

# Saint Cecilia

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10 September 2023

How To Be A Kinder Neighbor by Andrea D'Aquino

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23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | *Sinfonia de la Cantate Ich steh' mit einem Fuss im Grabe*, BWV 156  
Coleton Morgan, oboe and Brett Maguire, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | 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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

GLORIA | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin



### Verses

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Ezekiel 33: 7-9

If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving  
thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise. R.

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the LORD who  
made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock

of his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
“Harden not your hearts as at  
Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the  
desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they  
saw my work.” R.

## SECOND READING | Romans 13: 8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Lent: O glo - ry to you, O Word of God,*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je - sus Christ.*

## GOSPEL | Matthew 18: 15-20

## 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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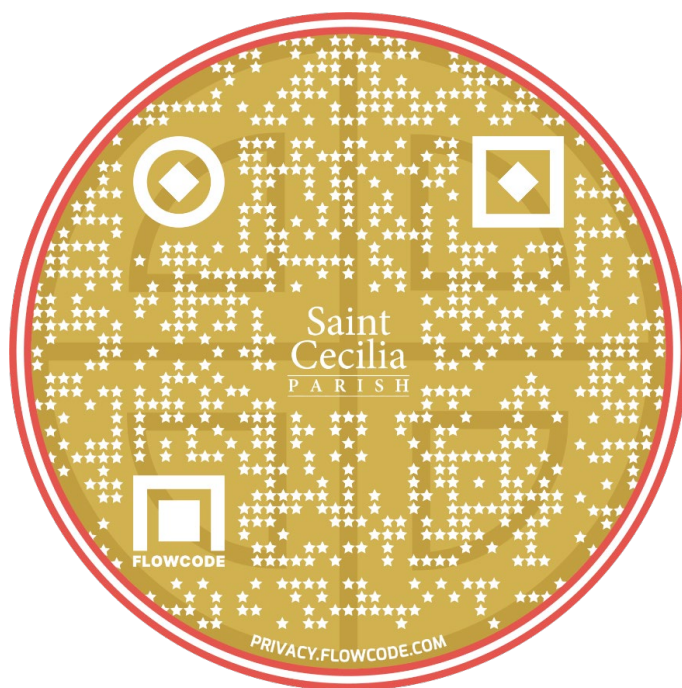
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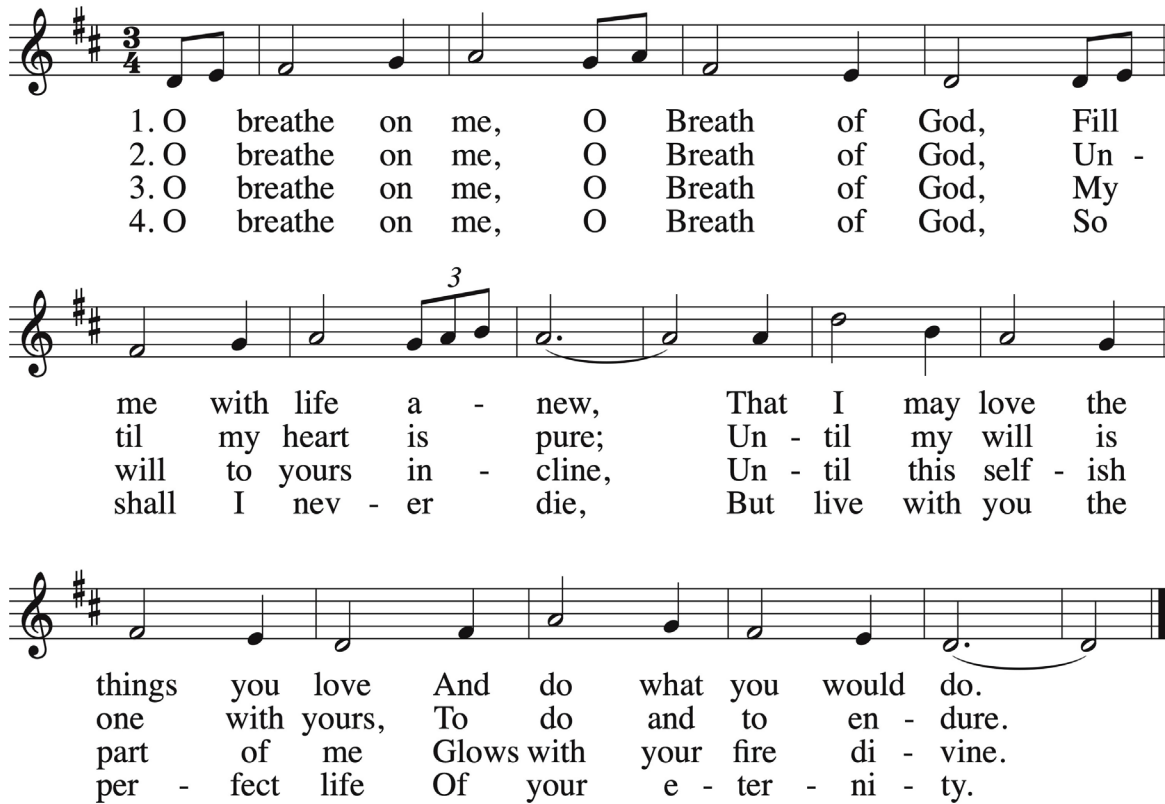
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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

