Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

19 June 2022

The Feeding of the 5000
Laura James
**Saint Cecilia**

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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE | Kyrie from Missa Brevis in D

Zoltán Kodály
(1882-1967)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.
Gloria | Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Collect

Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.
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, amen.
FIRST READING | Genesis 14: 18-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 110: You Are a Priest Forever — Tony Alonso

The Lord’s revelation to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.”  R.

The Lord will send from Zion
your scepter of power,
rule in the midst of your foes.  R.

With you is princely rule

on the day of your power.
In holy splendor, from the womb before
the dawn,
I have begotten you.  R.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will
not change:
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.”  R.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Franciscan Alleluia — Peter M. Kolar

GOSPEL | Luke 9: 11b-17

HOMILY
NICENE CREED

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

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

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.

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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
To this meal and sacrifice, Lord, you draw us near:

Taste of God’s abundant grace for all gathered here.

In your love you summon us; broken now we come. By your body and your blood, heal us, make us one.

1. May this meal be medicine for the weak, that we may love as you have loved. At this harvest of goodness, may we feast in unity.

2. May this feast bring healing for the poor, that we may serve as you have served. At this table of justice, may we serve in unity.
Eucharistic Prayer

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

* Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte

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.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

Broken for the broken, poured out for the poor:

Blessed feast of God’s creation, given for us all.

Broken for the broken, shared for human-kind, we proclaim your death, O Lord: God’s sacrifice and sign.

Verses

1. For the hungry ones, for the thirsty ones,
2. For the ones abused, for the ones confused,
3. For the voiceless ones, for the helpless ones,
4. For the wounded ones, for the shattered ones,
5. For the ones in chains, for the ones in fear,
6. For the ailing ones, for the hurting ones,
7. As we break this bread, as we take this cup,
8. As we trust your word, as we live your way,
9. Change our hearts, O Lord, give us willing hearts,

for the lonely ones, you call us to serve, to be
for the ones refused, you call us to love, to be
for the homeless ones, you call us to speak, to be
for the tired ones, you call us to help, to be
for the ones in debt, you call us to give, to be
for the dying ones, you call us to care, to be
as we share this meal, you call us to change, to be
as we walk by faith, you call us to share, to be
hearts that recognize the courage to serve and share

D.C.

1.-8. Christ for each other, broken for the world.
9. Christ with each other, broken for the world.
CONCLUDING RITES

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

* May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

* Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL
POSTLUDE| Prelude from “Prelude and Fugue on a Ukrainian Folk Melody”  Nestor Nizhankowsky

Nestor Nizhankowsky was a piano virtuoso and composer from Lviv, Ukraine. He fought in World War One and was the first chairman the Union of Ukrainian Professional Musicians. He taught at the Lysenko School of Music in Lviv.

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

Saturday, June 18 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

Sunday, June 19 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Bob Mann, lector

Sunday, June 19 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Natasha Bolton-Pierre, Hannah Ostwald, and Catherine Horsley, lectors

Sunday, June 19 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
James Paradis and Kelly McClintock, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 19 | 9:30 a.m.
Patricia McAvoy Griffith, 3rd Anniversary
Doug Gorman, Memorial
Henry K. Mngerem, Special Intention
Dr. Gerry Doyle, 3rd Anniversary
Sr. Ann Kelley, Memorial

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Brad Griffith in loving memory of his wife Patty.

ST. JOSEPH AND THE CHILD JESUS
John Collier
Joseph dressed as a carpenter with the Child Jesus standing beside him. Jesus holds a plumb line to say that He, as the Plumb Line, is a fixed point against which all else can be measured.
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Bob Roppolo, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrenan, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Stephen Grey of Boston, Meredith Whalen and Thomas Butler of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Katherine Lowrie of Belmont, Shaun Slusarski of Boston, Lincoln Lamberton of Boston, Aaron Parayno of Malden, D. M. Byrne of Boston, and Regan O’Donnell of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

Pray for All the Members of Our Parish
As we celebrate the feast of the Lord’s Body and Blood, pray for the community of Saint Cecilia, that through our sharing in the Eucharist we may be transformed more and more into the Body of Christ and will always reverence one another as members of his body.

