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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter 5 May 2024

Love One Another by Emma Taylor

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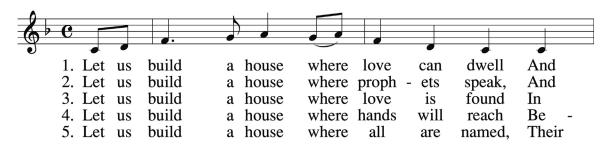
PRELUDE | Introduction to Chorale No. 1

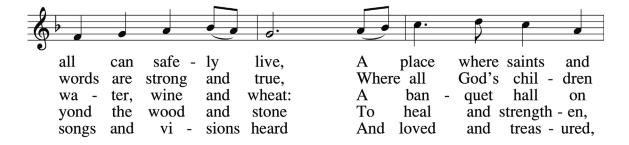
Brett Maguire, organist

César Franck (1822-1890)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | All Are Welcome

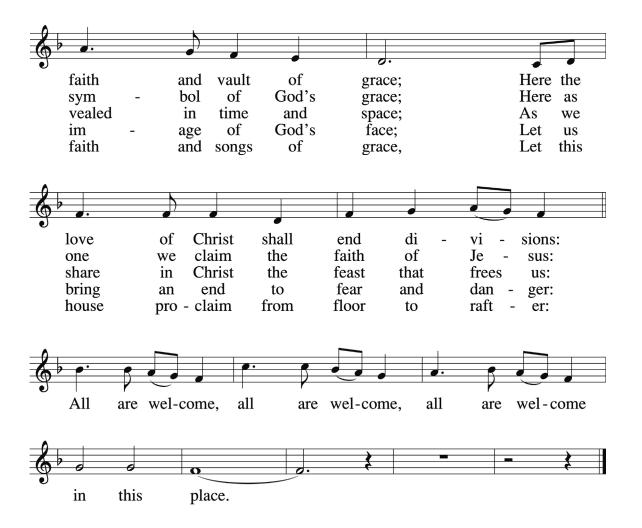
Marty Haugen





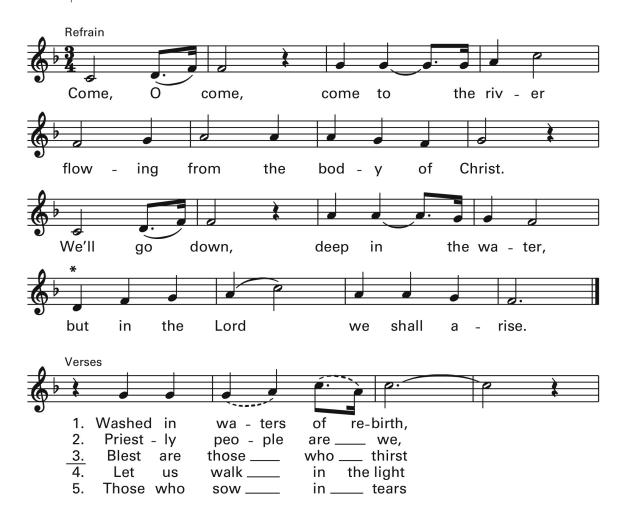


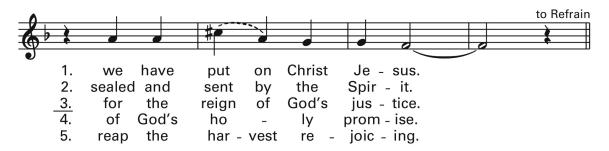


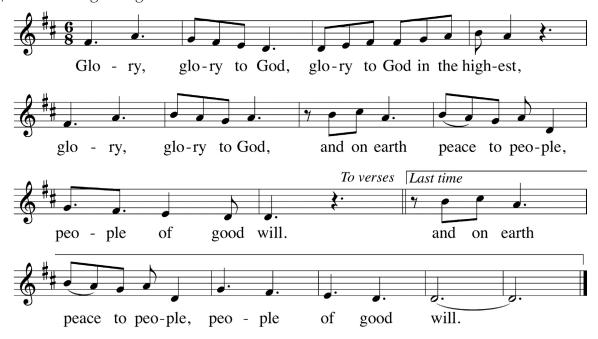


## CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▼ 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.

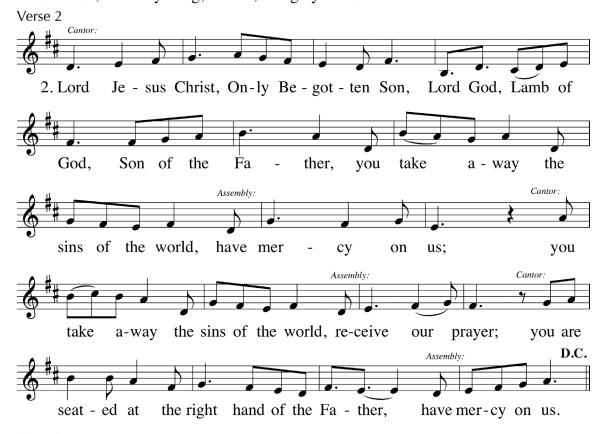






### Verse 1

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 3

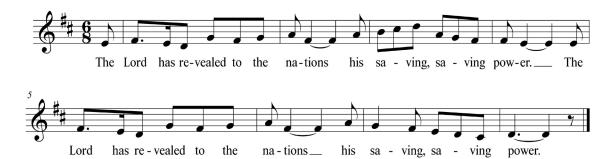
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 98: The Lord Has Revealed to the Nations

