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"He Sent Them Out Two by Two" — Photograph by Geoff James

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PRELUDE | Largo in A minor, BWV 545  
Brett Maguire, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

### Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I, who made the  
They turn a - way. I will break their  
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



## CALL TO WORSHIP

- ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

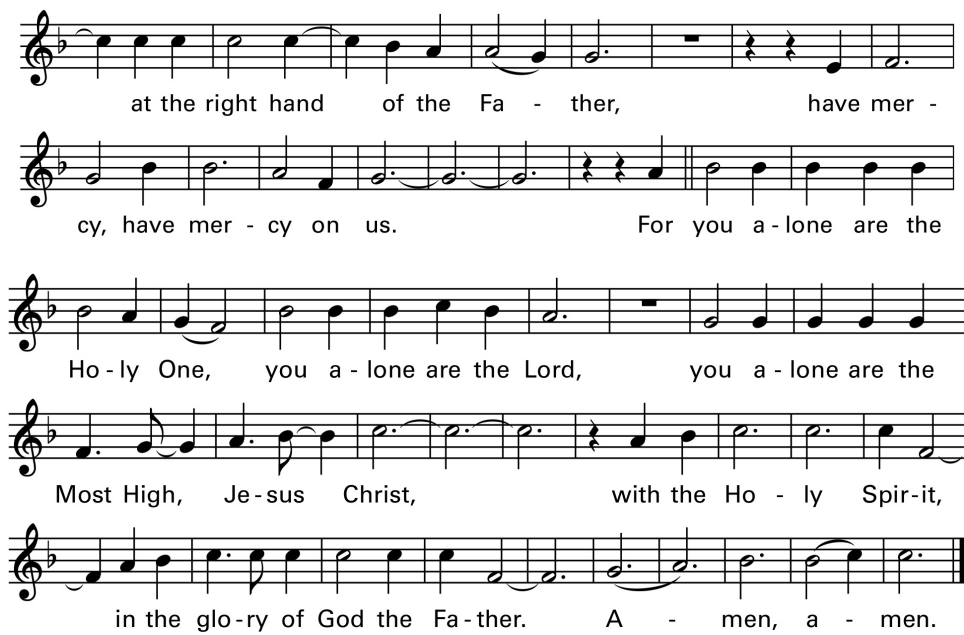
- ✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

## GLORIA | Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple  
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you  
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly  
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed



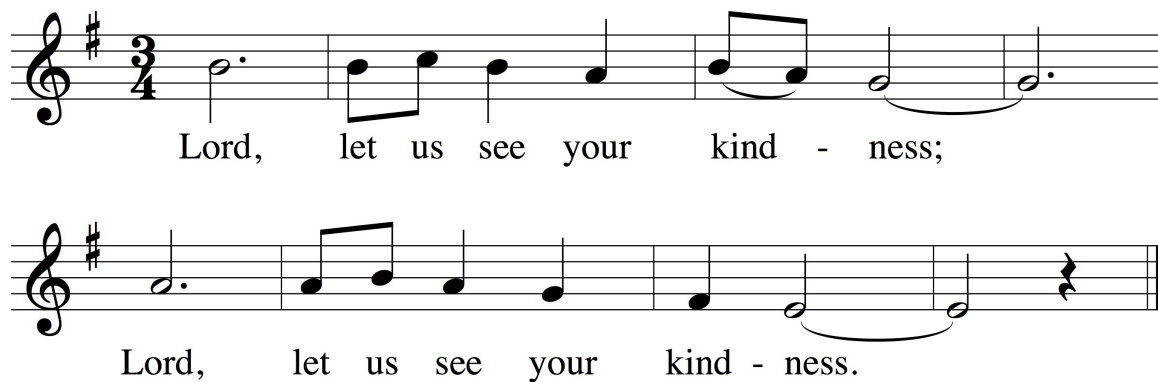
COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Amos 7: 12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Marty Haugen



1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God.
2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace, truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, justice shall rain from the heavens.
3. The Lord will come and you shall know his love, justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation the gift that he brings.