ST. COLUMBA



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill  
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -  
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My  
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So

me with life a - new, That I may love the  
til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is  
will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish  
shall I nev - er die, But live with you the

things you love And do what you would do.  
one with yours, To do and to en - dure.  
part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.  
per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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 | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## LAMB OF GOD | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin

*Cantor or choir:* *All:*

Lamb of God, Prince of Peace, God of Love, Bread of Life, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *Repeat as needed*

*Last time* *Cantor or choir:* us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *All:* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## 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 | I Receive the Living God

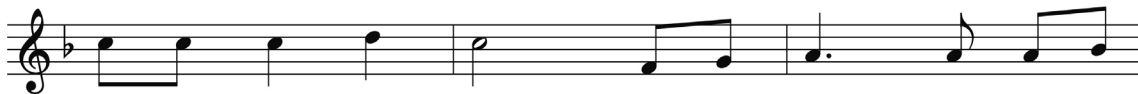


I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my  
 heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing  
 God, And my heart is full of joy.


## Verses



1. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Bread	Sent to
2. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Vine,	Far from
3. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Way,	And my
4. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Truth.	If you
5. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Life,	Raised in
6. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Day,	Shin - ing



you from God Most High.	Take and eat,	and you will
whom no life can grow.	If you join	your - self to
path is straight and true.	Fol - low me	to where I
fol - low close to me,	You will know	me in your
tri - umph from the dead.	As one Bod - y	now re -
bright - ly through your night.	Wel - come me,	and you will



D.C.

live;	You need nev - er	fear	to	die.
me,	A rich har - vest	you	will	know.
lead;	There my Fa - ther	waits	for	you.
heart,	And my word will	make	you	free.
main,	Mem - bers joined to	me,	the	Head.
walk	By the Spir - it's	guid - ing		light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love  
Which can bind you close to me.  
Those who know this gift I bring  
Will find true community.
8. Jesus says: I am the Peace  
Which the world cannot bestow.  
Learn to love and live in me,  
And in you my Reign will grow.
9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,  
And my death set sinners free.  
Those who drink the cup I drink  
Must take up this work with me.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | As the Deer Longs for the Waterbrooks

Michael Bedford  
(b. 1949)

As the deer longs for the waterbrooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God.  
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in God and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense;  
the Lord will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing,  
from the springs of salvation.

You speak in my heart and say, "seek my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

--Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 84:5-6, Isaiah 12:2-3, Psalm 27:11

# CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom, From de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the  
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease That, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned: Pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
All may come and go in peace. Show us how, through  
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
Bring the life of Christ to mind, That by our re -



love in ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness, Fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

POSTLUDE | Hornpipe from Water Music

George Friderich Handel  
(1685-1759)

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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.

