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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 June 2024

The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise by Benjamin West

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## THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, die liebe Sommerzeit*, Op. 122, no. 4  
Brett Maguire, organist

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice  
of the mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der



Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-  
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come



ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;  
but more faith-ful, We should rest up-on God's word;  
for the sin-ner, And more grac-es for the good;



There is joy for all the mem-bers  
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior,



In the sor-rows of the Head.  
For the good-ness of our Lord.  
There is heal-ing in his blood.

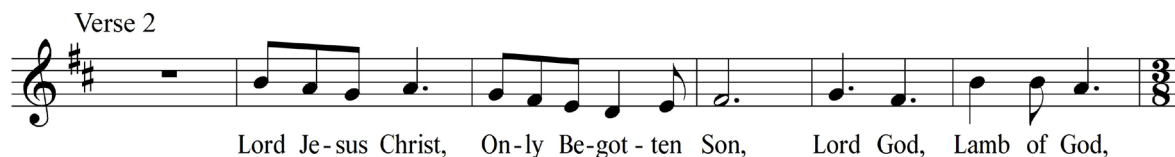
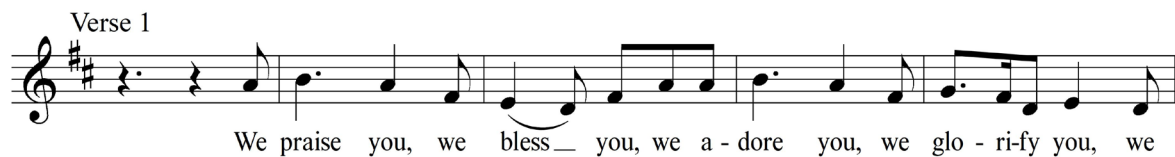
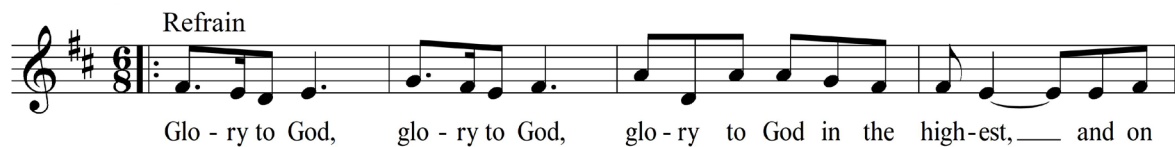
CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ 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 | Genesis 3: 9-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | With the Lord There is Mercy

Marty Haugen

With the Lord there is mer-cy, and  
 full-ness of re-demp-tion.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O lord; Lord, hear my voice!  
 O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
 But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered.
3. I long for you, O Lord, my souls longs for his word.  
 My soul hopes in the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak.
4. Let Israel hope for the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy,  
 in him is plentiful redemption. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.



SECOND READING | 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | Mark 3: 20-35

