The Solemnity of Pentecost

5 June 2022

The Day of Pentecost

Ain Vares
Saint Cecilia
PARISH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRELUDE | Veni Creator Spiritus
Jehan Titelouze
(1563-1633)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | O Spirit, All Embracing
THAXTED

1. O Spirit all-embracing and counsellor all-wise,
   Un-bound ed splendor gracing a shore-less sea of skies:
   Un-failing is your treasure, un-fading your reward;
   Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;
   Come, wind of spring-time blowing, and warm us by your breath.

2. O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,
   You show yourself amazing in un-expect ed place.
   We see you and re-member what once our dreams had been;
   You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
   Undying flame tenacious, burn in your Church a-new.

3. Come, passion’s power holy, your insight here impart,
   And give your servants lowly an understanding heart.
   To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
   To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died.
   In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.
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.

SPRINKLING RITE | Come to the River

Bob Hurd
**GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age**

**Chris De Silva**

**COLLECT**

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Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2
2. Lord 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 on us.

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.
FIRST READING | Acts 2: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit  
Tony Alonso

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, how great you are.  
   How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.

2. You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.  
   You send forth your spirit, and they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

3. May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
   May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I will rejoice in the Lord.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE | Come, Holy Spirit  
Veni Sancte Spiritus  
Richard J. Clark

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
   Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul’s most welcome guest;  
   Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
   Solace in the midst of woe.  
O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
   And our inmost being fill!  
Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
   Nothing free from taint of ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
   Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
   Guide the steps that go astray.  
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue’s sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Franciscan Alleluia

GOSPEL | John 20: 19-23

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.

SUNIVERSAL PRAYER
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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
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 | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

GREAT AMEN | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin
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 | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

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.
COMMUNION MEDITATION |

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 | Come, Holy Ghost

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav’n-ly aid. To fill the hearts which thou hast made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

2. O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav’n-ly gift of God most high, Thou fount of life, And fire of love, And sweet anointing from above. And sweet anointing from above.

3. O Holy Ghost, through thee alone Know we the spir- it with them one; And may the Son un-chang-ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro-ceed. That thou dost from them both pro-ceed.

4. Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, And Holy flow, All gifts that from the spir-it flow. All gifts that from the spir-it flow.

Dmitri Bortniansky was the principal representative of the Ukrainian classical school.

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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.
'Love thy neighbor’ just got a whole lot harder.

This award-winning 2009 documentary chronicles four years (2003–2007) in the life of Saint Patrick Parish in Lawrence, Massachusetts. When Fr. Paul O’Brien arrives as the new pastor, he soon discovers that trying to foster an inclusive community amidst the ethnic tensions in a working-class, multicultural parish would be no mean feat. Scenes from a Parish explores the personal stories of a Catholic parish struggling to reconcile the gospel call to community with the cultural realities of a globalized United States. Scenes from a Parish looks at issues of community, tolerance, and immigration from the perspective of a Catholic priest who is trying to bring his disparate congregation together.

Producer/Director James Rutenbeck will be with us for this showing.

James Rutenbeck’s nonfiction films have screened at various forums including Cinema du Reel, Museum of Modern Art, National Gallery, and the Flaherty Film Seminar. Rutenbeck is a two-time recipient of the Alfred I. du Pont—Columbia University Award for his work as producer of the PBS series Unnatural Causes, about health disparities in the U.S., and Class of ’27, which he executive produced, directed and edited. Class of ’27, about the lives of young children in rural America, is streaming as an Editor’s Pick at The Atlantic. His film Scenes from a Parish aired on the PBS series Independent Lens in 2009. Rutenbeck has been awarded grants from Sundance Documentary Fund, LEF Moving Image Fund, Southern Humanities Media Fund, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. His broadcast editing credits include Zoot Suit Riots, Jimmy Carter, and Roberto Clemente for the PBS series American Experience.