Second Collection
This week’s second collection, Promoting the Gospel, supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts. To donate, please visit: https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/cchd-and-ccc-second-collection.

Happy Pride Month!
Saint Cecilia wishes a Happy Pride to our LGBTQ+ siblings. Thank you for the courage you show in living lives of authenticity and for reminding us all that love always wins. May we never forget that every one of us is made in the beautiful image of God and is entitled to be treated with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity" ~Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Thank You
Thank you for turning in your Rice Bowls! Over the last few weeks we’ve collected $2,008 for CRS’ vital work. Thank you very much!

Happy Father’s Day!
Today is Father’s Day—a good time to give thanks to God for our dads, living and deceased. We remember all fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and all those men who have been like fathers to us. May St. Joseph pray for all of them. Some years ago, a study demonstrated that while spirituality is transmitted to children primarily through a mother’s influence, religious "practice" was most effectively passed along through a father’s example. Happy Father’s Day to all who are celebrating!

Juneteenth & Office Closure
Last year, President Biden declared June 19th a national holiday in commemoration of the day news of the abolition of slavery finally reached Texas. It took nearly two and a half years after President Lincoln declared emancipation. On this day, let us reflect on the ways that racism continues to oppress, and pray for change, both big and small. In observation of Juneteenth the parish offices will be closed on Monday. For pastoral emergencies, please call 857-317-3833, otherwise we look forward to getting back to you on Tuesday.

A PRAYER FOR JUNETEENTH

We pray, O Lord, for change.
Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds,
and we encounter you still today in the faces of those
whom society has pushed to the margins.
Guide us, through the love you revealed,
to establish the justice you proclaimed,
that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace,
united by that one love that binds us to each other, and
to you.
And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and
work into genuine encounter with you and our better
selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of
all.
Amen
WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group meets weekly—in person from 10:00–11:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, and on Zoom from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on all other Sundays. Please RSVP for the location, Zoom link, and more info going forward. Anyone who is in the second half of life is welcome to join. The current book for the Zoom group is The Meaning of Mary Magdalene by Cynthia Bourgeault of The Center for Action and Contemplation. To RSVP please email Deb Garcia at sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com.

WORKSHOP WITH WAMPAANOAG HISTORIAN & EDUCATOR

Saturday, July 23 | 2:00-5:00 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for an interactive workshop led by Aquinnah Wampanoag author and educator Linda Coombs to learn the history and life ways of our Native American neighbors. This workshop will take place in-person at Saint Cecilia. Co-sponsored by the Social & Racial Justice Ministry & MA Catholics for Indigenous Rights, space is limited to 25 participants. To register and for more information contact Linden Jenkins at lindajenkins177@yahoo.com.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

Please keep in mind that two of our nonprofit partner agencies have an ongoing need for donations of travel-size toiletries. Individual size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and soap are always needed. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant (none of which can typically be found in a hotel room!) are also always in demand. Donated toiletries need to be unused, of course, and there are plastic bins in the narthex for donations. The two agencies are: Women’s Lunch Place (www.womenslunchplace.org) and Y2Y Youth Shelter (www.Y2YNetwork.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 quite 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.

JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SAINT CECILIA HOUSE & ROBERT McBRIDE HOUSE

The Board of Directors is currently seeking new members who would consider taking on a volunteer commitment to provide oversight and strategic direction for Saint Cecilia House and Robert McBride House, both in the nearby Fenway neighborhood. These residences were originally sponsored by Saint Cecilia Parish and the current board members collaborate with the management company to provide the residents with affordable housing that is well managed as well as with services that foster community among the residents. The board also reviews current financial and operational reports and strategizes around future development in this rapidly changing area.

The board of directors is made up of eleven voting members, including one member appointed from the pastoral staff, and provide their oversight and direction in the spirit of the ongoing mission of the parish. The board meets every other month and members are requested to regularly be present for these meetings. Meetings are planned to continue in a hybrid format going forward so interested individuals may also participate remotely. New members are asked to commit to a three-year term that may then be renewed. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who may have an interest in developing their knowledge and skills as a board member or continuing to utilize these skills by participating in neighborhood or other types of community development opportunities.

