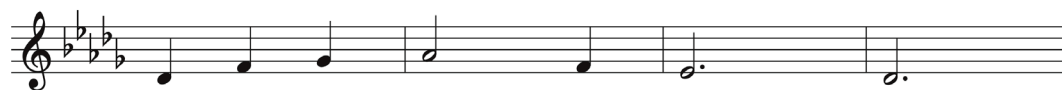
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



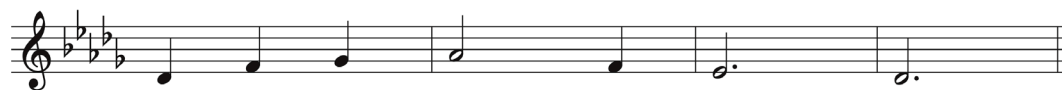
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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.

SANCTUS | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

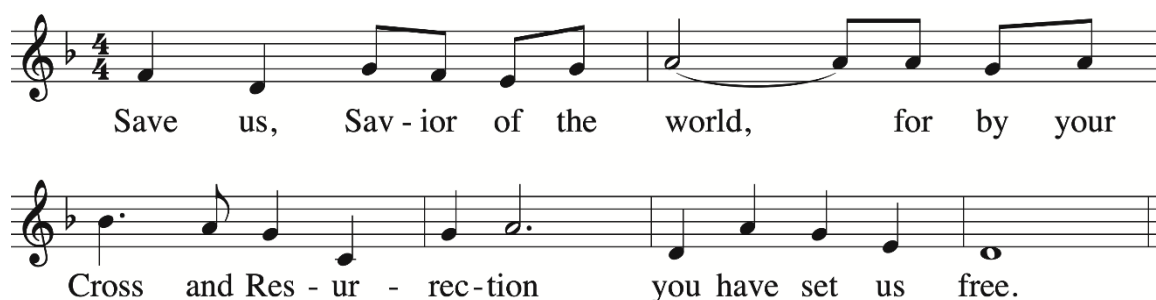
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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.



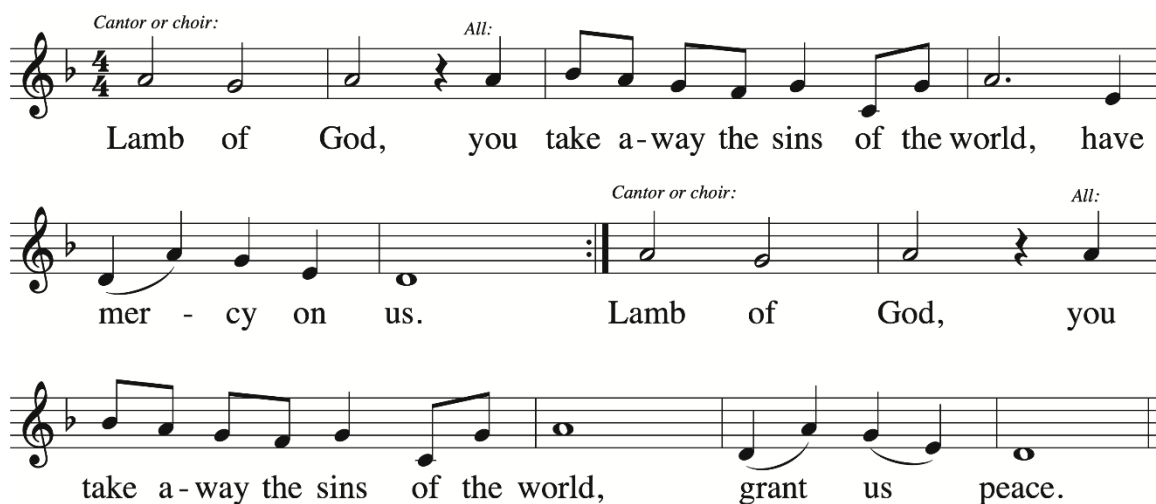
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations



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 | You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



- | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----------|--------|------|-------|--------|-------------|------|
| 1. As | when the | shep - | herd | calls | his | sheep, | They |
| 2. With | joy - | ful | lips | we | sing | to you | Our |
| 3. Is | not | the | cup | we | bless | and share | The |
| 4. The | mys - | t'ry | of | your | pres - | ence, Lord, | No |
| 5. You | give | your - | self | to | us, O | Lord; | Then |



know	and heed	his	voice;	So	when you	call	your
praise	and grat -	i -	tude,	That	you should	count	us
blood	of Christ	out -	poured?	Do	not one	cup,	one
mor -	tal tongue	can	tell:	Whom	all the	world	can -
self -	less let	us	be,	To	serve each	oth -	er



fam -	'ly, Lord,	We	fol -	low	and re -	joice.
wor -	thy, Lord,	To	share	this	heav'n -	ly food.
loaf,	de -	clare	Our	one -	ness	in the Lord?
not	con -	tain	Comes	in	our	hearts to dwell.
in	your	name	In	truth	and	char - i -
						ty.

D.C.

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.

RECESSIONAL | Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -
live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE | Prelude in Classic Style
Brett Maguire, *organ*

Gordon Young
(b. 1919)

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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.

HAPPY EASTER!