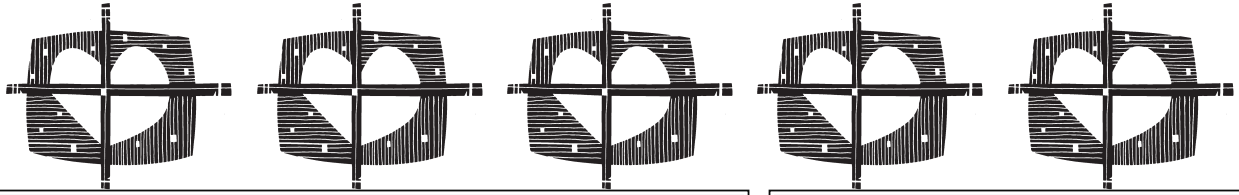
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two 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, September 9 | 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, September 10 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant  
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

**Sunday, September 10 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Harry Minehart, Chika Offurum, and Hannah Ostwald lectors

**Sunday, September 10 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Mark Richburg, Jim Dougherty, and Eileen Maguire, lectors

**Sunday, September 10 | 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ, celebrant  
Nikko Mendoza and Kevin Dumas, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 9 | 5:00 p.m.**

Betty Botosh, *Memorial*

**Sunday, September 10 | 8:00 a.m.**

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

**Sunday, September 10 | 9:30 a.m.**

David Feeley, *2nd Anniversary*  
Carole Anne Howland, *Memorial*

**Sunday, September 10 | 11:30 a.m.**

Roger Dumont, *Memorial*

**Wednesday, September 13 | 8:00 a.m.**

Nancy Kwitekowski, *1st Anniversary*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

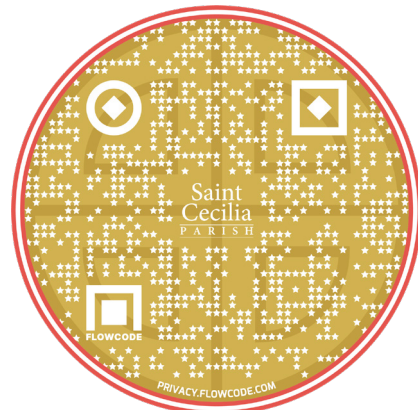
Matthew 18:15-20

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



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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 **Theodore Mootos, Fr. Roman Galadza, Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Sue Ryan, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, 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: the **Perry Family** of Waltham, the **Bedlion Family** of Hopkinton, **Lisa and Bob Morrissey** of Walpole, the **Suglia Family** of Fairhaven, **Eunice and Ron Cheshire** of Plano, Texas, the **Moeller Family** of Dunstable, and **David Barry and Jessica Thompson** of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## For Those Returning to School

Pray for all students and teachers who are returning to the classroom. This weekend, we will resume our six o'clock liturgy and are looking forward to welcoming back our college students.

## Beginning of Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 24 for grades K through 10. Our youngest class this year will be for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2024. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: <https://bit.ly/45BWmLK>. **Please note:** we need baptismal certificates for all children enrolled in the program and all families must be registered parishioners. If you are not presently registered, there are registration forms in the narthex or you can register online by visiting: <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please email our new Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at her parish email.

## Clergy Trust

Each September, the Boston Archdiocese invites us to support the health and well-being of all our active and senior priests in good standing. The annual collection for Clergy Trust will take place next weekend, September 16 and 17. Clergy Trust makes it possible for the archdiocese to care for senior priests by providing health and wellness programs, a dedicated care team, and a residence for se-

nior priests. Contributing to this collection is a good way to give thanks for the many ways our priests continue to serve the People of God in parishes, schools, and communities. To make a gift to Clergy Trust, visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org). Thank you for your generosity!



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA SEPTEMBER 11-17

### Monday, September 11:

Knitting Ministry Meeting: 3:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Returning Citizens Group, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 12:

RCIA Information Session, 6:30 p.m.  
LGBTQ+ After-Thoughts, 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 13:

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom  
Communion Circle, Mount Pleasant Home, 3:00 p.m.  
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Thursday, September 14:

Communion Circle at Hale House, 4:00 p.m.  
Catechism Study, sponsored by SCYA, 6:30 p.m.  
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

### Friday, September 15:

SCYA Game/Movie Night 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, September 16:

SCYA Women's Group (in person), 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday, September 17:

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom  
VIRTUS/PGC Training, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Lector Training, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Meet members of the SCYA and/or LGBTQ+ Affinity Groups at Coffee Hospitality after the 11:30 Mass

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**VIRTUS Training | Sunday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.  
Community Room**

VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC), is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused and how to talk with children about these issues. The second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training. Please plan to attend if you've not done so in the past and you intend to volunteer in the future. Also, please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session and the training will be approximately 3 hours, including videos and group discussion. Help us by officially registering for this course on September 17 at 11:00 a.m. at <https://www.virtusonline.org/>. Doing so will create a permanent record of your participation and completion of the training. If you can't register online, please join us anyway and come a few minutes early so you can be registered in the system. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!