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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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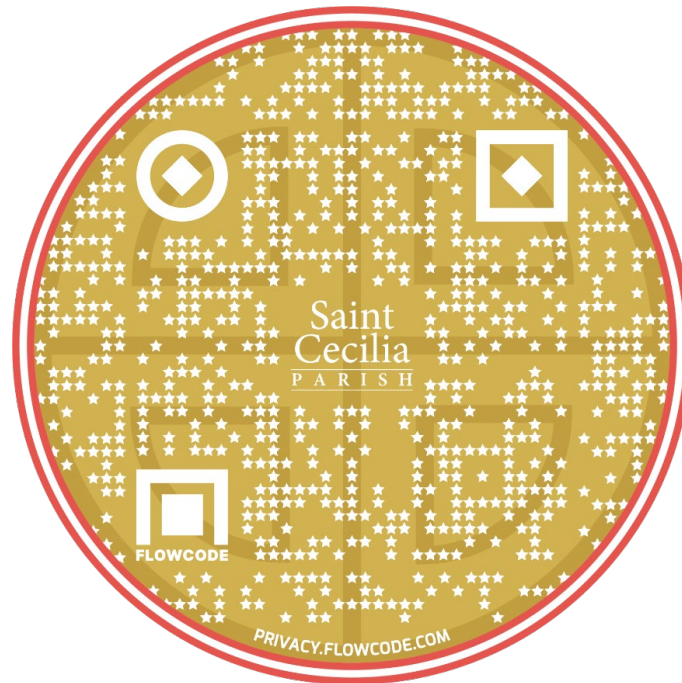
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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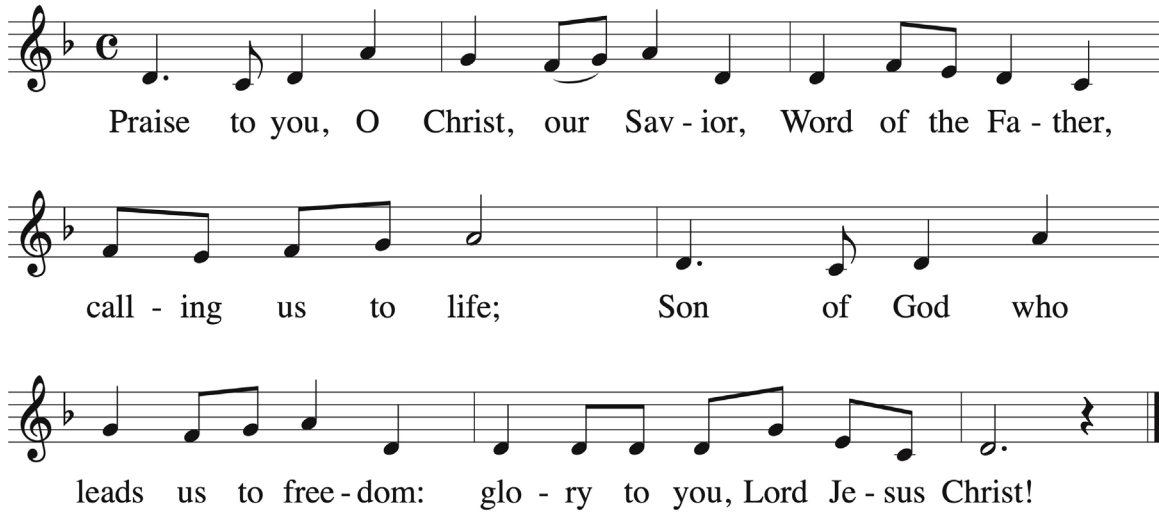
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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

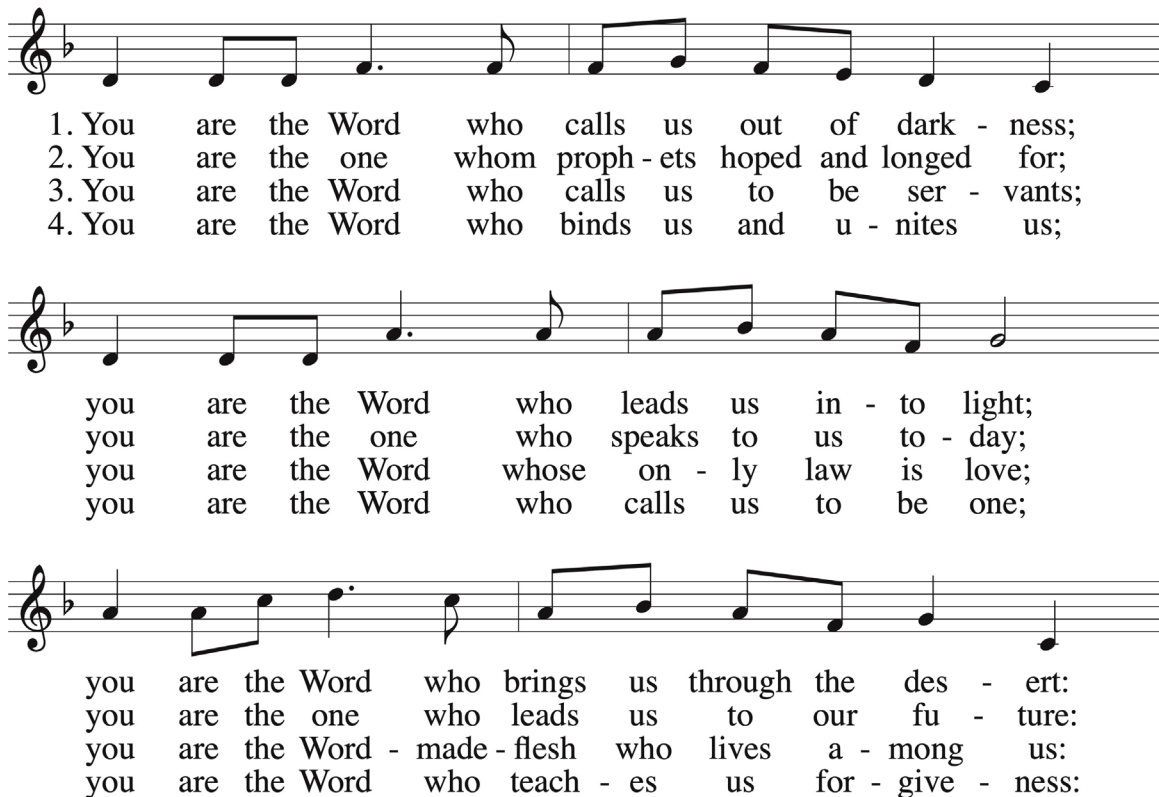
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior