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 3 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, lector

Sunday, May 4 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. John Predmore, SJ, celebrant
Tom Skorupa, lector

Sunday, May 4 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Laura Melle, Esteban Vanegas, Jr, Virgen Palermo,
lectors

Sunday, May 4 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Kate McGillicuddy, Tom McGillicuddy,
Thomas O'Brien, lector

Sunday, May 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Gina Filloramo, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 4 | 9:30 a.m.

Fr. Richard Segreve, *Memorial*
Abbi Hutchinson, *Memorial*
Kate Eggleston, *Memorial*
Muriel Margaret Zumbusch, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30



PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, Fred Tufts, Baby Eloise Josephine Mason, Kevin J. Owens, So Kwai Sim, Andrea Surette, and Maureen McLaughlin.**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Erin Scanlon and Chase Jones** of Birmingham, AL, **Rosemary Gallagher** of Highlands Ranch, CO, **Richard Passarelli** and **Sophia LeMaire** of Arlington, **Lola DeAscentiis** of Cambridge, and **Andrew Laudate, Grace Gasper, Christopher Baker, and Heloise Dubois**, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Take Home a Little White Book for Easter

In the narthex we have little white books 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 this time of great rejoicing!

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 8. 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.

Papal Conclave

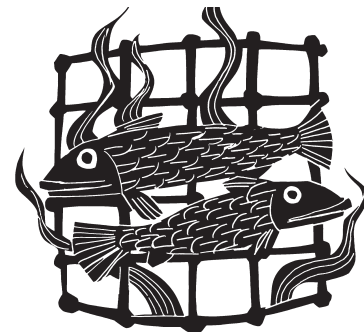
The Vatican has announced that the 135 cardinals eligible to elect the next pope will enter the Sistine Chapel to begin the conclave next Wednesday, May 7. Before processing into the Sistine Chapel that evening, the cardinals will first gather in St. Peter's Basilica on Wednesday morning to celebrate the "Mass for the Election of the Roman Pontiff." During these days leading up to the conclave, we pray that the cardinal electors will open their hearts and minds to the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit. May God grant us a shepherd who will lead us to ever greater unity and love, so that the Church may shine as a sign of Christ's love for all the world.

Last 6 p.m. Mass

This week is our last 6 p.m. Mass until September. Please join us after Mass for pizza and fellowship!

Welcome, Capuchin Mobile Ministries!

Amanda Grant-Rose, Director of Stewardship and Engagement for the Capuchin Mobile Ministries, will be with us at our morning liturgies on Sunday, May 4, Capuchin Mobile Ministries is the newest partner agency of the parish's Hunger & Homelessness Ministry and we supported them through this year's Winter Walk, raising over \$3,500. CMM is a mobile outreach van that provides physical nourishment and spiritual support. Their work is a ministry of accompaniment. While the items they provide allow a relationship to begin, it is their consistency, presence, and active listening that provides dignity, unconditional care, and life changing relationships to our sisters and brothers experiencing homelessness. The one CMM van goes throughout Boston and Cambridge and can be found in front of the main branch of the Boston Public Library on Boylston Street on Thursday afternoons.



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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: VIRTUS TRAINING

MAY 4 | 2PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC), is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused and how to talk with children about these issues. The second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this onetime training.

If you intend to volunteer in the future and haven't attended this training before, please join us. Please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session and the training will be approximately 3 hours, including videos and group discussion. Please register by May 4th at www.virtusonline.org/. Doing so will create a permanent record of your participation and completion of the training. If you can't register online, please join us anyway and come a few minutes early so you can be registered in the system.

FFF COFFEE HOUR: DIGITAL & PRINT MEDIA COORDINATOR ANASTASSIA KOLCHANOV

SUNDAY, MAY 4 | 4PM EST VIA ZOOM

How does a beautifully written, informative and engaging bulletin become a reality? Join the St Cecilia online coffee hour next Sunday to get a firsthand look at communication and digital media preparation with our guest, Anastassia Kolchanov.

Originally from New York, Anastassia moved to the Boston area last year. She is passionate about using design and communication to nourish and strengthen communities. She is also an artist and a filmmaker, with three short films under her belt.

If you have not yet registered for the online coffee hour, please use this link: bit.ly/45pDVRa.



KNITTING AND CROCHET MINISTRY

MAY 4 | 9AM-12:30PM | PARISH HALL

The next "Sit & Knit" is scheduled for Sunday May 4, 2025 9:30-12:00 location in the church cafe. Please bring your "Off the Hook" baby blanket. The completed blankets will be collected on this date and given to the St. Cecilia Young Adults for their baby shower event in June. For more information please contact Ann Marie Turo at the ministry's email.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

MONDAY, MAY 6 | 7 PM - 8PM | SANCTUARY

Come find rest and healing in God's presence in 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.

Can't join us in person? We'll be live-streaming our worship service over Zoom. Please scan the QR code to register below and receive a Zoom link (If you've already signed up for these, no need to fill out the form again).



PRAY & PLAY

SATURDAY, MAY 10 | 3PM | SOUTHWICK/DORCHESTER

Pray and Play is a gathering for children who enjoy a good playground and their parents who want to upgrade their playground chitchat. We'll have playground time, snacks, and prayerful discussion for parents. Don't forget to sign up at the link below so that we know you're coming, have enough snacks, and can share any last-minute details (like rain cancellations). We hope you can make it!

