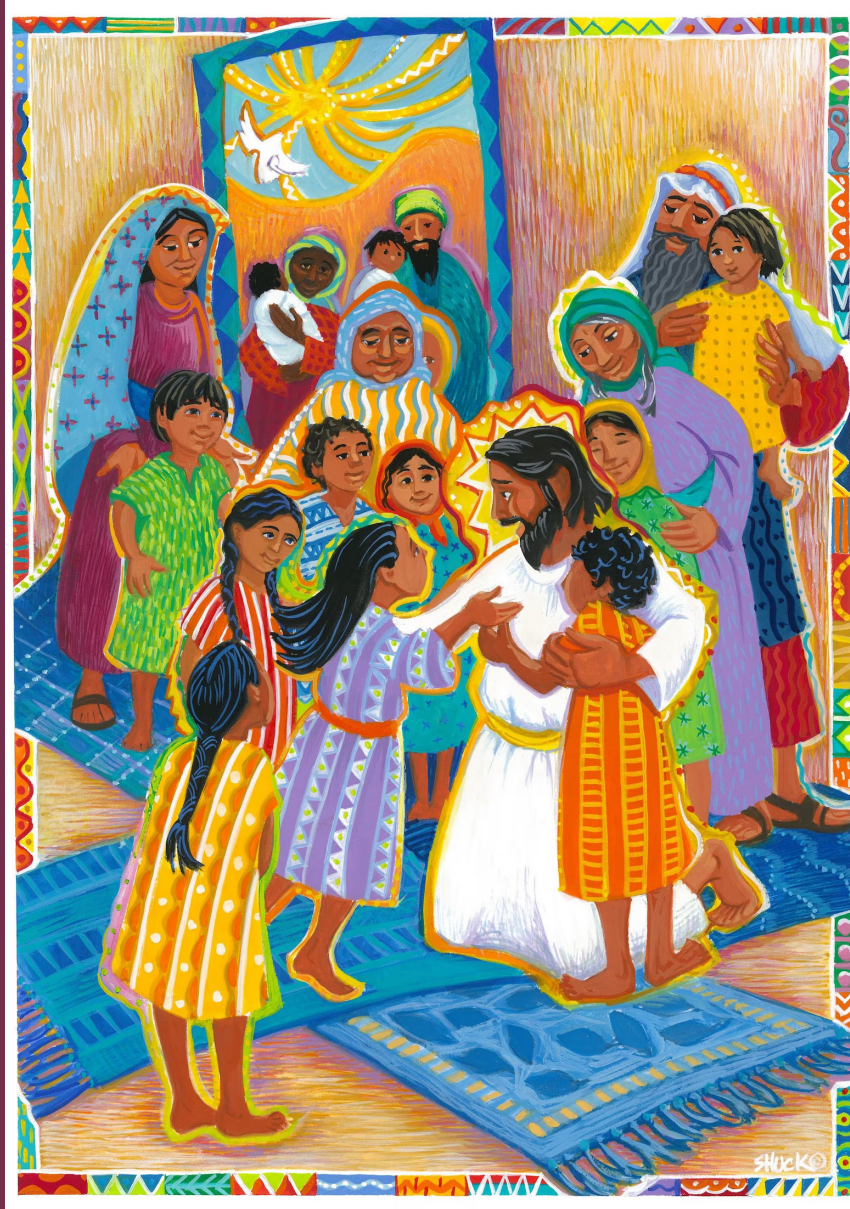


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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 July 2023

Let the Children Come to Me! by Vicki Shuck

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2 JULY 2023

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | “Simple Song” from Mass

Emma Robertson, *soprano*, and Eoin Clark, *piano*

Leonard Bernstein

(1918-1990)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!
2. He lives to bless me with his love;
3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!
He lives to plead for me a - bove;
He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives who once was dead;
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed;
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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 Remembrance

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

at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -

cy, have mer - cy on us. 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. A - men, a - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a



I will sing forever of your mercies,
O LORD;
through all ages my mouth will
proclaim your fidelity.
I have declared your mercy is
established forever;
your fidelity stands firm as the
heavens. *R.*

How blessed the people who know your
praise,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of

your face,
who find their joy every day in your
name,
who make your uprightness their
joyful acclaim. *R.*

For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor it is that our might is
exalted.

