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*Corpus Christi*

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Cena Ecológica by Cerezo Barredo

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PRELUDE

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | I am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan, RSM



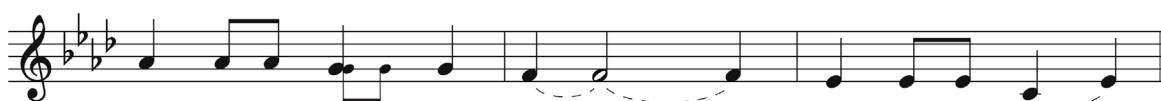
1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Bread of life. You who  
2. The bread that \_\_\_\_\_ I will give is my  
3. Un - less \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ eat of the  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we be - lieve that \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yo soy el Pan de Vi - da. A mí  
2. El pan que \_\_\_\_\_ yo da - ré es mi  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Si us - te - des no co - men la \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Yo soy la \_\_\_\_\_ Re - su - rrec - ción, \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Sí, Se - ñor, cre - e - mos que \_\_\_\_\_



come to me shall not hun - ger; \_\_\_\_\_ and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ am the life. \_\_\_\_\_ If you be -  
you \_\_\_\_\_ are the Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

ven - gan: \_\_\_\_\_ no ten - drán ham - bre. \_\_\_\_\_ En mí  
car - ne, la vi - da del mun - do. \_\_\_\_\_ Los que  
car - ne del Hi - jo del Hom - bre, \_\_\_\_\_ y no  
Yo \_\_\_\_\_ soy la Vi - da. \_\_\_\_\_ Si en  
tú e - res \_\_\_\_\_ el Me - sí - as, \_\_\_\_\_ el \_\_\_\_\_



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat of this bread, you shall live for  
drink of his blood, and drink of his  
lieve in me, e - ven though you  
Son of God, Who has  
cre - an: no ten-drán sed. Na - die vie - ne a  
co - men de es - te pan vi - vi - rán por  
be - ben de su san - gre, no be - ben de su  
mí us - te - des cre - en, aun - que ha - yan  
Hi - jo de Dios, que has ve - ni - do al

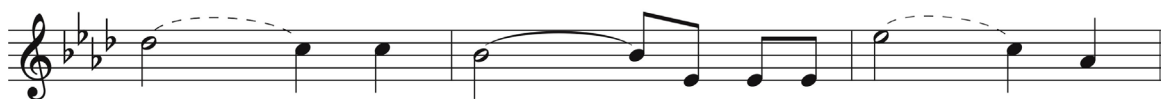


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.  
die, you shall live for ev - er.  
come in - to the world.  
mí si mi Pa - dre no lo a - tra - e.  
siem - pre, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.  
san - gre, no po - drán te - ner mi vi - da.  
muer - to, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.  
mun - do pa - ra re - di - mir - nos.

#### Refrain / Estribillo



And I will raise you up, and I will  
Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re -



raise you up, and I will raise you  
su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re - su - ci - ta -



up on the last day.  
ré en el dí - a fi - nal.

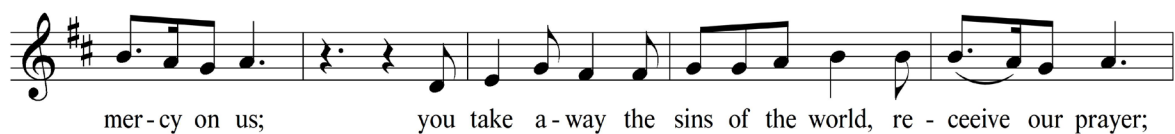
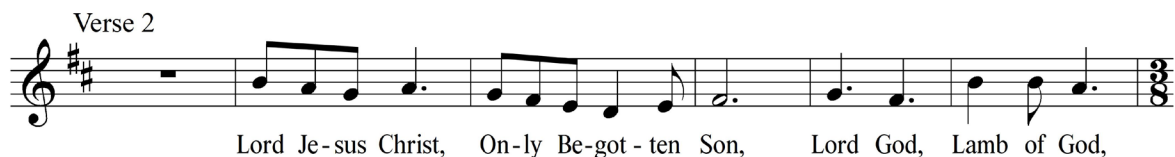
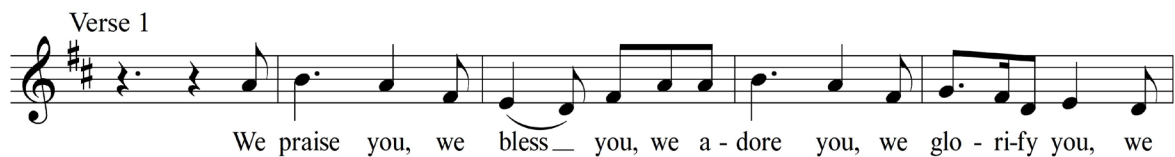
## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