Marty Haugen



- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
- 2. The Lord has made know his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.

SECOND READING | 1 John 4: 7-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | John 15: 9-17

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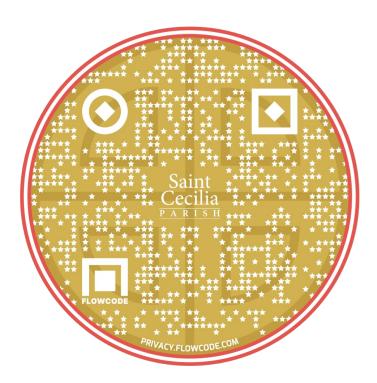
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

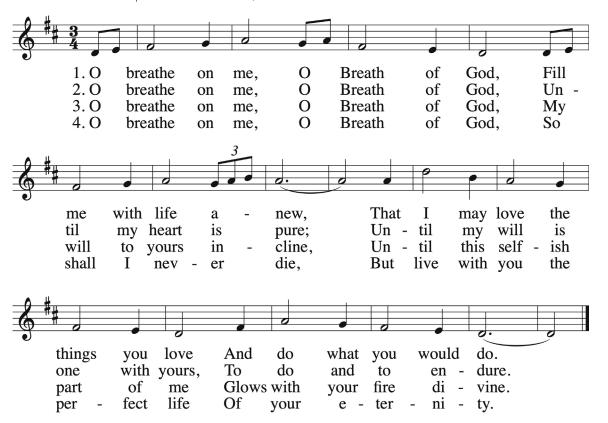
Saint Cecilia Parish 18 Belvidere Street Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

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## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**▼** The Lord be with you.

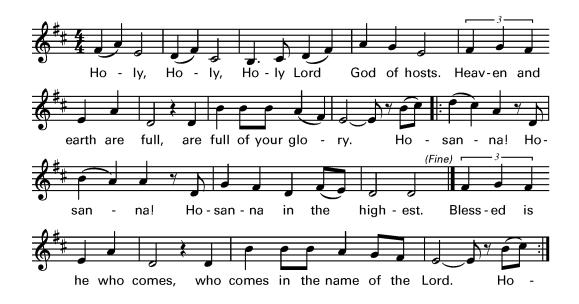
All: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

 $\maltese$  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte



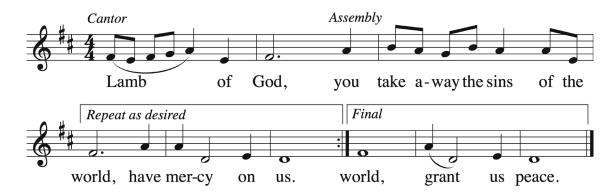
GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