To sign up, scan the QR code below or visit: linktr.ee/scyfboston



LET LIFE GROW: SCYA DONATION DRIVE & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

DONATION DRIVE: MAY 3 - 25 | EVENT: MAY 13

Please join St. Cecilia's Young Adults as we "Let Life Grow" this May. During this season of growth and new life, SCYA is holding a donation drive and fellowship event to celebrate the newest lives and their families.

From **May 3- May 25** we will be collecting baby, child, and new mother items for three Boston-area pregnancy help centers. The list of items are below and you can drop them off **before or after weekend mass during the month of May**.

On **May 13 at 6 pm**, we will be hosting a reception at St. Cecilia's with a paper flower bouquet craft and prayer time for the families these organizations serve. Please email SCYA at the ministry's parish email with the subject line May 13 if you are interested in attending. Thank you in advance!

For **Pregnancy Help** we are collecting spring/summer items, including onesies (sizes: newborn; 0-3; 3-6; 6-9 months), sleep n plays (Sizes: Newborn; 0-3; 3-6; 6-9 months), outfits (sizes: newborn; 0-3; 3-6; 6-9 months), receiving blankets, crib blankets, hooded towels, diaper bags, baby wash/baby lotion, desitin, bottles (4oz/8oz), pacifiers, socks, thermometers, hairbrushes, nail clippers, and toys (no plastic eyes-safe for newborns). **All new items, please.**

For **St. Mary's Center for Women and Children** in Dorchester we are collecting size twin/twin xl comforters, sheets, pillows, and towels.

You can also support St. Mary's via their Amazon Wish List: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q43UXD47BKCP/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

For **Your Options** we are collecting diapers for the older children sizes 5-7, boys and girls clothing from 0 to 18 months. and 18 months - 2T, and lightweight coats and jackets.

SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS

THURSDAY, MAY 8 | 10AM | PARISH HALL

The next Simeon and Anna Seniors Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8th. From 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. there will be coffee/tea and conversation, and at 10:30 there will be time for prayer. All parish seniors are invited to participate.

29TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE 2025

SAINT CECILIA & FRIENDS WALKING TEAM TABLE MAY 4

Founded in 1996 by a Boston mother who transformed her grief into action following the murder of her teenage son, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is committed to breaking cycles of violence and fostering healing through survivor empowerment, youth investment, and the support of communities impacted by trauma, grief, and loss. The annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a powerful symbol of hope and resilience in Boston, bringing together thousands of people committed to creating more peaceful communities. On Mother's Day, this 3.2-mile route will begin and end at Dorchester's Town Field Park, and once again, Saint Cecilia will have a walking team to support the Institute's mission. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000, and, as an incentive, we're pleased to announce that the parish has committed to matching up to \$2,500 in combined donations.

This Sunday, there will be a Saint Cecilia & Friends Walking Team table in the parish hall following the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies. Stop by to learn more about the LD Brown Peace Institute, make a donation in support of their mission, or learn more about joining our Walking Team. Your contribution, combined with contributions from other parishioners, can create a lasting legacy of peace for our children, families, and community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1. Make a donation:** Support the Institute's mission and help us reach our parish goal.
- 2. Join our parish team:** Walk with us as part of the Saint Cecilia & Friends Walking Team.

To learn more, make a donation, or join our parish team, visit www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/stcecilia



HELP OUR FRIENDS AT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE



Mother's Day cards will be sold this weekend in the Saint Cecilia narthex. The Women's Lunch Place on Newbury Street currently provides services to more than 250 women and their children each day. Each \$25 card provides a week of lunch for a guest at the

agency's shelter and advocacy center.

A guest at Women's Lunch Place created the artwork that adorns the card below. Sis is alone in Boston without family or an outside support system. When asked what the shelter and advocacy center means to her, she said:.

"Women's Lunch Place is a welcoming community. They provide me with safety, nutrition, showers, clothing, advocacy... even a therapist. WLP helps me survive."



BHCHP'S MEDICINE THAT MATTERS GALA

MAY 8 | RECEPTION AT 5:30PM; DINNER & PROGRAM AT 6:30PM | OMNI BOSTON SEAPORT HOTEL

As Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) honors their 40th anniversary, the Saint Cecilia community is invited to attend our Medicine that Matters Gala on May 8, 2025 at the Omni Boston Seaport Hotel. The gala will be honoring the legacy and impact of two transformational individuals who have helped advance BHCHP's mission in countless ways over the decades: Saint Cecilia parishioner Jean C. Tempel and the late Jack Connors Jr.

Individual tickets are \$500 – details can be found at www.bhchp.org/events/2025-gala/. Your support of the work of Dr. Jim O'Connell and BHCHP staff will help provide the highest quality health care to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Greater Boston. Thank you for all you do for BHCHP patients throughout the year! For questions or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Linda Wood-O'Connor at loconnor@bhchp.org.



Holy Spirit by Alex Grey c.1998

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy grant your Church
a shepherd who will walk in your ways
and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS: SPEAKING WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST

SATURDAY, MAY 17 | 9AM - 12PM | PARISH HALL

The CARES Ministry invites all who are interested to a workshop centered on the Art of Sacred Conversation. In a world marked by division and distraction, healthy and meaningful dialogue can be found in small moments of grace.