## GLORIA | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



Verse 3

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

COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Exodus 24: 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 116: I Will Take the Cup of Salvation

Tony Alonso

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion, and  
call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant am I, the son of your handmaid; you have loosened my bonds.
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I will make; I will call on the name of the Lord.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people.

SECOND READING | Hebrews 9: 11-15



GOSPEL | Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

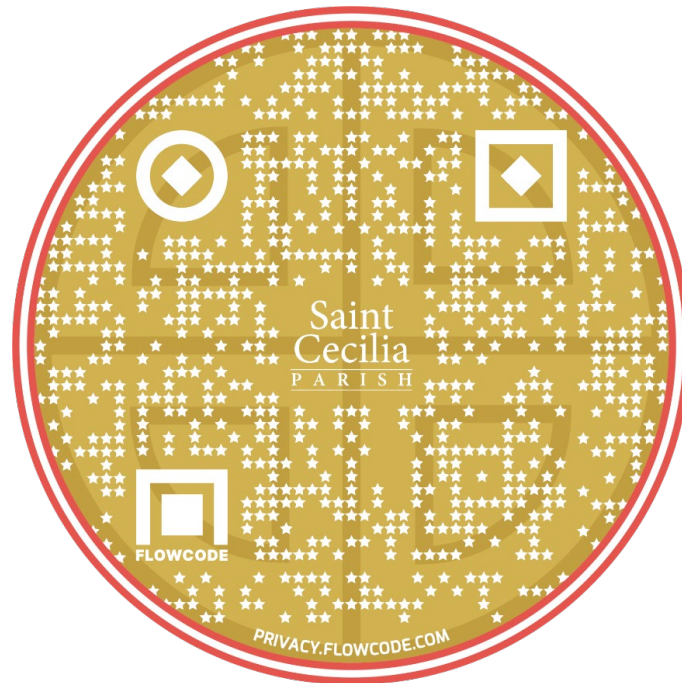
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit [www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston](http://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 | Come to the Feast

Bob Moore

Refrain / Estribillo



Come, come to the ban - quet. Come,  
Ven, ven al ban - que - te. Ven a la  
Bilingual: Ven, ven al ban - que - te. Ven a la



come to the feast. Here the hun - gry find plen -  
fies - ta de Dios. Los que tie - nen ham -  
fies - ta de Dios. Here the hun - gry find plen -



ty, here the thirst-y shall drink, here at the  
bre y sed se - rán sa - cia - dos. Ven a la  
ty, here the thirst-y shall drink. Ven a la



sup - per of Je - sus, come to the feast.  
ce - na de Cris - to, ven a la fies - ta de Dios.  
ce - na de Cris - to, come to the feast.

1.-6. To verses  
A las estrofas



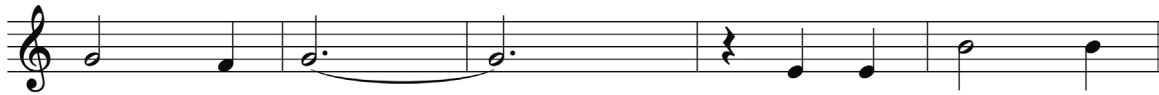
feast, come to the feast.  
Dios, ven a la fies - ta de Dios.  
feast, come to the feast.