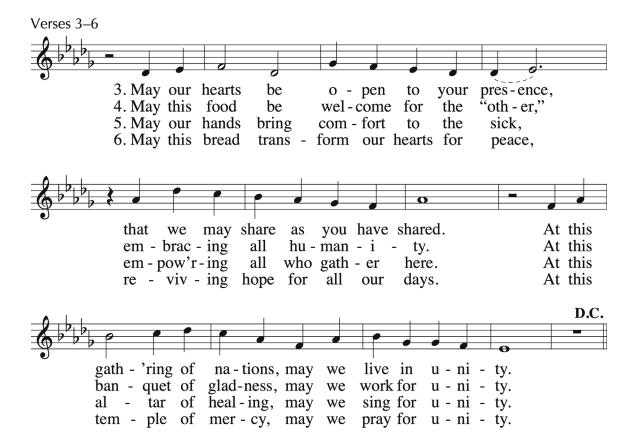
### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." 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 MEDITATION | Through Love to Light

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Through love to light! Oh, wonderful the way That leads from darkness to the perfect day! From darkness and from sorrow of the night To morning that comes singing o'er the sea. Through love to light! Through light, O God, to thee, Who are the love of love, the eternal light of light!

# **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.



POSTLUDE | Menuet Gothique

Brett Maguire, organist

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)



# 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 Massachusett tribal nations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## Saturday, May 4 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant Maggie Giles, lector

## Sunday, May 5 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant Linda Frayling, lector

## Sunday, May 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant Karen McMenamy, Thomas Skorupa, and Chika Offurum, lectors

## Sunday, May 5 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant Jim Paradis, Eileen Maguire, and Kevin Dumas, lectors

## Sunday, May 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant Esteban Vanegas, lector

# SPECIAL INTENTIONS

## Sunday, May 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Virgil Teti, 10th Anniversary
Johnny Coveney, Memorial
Fr. Richard Segreve, Memorial
Bob Durgin, Memorial
Charlotte Gibson, Memorial
Joseph Hammele, Memorial

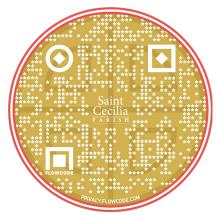
Wednesday, May 8 | 8:00 a.m. JoAnn Serpico, *Memorial* 

Friday, May 10 | 8:00 a.m. William Desmarais, *Memorial* 

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!

# NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 John 4:11-16 John 17:11b-19



# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

### **Our Deceased**

**Kay Whelan O'Halloran** died on April 14. Pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of Kay's many family members and friends. We will celebrate Kay's funeral Mass at Saint Cecilia on Thursday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### **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: Paul Burgholzer and Kellie Lucy of Natick, Verity O'Connell of Brookline, and Linda and Michael Frazzette, Beth Bartuska, and John Cianci, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

## A Note Regarding the Six O'Clock Mass

The last six o'clock Mass of the academic year is today, May 5. This Mass will resume in September.

## **Ascension Thursday**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is observed this Thursday, May 9. Ascension Thursday is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate the liturgy at eight o'clock in the morning.

### **First Communion Class**

We look forward to welcoming the twenty-nine children in our First Communion Class to the table of the Lord on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. We pray in a special way that this new level of relationship with Jesus brings them joy, wisdom, and new insights into their growing faith. Thank you in advance to all who have supported them along the way, especially their teachers, Mr. Mark Lippolt and Ms. Anna Demare.

### **2024 Parish Pastoral Council Elections**

Parish Pastoral Council elections are happening this weekend, May 4 and 5. You will be able to vote for three of the ten candidates, each of whom reflects the diversity, vibrancy, and mission of service that define our parish. Please take a moment to view the candidates' headshots and bios on pages 10, 11, and 12 of this week's bulletin. Vote by visiting <a href="https://www.stceciliaboston.org/our-councils/">www.stceciliaboston.org/our-councils/</a>

and fill out the form at the bottom of the page. You can find more information about voting on page 10.

### **Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to those who have given to the Catholic Appeal! We are currently at 77% of our financial goal and 78% of our donor goal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Attention, Graduates!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of the parishoners who are graduating from high school or college 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.