If you would like to further explore this volunteer opportunity, please contact Ed DeMers (edward_demers@hotmail.com), who currently serves as the President of the Board, for additional information. A time will then be arranged for you to meet with other members of the current board to explore this opportunity. Saint Cecilia House and McBride House are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and both residences were developed to provide safe, dignified housing for some of Boston’s seniors and persons with disabilities.
Are you interested in a year of post-grad service?

Recently a small group of parishioners and staff visited our partners at Red Cloud in South Dakota. We’ll be sharing more about all that we learned and saw, but in the meantime wanted to share this volunteer opportunity with you!

Are you a recent college grad interested in making an impact in students’ lives? In giving a year to service? And immersing yourself in Lakȟóta culture? Our young adult volunteers serve for 1-3 years as teachers, bus drivers, coaches, and much more. Volunteers live in intentional communities with one another and center their lives and service around the pillars of justice, community, spirituality, and simplicity, supporting the Lakȟóta Catholic mission of Red Cloud School, located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

If interested, please check out the website and send a cover letter and resume to volunteer@redcloudschool.org to get the process started. You do not have to have a background in education, as many of our volunteers apply for an alternative certification that allows them to teach!

A Catholic Charities Request

For nearly 100 years, Sunset Point Camp, operated by our friends at Catholic Charities, has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 children from low-income, aged 6-13 from Greater Boston. 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 seeking sunscreen donations. So the next time you’re out, please pick up an extra tube of sunscreen and dropping it in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. The higher SPF number, the better. They also need kids’ flip-flops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12.

SUMMER EVENTS AT BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

THE 21ST ANNUAL EVELYN UNDERHILL LECTURE IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Christian Spirituality as a Resource in Polarized Time
Presenter: Julie Hanlon Rubio, Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Santa Clara University
Saturday, July 9 | 10:00-11:45 a.m. | Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room 113 | Attend in person (space is limited) or virtually | Registration Required | Free of charge

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

JOIN US AT COMMUNITY SERVINGS

We have an upcoming opportunity for volunteers to assist in preparing and packaging free, nutritious meals for those who are homebound with life-threatening illnesses throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Eight volunteers are needed on Friday, July 1 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us even if you can’t be there until a bit later than 4:00 p.m.

No culinary skills are needed to make a difference, but volunteers need to be at least thirteen years of age and free of COVID and its symptoms. Community Servings is conveniently located next to the Stony Brook T Station in Jamaica Plain. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mark Lippolt at: mark.lippolt@gmail.com.
“The Lord assigns me to these organizations,” explains Mrs. Jumaada Abdal-Khallaq Henry Smith, J.D., a member of the ANubian Notion, Inc. family. Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith is a busy Catholic, both at her home parish of Saint Katharine Drexel in Dorchester and in the Greater Boston community. However, at the heart of everything she does is her faith. She is led by prayer to answer God’s call. She does nothing merely to be busy, but is Spirit-led.

For the past ten years, her response to the Spirit has included serving as Chairperson of the Boston Juneteenth Committee (BJC). The celebration grew out of the Juneteenth awareness of Mr. Ben Haith and Mr. Ralph Browne. Mr. Browne, a well-known community figure, decided to gather a small group of people including Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith, to formalize the mission of educating people about Juneteenth as well as the existence of The National Center of Afro-American Artists (NCAAA) Museum in Boston. The group represents people with different skills, mindsets and talents. After Mr. Browne’s death in 2012, it was unanimous that Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith would serve as chairperson of the committee, a role she has faithfully served in ever since.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Observance Day, celebrates the “end of slavery” in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and read General Order #3, announcing to the 250,000 enslaved people there that they were free. The Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln, had taken effect on January 1, 1863 but news did not reach the enslaved people of Texas until the arrival of General Granger two and a half years later.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart … and He will make straight your path,” (Proverbs 3:5,6) is the scripture that remains dear to Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith’s heart as she continues to answer God’s call. From her younger days in Texas, where a white coworker called out the word “Juneteenth” as a derogatory slur to her as she passed by, to returning to Boston to serve as the Chairperson of the BJC, and all the years in between, her path could only be known by God.