Verses / Estrofas



1. Like the child whose fish - es and loaves fed the  
 2. 'Til the seed is giv - en to earth, it is  
 3. In the stran - ger by our side, in the  
 1. ¿Quién le pue - de dar de co - mer a la  
 2. Hay que dar - se a mo - rir pa - ra  
 3. Los des - am - pa - ra - dos ven - drán a par -



mul - ti - tude, in the Lord the  
 just one grain; but once sown its  
 least and last, in the thirst for  
 mul - ti - tud? Con Je - sús, al  
 co - se - char, las se - mi - llas  
 tir el pan y ve - rán su



lit - tle we have, bro - ken and shared, be -  
 death brings new birth, the har - vest is rich; what's  
 jus - tice we share, Christ is here in the  
 com - par - tir lo po - co que hay, re - ci -  
 de li - ber - tad y re - su - rrec - ción, la pro -  
 dig - ni dad de nue - vo en Je - sús, Sal - va -



comes a - bun - dant food.  
 lost is raised a - gain.  
 break - ing of the bread.  
 bi - mos ple - ni - tud.  
 me - sa de vi - vir.  
 dor y Buen Pas - tor.

D.C.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

## HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and'. The second staff contains 'earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is'. The fourth staff contains 'he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. There are triplets marked with a '3' over the notes 'san - na!' in the second and third staves. A 'Fine' marking is placed above the third staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your'. The second staff contains 'Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.'. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## LAMB OF GOD | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat-tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

## Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

*O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;  
 recolitur memoria passionis ejus;  
 mens impletur gratia;  
 et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
 Alleluia!*

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;  
 the memorial of his passion is renewed;  
 the soul is filled with grace;  
 and a pledge of future glory is given to us.  
 Alleluia!

## 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



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the



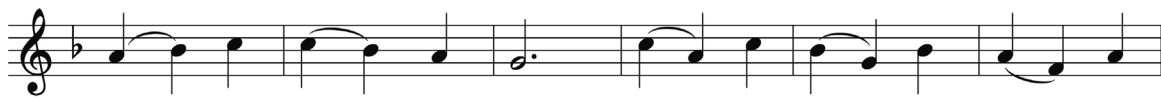
scep - ter, his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the  
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -  
You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry  
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his  
deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the  
flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and



na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## POSTLUDE

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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](mailto:RDuff@stceciliaboston.org).

# WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

### **Saturday, June 1 | 5:00 p.m.**

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

### **Sunday, June 2 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Linda Frayling, lector

### **Sunday, June 2 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Moir Macdonald, Kelly McClintock, and Thomas O'Brien, lectors

### **Sunday, June 2 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Karen McMenamy, Thomas Skorupa, and Bobbi Moran, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, June 1 | 5:00 p.m.**

Mary Botosh, *Memorial*

### **Sunday, June 2 | 9:30 a.m.**

Beirne Lovely, *Anniversary*  
Erick Dill, *1st Anniversary*  
Susan Szum, *Memorial*  
Dr. Louis Alosco, *Memorial*  
Croce Alesci, *Memorial*  
Carol McDonald, *Memorial*

### **Wednesday, June 5 | 8:00 a.m.**

Janelle Savoie, *Memorial*

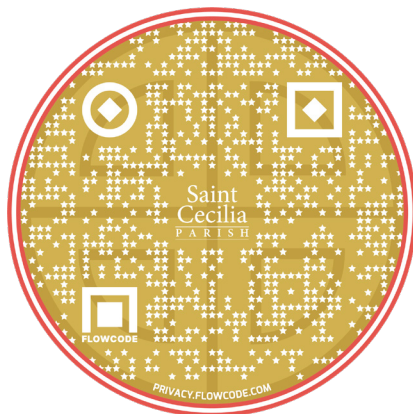
### **Thursday, June 6 | 8:00 a.m.**

Christine Soderstrom, *Memorial*

### **Friday, June 7 | 8:00 a.m.**

Father Jim Brucksch, Father Ron  
Grunowski, and Father Jim Gardiner,  
*55th Anniversary of Ordination*

**SCAN THIS CODE  
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 24:3-8  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 3:9-15  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Deceased

Scott MacDonald's mother died on May 22. Pray for the repose of the soul of **Phyllis MacDonald**, as well as for the consolation of Scott and his family. 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.