### Welcome, Chris de Silva!

This Sunday, we are honored to welcome nationally renowned liturgical composer **Chris de Silva**, who will be playing piano along with Brett Maguire at our 9:30 liturgy. Chris is a widely published composer of sacred music, and the liturgy will include two of his compositions. Chris currently resides in Los Angeles where he serves on the campus ministry team at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and lectures in the LMU Department of Theological Studies. We're happy to have you with us, Chris!

## Welcome, Father Coyne!

How blessed we are this Sunday to welcome back our dear friend, Father Ron Coyne. Father Coyne will be the celebrant at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.

# 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.

## SAINT CECILIA PARISH

# THERE'S ONLY A WEEK OR SO LEFT TO GIVE TO THIS VITAL CAUSE!



# LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE'S MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

Sunday, May 12 | 8:00—10:00 a.m Town Field Park, 1520 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA

Please join us on May 12 for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P). The Institute was formed in 1996 by a Boston mother who turned her grief into action after her teenage son was murdered. The Institute's goal is to empower survivors, Generation Peace and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief and loss to cultivate cycles of peace and healing. This year, we have set a parish goal of \$9,000 to contribute to the program's mission through their annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. Your gift can have a lasting impact on the healing steps that move us toward peace through compassionate justice. We've reached the halfway point to our goal with our generous parish match, but now we need to *dig deep* with vital donations to make the last \$4,000 and fulfill our goal contribution to the program.



# MEET THE PROGRAM FOUNDER, CHAPLAIN CLEMENTINA CHÉRY

Sunday, May 5 | Following the 11:30 Mass | Classroom 1

We are pleased to announce the program's founder, Chaplain Clementina

Chéry, will join us after the 11:30 Mass on May 5 for a special visit and a presentation in Classroom 1. We hope you can attend this engaging and thoughtful presentation.

**Questions?** For additional information about the Saint Cecilia Team, email our reception team for Jeanne Bruno's email.

# HELP OUR FRIENDS AT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE



Mother's Day cards will be sold this weekend in the Saint Cecilia narthex. By purchasing Mother's Day cards through their fundraiser, you help WLP provide a wide array of services for the most vulnerable women in our community, including healthy meals and individualized services that empower these women to make positive changes in their

lives. The cards are blank on the inside so they can also serve as a personal or "thank you" note.

In addition you can remember the woman in your life by sponsoring a meal at the Women's Lunch Place day shelter in her name:

- \$150: Provides one day of fresh fruit for all guests
- \$300: Provides one day of nutritious breakfast for all quests
- \$500: Provides one day of healthy lunch for all quests

And, of course, a Mother's Day card is included with each sponsorship.

For more information about this fundraiser, contact Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email or you can order cards directly by visiting www.MothersDayCards.org. At checkout, please indicate that Katie Balian or Mark Lippolt referred you to this campaign.

# SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO PURCHASE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS!



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Join Father John and the Saint Cecilia Choirs Under the Direction of Robert Duff on a



# 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

June 15-23, 2025

# We will participate in Mass at:

- The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi
- St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

# The Saint Cecilia Choir will perform two evening concerts:

- The Basilica di Sant'Andrea della Valle in Rome
- The Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Trastevere

# Want to learn more?

Visit www.stceciliaboston.org/italy to get your questions answered! Head to this webpage for updates, to read a PDF outlining the trip itinerary and to watch a recording of a virtual information session with the hosting company, Music Celebrations International.

We will visit Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Vatican City.

# Highlights include:

- A visit to La Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze, home to the largest number of Michelangelo sculptures in the world, including *David*
- A walking tour of the medieval town of Assisi, birthplace of Sts. Francis and Clare, including a visit to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi—one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Italy
- A tour of the Vatican Museums which house some of the world's most important collections of art (included will be a visit to the Sistine Chapel)
- A visit to St. Peter's Basilica, including the *Pietà*
- A tour of the Colosseum and its arena floor, the Roman Forum.
- A tentative weekly Papal Audience and Blessing (subject to the Holy Father's schedule)
- Visits to the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain
- Visits to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

## SAINT CECILIA PARISH

# MAY FAR-FLUNG FLOCK CALL

Sunday, May 5 | 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom



Please Note: It was previously announced that Fr. John would be the Far-Flung Flock monthly call's guest in May, but unfortunately, there's been a change in plans. However, we are confident you will enjoy meet-

ing Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, pastoral director of operations here at Saint Cecilia!