Bernadette Farrell

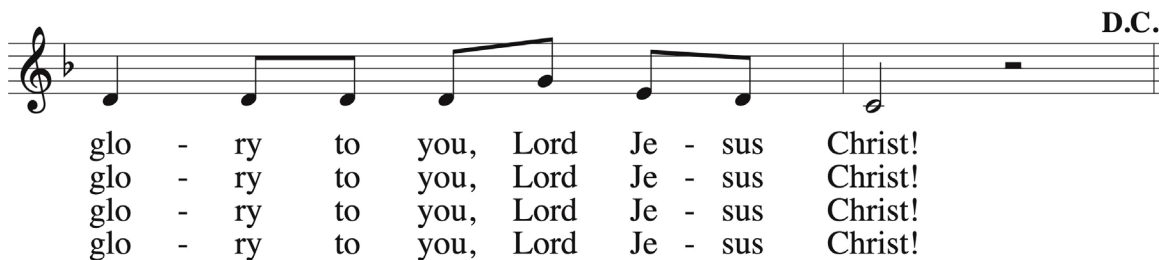


Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,  
call - ing us to life; Son of God who  
leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;  
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;  
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;  
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;  
  
you are the Word who leads us in - to light;  
you are the one who speaks to us to - day;  
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;  
you are the Word who calls us to be one;  
  
you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:  
you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:  
you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:  
you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
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## 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 -

## 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.



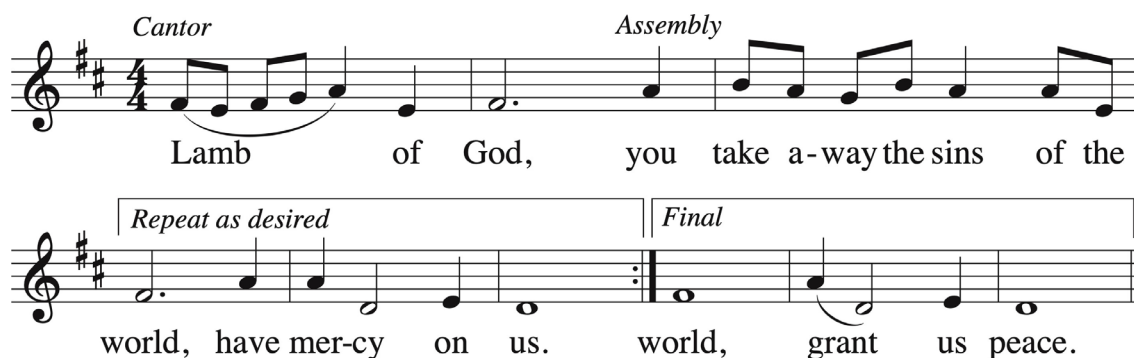


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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:

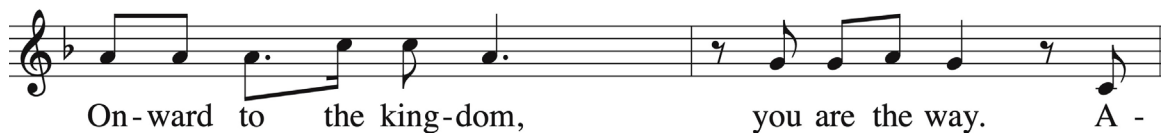
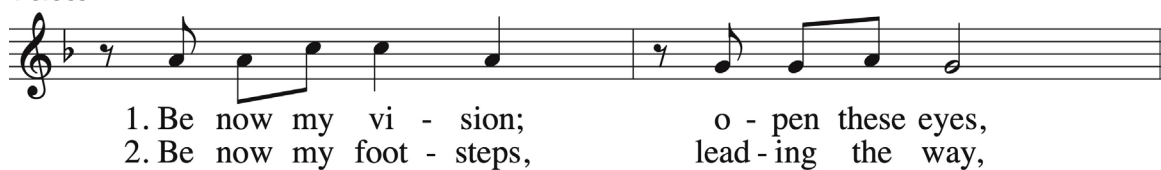
## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

## Refrain



## Verses



D.C.

## CONCLUDING RITES

- ✦ The Lord be with you.  
All: And with your spirit.
- ✦ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
All: Amen.
- ✦ Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART



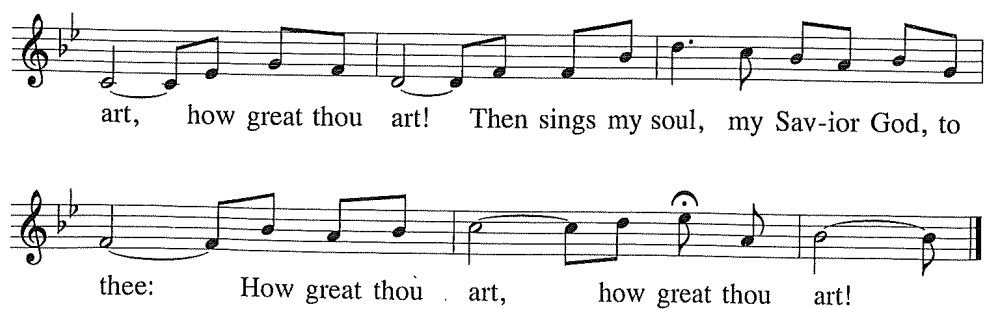
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla -

won - der Con - sid - er all the works thy hands have  
 wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the  
 spar - ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it  
 ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
 trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played!  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,  
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou



POSTLUDE | Prelude in G minor, WoO 10  
Brett Maguire, *organist*

Johannes Brahms

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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 8 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Mary Kane, lector

**Sunday, June 9 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Thomas Skorupa, lector

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Cathy Anderson, Karen Vachon, and Erin Young, lectors

**Sunday, June 9 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, Megan Altendorf, and Kelly McClintock, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 8 | 5:00 p.m.**

Catherine Aylward, *Memorial*

**Sunday, June 9 | 8:00 a.m.**

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*  
Anthony Angelo Rossi Jr., *Memorial*  
Anne Marie Decoteau, *Memorial*

**Friday, June 14 | 8:00 a.m.**

Mary G. Maciora Jacobs, *Memorial*

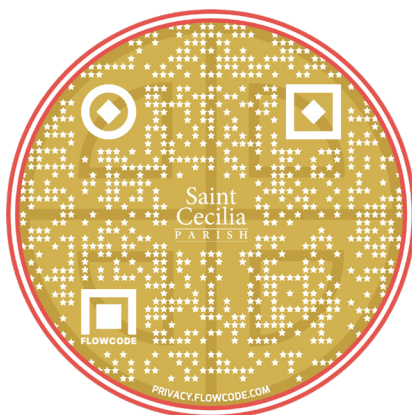
## TODAY'S READINGS

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34

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FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.



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# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

## Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Melissa Cera-Garcia** and **Frank Garcia-Ornelas** of Cranston, RI, **Maricarmen Rodriguez** of Austell, GA, **John and Mary Paone** of Mashpee, **Lorraine Steidensticker** of Wellesley, and **Caprial Harris** and **Douglas Cassidy**, **Shruti Kulkarni**, and **Glenn Pereira**, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/>.