## RCIA BEGINS THIS WEEK!

**Tuesday, September 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Community Room**

"Come and see..." John 1:39



If you are interested in exploring becoming Catholic, or receiving the Sacraments of first Eucharist and Confirmation, we are holding an RCIA informational gathering this Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Staff and parishioners who have gone through the RCIA process in the past will be there to share their knowledge of the process and answer any questions you may have. Join us to see if it's the right time to begin your journey! Contact Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish email with questions!



## ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, September 10 | 4:00 p.m. ET**

The Saint Cecilia Remote Fellowship Ministry is excited to announce that Sebastian Gomes, executive editor of Audio and Video at America Media, will be the guest speaker at our September FFF online coffee hour! Since joining America in 2019, Sebastian has created several podcasts, including *The Gloria Purvis Podcast* with Catholic commentator and radio personality Gloria Purvis, which addresses contentious issues in the Catholic Church from a consistent life ethic. Other podcasts include *Jesuitical*; *Inside the Vatican*; *Hark!*; *The Stories Behind Our Favorite Christmas Carols*; and *Preach*. Sebastian wrote and directed America's first feature documentary, *People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States*, released in 2022. Saint Cecilia is one of four parishes featured in this documentary. If you'd like to join the conversation, learn more about America, or ask Sebastian a question, please join us at this coffee hour!



**Please note:** To receive the link to our coffee hours each month, you must register for the FFF email list with this link ([bit.ly/45pDVRa](https://bit.ly/45pDVRa)), even if you registered to be a parishioner. Be sure to fill out the registration form correctly—some people have inadvertently omitted their email address or typed their address incorrectly and, therefore, will not receive any communications. If you've registered, but haven't received any coffee hour notifications, email



## SEASON OF CREATION MASS

**Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. | Paulist Center**

Join the Boston Catholic Climate Movement at a special Mass celebrating the Season of Creation on Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Paulist Center Boston (located at 5 Park Street, Boston). This Season unites the world's 2.6 billion Christians in prayer and action to protect Earth, our common home. In addition, this season allows us to discern ways we can respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. A reception will follow, providing a chance to interact with other Massachusetts Catholics, including recent *Laudato Si'* Champion Award winners. A brief opportunity for action will also be offered.



## JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look toward the fall, we're looking for folks to join our music ministry! In particular, we are looking for additional singers and instrumentalists to participate in music ministry at both the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies. Choir rehearsals take place weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the church. If you are interested, please see our Director of Music, Rob Duff, after Mass or email him at his parish email.



## "MUSIC FOR FOOD" CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

**Sunday, September 24 | 2:00 p.m.**  
**New England Conservatory's Brown Hall**

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Project Bread: "Prior to the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at its peak rendering 19.6% of households food insecure." Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals.

Music for Food's 14th season begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, in New England Conservatory's Brown Hall. The season opens with Stravinsky's *L'histoire du soldat* and a world premiere for viola by Lingbo Ma!

Admission is free, and all donations will benefit Women's Lunch Place (WLP), which is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing needed resources to vulnerable women in Boston. Suggested donation is \$30+ and \$10+ for students, collected at the door. 100% of donations will benefit Women's Lunch Place. Donate here: <https://bit.ly/3KNNv81>

## *Songs of Life Public Concert*

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**St. Cecilia's Parish, Boston**

Join Shelter Music Boston for an evening of music celebrating the culmination of the 2023 Julie Leven Artistic Project: *Songs of Life*, featuring world premiere commissions by Che Buford, Anthony Green, Sato Matsui, and Francine Trester. These commissions and arrangements for string quartet are inspired by songs of significance shared by Shelter Music's audiences that relate to their identity, life stories, and connection to music. For more information and to register for this event, please visit [www.sheltermusicboston.org/2023-songs-of-life-public-concert](http://www.sheltermusicboston.org/2023-songs-of-life-public-concert). We hope to see you at this free event! A light reception will follow the concert program.