Saint Cecilia Parish's Far-Flung Flock leadership is excited to welcome Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, pastoral director of operations at Saint Cecilia Parish, to our May 5 online coffee hour for a Meet and Greet. We are excited for this opportunity to get to know Nicole better hear about her personal journey. Please join us for this informal chat and learn what her role entails and where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions or share ideas!

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). There is no 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 FFF Ministry to confirm your email address.

# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00—8:00 p.m. (First Tuesday of Every Month) | Sanctuary Open to: Everyone

Join us for our monthly Night of Worship and Adoration (at our usual time of 7:00—8:00 p.m.). Celebrate the risen presence of Jesus 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.* 

# 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.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWLS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Thanks to your support in the past year, CRS touched the lives of more than 120 million poor and vulnerable people in more than 110 countries around the world.

On the weekend of May 4–5, we ask that you to return your Lenten rice bowls. Even if you have not used the actual cardboard rice bowl to collect funds, you can still donate by making a check payable to "Catholic Relief Services." When you give, you help fill the bellies of young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors. You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. When you give, refugees find safety and receive emergency assistance and trauma counseling. Farmers learn innovative ways to plant and grow crops despite drought or disease. And women find dignity in opportunities for savings and training. Learn more at www.CRS.org.

# A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restrooms alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in an urban building that is open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.

### SAINT CECILIA PARISH

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA MAY 5 - MAY 12

Sunday, May 5
Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
[FULL] VIRTUS Training, 1:00 p.m. | Community Room
Far-Flung Flock Coffee Hour, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom
SCYA Contemplative Prayer, 5:00 p.m.
Community Room
Last Pizza Sunday (Until Fall) Following 6:00 p.m. Mass!

Monday, May 6
Knitting Ministry Meeting, 3:30–4:30 p.m. | Zoom SCYA Women's Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Tuesday, May 7
Saint Cecilia Holy Hour, 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 8

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

Communion Circle, 4:00 p.m. | Mt. Pleasant

Rainbow Ministry LGBTQ+ Space to Share, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9
Communion Circle at Hale House, 4:00 p.m.
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom
New Parishioner and Ministry Appreciation Party,
6:00–7:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

Sunday, May 12 Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom

# 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, contact Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish email address or call her at 617-536-4548 X117.

# DAYTIME EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Looking for rest and a deeper prayer life? Come spend quiet time in adoration at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, located down the street at 1105 Boylston Street. They host daytime Eucharistic adoration weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and weekends from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., open to all. For afterhours adoration and more information, please email <a href="mailto:qcunningham@omvusa.org">qcunningham@omvusa.org</a>. Hope you'll join us!



# FATHER JOHN TO RECEIVE CATHOLIC MEMORIAL'S BLESSED EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE AWARD

Catholic Memorial's Gala will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood on Friday, May 10, 2024. The evening will honor the Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award recipient, Father John Unni, and raise essential funding for scholarships.

Fundraising on behalf of Father John will support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, which honors his deep commitment to faith, learning, service, and the Boston Fire Department. This scholarship will support a student from a family employed by Boston Fire who is interested in serving the marginalized. We invite you to support this highly impactful event and make a difference in the lives of young men. For more information about tickets, sponsorships and to support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.catholicmemorial.org/gala or call Stephanie Truesdell, CM's Director of Institutional Advancement at (617) 469-8036.

# SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Spring is traditionally the time of year when the majority of the nonprofit agencies Saint Cecilia supports through our Hunger & Homelessness Ministry have their most critical fundraisers. We invite you to learn more below.