Behold, the LORD is our shield;
he is the Holy One of Israel, our
king. *R.*

SECOND READING | Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen



GOSPEL | Matthew 10:37-42

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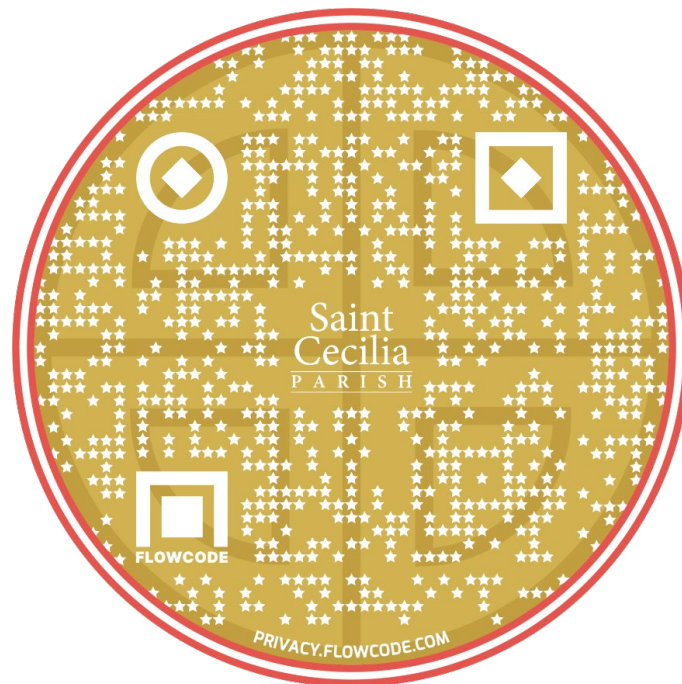
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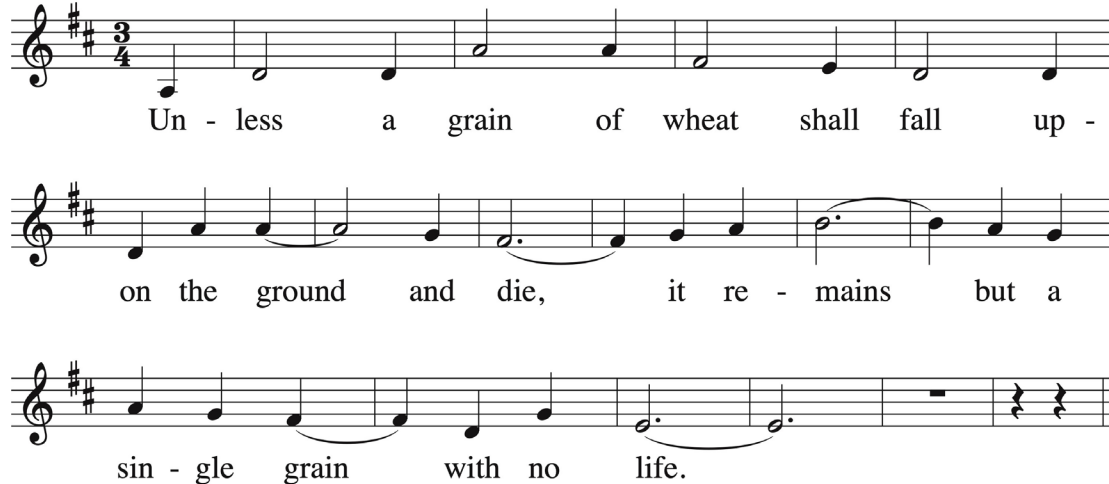