## Special Collection This Weekend

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

## 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.

## Happy Birthday, Daniel!

Our Saturday evening Mass organist, **Daniel Lamoureux**, is turning 80 on June 5. Happy Birthday, Daniel!

## 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.

## Summer Coffee Hospitality

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

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

JUNE 2 – JUNE 9

### Sunday, June 2

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

### Monday, June 3

SCYA Women's Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Knitting Ministry Monthly Meeting, 3:30 p.m. | Zoom  
SCYA Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 4

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

### Wednesday, June 5

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Rainbow Ministry LGBTQ+ Space to Share, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, June 6

Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Communion Circle at Susan Balis House, 3:30 p.m.  
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

### Friday, June 7

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

### Sunday, June 9

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



## A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities. They have mentioned to us that they always need donations of the following items for the kids at the camp:

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

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

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## HELP COMMUNITY SERVINGS FEED THEIR CLIENTS THROUGH THEIR DINNERS4DADS FUNDRAISER

Join us in supporting our nonprofit partner Community Servings by celebrating a father figure in your life through their DINNERS4DADS fundraiser!

A \$35 donation sends your recipient a personalized Father's Day card designed by local artist Susy Pilgrim Waters, and a week of nutritious, scratch-made meals to a critically ill neighbor in Massachusetts.

With a \$65 or \$95 donation, you're not just providing two or three weeks of meals to one of Community Servings' clients. You're also giving your recipient a unique Father's Day card and a box of delicious cookies from locally-owned Top Shelf Cookies. See fundraiser details here: <https://ow.ly/9sZ650RG6v4> or go to [www.servings.org](http://www.servings.org).

## 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.

## CLIMATE MUSIC ECHOECO LIVESTREAM PERFORMANCE

Join the Saint Cecilia Climate Justice group on Thursday, June 20, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. for a livestream performance of "Climate," by composer Erik Ian Walker, and a discussion organized by the Climate Music Project. The group will be gathering in person at the arts and education center, Spontaneous Celebrations, in Jamaica Plain (45 Danforth Street). For more information or to get the livestream link to tune in from afar, please email our Climate Justice group at their ministry email address.

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



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

Far-Flung Flock Online Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 2 | 4:00 p.m. ET

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

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

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

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



NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, June 4 | 7:00—8:00 p.m.

(First Tuesday of the Month)

Location: Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to: Everyone

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

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IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)  
NEW ENGLAND: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men aged 50 and better, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming year (September to June). Volunteers generally give two full days a week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston, Worcester, and Providence areas that address issues such as homelessness, education, and immigration.

Get more information and apply by contacting Regional Director Dave Hinchey at [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or visit the IVC New England website at [www.ivcusa.org/newengland](http://www.ivcusa.org/newengland). Interviews for September placements are currently underway.







## CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE MORE WAY TO IGNORE THE HOMELESS

BY ROXANNE DE LA TORRE

***What if it were a criminal offense to have no place to call home?***

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on whether state and local authorities can prosecute homeless or unhoused individuals for violating laws against sleeping outside, setting up tents in public places or residing in their vehicles. The case at hand comes from the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, where enforcement of anti-camping laws was curtailed in 2018 by the Ninth Circuit Court, which ruled that such laws violate the stricture against “cruel and unusual punishment” in the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The city of Grants Pass is asking the Supreme Court to overrule the lower court, and municipalities across the country are bracing themselves for a decision, expected by the end of June, that will affect how local governments are allowed to tackle homelessness.

I work for a small nonprofit organization, one of hundreds in New York City that seeks to support individuals and families experiencing food and housing insecurity. Every day I encounter people who are navigating the city shelter system or are living on the street—sometimes of their own volition and sometimes for reasons very much out of their control. The stories I hear run the gamut, and if I have learned anything in my years of working with unhoused and housing-insecure individuals, it is that nothing is ever black-and-white.