# Friday, May 10

Eat Lunch Give — Women's Lunch Place
Location: Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental | Information about the event:
<a href="https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give">https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give</a>

# Monday, May 13

*Medicine that Matters Gala* — *Boston Health Care for the Homeless*Location: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel | Information about the event: <a href="https://www.bhchp.org/events/2024-gala/">https://www.bhchp.org/events/2024-gala/</a>

# Sunday, May 19

Elderbration — Friendship Works
Location: Jamaica Pond | Information about the event:
<a href="https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration2024/">https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration2024/</a>

# Wednesday, May 29

Spring Celebration — Catholic Charities
Location: Wharf Room, Boston Harbor Hotel | Information about the event:
<a href="https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration-2024/">https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration-2024/</a>



For more information about any of these events, please email our Hunger and Homelessness Ministry at their parish email address.











# 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 contact the ministry via their parish email address.

# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

We invite you to make your voice heard by voting for THREE (3) new members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Here's how it works:

Starting Saturday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. you can visit <a href="www.stceciliaboston.org/our-councils/">www.stceciliaboston.org/our-councils/</a> and fill out the form at the bottom of the page by selecting up to three candidates. Be sure to hit "submit." The page will reload and you'll receive a confirmation message at the bottom of the page when your votes are sent.

VOTING IS OPEN FROM SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 5:00 P.M. TO MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 9:00 A.M.



Cathy Anderson: Saint Cecilia is my spiritual home! I joined the parish 16 years ago. I was a member of the choir and am now a lector. I've also contributed to the parish in other ways—the Racial and Social Justice Ministry, the Hunger and Homeless Ministry, and the Adult Faith Commission. Before moving to Boston, I was director of music for the Penn State Catholic Community and was deeply involved in the liturgy. I am a convert to Catholicism and feel that I can add a broad perspective to most issues. I feel a special connection to Saint Cecilia since my husband's grandmother (born in 1890) was a parishioner. In short, Saint Cecilia has given me so much. I would like to be able to give back. I feel that I can do that by being on the Parish Council. I am a nurse practitioner and especially enjoy working with people.



Aubrey Hartnett: I've been part of Saint Cecilia's since 2012. In that time, I have been involved in the choir, the Young Families ministry, the Racial Equity Team, and other activities. My children and I typically come to the 9:30 Mass from East Boston. As a longtime parishioner raising my family in this community, Saint Cecilia's has been an essential source of spiritual and other support, as well as a place where I have been able to put my faith into action at whatever phase of life I have been in. I hope to serve on the Pastoral Council to be a voice for other multifaith and multicultural families, as well as to bring my experience and expertise in various ministries and leadership, including as a lay Marianist, to deepen opportunities for spiritual and community growth within the parish for folks of all backgrounds. I look forward to meeting those I do not already know—I am always happy to connect with more of our community!



Olivia Hastie: I have been a member of Saint Cecilia since 2022, served on staff as the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation, and volunteer as a catechist for seventh/eighth grade and adult confirmation candidates. I attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and often spend most of my Sundays catching up with friends at the coffee hour. Saint Cecilia has been an integral piece of my life since moving into Boston, and I would be so grateful to serve the parish in this role. This spring, I'll receive my Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University and I'll begin doctoral study in theological ethics at Boston College this fall. My research centers diversity, equity, and inclusion in the context of the Catholic tradition, and I hope to bring this study to practical fruition on the PPC. I am also the program associate for FutureChurch, an organization focused on creating equitable spaces for all Catholics to participate in Church life.



Sabrena Tufts: I am deeply rooted in the fabric of Saint Cecilia Parish, where my faith journey has flourished since my confirmation two years ago. As a regular attendee of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, coffees, and parish events, St. Cecilia's is not just my church; it's a vital part of my life in Boston. My involvement in the Hunger and Homeless Ministry reflects my commitment to addressing hunger relief and food insecurity, through volunteer work at Catholic Charities, Community Servings, and Pine Street Inn. Drawing from my time living in Manhattan and Washington, DC, I bring a rich tapestry of experiences and a diverse perspective to the Parish Pastoral Council. As a seasoned communications professional, I am eager to leverage my skills to foster community engagement and contribute to the growth and evolution of our beloved parish. Serving on the PPC would be an honor, allowing me to deepen my connection with St. Cecilia's and further enrich our collective journey of faith.