SECOND READING | Ephesians 1: 3-14





## GOSPEL | Mark 6: 7-13

## HOMILY

## NICENE CREED

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

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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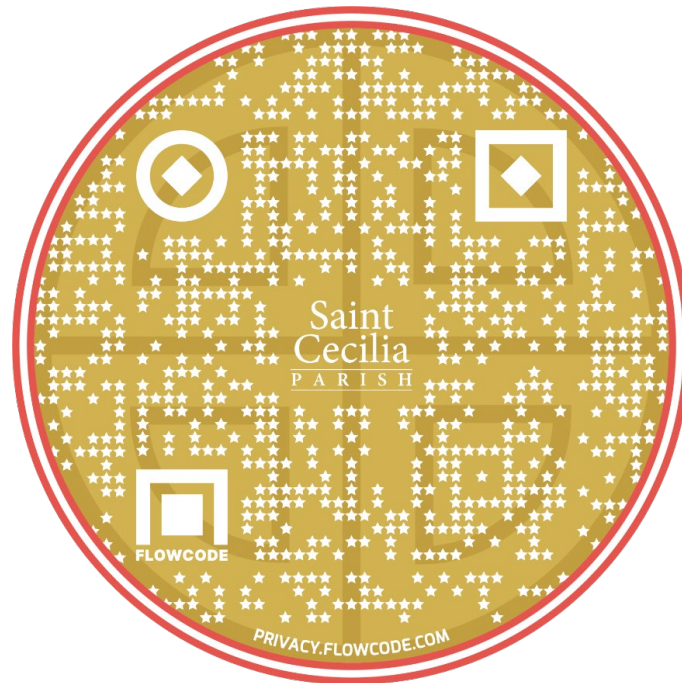
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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.

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 | Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

## Refrain



Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -  
on the ground and die, it re - mains but a  
sin - gle grain with no life.

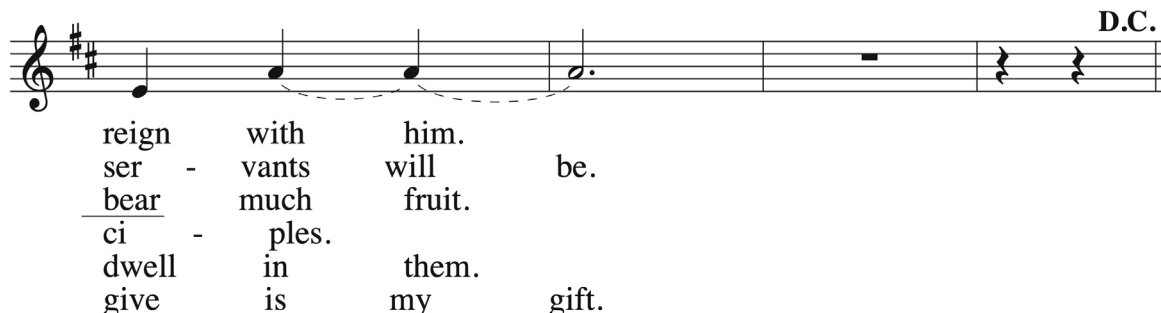
## Verses



1. If we have died with him, then we shall  
2. If an - y - one serves me, then they must  
3. Make your home in me as I make  
4. If you re - main in me and my word  
5. Those who love me are loved by my  
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I



live with him; if we hold firm, we shall  
fol - low me; wher - ev - er I am, my  
mine in you; those who re - main in me  
lives in you, then you will be my dis -  
Fa - ther; we shall be with them and  
give to you; peace which the world can - not



reign with him.  
ser - vants will be.  
bear much fruit.  
ci - ples.  
dwell in them.  
give is my gift.

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.

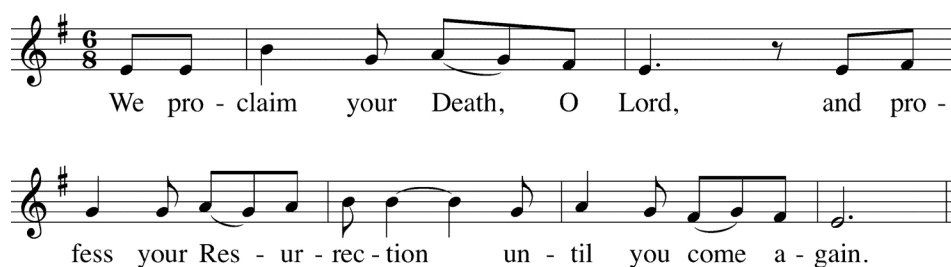
All: It is right and just.