## 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*.

## Coffee Hospitality Update

As a gentle reminder, we will not have coffee hospitality for two holiday weekends in the summer—the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends—so we can give our hardworking hospitality team time off to enjoy these holidays.

## National Gun Violence Awareness Month

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and Friday, June 7, 2024, marks the tenth annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day. As we honor the lives lost to gun violence, let us unite in prayer and action to promote peace and safety in our communities. May we be guided by compassion and a commitment to justice, striving to create a world where all can live free from fear and harm.

## Catholic Appeal Update

We are pleased to share that our Catholic Appeal campaign has reached 85% of our financial goal of \$149,149 and our donor goal of 196 contributions. With your continued support, we aim to complete our campaign by June 30. Your generosity supports vital ministries such as Catholic education, faith formation, and outreach services that bring Christ's love to those in need. You can donate here: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>. Thank you for your generosity!

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

JUNE 9 – JUNE 16

### Sunday, June 9

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

### Monday, June 10

SCYA Women's Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

### Wednesday, June 12

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Mass, 8:00 a.m.

### Thursday, June 13

Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Simeon & Anna Seniors Gathering, 10:30 a.m.  
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

### Friday, June 14

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday, June 15

Saint Cecilia Young Adults (SCYA) Picnic  
SCYA Service Event | Women's Lunch Place

### Sunday, June 16

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. | Zoom  
SCYA Contemplative Prayer Group, 2:00 p.m.



Losing-Paradise by He Qi

## 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).

## 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!



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

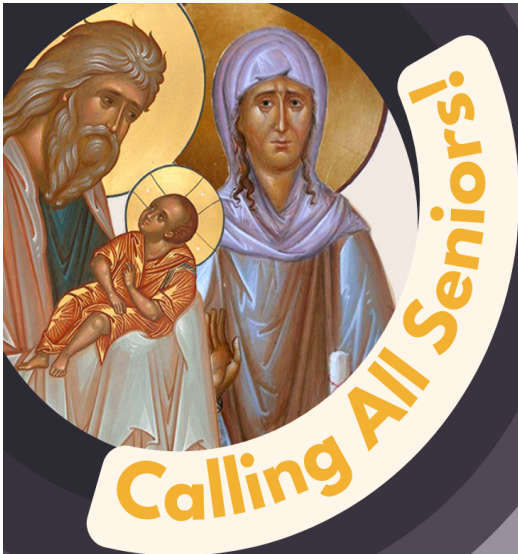




OUR FIRST SIMEON AND ANNA SENIORS GROUP!

## JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Our Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online 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. To request information about meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please email the ministry at their parish address.



*Are you a senior looking to  
connect in person with other elders  
in the Saint Cecilia faith community?*

## Simeon & Anna Seniors Gathering

Join our new, biweekly  
**Simeon and Anna Seniors Gathering.**  
Join us for prayer, song, and communion,  
followed by coffee, cookies, and conversation!

**Simeon** and **Anna** are the two elders who greet Mary and Joseph when they bring their newborn infant to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Moved by the Holy Spirit, they immediately recognize and witness to God in their midst. Together they represent the crucial role of older people who, as Pope Francis writes, "have the courage to dream."

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**What:** Simeon and Anna Seniors Gathering

**When:** Thursday, June 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

*Every Other Week Following*

**Where:** Saint Cecilia Parish

**Questions?** Email Lucy Conroy  
(seniorsestceciliaboston.org)



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**Event Date**  
Thursday  
June 20th

**Event Timing**  
8PM-10PM

**Location**  
Spontaneous Celebrations  
45 Danforth St,  
Jamaica Plain,  
MA 02130

**Contact email with questions**  
[climatejustice@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:climatejustice@stceciliaboston.org)