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



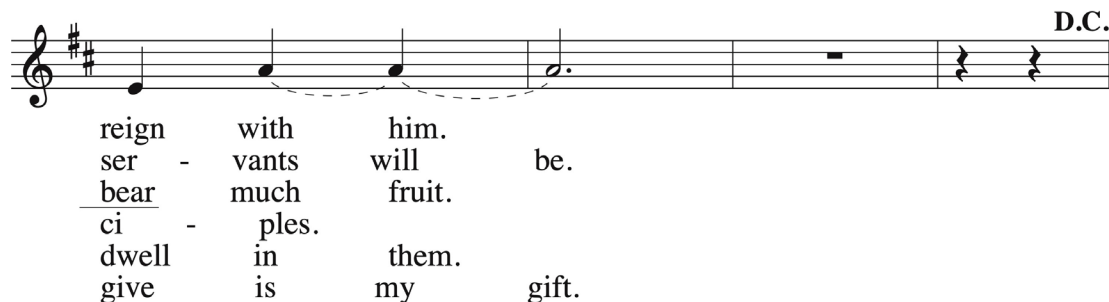
Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -
on the ground and die, it re - mains but a
sin - gle grain with no life.

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 Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte



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.

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-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 | You Walk Along Our Shoreline



1. You walk a - long our shore-line, Where land meets un - known sea.
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; We cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.
We work for love and jus - tice; We learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers, But of the hu - man soul."
Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by your grace.
To let your judg - ment heal us So that all may be one.

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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!

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 2 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Richard Gaillardetz, lector

Sunday, July 3 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, July 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Karen Vachon, Zachary Boutin, and Karen McMenamy, lectors

Sunday, July 3 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Mark Richburg, Jen Kowieski, and Nikko Mendoza, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTION

Sunday, July 2 | 8:00 a.m.

MaryKate Ross, *1st Anniversary*

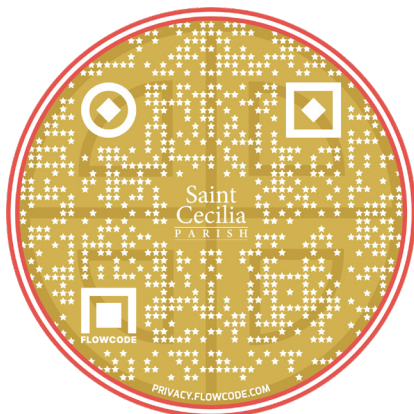
TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

**SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



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HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS MINISTRY: DRIVERS NEEDED

Each weekend parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated meat, dairy products, prepared foods, and produce from four local supermarkets and deliver it to either Catholic Charities' Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or the Huntington Y's Families in Transition program. In addition, we deliver parish donations to two Dorchester pantries: the Mary Ann Brett Pantry and the Catholic Charities pantry at the Yawkey Center. This vital ministry takes place at 8:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday morning and on Sundays can be completed in time to attend or watch the 9:30 a.m. parish Mass. We need drivers for all the Saturdays and Sundays in June and July. Please email Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com if you would like more information about how you can help.

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

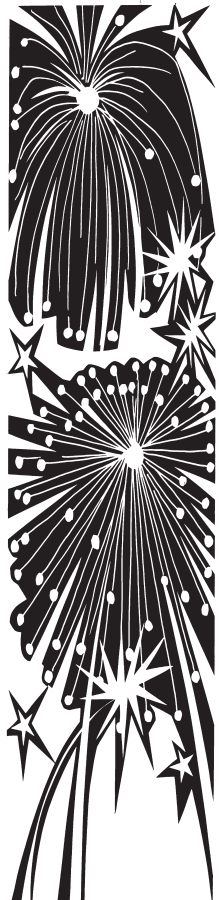
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Anastaja Lee, Sue Ryan, Necee Regis, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, Carol Tebo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rick Gaillardetz, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following newly-registered members of our parish: **Cleo Steiner** of Boston, **Lianne O'Reilly** of Allston, **Andrew Kelley** of Cambridge, and **Alexandra and Gareth Woolley** of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Happy Anniversary!