“I grew up hearing the stories of Juneteenth from older generations,” says Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith. “People in Texas, would get a new outfit and go ‘to the country’ to celebrate with a huge reunion.” While attending Law School in Texas in the late 1970s she worked with a group to march and support the movement to help Juneteenth become a recognized holiday. In 1980, Texas became the first state in the country to recognize Juneteenth as an official holiday.

“God took me and directed my path,” she explains. “It was
like God was prepping me to one day be doing some of the work that Mr. Browne was doing. We decided that on June 19th, no matter what day it fell on, we would reverence June nineteenth,” says Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith. The committee celebrated its first Juneteenth Emancipation Observance on June 19, 2011 and has done so every year, no matter what. Even during the height of COVID, when the group had to shift gears and go virtual, the celebration continued.

On June 19, 2022 the 12th Annual Juneteenth Emancipation Observance, presented by the Boston Juneteenth Committee and the National Center of Afro-American Artists, will be held, including a small parade beginning at 1:00 pm. This year’s theme is “Purposeful Action Anchored in Truth.” The parade ends at the NCAAA Museum located at 300 Walnut Avenue in Roxbury. Their grounds open at 2:30 p.m. for fun and activities for all. The formal 90-minute program will begin at 4:00 p.m. The day includes re-enactors from the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (the second African American unit to fight in the Civil War), a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, Keynote Speaker Rachel Rollins, US Attorney for Massachusetts, entertainment, the Spoken Word, and much more. Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) will go live with the event.

“I know the importance of Juneteenth because it’s our history,” explains Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith. “It’s not just a ‘Black’ thing. It’s American history. We need to know about it. We need to contemplate and concentrate. You know how during the celebration of Mass we say (in the very beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) ‘it is right and just?’ The onus is on us to do what God tells us is right and just.” She encourages people of all races to make a point to honor this important moment in American history.

After viewing the movie Harriet about the life of Harriet Tubman, Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith found the movie inspiring and sees parallels to the ongoing struggle against racism. “When you look at the drive of that woman and what God called her to do and what she did … Black people ran, Harriet had a gun but along the way white people helped put them in the wagon and bring them to safety. We worked together and that’s what it’s going to take.”

Although slavery has ended, the sin of racism persists and Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith feels there is more work to be done by our Catholic Church. Although documents on the sin of racism such as “On Racial Harmony” in 1963, “Brothers and Sisters to Us” in 1979 and “Open Wide Our Hearts” in 2018 have tried to address racism, it is time to directly attack this sin. “This is wrong,” she states. “The church has to roll up its sleeves, even more so, and sit at the table with Black Catholics like myself and have a real conversation. If we really mean it, we must do something about it.”

As an African descendant of enslaved people, she can trace a side of her family tree back eight generations, to identify “Mama Charlotte” who herself remembers, at the age of four, coming over on a boat. Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith points out that African descendants of enslaved people still fight for acceptance to this day. “We had a language,” she says. “We were stripped of our language. We do not have a common language. It vexes my spirit.”

On June 17, 2021 President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, creating Juneteenth as an official federal holiday. “To see Juneteenth an official holiday is music to my ears. It is fuel to my soul. To see it listed as a federal holiday, States can’t fudge it. To be a part of the events in Texas and then to come home and be a part of Boston Juneteenth and see it come to fruition means the world to me.”

“Whatever I do, I pray that I am spiritually led to be a part of it,” says Mrs. A-K. Henry Smith. “I try to literally go to God in prayer first. When God sends you to do something and you say ‘send me,’ you are blessed.”

For more information on this year’s Boston Juneteenth Emancipation Observance please visit the website www.bostonjuneteenth.com

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“Jesus does not prefer exclusive, selective places. He looks for places untouched by love, untouched by hope. Those uncomfortable places are where he wants to go and he asks us to prepare his way...All of us know people who are lonely, troubled and in need: they are abandoned tabernacles. Jesus became bread broken for our sake; in turn, he asks us to give ourselves to others, to live no longer for ourselves but for one another. The Eucharist is translated into life when we pass beyond ourselves to those all around us.”

—Pope Francis, Corpus Christi, 2018
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**Schedule for Liturgy**
**Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday** | 8:00 a.m.
**Lord’s Day** | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m
**Holy Days** | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in-person and livestreamed.

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

**Faith Formation for Children**
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pricing**
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $11, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $14 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

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