I also acknowledge that New York’s struggles with homelessness are different from those in places like Grants Pass or even large cities like Seattle. By and large, we do not have massive “tent cities” in our public parks or more permanent informal settlements like that of Skid Row in Los Angeles. Like a statewide law in Massachusetts, we have a “right to shelter” law in the city that guarantees a safe and suitable place to sleep off the streets for anyone who needs it, something that advocates in other cities have been urging their communities to consider for many

years. (Note: There have been recent addendums made to this law as it pertains to migrants and asylum-seekers, as housing sites have been filled beyond capacity and the city has struggled to meet its promise to offer shelter, however temporary, to all.)

The law is not a perfect solution. It has helped reduce the number of individuals sleeping outside on the streets, especially during winter, but homelessness is still endemic here in the Big Apple. It may seem to blend into our city canvas differently than in other places, with people often pushed further into the margins and further into invisibility. But in that sense, homelessness is actually the same everywhere in the United States: We are all guilty of a collective willingness to relegate people to living invisible lives in public, choosing to see them only when they begin to inconvenience our own creature comforts and privileges. Organizations like mine are challenging the phenomenon of the faceless, unhoused person and asking all of us to recognize those who have gone unseen.

We know from the Gospels that we do not just see with our eyes. True seeing comes from knowing and understanding individual stories that can transform our hearts and heighten our ability to authentically acknowledge those we might have othered or overlooked. Only when we are able to truly see, hear and come to a greater understanding of those living their lives on the margins can we attempt to offer any semblance of help to them. And as we listen to each story of the unhoused, we come to see that there is no blanket law or solution, including the best-intentioned right-to-shelter policies, that can address the multitude of issues that drive people into homelessness on a daily basis.

There is the war veteran who cannot stay in the shelter in which he has been placed because the noise triggers his PTSD; he chooses to sleep outside, near his methadone clinic, so as not to miss his next appointment. There is the former professional musician who struggles to keep his bipolar disorder under control; he chooses to spend most

nights sleeping on subway cars between busking sessions. There is the migrant family whose 30-day shelter allowance has expired, so their only option is to sleep on the sidewalk outside the shelter-hotel that just evicted them while the city reassesses their asylum application. There is the woman who needs to collect and deposit recyclable bottles to make ends meet, scheduling at least a couple of nights on the street per month in order to gather as many items as possible.

These are just a few examples of the hundreds of stories we encounter each day, and each one makes me ask how we as a society could ever come up with the idea of criminalizing homelessness. This approach is no easier than trying to prosecute every instance of injustice, as the intersections of every -ism in the book drive how people become housing-insecure in the first place.

How can you punish people who have little, or nothing, more to lose? How do you issue a fine if it is just a laughable piece of paper, or arrest someone when a night in jail might just be a welcome respite from the outdoors?

Instead of creating legislation to create more criminal offenses that do less than put a butterfly stitch on a gaping wound, we can redirect our efforts (and our tax dollars) toward humanizing those who are experiencing homelessness. It is not impossible to lower or even completely eliminate (one can dream!) the rising rates of homelessness and housing insecurity in our communities. But this goal requires that we stop relegating people to the sidelines of our society and commit ourselves to no longer allowing people to become invisible in public.

~ Roxanne De La Torre is the director of outreach for Xavier Mission, an organization in New York City supporting those who are experiencing food and housing insecurity. She is also a spiritual director based at the Church of Saint Francis Xavier in Manhattan.



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Generous parishioners have donated a supply of children's books that can be found in a box in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow these during one of our liturgies.

## DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

With summer approaching, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries will be away until September. We hope that you will consider participating in this important ministry during the summer months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges—especially in light of rising food prices. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex. You may wish to follow the example of some of our parishioners and have some of the items above delivered to the parish via Amazon or a similar service. If you choose to, please have them delivered to *Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115*. Thank you!

## JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP!

Our Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two on-line gatherings each week on Zoom. 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 how faith informs and enriches the second half of life. This group is not a book club, but their conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. The group's next book is *The Beatitudes of Peace* by John Dear, a priest in the Diocese of Monterey, California, and peace activist. To request information about meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please email the group at their ministry address.

# 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](http://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  
*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. 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 (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, or Erin Young if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

## Marriage

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

## Care of the Sick

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

## Order of Christian Funerals

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

## Joining Our Community

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

### Please note:

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