Led by Elli St. George, executive coach, trainer, and conversation expert, participants will explore how to communicate with compassion, humility, and truth—modeling the way Christ spoke with others. We will reflect on the grace-filled power of our words through authentic, attentive conversations to foster healing, understanding, and deeper relationships. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 100 years, Sunset Point Camp in Hull 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 the following items for the kids at the camp:

- Sunblock (we have been told the higher the SPF number, the better)
- Bug spray
- Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)

So the next time you are shopping on Amazon.com, 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!

SMALL GROUP CONNECTIONS

Looking to deepen your faith and connect with fellow parishioners? This May, the Parish Pastoral Council is launching Small Group Connections—a space for prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversations inspired by Sunday's message. Groups will meet once every two weeks, and we'd love for you to be part of this new parish initiative.

Sundays | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Parish Hall (in person)
May 18, June 1, June 15

Wednesdays | 8–9 p.m. ET | Virtual (Zoom)
May 21, June 4, June 18

Join us as we accompany one another and grow together in faith! Participation and interest will determine summer dates. To sign up, please email the PPC at council's email – we can't wait to welcome you!

MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH | 6:00 PM | ONLINE
SUNDAY, MAY 18TH | 2:00 PM | FAMILY FLEX CENTER

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
— Matthew 5:4

Grieving the loss of a loved one can be overwhelming, but you are not alone. Join us for our Monthly Catholic

Bereavement Support Group, where we gather in faith, compassion, and community to find healing and hope. The CARES Ministry invites all who are interested to a workshop centered on the Art of Sacred Conversation. In a world marked by division and distraction, healthy and meaningful dialogue can be found in small moments of grace. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

IF YOU MISSED...

* **An Evening with My Friends**

You can watch back the livestream on our Youtube channel: @SaintCeciliaParish

* **Sunday's Mass featuring Liz Walker, Father Greg Boyle, SJ, and Becca Stevens**

You can find the Mass livestream on our Youtube channel: @SaintCeciliaParish

* **A Chance to Grab a Book:**

Father John's full reading list can be found at: www.stceciliaboston.org/an-evening-with-my-friends. All books by our guests are available on Amazon.

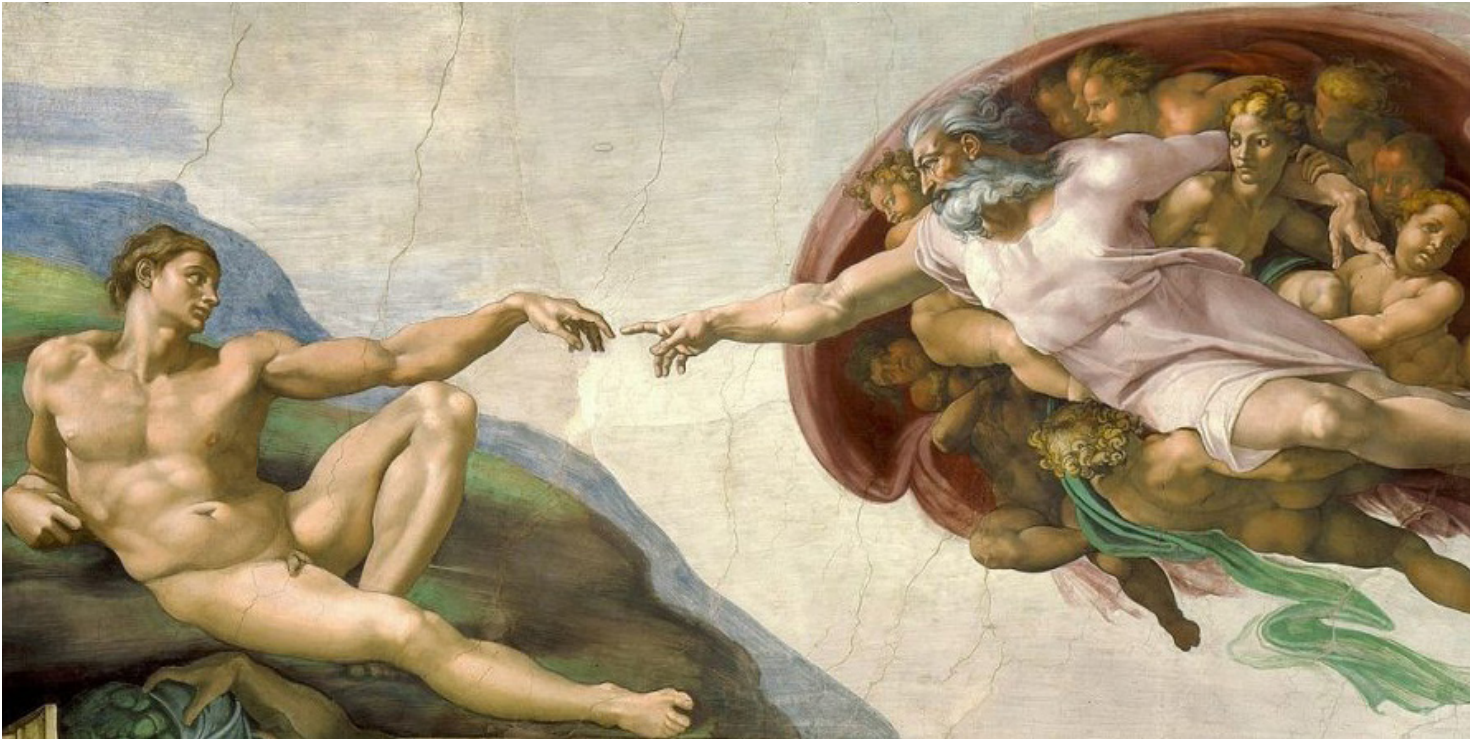
* **Thistle Farms' Pop Up:**

Products from our guests' social enterprises are all available to purchase online:

- **Thistle Farms:** thistlefarms.org
Becca Stevens
- **Homeboy Industries:** shophomeboy.com
Father Greg Boyle, SJ
- **Argrow's House:** argrowshouse.org
Dr. Argrow "Kit" Evans-Ford

* **Faith in Films**

G-Dog is available to purchase on Amazon Prime. *Give Me A Shot of Anything* and *Thistle* can be purchased on Vimeo.