## HOLY, HOLY | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco

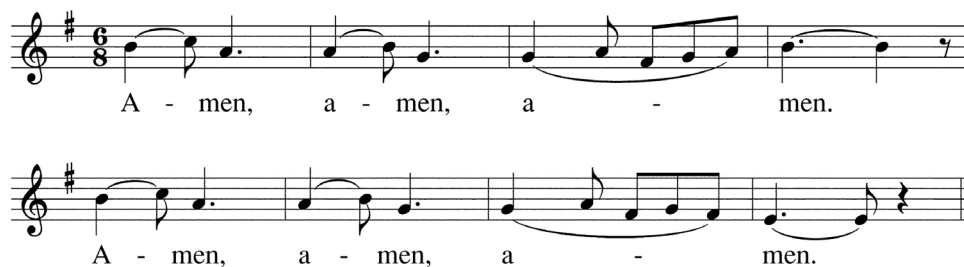


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## GREAT AMEN | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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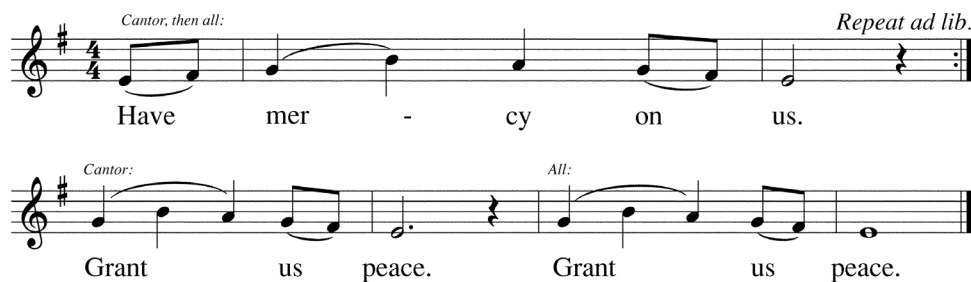


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION | All Who Hunger

Bob Moore



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.

## 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 | God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

HOLY MANNA



1. God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle,  
2. God, who still a sword de - liv - ers  
3. God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel



Now ig - nite us with your fire.  
Rath - er than a plac - id peace,  
Wills that all should tru - ly live,



While the earth a - waits your burn - ing,  
With your sharp - ened Word dis - turb us,  
Make us sense our share of fail - ure,



With your pas - sion us in - spire. O - ver - come our  
From com - pla - cen - cy re - lease! Save us now from  
Our tran - quil - i - ty for - give. Teach us cour - age



sin - ful calm - ness, Stir us with your sav - ing name.  
sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,  
as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife.



Bap - tize with your fier - y Spir - it,  
Yet are un - dis - turbed in spir - it  
Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion



Crown our lives with tongues of flame.  
By our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.  
By your own a - bun - dant life.

POSTLUDE | Fugue in D, BWV 532  
Brett Maguire, *organist*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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, July 13 | 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, July 14 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Linda Frayling, lector

**Sunday, July 14 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Laura Melle, Karen McMenamy, and Thomas Skorupa, lectors

**Sunday, July 14 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. Michael Simone, SJ, celebrant  
Julie DesAutels, Kate McGillicuddy, and Tim McGillicuddy, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 14 | 8:00 a.m.**

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*  
Daniel C. Robeson, *Memorial*

**Sunday, July 14 | 9:30 a.m.**

Alice Doherty, *Memorial*

**Sunday, July 14 | 11:30 a.m.**

Peter Bradley Martin, *Memorial*

**Friday, July 19 | 8:00 a.m.**

Patrick Sheehan, *Memorial*

## TODAY'S READINGS

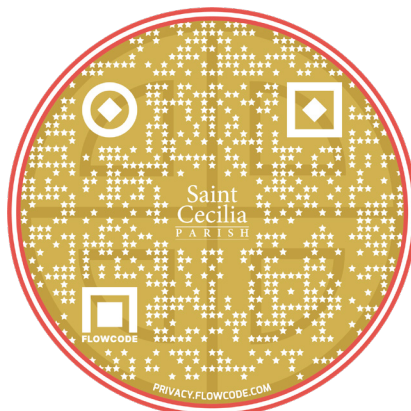
Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Mark 6:30-34



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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 David Kennedy, 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: **Kathi Jones-DelMonte** and **David DelMonte** of Rochester, NY, **Katherine Hanna** of Newark, DE, **Debra Hoffman** of Hingham, and **Cameron Schultz** and **Patrick and Krista Ebbert** of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/](http://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/)

## Happy Anniversary!

This past week, we celebrated the baptismal anniversary of **Ann Marie Turo**, who was baptized on July 12. This coming week, we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of **Rosaria Salerno**, who was baptized on July 18. May the Lord continue to bless them with the grace to live out their baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Ann Marie and Rosaria!

## Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Ordinarily, on July 14 the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American of North America to be canonized. However, because this feast falls on a Sunday this year, the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time takes precedence. Saint Kateri, born in 1656, is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" and is the patron saint of Indigenous Americans and ecology. We pray that through her intercession we may always be sensitive to the needs of those around us and more respectful of creation.

## Catholic Appeal Update: *We're Almost There!*

We are pleased to share that, through this year's Catholic Appeal campaign, we've reached 93% of our financial goal of \$149,149 and exceeded of our donor goal. 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 so much for your generosity!



## *Gone Phishing!*

A few parishioners and staff have received fraudulent emails seemingly from Father Unni. If you receive an email from any address that doesn't end in our domain (@stceciliaboston.org), please do not respond and report it to the parish via email or phone call.



## VISIT OUR FAMILY FLEX CENTER!

As we gather to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance of community and the shared experience of worship. However, we understand that attending Mass with young children can sometimes be challenging. That's why we encourage you to visit our Family Center, located to the left of the parish café and underneath the staircase on Saint Cecilia Street. The center is open during liturgies and provides a comfortable environment for parents with young children. Here, parents can watch Mass as their children play, and nursing mothers can enjoy a quieter, more private space. If you have any questions about the Family Center, please contact our Director of Facilities and Events, Lisa Pickering at her parish email address.

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 or be added to their mailing list, email the ministry at their parish email address.



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 out 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!



DONATIONS FOR  
DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

With summer here, 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.*





## SHAKESPEARE ON THE COMMON & PARISH PICNIC/POTLUCK

**Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m. | Boston Common**

For years, Saint Cecilia parishioners have gathered for a parish picnic/potluck before Shakespeare on the Common. This year, we invite you to join us for *The Winter's Tale* on Wednesday, July 17 on the Boston Common near the Parkman Bandstand. We'll reserve space and have a potluck picnic beforehand—a great opportunity to connect with other parishioners! The picnic is at 6:30 p.m. and the play begins at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please email Jenny Jones at the Climate Justice Ministry email. Jenny will be in the back of the church following the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on July 7 and 14 with a sign-up sheet and more information. The play is free, though donations to the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company are much appreciated: <http://www.commshakes.org/>

## RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets every other Monday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to provide a safe, welcoming space for men transitioning back into society following prison or jail. Each meeting consists of an opportunity to discuss challenges (and wins!) and gain support, followed by a shared meal. In particular, we welcome individuals from Coolidge House (the federal release center on Huntington Avenue) and Brooke House (the state release center in the Fenway). We are looking for more men to join us, so, if you know anyone who could benefit from this group, please personally invite them to join.

You can refer any questions to the Returning Citizens parish email address. Your quick referral could make a significant difference in someone's life!

## HELP US SEND A KID TO CAMP!

As you may know, Saint Cecilia Parish has a long-standing relationship with the Huntington YMCA and many social service programs offered in that facility. What you may not know is that the Huntington Avenue Y is the oldest in the United States and the cornerstone for the building was laid by President William Howard Taft in 1912. Through our combined donations, we would like to see if we can collect enough (\$2,500) to send one inner-city kid, aged 8 to 16, to Y camp this summer. The YMCA overnight camp in New Hampshire is a life-changing experience for those fortunate enough to attend.

To make a donation by check—in any amount—please make it payable to "YMCA of Greater Boston" and indicate in the memo line: "Summer Camp." Checks should be mailed to: Hunger and Homelessness Ministry, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115. Thanks as always for your accustomed generosity!



## JOIN OUR BIWEEKLY SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS GATHERING

**Thursday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**  
***Every Other Week Following***

*Join us for coffee, sweets, and  
conversation, followed by prayer and song!*

\* The first 30 minutes are open for folks to arrive, be welcomed into the space, and for hospitality.