“Steer the faithful, and everyone else, to Scenes from a Parish, a surpassingly lucid documentary. It raises more questions about the church’s place in a changing world—and touches more emotions doing so—than any big-budget studio folderol” (Ty Burr, Boston Globe).
OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, June 4 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Pat Scofield, lector

Sunday, June 5 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Jim Dougherty, lector

Sunday, June 5 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Sarra Hajjaj, and
Emily St. Germain, lectors

Sunday, June 5 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Thomas O'Brien and Zachary Boutin, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 4 | 5:00 p.m.
Catherine Aylward, Memorial

Sunday, June 5 | 9:30 a.m.
James Paul McDonough, Memorial
Beirne Lovely, Memorial
Dr. Louis Alosco, Memorial
Elisa & Mario Alosco, Memorial
Anders Valeur, Special Intention
Andrew Morey, 1st Anniversary
Josephine Caliguire, Anniversary
Erin McKay, Special Intention

TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Pentecost Sunday – June 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in praying for peace in Ukraine, and in all areas of conflict
in our communities, in our country, and in our world.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!
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: Lauren Smith of Melrose and the Fappiano-Nugent Family of Wallingford, Connecticut. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/.

Happy Anniversary!
This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Robert Bienkowski baptized on June 6. May the Lord continue to bless Robert with the grace to live out his baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Robert!

This Week’s Second Collection
This week’s second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Thank you for your generosity and support of these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org. To donate, visit: https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/special-collection-for-seminarians

Celebration of Confirmation
We are delighted to have twelve young men and women being confirmed this afternoon. Please remember to keep them in your prayer.

Happy Pride Month!
Saint Cecilia wishes a Happy Pride to our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. 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.

PPC Elections – TODAY
Elections for the Parish Pastoral Council are happening today by text! Please read pages 7-8 to learn more about who is running, and vote by texting PPCVote followed by an option 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 to 1-833-226-9344. We are electing three new members, so you can vote up to 3 times. Each vote must be texted separately, and each one must be unique to be counted properly. (You can not, for example vote for candidate #1 three times.) Voting is open from Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 9:00 p.m. today ONLY. If you’d like to vote by paper, please tear out the candidate bios pages, and circle the three candidate you with to elect and place the page in the ballot box in the narthex.

Happy Pentecost
The Holy Spirit is described in the Acts of the Apostles as a "strong, driving wind" which fills the house in which the disciples are staying, and, in the Gospel of John, as a gentle breath when the Risen Christ "breathes" on the disciples and gives them the gifts of the Spirit. Both of these passages are read today. The Holy Spirit works in many ways in our lives—at times with great force and also with subtle gentleness. Pray for the ability to listen and be receptive to both the dramatic manifestations, as well as to the quieter ones. They are both God’s voice.

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST
On this feast of Pentecost, pray that the Spirit of God who breathed over the dark chaos at the moment of creation and brought forth light and life, breathe forth in our time and in our troubled, too violent world, gifts of wisdom, courage, compassion, and right judgment—gifts that can heal wounds no matter how old, and memories no matter how painful; gifts that can turn adversaries into allies, and enemies into friends; gifts that can renew the face of the earth!
CALENDAR NOTES ON PENTECOST

Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of Eastertide. It is, curiously to us, a harvest feast in its origins. This doesn’t seem like harvest time here, but around the Mediterranean the apricots, cherries, and strawberries are ripe and ready for the market. Winter wheat is the principal harvest of the year and, if all goes well, yields a crop that can feed people all year long. Even in the north, we have asparagus, rhubarb, the first peas, spinach and salad greens. Winter's fast is now springtime’s feast. So, the Jewish people kept a feast of "firstfruits" fifty days after Passover. This feast, called Shavuot, is a time of celebrating the harvest and also God’s covenant made on Mount Sinai. Since the first Christians would have kept Shavuot, it is easy to see how Christian meaning was assigned to this Jewish feast.