Michelangelo, The Creation of Adam, 1508-1512, Sistine Chapel.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II published his last book of poetry, *Roman Triptych: Meditations*. In these poems (which even before his death were called "his spiritual last testament") he speaks of the conclave which would follow his death.

It is here, beneath this wondrous Sistine profusion of color
that the Cardinals assemble—
the community responsible for the legacy of the
keys of the Kingdom.
They come here, to this very place.
And once more Michelangelo wraps them in his vision.
"In Him we live and move and have our being."
Who is He?
Behold, the creating hand of the Almighty,
the Ancient One,
reaching towards Adam ...
In the beginning God created ...
He, who sees all things ...
The colors of the Sistine will then speak the
word of the Lord:
Tu es Petrus—once heard by Simon, son of John.
"To you I will give the keys of the Kingdom."
Those entrusted with the legacy of the keys
gather here, letting themselves be enfolded
by the Sistine's colors,

by the vision left to us by Michelangelo—
So it was in August, and again in October,
in the memorable year of the two conclaves,
and so it will be once more, when the time comes,
after my death.
Michelangelo's vision must then speak to them.
"Con-clave": a shared concern for the legacy of the keys,
the keys of the Kingdom.
Lo, they see themselves in the midst of the
Beginning and the End,
between the Day of Creation and the Day of Judgment ...
It is granted man once to die, and thereafter, the Judgment!
Final transparency and light.
The clarity of the events—
the clarity of consciences—
During the conclave Michelangelo must teach them—
Do not forget: *Omnia nuda et aperta sunt ante oculos Eius*.
You who see all, point to him!
He will point him out ...

Pope John Paul II
"Epilogue," *Roman Triptych*, 2003



CONCLAVE FUN FACTS



- The word conclave means to lock with a key. The word itself comes from the Latin "cum" (with) and "clavis" (key).
- Papal elections weren't always this secretive. But after one particularly long period in the 13th century [more below], the Church imposed new rules that put the election—literally—behind closed doors.
- On November 29, 1268, the longest conclave in history began, lasting 34 months—nearly three years! This was also the election that precipitated the Church establishing a more formalized procedure for a conclave.
- This nearly three-year conclave was held at the Palace of the Popes in the city of Viterbo, where the official seat of the papacy had moved during a time of instability in Rome. The previous pope, Clement IV, had died there and it was customary for the cardinals to gather to elect the new pope wherever the previous pope had died.
- For over two years, seventeen cardinals failed to reach an agreement on who should be pope. So, the authorities of Viterbo locked them in the bishops' palace. After weeks with no one elected, the townspeople, who were feeding them, began rationing the cardinals' food and water, and after several more weeks, the people of Viterbo removed the roof of the palace to encourage the Holy Spirit to come down and illuminate the cardinals, it was quipped. Winter in Viterbo can be very cold, so with no roof and the cardinals exposed to the elements, a successful election finally occurred. After 34 months, Gregory X was elected pope in 1271.
- In 1996, Pope John Paul II decided that cardinal electors during future conclaves would be housed in the Domus Santa Martha, a guesthouse built in the same year in Vatican City. Previously the cardinal electors slept on cots in temporary cubicles connected to the Sistine Chapel. This guesthouse is also where Pope Francis chose to live, rather than at the Apostolic Palace.
- Beginning with the 2013 conclave, signal blockers, jamming devices, and other security measures are now installed in the Sistine Chapel prior to a conclave, to prevent any leaks, eavesdropping, calls, texts, or internet access. Before the cardinals arrive, officials will sweep the Sistine Chapel and the guesthouse for hidden bugs and recording devices. Cardinals are required to surrender their cell phones and other electronic devices, and Vatican City's Wi-Fi network is shut down.
- Every cardinal-electors swears an oath of secrecy inside the Sistine Chapel; the penalty for breaking this oath is excommunication. During voting, the doors of the Sistine Chapel will be locked, and the Swiss Guard will stand at attention outside.
- Of the 252 cardinals at the time of Francis' death, 135 are eligible to be electors. Francis appointed 108 of the 135 cardinal electors; Benedict appointed 22; and John Paul II appointed five.
- With representation from more than five dozen countries, the current College of Cardinals reflects the universality of the Catholic Church more than at any other time, making the upcoming conclave the least European conclave in history.
- This will be the first conclave in which all the electors will have been



Image: NikonZ7ii / Wikimedia

The Papal Palace of Viterbo, the site of the longest conclave in history (1268 - 1271)

ordained to the priesthood after the conclusion of Vatican II.