**Other relevant info**  
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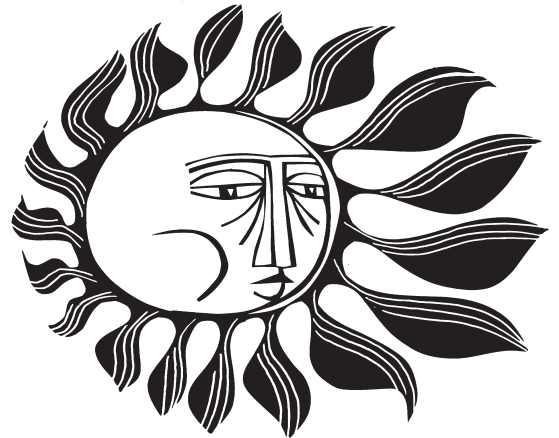


## CLIMATE MUSIC ECOECHO LIVESTREAM PERFORMANCE

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 ClimateMusic Project. The program will also include an introduction and audience Q&A with climate scientist Dr. Andy Jones.

The Saint Cecilia Climate Justice Group will be gathering in person at Spontaneous Celebrations (45 Danforth St., Jamaica Plain). Registration at [www.tinyurl.com/stcecilia-ecoecho](http://www.tinyurl.com/stcecilia-ecoecho) is optional, but encouraged.

For more information or to obtain the link to listen remotely, please email our Climate Justice Group at their ministry email.



## 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.

# PARISH OPERATING STATEMENT

We are pleased to present the Parish Operating Statement for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. We ended the third quarter of the year with a surplus of \$98,427. This is very close to our budgeted surplus of \$112,601. Fr John and the staff have done an admirable job of operating the parish within the budget and we are very pleased that Saint Cecilia is in a financially stable condition.

We are very happy to point out that, year to date, Saint Cecilia has exceeded its budgeted charitable giving by \$33,000. This is the direct result of your continued generosity. Please know how very much you are all appreciated for enabling Saint Cecilia to play such a positive role in our community.

## Saint Cecilia Finance Council

Father John Unni, Pastor • Matt Maguire, Chair • Bonnie Blanchfield • David Castaldi  
Alicia Cooney Mark Duggan • Jason Grapski • Mark Lippolt • Cole Young  
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance • Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, Pastoral Director of Operations

## OPERATING STATEMENT

	Quarter Ending March 31, 2024	Quarter Ending March 31, 2024
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Sunday Offertory Income	\$ 1,537,856	\$ 1,537,500
Special Donations Income	\$ 777,277	\$ 740,250
Operating Income	\$ 292,298	\$ 250,125
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 87,555	\$ 95,625
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,694,986</b>	<b>\$ 2,623,500</b>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Personnel Expenses	\$ 1,033,716	\$ 1,035,395
Office Expenses	\$ 164,845	\$ 163,313
Liturgy Expenses	\$ 74,277	\$ 80,738
Building Expenses	\$ 874,271	\$ 807,750
Other Expenses	\$ 449,451	\$ 423,704
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,596,560</b>	<b>\$ 2,510,900</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 98,426</b>	<b>\$ 112,600</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO CAPITAL REPAIRS ACCT</b>	<b>\$ (112,500)</b>	<b>\$ (112,500)</b>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ (14,074)</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>







## THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS SUPPORT GUN CONTROL. WHY DON'T WE HEAR MORE ABOUT IT?

BY THOMAS REESE, SJ

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In response to recent mass shootings, Pope Francis and the U.S. Catholic bishops have called for gun control measures that would save lives. This undoubtedly surprises some people who think that abortion is the only public policy concern of the church's hierarchy. Sadly, the media and the bishops themselves give too little attention to the larger "life" agenda.

While praying for the children killed and their families in Uvalde, the pope did not hesitate to say, "It is time to say enough to the indiscriminate trafficking of arms."

Francis has frequently denounced gun trafficking, including in his 2015 address to a joint session of Congress. "Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society?" he asked U.S. lawmakers. "Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood."

After the Uvalde shooting, Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich did not mince words.

"Who are we as a nation," he asked, "if we do not act to protect our children? What do we love more: our instruments of death or our future?"

"The Second Amendment, unlike the second commandment, did not come down from Sinai," Cupich told NPR. "There is an understanding that we all have in our hearts, engraved in our hearts, a natural law about the value of human life. And there is no amendment that can trump that."