So, Pentecost sets a seal on Easter; it is a grand finale, and our liturgy should reflect that energy as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The liturgy begins with the account in Acts of the Apostles of the coming of the Spirit Jesus promised. The Spirit descends in fire and wind, just as God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai. Over and over again in the Gospel of Luke we hear that Jesus was filled with the power of the Spirit. Pentecost is made anew at every baptism, every eucharist, every time two or more gather in Jesus' name. This is the last Sunday when the Mass begins with the blessing and sprinkling of holy water.

There are many customs around the world that can extend Pentecost into your home. In some places, people decorate their homes with red roses and peonies and fresh green leaves. Years ago the Vigil of Pentecost was observed with caroling and dancing outdoors near churches. It is a day for flying kites or walking a wind-swept beach. Strawberry shortcake is a traditional Pentecost dessert. People wear red when they go to Mass in many places. In Red Sox Nation, it shouldn't be so hard to find something red to wear to church!

— Rev. James Field

THE GOLDEN SEQUENCE

Veni Sancti Spiritus, known as "the Golden Sequence," is the sequence for the Mass for Pentecost. It is commonly regarded as one of the greatest masterpieces of sacred Latin poetry ever written. Its beauty and depth have been praised by many. This beautiful poem addresses the Holy Spirit with many different titles and images: the Holy Spirit is “Father of the poor," "comforter," "sweet refreshment," "solace," and "light." The multitude of images suggests the free play of the Holy Spirit: gentle, yet never static, and impossible to be contained or controlled. The poem has been attributed to different authors, the most likely being Stephen Cardinal Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury (1207—1228). This setting was composed by Richard Clark in 1994. Richard was organist and music director at Saint Cecilia for 28 years and composed this specifically for the voice of Mark Donohoe, our very own pastoral associate. We have the privilege of hearing Mark sing this sequence again this Pentecost immediately before the gospel acclamation.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, we celebrate the sacrament of confirmation for twelve young men and women who have been preparing to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit enlighten each of our confirmands with the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Awe & Wonder!

Elsayed Lucas Sebastian Amadeo
Isabella Rose Cecilia Bearman
Christopher José Philip Neri Dominguez-Gray
Madeline Coyne Rose MacDougall
Sophia Lynn Panayotou
Emily Rose Thérèse Prucher
Ronan Erskine Corkery Francis Spock
Simone Marie Flora Sykes
Sean Michael Bernard Taylor
Gabriella Elizabeth Cecilia Turco
Giacomo Peter Turco
The Remote Fellowship Community’s June topic is “Standing in Solidarity With Others: A Conversation with Fr. Daniel Corrou About Serving Refugees in the Middle East and North Africa.” Some of you may remember Fr. Dan as a homilist at Saint Cecilia last October. He will be joining us on Zoom, live from Beirut! Fr. Dan has been the regional director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the Middle East and North Africa (Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria) since 2020 and worked with JRS in Beirut from 2012 to 2014 as the Syrian refugee crisis began.

Think of this as your online “coffee hour” with fellow long-distance parishioners! Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the link for June. If you have not attended or are unsure if you’re on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com for the link.

COMMUNITY STORY SHARING

"No matter what anyone tells you, words and ideas can change the world." ~Robin Williams

The Social and Racial Justice Ministry (SRJM) is pleased to announce a new Story-Sharing Initiative, which, with God’s blessing and a bit of steady work, we hope to make an ongoing part of parish life. Covid might have kept us apart, and it might do so for a little while longer, but our hope is that by sharing our stories, we can become a parish where vulnerability is strength, where empathy flourishes across our differences, where God’s love works uniquely through all of us. Sharing our stories has been identified in the course of the Parish’s Journey Toward Racial Justice process as a way to help us deepen our sense of belonging to each other and to the Saint Cecilia community.

For the first iteration of this initiative, we are asking you to share your experiences of the pandemic. On June 5 and 12, after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, members of the SRJM will be at a table in the parish hall, to distribute papers and prompts. We encourage you to use whatever format feels most appropriate for you—essay, poem, fictional story, drawing, etc. Submissions can be anonymous, if you so choose. You may also email submissions to Angelo at lancasterman2016@gmail.com. You will be able to drop your submissions downstairs, in a box labeled “SRJM Story Sharing.” After a month, we will compile the entries for all to read. This idea is a work in progress. We welcome your suggestions!