- In November of 1911, Archbishop William O'Connell was Boston's first archbishop to be appointed a cardinal. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Rome but arrived too late to participate in two papal conclaves in a row—1914 and 1922. In those years, the Dean of the College of Cardinals was required to open the conclave within 10 days of the pope's death, making it difficult for American cardinals to reach the Vatican in time.
- In 1922, Cardinal O'Connell raced from Boston to New York, boarded a high-speed steamship direct to Naples, and then sped to the Vatican on a special train reserved for his use by the Italian government. On February 6, just as the bells of St. Peter's Basilica were ringing and Pope Pius XI made his first public appearance on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square, Cardinal O'Connell rushed through the city gates—only to see that he had, again, missed the conclave, this time by less than one hour. In his first audience with the newly elected Pope Pius XI, Cardinal O'Connell petitioned for the conclave rules to be changed to ensure the participation of non-European cardinals. Pius was moved by Cardinal O'Connell's request and, after the audience, told reporters, "All the American cardinals will be present at the next conclave. There will be no more racing 5,000 miles in a vain endeavor to reach Rome ... The United States is too important to be ignored as she has been." Pope Pius changed the rules, setting the start of the conclave at up to 15 days from the death of the pope, and additionally allowing for the College of Cardinals to extend that to 18 days if necessary. Cardinal O'Connell was finally able to participate in the subsequent 1939 conclave, though by that time air travel was available.
- Archbishop Richard Henning is not a cardinal, so there will be no cardinal elector from the Archdiocese of Boston participating in this week's conclave. Additionally, the former Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap., became ineligible to vote when he turned 80 last June.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) election will be held on the weekend of **May 31/June 1**. There are three seats to be filled, each for a 3-year term. This is an exciting time for our parish and serving on the Parish Pastoral Council is a significant way of contributing to our vibrancy and growth. Please take the time to vote, and if you feel inspired, consider running for one of the open seats.

Who is eligible to run for membership on the Parish Council?

1. 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 or by filling out a paper registration form in the narthex.
2. You should already be an active participant in the life of the parish.

What is the level of commitment and responsibility?

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

How can I become a candidate?

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

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

This statement can be sent to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address and will be included in the bulletins for May 18, May 25, June 1.

A headshot is also required.

Elections will be held on the weekend of May 31/June 1. If you cannot be present that weekend, you may also submit your vote to the parish email (info account) in until 1:00 p.m.(ET) on Sunday, June 1.

Schedule

May 12 | Statements and headshots due to Scott MacDonald by noon (ET)

May 18, May 25, & June 1 | Biographies, platform statements, and headshots published in the parish bulletin

June 1 | Absentee ballots due no later than 1:00 p.m.(ET) via e-mail

May 31/June 1 | Election

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

POPE FRANCIS

A HOMILY BY PAULIST FATHER MARK-DAVID JANUS, C.S.P

*Fratelli e Sorrelli, Buonasera.
(Brothers and Sisters, Good Evening.)*

In those words, spoken on St. Peter's balcony twelve years ago, we discovered a Pope who was one of us, who before he blessed us, asked us to bless him. Who taught we are on the journey of faith together, a journey where faith is not blinding, but a lantern, providing just enough light for us to take the next step in life and then the next.

Francis was a Shepherd in the middle of the flock, where he could hear the pain of the excluded and judged, the love of the divorced and remarried, the love of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, the struggles of everyday holiness, couples trying to hold on to each other as the pressures of the world pulled them apart, the conflicts of parents who, as they worked to provide for their families, are robbed of time with their children, the silent cries of the elderly listened to by no one.

Sometimes Francis was in front of the flock, leading us to be guardians, not exploiters, of the earth, asking us to imitate God with the work of our hands, cultivating food, fuel and beauty for all. In a time proud of polarization, he called us to remember we are Fratelli Tutti, brothers and sisters, all.

Sometimes Francis was in the rear of the flock, pushing us to go where we resist going, to the forgotten peripheries of the human community, the neglected, exploited, forgotten. He asked us to build an economy not based on exclusion, inequality and apathy, an economy that does not live for itself but serves the needs of all.

Whether in front, or behind, or in the middle of the flock, he was never above us, never remote. We walked the journey of faith together.

The Holy Father, in St. Peter words, told us: "I have neither silver nor gold but what I have I freely give, the mercy of Jesus Christ, The Risen Lord."

He did not force an institution of rules and righteousness on us, he offered us a relationship, to the Risen Christ, found in Word, Sacrament and Community, a relationship to the Holy Spirit present in us, present in people of other faiths