This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of **Caitlin Corrieri** who was baptized on July 7. May the Lord continue to bless Caitlin with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Caitlin!



Independence Day

Each year, the Fourth of July gives us the opportunity not only to delight in summer's beauty but to give thanks to God for freedom and prosperity in a beautiful and diverse nation. We pray for peace and for safe homecoming for soldiers, solace for their families, and healing for those wounded in mind and body. We pray also for the safety of all who will be traveling this week. Happy Fourth of July!

Change in Office Hours

In observance of Independence Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. Happy Fourth of July!

Summer Prayers

For the safety of travelers, for rest and renewal for vacationers, and for a summer filled with joy and delight, reunions with dear friends, and encounters with beautiful places, we pray!

WELCOME TO THE STAFF!

NICOLE PASCARELLI O'BRIEN
Pastoral Director of Operations



Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien joined the parish staff in June as Pastoral Director of Operations. In this role, Nicole works with Father John and the parish staff to further the mission and vision of the parish and its ministries. Nicole holds a master's degree in education administration and Catholic school leadership from Boston College and was the recipient of a National Association of Independent Schools' Fellowship for Aspiring School Heads. For more than two decades, she has held leadership positions at both Catholic and private schools, which includes serving as the interim head of school at her Newton alma mater, Mount Alvernia High School. Prior to her time in education, Nicole worked as a reporter for *The Pilot*. Nicole's family has generational roots at Gate of Heaven Parish in South Boston where she has been involved in many parish activities. Nicole enjoys yoga, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two teenage children.

BRETT MAGUIRE
Parish Organist



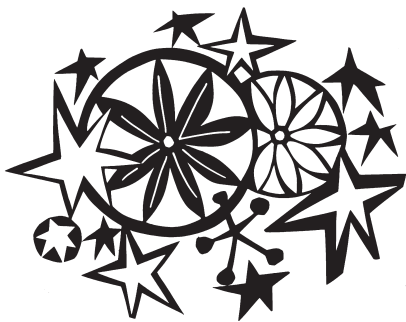
Brett Maguire is an award-winning organist, conductor, recording engineer, and filmmaker based out of Worcester. As an organist, he has performed at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris and with the Boston Pops under John Williams. He won both First Prize and Audience Prize at the Biarritz International Organ Competition in France. Brett is the assistant director of the Assumption University Chorale. Brett is a woodworker, spinner, and sourdough baker who likes to read and rock climb.

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 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 that allows them to enjoy fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support, and simply have fun! Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities and they need donations of the following items for 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)**

The next time you're shopping or on Amazon.com, please consider picking up some of the above items and dropping them in the labeled plastic bins in the narthex. Thank you!



LEND YOUR TIME & TALENT WITH IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchey at dhinchey@ivcusa.org.



DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

Summer is here and many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries are 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 is 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.



RCIA WELCOME SESSION

Are you or is someone you know searching for a spiritual home? Are you interested in knowing more about what it means to be Catholic? Our “no strings” Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) inquiry group begins Tuesday, September 19 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. If you would like to explore Catholicism or if you were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not yet received Eucharist, we invite you to journey with us! For information contact Tanya Rybarczyk at trybarczyk@stceciliaboston.org, or at 617-536-4548 x117. We will gather for a welcome/information session on September 12, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Join us to learn more!

JULY'S ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 9 | 4:00 p.m. ET

"The life of the flesh is in the blood" Lev 17:11

July is the month traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord, so we thought it appropriate that the Far-Flung Flock should take this subject as its theme for its meeting on July 9. Devotion to the Precious Blood is as old as Christianity with many great saints, including Saints Peter, Paul, John Chrysostom, Thomas Aquinas, and Catherine of Siena among others, extolling its virtues and blessings. It touches on the very heart of our faith—Jesus' redemptive sacrifice.

The July meeting will be led by Annette Smith, one of our FFF leadership team members, whom you may remember from her fascinating presentation on hymns and Christmas carols in December 2021. We will explore the history of this devotion, how it links the Old Testament and New Testament, the way it has been celebrated over the centuries, the spiritual truths it proclaims, and its continuing relevance to today.