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Andre Jones: Saint Cecilia holds an integral place in my spiritual journey, helping me center my life by accepting the teachings of Jesus Christ and providing an avenue for my desire to provide service when and where it is requested and needed. I have been a proud parishioner for 10+ years typically attending the 9:30 a.m. Mass. During my time at Saint Cecilia, I have participated in Open Doors (when that was a ministry), as a board member of St Cecilia/McBride House since 2016, and currently serve as a Greeter. Recently, a current member of the Council asked whether I would be interested in running for a position on the Council. Consistent with my philosophy, my candidacy was requested so I am expressing my desire to fulfill this service role at Saint Cecilia. My full-time job is at *Nuestra Comunidad* in Roxbury, where I am engaged in the mission of developing affordable housing. I live in Somerville with my partner, Colleen.



Greg Drake: A member of the parish since 2010, you can usually find me at 9:30 Mass with my wife Kathleen, and our daughters Maggie and Patty. As a high school history teacher, I've been humbled by my work teaching 1st, 3rd, and 4th graders over the past three years in our Faith Formation program. The recent growth in that program is a true testament to the vibrancy of our parish. For me, the most important aspect of life at Saint Cecilia is the strong determination to put our faith into action. Whether through the various service ministries or the small kindnesses before and after Mass, parishioners clearly believe that to build a just society, actions are as important as words. If elected I look forward to working with Father John and the council to strengthen our programs by engaging the inclusive, dynamic community that is St. Cecilia's.



Jennifer Crumlish: My family and I found Saint Cecilia's during COVID and have been regular Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass goers since then, proudly calling Saint C's our faith home. You may recognize us as the family of four young children, who often split up between upstairs and downstairs depending on the moods of the day. We looked for a while to find a parish with a vibrant community, that truly welcomes children and larger families, and with a strong faith formation program. This is it! It is rare (and special) to find a church where we can comfortably sit in the pews, with our smallest children on the floor playing puzzles, and not feel out of place. Sundays truly feel like an escape from the chaos of life for us, an opportunity to reconnect with God, each other, and our Saint C's family. And the pastries are an added bonus.:)





James Wynn: My name is James Wynn and I have been a parishioner at Saint Cecilia since 2018 when I moved to Boston. You'll see me most often at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and I serve on the Eucharistic Ministry team within the parish. For me, Saint Cecilia is my spiritual home and epitomizes community and openness. I am choosing to run for Parish Council to bring a young lens to support and enhance continued growth and the vibrant initiatives the parish stands for and supports. Saint Cecilia emulates a sense of community that encourages me to celebrate Mass weekly and get to know others at the coffee hour after Mass. I hope to continue to add to this community and be provided the opportunity on Parish Council to serve the church in new ways.

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Ray Marsh: I have been a parishioner at St. Cecilia's since 2016. You may see me helping out on Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Mass as a Eucharistic Minister. I found St. Cecilia's in 2016, a month after my grandfather passed. I was disconnected from my faith and was looking for a new spiritual home, that was vibrant and welcoming. I found that here and was truly moved by the spirit since day 1. The music, the community, Father John and the staff all make this a special place for us all. Since the pandemic, we have seen this community grow both in person and online. This spirit of God is alive here and many people need our faith community in their lives. I am running for Pastoral Council to continue to serve God and this faith community. Together, we can walk in faith and continue to spread the word that all are welcome here.



Abby Rapillo: I've been attending Saint Cecilia's for two years. In that time, I have had the opportunity to engage with a wide swath of ministries, from ministering the Holy Eucharist, to the Rainbow Ministry, to the Young Adults' group, and the homelessness ministry. Being involved in a parish was something I missed deeply before arriving at St. C's. In my many moves across the country, I've had varying levels of involvement in parishes, due to my own queer identity being perceived as a barrier in many communities. My aunt, a member of the Far-Flung Flock, first told me about St. C's, a church that had a wide variety of ministries opportunities and would embrace me exactly as I am, and I am so grateful. Service and community have always been how I connect with my faith, and I want to continue the tradition of welcoming here.