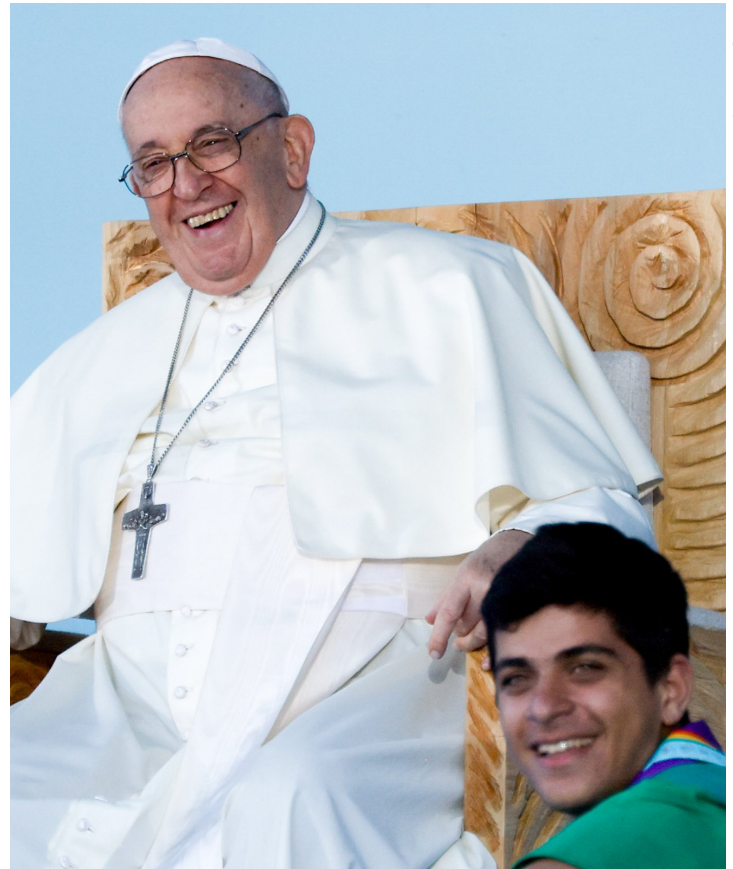


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Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Lisbon on August 3rd, 2023.

and no faith at all, present even in relationship to our blue planet. The lifeblood of all these relationships is listening. The Holy Father begged us to listen more than we talk.

He understood each person is a message from God. The unfolding of each life is the sharing of that message, a message we hear when we listen to each other's stories.

To the Paulist Fathers, Pope Francis was a breath of fresh air, a confirmation of our best instincts to live at the crossroads of faith and culture. He reinforced our commitment to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, our ministry to the people on the edges of Church life because the institution hurt them or would allow them no further than the threshold, our ministry of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. We relish his

affirmation, and why not. The Holy Father also pushed us to the edges of our envelope. A community of preachers had first to listen, listen to one another in our community life, in our faith life, in our care for each other, that we might better listen to the people of God. We are still trying to absorb synodality, not as a program, but the way the Church breathes.

Francis placed women in positions of responsibility and authority in the Church before we did. He pushes us to understand evangelization as more than a process leading to baptism but one that encourages and enables people to own their baptismal priesthood, and recognize their gift as a source of wisdom the world needs and from which we might learn. He pushes us to own our heritage that ecumenical and interfaith relationships are not an optional elective, but a core element of the Christian life. The Holy Father calls us to the periphery where live the poorest of the poor, the face of Christ himself.

When first elected, a reporter asked: who is Jose Maria Broglio? "A Sinner," he instantly replied. He never pretended to be anything else. He was a sinner who openly confessed his sins before he heard the confessions of others. Painfully and publicly, he acknowledged the sin of clerical abuse. In Canada, already wheelchair bound, he kissed the hands of Native Canadians ripped from their families to attend Catholic missionary schools where their culture, language, sense of the sacred was forbidden and destroyed in service of misplaced "inculturation and evangelization." Catholic Schools where children suffered emotional, physical and sexual abuse, leaving scars eradicated only by suicide.

When victims of clerical sexual abuse first visited his home in the Vatican, he fell to the ground and kissed their shoes begging forgiveness, remaining friends with some to deepen his appreciation of their pain. Still more remains to be done.

More remains to be done to recognize the baptismal equality of women. More remains to be done to recognize the image and likeness of God in LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, more remains to be done to steward the environment. More remains to be done about suffering leading to migration. More, much more, needs to be done to create a just economy. More remains to be done if we are to be a truly listening, synodal church.

I expressed my frustration at the slow pace of progress to Kardinal Kasper, a confidant of Pope Francis, a visitor to this church, and the reason I had the privilege of breakfast with the Holy Father. With great patience, the Cardinal replied, "To a century marked by the terrorism of violence and self-interest, the Holy Father brings a revolution of

love and tenderness. The Pope does not expect to live to see the fulfillment of this revolution, he always intended the Holy Spirit to bring to completion the work he started."

Which brings me to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, those of us here tonight, anyone who ever prays here, or with us online, or visits once in a blue moon. Pope Francis' revolution of love and tenderness is now in your hands, if you choose to pick it up.

During World Youth Day in Lisbon, the Holy Father shared a truth, he shares with this parish:

*"God loves us as we are.
Not how we would like to be,
not how society wants us to be,
he loves us with the limits we have,
with the defects we have,
and with the desire we have
to keep moving forward in life."
Who is the Church for? Todos, todos, todos.
Say it out loud: Todos, todos, todos.
Who is loved by God? Todos, todos, todos.
Who is welcome in the Church: Todos, todos, todos."*

Sisters and brothers, with Peter the fisherman in whose shoes Pope Francis stood, we say tonight "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I have I freely give, the Love of Jesus Christ for everyone whatever their walk of life, wherever they are in their faith journey, however, it is they who seek the truth that is God's love. The gift given to us at Easter, witnessed in the life and ministry of Pope Francis, is ours to give to: *todos, todos, todos*. The revolution of love and tenderness belongs to us.

Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE CONCLAVE—OR THE NEXT POPE

BY JAMES MARTIN, SJ



Image: CNS photo/Vatican Media

Cardinals lining up in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel on March 12, 2013, to take their oaths at the beginning of the conclave to elect a successor to Pope Benedict XVI. The following day they elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who chose the name Francis.

In the hit film *Conclave*, as several cardinals stand around the body of a pope who has just died, Cardinal Tremblay (played by John Lithgow) says seriously and sonorously, “*Sede vacante!* The seat is vacant.” It was one of the few moments in the film that rang a false note. I wanted the other cardinals to roll their eyes and say, “Yes, we know it’s a *sede vacante*. And we know what it means.”

But Cardinal Lithgow was right about one thing: It’s a serious time in the life of the church. Since the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday, Catholics have been not only grieving the loss of a beloved spiritual leader but eagerly (nervously? hopefully? worriedly?) anticipating the election of another. The 12-year pontificate of Francis (not as long as John Paul II’s, but longer than Benedict XVI’s) means that some young people remember only Francis as pope.

Even for adult Catholics it can be a disconcerting time. Cardinals, bishops, priests and deacons, as well as religious brothers and sisters, wonder who their next boss will be. In a daily practice that reminds them of this *sede vacante*, priests may stumble over what to say in the Eucharistic Prayer instead of “Francis, our pope.” (Answer: You omit that phrase.) Here in Rome, where I’m writing from, many people walk past the Apostolic Palace and marvel that Francis is no longer behind those walls. Many lay faithful who looked to him for spiritual guidance ask if his successor will be as adept at speaking to them so clearly. Catholics accustomed to Francis’ outreach to those “on the peripheries” and his defense of the poor wonder who will speak for these groups now that he is gone. Overall, many Catholics are asking: “What next?”

Dozens, perhaps hundreds, have told me that this time

of transition makes them feel unsure, unsettled and uncomfortable, three difficult feelings. Some people have even told me that they are afraid.

To which I say: Fear not!

Whether our next pope is more in line with Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI or Francis, the church will be in good hands. (By the way, I am not saying this because I have some inside knowledge of who will be elected.) Obviously, this does not mean that every name pronounced after the words “Habemus Papam” will thrill every Catholic. Some will be elated. Some will be disappointed. Some might say, “Who?” What it means is that the cardinal electors will be listening as best they can to the Holy Spirit, who will help them to find a good successor to Francis.

At this point it’s helpful to recall what Pope Benedict said when he was still Cardinal Ratzinger, about the election of the pope:

“I would not say...that the Holy Spirit picks out the Pope, because there are too many contrary instances of popes the Holy Spirit would obviously have not picked. I would say that the Spirit does not exactly take control of the affair, but rather like a good educator, as it were, leaves us much space, much freedom, without entirely abandoning us. Thus the Spirit’s role should be understood in a much more elastic sense, not that he dictates the candidate for whom one must vote. Probably the only assurance he offers is that the thing cannot be totally ruined.”

“The thing cannot totally be ruined.” Or, as Jesus told St. Peter, not even the “gates of hell” will ruin the church. If that’s the case, then neither will whoever one perceives as a “bad pope.” The thing cannot totally be ruined.

Another common reaction I’ve heard is a deep sense of loss, even grief, that the “Francis era” is over. That is assuredly true. Even if the next pope takes the name “Francis II,” he will be his own person, perhaps carrying on the legacy of Francis, but in his distinctive key.

It’s also important to say that as a Jesuit, I will be faithful to, supportive of and obedient to the next pontiff. A few days ago, on the *New York Times’* “Interesting Times” podcast, Ross Douthat asked me if I was worried that the next pope wouldn’t be supportive of ministry to L.G.B.T.Q. Catholics. Of course, I said, but Jesuits are also obedient to whomever is the vicar of Christ. That’s part of our vow of obedience as well as what St. Ignatius Loyola called “our way of proceeding.” And that’s no matter who is in the office. Our Superior General Arturo Sosa, S.J., put it well in a recent

press conference when he reminded people that the next pope is not the “successor of Pope Francis,” but the “successor of St. Peter.”

But if you’re still grieving, here’s something to remember: Pope Francis will always be with us. Whatever happens in the church, it will always be true that we had Francis. Jorge Mario Bergoglio showed us in his own way what it meant to be a Christian, a Catholic, a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop and a pope. Nothing that happens can ever change that. That should give Francis’ admirers some comfort in the days ahead, even if the road ahead is unclear.

As I’ve said, though I’m here in Rome and have spoken to a few cardinals, I have no inside information on who will be elected. The name that will be announced on the balcony of St. Peter’s will be as much of a surprise to me as it is to you. But whoever it is, I look forward to listening to him, trying to understand him and journeying with him on the Barque of Peter.

Let me end with a line from Daniel Huang, S.J., who worked for many years in Jesuit governance in Rome and now teaches missiology at the Pontifical Gregorian University here. In an essay addressed to Pope Francis after his death he wrote a lovely little prayer: “I confess I feel a little lost and apprehensive, now that we no longer have you. Teach me to continue to trust in the God of surprises.”



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Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.

Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.

* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

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.

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.

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 \$15, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and \$15 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 and third weekends 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.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (L_howland@hotmail.com), Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com), or Kathy Sanders (sanderno2010@gmail.com) 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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. For more information, contact Mary Wessel 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.

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 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 a ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists will be happy to share the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online.