Cupich was not alone in speaking out. On behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the chairs of four

conference committees issued a statement urging all members of Congress to action in response to the killings.

These were not liberal bishops, but four of the most conservative prelates in the United States: Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore and Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, Washington.

They urged dialogue and concrete action that "addresses all aspects of the crisis, including mental health, the state of families, the valuation of life, the influence of entertainment and gaming industries, bullying, and the availability of firearms." They called for "the passage of reasonable gun control measures," echoing the pope's pleas that "It is time to say 'no more' to the indiscriminate trafficking of weapons."

In their letter June 3 to Congress, these bishops got into specifics on what they considered "reasonable" gun control.

They encouraged Congress to improve "the firearm background check process by voting in favor of the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021 (H.R. 8) and the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021 (H.R. 1446)." They also supported extreme-risk protection orders through passage of the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021 (H.R. 2377).

They complained that, "In the ten years since the massacre of children at Sandy Hook, very little has been done by Congress to regulate these weapons and prevent another catastrophe. We urgently call on members of Congress to work together in a bipartisan fashion to make these horrific attacks less likely to happen again."

The bishops point out that they are not "Johnny-come-latelies" to the discussion of gun violence, noting that as early as 1994 they issued a pastoral message "Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action."



"For many years," the bishops tell Congress, "the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has supported a number of reasonable measures to address the problem of gun violence and continues to support efforts by the U.S. Congress to advance these policies in legislation."

"It should not be the case," they argue, "that in the United States, a person needs character references to apply for a job but not to purchase military-style assault weapons."

The bishops call for "a total ban on assault weapons and limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines," including bump stocks. They cite studies showing that limitations on high-capacity magazines can reduce the number of people killed in mass shootings by as much as 38%, and those injured by as much as 77%.

They also support universal background checks for all gun purchases and criminalizing gun trafficking. The bishops added their support to recent proposals to set a more appropriate minimum age for gun ownership.

The U.S. bishops' conference website has additional recommendations: "Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns; measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision."

Another page on the website provides visitors an easy way to write their senators and representatives in support of these gun control measures.

Sadly, hardly anyone in the country knows about the strong and comprehensive position on gun control taken by the U.S. Catholic bishops. Bishops rarely talk about it. Catholics don't hear about it from the pulpit in church. The media does not report it.

Perhaps the Catholic clergy fear upsetting the faithful by talking about gun control, but according to a 2012 PRRI poll, 62% of Catholics support stricter gun control, way higher than the 35% support coming from evangelical Christians.

Catholic social teaching has been referred to as the church's best-kept secret. The bishops' response to gun violence should no longer be a secret. It should be preached from the rooftops.

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### Limitless Love - A Prayer for Pride Month

Lord God, our Maker,  
The work of your hands displays  
your goodness and glory;  
It is marvelous to behold.  
From the most intricate snowflake to the  
grandest of mountain peaks,  
With each breaking of the sun's rays  
that paint the sky until day's end,  
Your limitless love creates it all.

As we gaze, then, upon your children,  
The special co-creators you have made  
To experience you and your beauty,  
May we always appreciate the dignity of each  
person:  
Straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender.  
May we witness your extravagant artistry of  
each beloved,  
Celebrate your Divine  
imprint upon each heart,  
And recognize how you fashion each human  
being with purpose and wonder.  
Your limitless love creates us all.

Forgive us, Lord,  
For the constraint of our eyes that fails to take  
in another's beauty,  
For choosing the comfort of our own apathy  
instead of bearing one another's burdens,  
For not remaining silent to listen and silent  
when we should have cried out,  
Your limitless love forgives us all.

We pray, O God, for unity, for tenderness,  
For belonging and justice and freedom,  
For solidarity and bountiful compassion  
That the world may know who you are  
By the way we love one another  
And how willing we are to enter the splendor  
of co-creating  
With one another and with you.  
Your limitless love heals us all.

~Adapted from the Catholic Health  
Association of the United States

# PARISH RESOURCES

## Parish Office & Mailing Address

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

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

## Marriage

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

## Care of the Sick

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

## Order of Christian Funerals

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

## Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and 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!