Shelter Music Boston is proud to employ professional classical musicians and citizen artists to deliver high-quality chamber music concerts. They provide 60-70 live concerts and monthly virtual concert recordings each year to organizations dedicated to serving men, women, and children experiencing homelessness/housing insecurity, or those in substance misuse recovery throughout Greater Boston. Among the agencies for Shelter Music Boston musicians perform are our non-profit partners at Boston Health Care for the Homeless and the Pine Street Inn.



## TELL THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT MARY MAGDALENE ON EASTER SUNDAY

When Catholics gather for Mass on Easter Sunday, they do not hear the full story of the Resurrection. They do not hear the inspiring story of Mary Magdalene's witness of the Risen Christ or Christ's commission to Mary Magdalene to proclaim the Resurrection to the other disciples. Telling Mary Magdalene's true story can not only vindicate her memory, but also help discern and reclaim the rightful role for women in the Church. Join FutureChurch in calling on the global church to tell the full story of Mary Magdalene's apostolic witness to the Resurrection every Easter Sunday so that all Catholics can be inspired by the Good News of her faith, courage, and ministry. Read more and sign at <https://futurechurch.org/petition>.



## LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE GALA

One of our Rainbow Ministry's non-profit partner agencies is the LGBT Asylum Task Force, located in Worcester. The LGBT Asylum Task Force welcomes LGBTQ people of all faith traditions from throughout the world. They provide housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental resources at other local agencies. Legal asylum seekers aren't allowed to work for up to two years after arriving in the United States and this vital ministry provides comprehensive support for this two-year period.

LGBT Asylum Task Force's annual gala takes place on Saturday, September 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Each ticket is \$125 and there will be tables of eight. Buy tickets: <https://one.bidpal.net/taskforcegala2023/ticketing> If you plan to attend and would like to sit at the Saint Cecilia table, please email our reception team and ask to be put in touch with Mark Lippolt. It is also possible to purchase a ticket so that an asylum seeker can attend the event.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE: BACKPACKS

While the beginning of the school year is an exciting time for kids and parents, it can also be stressful. In hopes of alleviating stress and making the start of the school year sunnier for the families helped by the Mary Ann Brett Pantry in Dorchester, Saint Cecilia is collecting new backpacks.

### **The Brett Pantry has requested 141 backpacks:**

#### **Grade K-4 (Ages 5-10)**

Girls—38 Backpacks

Boys—44 Backpacks

#### **Grade 5-8 (Ages 11-13)**

Girls—12 Backpacks

Boys—13 Backpacks

#### **Grade 9-12 (Ages 14-18)**

Girls—9 Backpacks

Boys—25 Backpacks

And to round out the backpacks, the Brett Pantry would also appreciate donations of: pens, colored pencils, glue sticks, index cards, and colored file folders. You can leave these donations in the baskets in the narthex or mail them to us via Amazon or another online retailer. You can send donations to *Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115, c/o Mark Lippolt*. Thank you so much for your dedication to improving kids' lives in Greater Boston!



## PIE SELLERS NEEDED!

As part of our ongoing relationship with Community Servings, we are looking for parishioners willing to assist with their annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser. Every Thanksgiving pie sold feeds a Community Servings client suffering from a life-threatening illness for one week. The delicious pies—apple, pecan, and pumpkin—are the perfect dessert for your Thanksgiving table. If you are willing to help sell pies at Saint Cecilia liturgies as well as to your friends and colleagues, please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email.

## SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

According to Feeding America: "In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment and food insecurity soared. In 2022, 49 million people turned to food banks and community programs for help putting food on the table. According to the USDA, more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, in the United States are food insecure." And we in the Commonwealth face similar challenges. From the Greater Boston Food Bank website: "According to the 2023 state-wide study on hunger in Massachusetts, as many as 1 in 3 children in Massachusetts (36%) experienced food insecurity at some point in 2022."