**Where?** Saint Cecilia Parish (enter through the doors on St. Cecilia St. and ring the bell to be let in).

**Questions?** Email Lucy Conroy  
([seniors@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:seniors@stceciliaboston.org))



*Photo: Pope Francis speaks at the Generali Convention Center in Trieste, Italy, for an event during Italian Catholic Social Week on July 7, 2024. Also in the photo are Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, president of the Italian Bishops' Conference, left, and Archbishop Luigi Renna of Catania, Italy, right. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)*

Catholics are called to be active participants in political life and be a force against the decline of democracy worldwide, Pope Francis said.

"In today's world, democracy—let's be honest—is not in good health," the pope told some 1,200 participants at an event during Italian Catholic Social Week in Trieste, Italy.

The pope traveled to the northern Italian city for a one-day visit July 7 to participate in the four-day conference organized by the Italian bishops' conference on the theme "At the Heart of Democracy." The Vatican published his talk the same day.

Speaking in the Generali Convention Center in Trieste, Pope Francis said that "just as the crisis of democracy cuts across different realities and nations," Christians everywhere are called to develop an "attitude of responsibility toward social transformation."

The pope criticized the effects on democracy of the "throwaway culture" present in global society in which "there is no place for the poor, the frail, the sick, children, women, the young, the old." Such a culture makes government structures "incapable of listening and serving people."

"Whenever someone is marginalized, the whole social body suffers," he said, comparing the current crisis of democracy to a "wounded heart" which is hurt by the various forms of exclusion.

Pope Francis explained that democracy does not merely entail voting—putting aside his speech to voice his concern about declines in voter turnout—and said "it

demands that we create the conditions for everyone to express themselves and participate." He added that people must be "trained" in democratic participation from a young age and develop "a critical sense regarding ideological and populist temptations."

The pope warned of the "seductive" nature of ideologies and urged that society cultivate a sense of solidarity to combat them. "Everyone should feel part of a community project; no one should feel useless," he said

Departing from his prepared remarks, Pope Francis said that the welfare state alone is "the enemy of democracy, the enemy of love for neighbor," statements that were met with strong applause by the crowd in the convention center.

Certain approaches to welfare and social assistance "that do not recognize the dignity of people are social hypocrisy," he said, reading again from his text. "And what is behind this distancing from social reality? There is indifference, and indifference is a cancer of democracy, a non-participation."

To combat indifference and heal the heart of democracy requires widespread participation in political life, the pope said.

A "healed heart" of democracy requires creativity, he said, citing examples of how the Holy Spirit has been at work in economics, politics and society to strengthen a sense of community. The pope highlighted in particular the inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce; communities promoting renewable energy practice; policies that increase birth rates, jobs, education, accessible housing and mobility; and the integration of migrants.

Such issues, he said, cannot be addressed on a political level without people's participation in politics.

Political participation requires courage "to think of oneself as a people" rather than solely as "myself, my clan, my family, my friends," the pope said, which he specified is different from populism.

Pope Francis also urged the participants not to be deceived by easy solutions to society's problems but rather to prioritize the common good.

"As Catholics, in this regard, we cannot be content with a marginal or private faith," he said. Yet bringing one's faith into the public sphere means "not so much to be heard, but to have the courage to make proposals for justice and peace in the public debate."

Catholics, he said, "have something to say, but not to defend privileges. No. We must be a voice, a condemning and proposing voice in a society that is often mute and where too many have no voice."

The pope asked Christians to develop "politics of love" and to move beyond polarization, which "does not help to understand and confront challenges."

Rather, the role of the church is to engage people with hope, Pope Francis said, "because without it we administer the present but do not build the future."

"Without hope we would be stewards, balancers of the present, and not prophets and builders of the future," he said.

~ Justin McLellan is an Ecuadorian American journalist based in Rome with Catholic News Service, the news agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology from the University of Notre Dame.



**JULY LITURGY  
OF THE HOURS**

Please join us for Evening Prayer!

**Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Vespers for the Memorial of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

**Monday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Vespers for the  
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*

**Monday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Vespers for the Memorial of  
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

Live on the Saint Cecilia  
Facebook Page or via Zoom.

Please email  
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for details.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

JULY 14 - JULY 21

**Sunday, July 14**

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

**Monday, July 15**

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

**Wednesday, July 17**

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Communion Circle, 3:30 p.m. | Susan Balis House  
SCYA Paulist Center Supper Club  
Service Event, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
LGBTQ+: Space to Share, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 18**

Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

**Friday, July 19**

Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 20**

SCYA Cradles to Crayons Service Event  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21**

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





# 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 the 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!