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."

**What:** Simeon and Anna Seniors Gathering **When:** Thursday, May 30, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Every Other Week Following

Where: Saint Cecilia Parish

Questions? Email Lucy Conroy

(seniors@stceciliaboston.org)

## SAINT CECILIA PARISH



I grew up in a very small town in rural Pennsylvania, where everyone knew each other. My dad was a pillar of the community. He owned a small business, raised eight kids there with my mom, and was an active volunteer. Shortly after he died, the former postmaster in my hometown wrote a condolence note to my mom. He shared that he had moved to the area with his family to take over the job at the post office. After a long day of unpacking boxes, he took his young children out for ice cream as a reward. New to town, he found one of the few places still open after 5:00 p.m. After his kids ordered, he realized he did not have his wallet. He turned to his children to explain that they would need to run home to get money before they could eat their ice cream. My dad took notice of the situation and told the woman at the counter, "He's with me." He proceeded to pay for these strangers' ice creams. In a small town, it is easy to tell who is a newcomer or an outsider and to be leery of them. Yet, my dad just saw another dad who wanted to give his kids ice cream, and he chose to be welcoming.

I imagine my dad and Peter had the same mentality. In the first reading, when questioned why the Gentiles were there, I can hear Peter saying, "They're with me." God shows no partiality when it comes to love. We hear that the believers "who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also." You can bet they asked, "Why them?" Now I can pretend I would have reacted better; however, I often fall into the trap of judging others.

Do you ever do the same? Who in your life do you struggle with and are astounded that they receive the same abundant love from God as everyone else? This person could be a relative—the one that gives you a pit in your stomach when their name pops up on your phone. This person could be the neighbor that always has a passive-aggressive remark about your lawn, your noise level, or your garbage bin placement. It could also be the person next to you in the pew—the one who worships differently than you. At times, it may even be ourselves. Servant of God Dorothy Day reminds us all that, "I only really love

God as much as the person I love the least." God asks us to love all people regardless of who they are, and to apply love generously. Everybody is always welcome to this expansive love, even if our human reaction to others receiving this love gets in the way.

Today's Gospel reminds us that love stems from a commitment. Jesus' commandment is to form relationships —a relationship with God and relationships with people. Loving relationships require time and effort and are not always convenient. They ask us to prioritize the Divine and people over material possessions or appearances. This commitment to others and to God changes our actions. It effects how we spend our time, where we put our money, how we pray, how we care for our common home, and how we serve the most vulnerable. Jesus modeled this love throughout his life. He sat with the sick, dying, poor, outcast, lonely, and forgotten, and entered into relationship with them so they knew love. In turn, Jesus calls us to do the same.

Sometimes we get in our own way. The lure of wealth, power, knowledge, and prestige hinder our ability to love. David Brooks writes about the difference between résumé virtues and eulogy virtues. We often worry about appearing the best that we forget we should simply love the best.

When we open our eyes to see the expansiveness of God's love in the people that surround us, we draw into a deeper relationship with the Divine. We cannot always anticipate the impact that each new relationship will have on our lives and vice versa. God is calling us to be open to the love that is waiting for us and to share that love with others. Our small acts of love may make an impact that we only hear about from heaven.

~ Meghan Larsen-Reidy lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and four children. She currently works as a campus minister at three colleges in the Pittsburgh area. Before working in campus ministry, Meghan was a Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry at a parish in Pittsburgh.

# PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

Hours | Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & By Appointment

Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781 Website | www.stceciliaboston.org

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support
Christine Burns, Digital and Print Media Coordinator
Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate
Robert Duff, Director of Music

Carly-Anne Gannon, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation
Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
College Malayah, Director of Figures and Dayslandon

Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance and Development Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, Pastoral Director of Operations Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events

Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate

**Assisting Clergy** 

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ | Rev. Peter Grover, OMV | Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

Music Ministry

Tyler Cesario, Assistant Director of Music Daniel Lamoureux, Vigil Organist Brett Maguire, Parish Organist Pendexter Macdonald, Assistant Organist

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 arround 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!