Please note: You must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://forms.gle/MJcBbA5eRntJ8BQT9>), even if you registered as a parishioner. Parishioners are not automatically added to the FFF email list. Be sure to fill out the registration form correctly—some people have inadvertently omitted their email addresses, making it impossible for us to communicate with them.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PARISHIONER DELMACE MAYO!



The newest addition to the box of books available in the narthex for kids to borrow is *Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes*, by Patty Cisneros Prevo. This book is particularly meaningful to Saint Cecilia Parish because

one of only two young adults featured in the book is long-time parishioner, Delmace Mayo. Adopted from Haiti after the 2010 earthquake in that country, Delmace is a Jamaica Plain resident and attends Boston Green Academy. His record-setting performances as a para-athlete have been featured this spring on WCVB-TV and in *The Boston Globe*. You can learn more about Delmace at: <https://www.challengedathletes.org/athletes/delmace-mayo/>

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

SUMMER EVENTS AT BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

THE 14th ANNUAL SAINT MARY OF MAGDALA CELEBRATION

This celebration of the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene begins with Mass and lunch, followed by a lecture.

Rereading Biblical Women

Presenter: Dr. Jaime L. Waters, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Thursday, July 20, 2023 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Church and Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, Chestnut Hill Campus | Hybrid, attend in person (space is limited) or virtually | Registration Required | Free of charge

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Continuing Education website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-events_webinars

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Liturgy Essentials

July 19 – August 22, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course
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WHY CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY?

BY JANIE STEVENS

Each year on July 4, we celebrate our nation's birthday, the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We also let this day remind us of the ongoing struggle to insure that all Americans enjoy the rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence as they continue to develop since the nation's founding.

Our nation's foundational document sets forth a bold, revolutionary vision for a new nation, with a statement that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, which among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." John Adams, one of the founding fathers and our second president, wrote the following to his wife Abigail: "The fourth day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Yet 87 years later Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania invoked biblical language to remind his listeners that it has been "four score and seven years" since the founding fathers had put forth that bold vision for the new nation and "we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nations so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure." The idea that we could continue to exist half slave and half free had finally ripped the nation in two.

In 1869 the proposed Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave the vote to black men following the Civil War, caused a split in the nascent movement to give that same vote to women. One group, led by such women's suffrage campaigners as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, refused to endorse the amendment, as it did not give the vote to women as well. Others, such as Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe, argued that the enfranchisement of black men would make

giving the vote to women inevitable. In fact, it was another 50 years before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 secured the vote for all American women.

A century after the Gettysburg Address our nation was engaged in another monumental struggle in the fight for civil rights for the descendants of the slaves freed by Abraham Lincoln. Martin Luther King, Jr. urged his people to employ the tactics of peaceful disobedience in the fight for freedom, to fight for the rights they were guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. The dream of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech was that one day all citizens of the United States, including blacks, would share in the equality so nobly envisioned by our founding fathers. The movement culminated in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In the more than 200 years since the Declaration of Independence, our nation has come a long way in fulfilling the bold vision set forth by the founding fathers for a nation in which all people are created equal. It continues to be a model for freedom around the world. We have been and continue to be the envy of many. Our freedom and equality are very special gifts, to be celebrated, honored and treasured. On this day we remember John Adams' hope that we celebrate with all our heart with cookouts, barbecues, parades, fireworks, prayers, speeches that help us remember our story on this great anniversary festival.

But as we celebrate on this day we should also remember the more than 200 years of struggle on the part of those who realized that the vision of our founders could only be complete when all of our citizens enjoyed its benefits. In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. This promise obligates us to continue to be open to the aspirations of all those who still find themselves short of full inclusion in our founders' vision.

~ Janie Stevens was a Christian educator and former Christian formation missionary for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. She died in 2014.

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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., & 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 take advantage of 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 our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

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 (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) 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)

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.

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. 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.