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, June 7 | 7:00 p.m. | On Zoom

All parishioners of Saint Cecilia—those in Boston, as well as those from a distance—are invited to participate in something historic: a Synod on Synodality. "Synod" is a word used for a Church gathering, usually of bishops. It comes from two Greek words that literally mean "on the way together." A "synod," then, is the Church journeying together, dialoguing together, and discerning together. In a nutshell, we have been invited to share our thoughts on how Church leadership can better listen to all of its members and invite them into the Church’s decision-making process. This is a discussion about how voices are heard and how they can be better heard.

Saint Cecilia will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Zoom on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following three questions:

• How could the decision-making process and governance within the Catholic Church be improved? How could this be implemented at the local parish level?
• Do you feel supported and accompanied by the Church? If so, please share some examples. If you do not, why not? [Please note that this is not about the parish, but rather about the wider Church]
• Have you ever thought of leaving the Church? If so, why? And why have you stayed?

We hope you will consider and pray about these questions and then bring your thoughts to our meeting. To join the Zoom, copy and paste: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86200097746?pwd=VTJpMkJyelNFL2JIaEJUallNTUlYZz09

JOIN THE SRJM & PAX CHRISTI

Join the Social and Racial Justice Ministry on Tuesday, June 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, for Pax Christi USA’s webinar entitled (De)Facing White Supremacy. The webinar will create space for deep reflection and discussion about the identity of Pax Christi USA as a Catholic institution that aspires to be antiracist. The Saint Cecilia Parish Social and Racial Justice Ministry invites our community to join Pax Christi as we too are on the Road to Racial Equity, to becoming an antiracist parish. To register visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcidemhrDgrG9EWwYUkkKAqz9k-oI20Qhd2
1. Elliot Barnhill

I have been a parishioner since February 2019, and Saint Cecilia Parish has been a cornerstone of my spiritual life for the three years I’ve been part of it. This parish has helped me evolve my spirituality so much that I’ve even been inspired to pursue a graduate degree in theology! So far I’ve been involved with the Young Adult Ministry and the Rainbow Ministry, and I want to be a member of the Parish Council to serve Saint Cecilia’s on a more structural level. In the Parish Council, I can maintain and improve the community that means so much to me. As a young, LGBTQ person in the Church, I believe that I have a valuable perspective I can offer to Saint Cecilia’s, and I can’t wait to be of more service to my community, however that manifests.

2. Dorene Calmus

I’m Dorene Calmus and I have been a member of St Cecilia’s Parish for the past two years. From my first visit to St. Cecilia’s I felt so welcomed. During the Easter Vigil I sensed “I am home“. I am currently a member of the Hospitality Committee and a Eucharist Minister. I would like to expand my involvement in the Parish. The Parish Pastoral Council will provide me an additional opportunity to contribute to the vitality and life at St. Cecilia’s. I have been in the field of Social Work for over 45 years currently in private practice. I was an active member of the Executive Board at the Passionist Community Retreat Center in Shrewsbury for a number of years. I bring extensive experience to St. Cecilia’s. I ask for your consideration and vote. Thank you.

3. Ryan Egan

My name is Ryan Egan and I have been a member of Saint Cecilia’s for close to five years now. My Catholic faith has always been a central part of life. I joined Saint C’s in order to celebrate and grow that faith in an inclusive and welcoming environment. Before joining Saint C’s I was a member of St. Mary’s Parish in my hometown of Randolph, where I served in various roles as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, CCD Teacher, Altar Server Trainer, and as a member of the Parish Council, amongst much else.

I am a Eucharistic Minister here at Saint C’s and am running for Parish Council to continue to give back to our vibrant faith community. As a member of the Parish Council, I look forward to taking a more active role in the parish to help keep it a warm, welcoming experience for all who come to worship. Currently I am serving my third term as a Town Councilor in Randolph and work in municipal government full time. I kindly ask for your vote for this important position. Thank you!

4. Peter Lin-Marcus

I have participated as an active member of St Cecilia’s Parish for over 15 years, including serving as a participant in the Journey to Racial Justice efforts and the Racial and Social Justice Ministry. For me St Cecilia’s Parish and our faith is not about 2-3 hours on Sunday but how we live the remaining 6 ½ days per week. St Cecilia’s Parish has inspired me to serve as a community organizer and racial justice activist empowering youth, disabled and excluded, and ending violence and homelessness. Father John Unni’s sermons and leadership, and the St Cecilia’s community made this possible by meeting people where they are at and acknowledging the systems present. I will help St Cecilia’s keep building the Kingdom of God by helping its systems have maximum feasible inclusion of all, including BIPOC, youth, LGBT, neurodiverse, and disabled communities.
5. Raymond Marsh

My name is Raymond Marsh. I have been an active parishioner since 2016. After moving to Boston in 2003, I struggled to find a welcoming parish similar to my own in Rochester, NY. My parish there was instrumental in the late 90s to speak out in favor of women in the church and the LG-BTQIA community.

St Cecilia parish is a place where the liturgy comes alive and the spirit of Christ lives. I would like the opportunity to continue to move the parish forward in diversity, inclusion and equity. I truly believe this parish is one of a kind and a parish that doesn't exist everywhere. Together we can build a place where everyone continues to be welcomed and is able to find God in their heart. I am committed to serving God and this community as a potential member of the PPC.

6. Melon Regis-Civetta

I LOVE this Parish Community! I came here with the Jesuit Urban contingent and was made to feel welcome immediately. I have also been a volunteer since I arrived, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, a previous member of the PPC, and as Co-Chair of the Rainbow Ministry. In that capacity we brought a lot of hospitality to St. C’s, with speakers, receptions, working with Asylum Seekers, and our wonderful Cabaret Night to name a few.

As our Parish adapts to a new post-COVID way of being Church, I feel the call to serve again on the Council. I feel that it is important to have a representative from our Senior population. As parents and grandparents we have a lot to give and share. Our faith is continuing to grow here in this Church and the mix of young and old and in-between gives us that chance to continue to grow and learn as a community. I am young at heart and in spirit and very hopeful for our Church in the future.

7. Ellen Ryder

Thank you for considering me to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. After relocating to Boston from San Francisco last year, I have been inspired by the beauty of the parish community and the willingness of parishioners to engage in service and work for justice. I was impressed with the process, rigor, and thoughtfulness that went into the racial equity assessment, and believe it is a solid start to exploring how Saint Cecilia can advance representation, inclusion, and participation.

I grew up in Worcester, attended Wellesley College, then graduate school at Northwestern. A career shift led me to higher education marketing and communications: first at Holy Cross and now (remotely) at the University of San Francisco. Working in Jesuit higher education has been an extraordinary experience, particularly the work that advances education among first-generation students and others without traditional straightforward access to college. I recognize the challenging work ahead during these difficult economic, political and cultural times. I am committed to working with the Saint Cecilia community to support and advance the parish's priorities and needs.

8. Uma Staehler

I joined Saint Cecilia about 4 years ago, after moving from Indianapolis (via a detour to Shanghai for 3 years). As an adult convert who recently celebrated my 26th year in the church, parish and community life experiences are an important part of my spiritual journey. My husband, David, and I visited several churches in the area, and fell in love with Saint Cecilia for its community, music, and of course, beautiful sanctuary! I have enjoyed getting to meet parishioners through the Marriage Ministry, and more recently as a greeter and usher. I am interested in serving on the PPC to be a voice in the parish and serve our community in a greater way. Eli Lilly brought me to Boston, on the diabetes global marketing team. I enjoy running and traveling in my spare time, and love all the history, culture, sports and beauty that Boston offers!
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 student’s lives? In giving a year to service? And immersing yourself in Lakota 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 Lakota 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 consider picking up an extra tube of sunscreen and dropping it in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. The SPF number, the better. They also need kids’ flip-flops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12.
PENTECOST IN ROME

Every year, on Pentecost Sunday, a beautiful and ancient tradition takes place at the Pantheon in Rome. Near the conclusion of the liturgy, five firefighters climb to the top of the dome with seven canvas bags containing red rose petals. After reaching the top of the dome (at a height of 141 feet), the firefighters begin to drop thousands and thousands of rose petals through the dome’s oculus. The “rain of red roses” symbolizes the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames on the day of Pentecost. While the petals slowly descend, the choir sings the hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*.

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 June 4 – 5, we will ask 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.”

Ukraine is known as the “bread basket of Europe,” but the war with Russia has had devastating impact on countries in Africa that are already experiencing the worst drought in 40 years. According to Oxfam and Save the Children more than 23 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya are experiencing extreme hunger – more than twice the number in 2021. CRS has a presence throughout Africa and your donation can help them address the impending famine there. For more information: www.CRS.org.

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 next 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.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ FOOD PANTRY

Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry: Cheerios or corn flakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta, 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. Because food is delivered only twice a month to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex. If you would like to send food donations directly to Catholic Charities through a service like Amazon.com, please have them delivered to Beth Chambers at Catholic Charities, 185 Columbia Road, Boston, MA 02121.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL EVENTS

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CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

**A Deep Dive into the Heart of Tibetan Buddhism and Interreligious Learning**

Presenters: Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche, Brian Robinette, and John Makransky

**Thursday, June 14 | 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. | Theology and Ministry Library Auditorium, Boston College, Brighton Campus | In-Person and Virtual Event | Registration Required**

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://htmldbprod.bc.edu/prd/f?p=458:2::NO:1:P2_GPM_PROGRAM_LIST_ID:2526
The fifty days of the Easter season have been filled with ongoing conflicts, traumatic events and painful reminders of loss. Sadly, this season of hope, peace and renewal has been marked with the continuing conflict in Ukraine, senseless mass shootings and the anniversary of George Floyd’s murder. On this Pentecost Sunday, we hear readings that draw our attention to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. At this moment, we must be attuned to the Spirit, and this might require us to accept uncomfortable truths.

The first reading from Acts and the Gospel from John give us two different accounts of how Jesus’ followers receive the Holy Spirit. In Acts, before his ascension, Jesus had told the disciples that the Spirit would come to them after his departure. As they struggle with the reality of not having Christ physically present, they are given some solace in knowing that they are not alone. In today’s reading, the disciples gather together, and the Spirit appears above them as tongues of fire.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus appears to his followers after the resurrection, offering them peace and giving the Spirit to them. “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This command is one that all of us must take to heart. The Spirit enables the community to find peace and comfort after loss and carry on the work of the Gospel. It is the Holy Spirit who can help us to get through this challenging time.

There are two options on Pentecost Sunday for the second reading, and 1 Corinthians is apt at this time. Reading the full text (1 Cor 12:1-13) helps to better understand the passage. In it, Paul says that there are many gifts from the Spirit, such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing and discernment. Everyone can receive these gifts, and they are “given for some benefit” (Gk. sumpheron). What the lectionary reads as “benefit” can also be translated as “the common good,” as it is in some other English translations of the Bible. “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor 12:7, NRSV).

Imagine if we faced the challenges of today with wisdom, knowledge and healing for the sake of the common good. How might we react to yet another tragic school shooting where 19 children and 2 adults were murdered by assault rifles? Would we acknowledge that high-powered guns should be difficult if not impossible to acquire? Would we recognize that the Holy Spirit (and anyone with sense) would lead us to protect our collective right to live over our right to bear arms? Would we recognize that in order to truly be pro-life we must protect life at all stages from acts of violence?

On this Pentecost when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us pray that we truly listen to the Spirit, living, working and legislating for the common good.

~ Jaime L. Waters teaches Scripture at DePaul University in Chicago. She is an associate professor of Catholic studies.
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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
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.

Parking
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 on 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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