Our response to this crisis, through our Hunger & Homelessness Ministry, includes our support of two Dorchester food pantries: the Catholic Charities' food pantry at the Yawkey Center and the Mary Ann Brett Pantry. Please consider a donation of one of the following items, which you can leave in baskets in the narthex: cornflakes or Cheerios, tomato sauce, canned tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, white flour pasta, peanut butter, cooking oil, or canned chicken breast. If you are unable to attend Saint Cecilia Parish in person, a few of the options to order and have delivered include Target, Amazon, and Walmart. Items purchased online should be sent to: Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115. Thank you for your generosity!

## WELCOME, CARLY-ANNE GANNON!

We're pleased to welcome Carly-Anne Gannon as our new Children's Faith Formation Coordinator! A native of Dublin, Ireland, Carly-Anne has a bachelor's degree in religions and theology and a masters degree in ecumenics, both from Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin. She earned a Masters of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame with the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). She taught middle school religion and high school theology in Corpus Christi, Texas before moving to full-time ministry in higher education as the Catholic chaplain at Stony Brook University. She also earned a Masters of Arts degree in religious education at Fordham University while serving as director of religious education at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Carly-Anne is currently pursuing doctoral studies in theology and education at Boston College. In her free time, she loves to run, visit art galleries, try new cuisine, and spend time with her niece and nephew. You can contact her at her parish email address!



## IN-PERSON CATECHISM STUDY—HUMAN DIGNITY AND MORALITY

**Thursday, September 14 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Cecilia Parish Hall**

Every human person has dignity, and free will to choose good or evil. But how do we determine what is morally good and evil? How can we be truly free to choose the good? The Saint Cecilia Catechism Study group is starting a new section on how to apply our Christian faith to our lived experiences and daily lives. Join us for food and fellowship as we discuss these big questions! All newcomers, ages, and opinions are welcome! If you want to read ahead, take a look at CCC Sections: 1699-1876. Please RSVP (<https://bit.ly/3Z9PxFh>) if you are interested in attending.



The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective  
invite you to the Boston Premiere  
of the film

## Wonderfully Made LGBTQ+R(eligion)

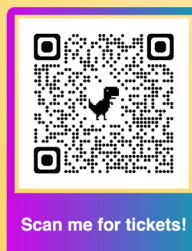
Directed by Yuval David  
Produced by Mark McDermott

**Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM**  
**St. Cecilia Church**  
**18 Belvidere St.**  
**Boston, MA 02115**

Q&A with the creatives and advocates following the screening

Light reception immediately follows.

For more information email [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org)



*Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+R(eligion)* is a feature-length documentary striking at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. The film focuses on the Catholic Church because it is one of the largest religious organizations and its anti-LGBTQ+ stance is known and growing more headline. It features interviews with leading advocates rarely seen all together, including clergy, organizational leaders and activists. The narrative of the film is shaped by the process of a fine art project creating unprecedented, photographic iconography depicting Jesus as a member/ally of the LGBTQ+ community, represented by multiple LGBTQ+ models.

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## WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group invites you to join us in reading Richard Rohr's 2019 title, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet. We are always happy to welcome new members who are in the second half of life. We meet every Sunday morning at 8:30 via Zoom. On the first Sunday of the month, we also meet in person at 1:00 in the Community Room. Though our time together we deepen our spiritual lives, encounter the God who loves us deeply, create friendships, and, when moved by the Spirit, discuss social justice issues. Feel free to drop in at any time. For more information, please email Deb Garcia at the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality email address.



## JOIN SAINT CECILIA CARES!

*"...I was sick and you visited me..."*

*Does your heart stir at the idea of visiting the sick or elderly, but you feel nervous about what to say or how to pray? Would you like to bring the compassion and communion of Saint Cecilia Parish to those who can no longer physically attend Mass? Do you feel called to bring Christ's presence to others through the Eucharist?*

Saint Cecilia's CARES Ministry serves the sick and homebound of our Parish through friendly visits, prayer, and the Eucharist. To learn more, please contact Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate and head of our CARES Ministry. She can be found at 617-536-4548 X117 or her parish email.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

#### CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

##### Pathways to Holiness: Early Christianity and Ethics

**Presenter:** James F. Keenan, S.J., Vice Provost for Global Engagement; Director of The Jesuit Institute; Canisius Professor, Boston College Theology Department  
Wednesday, September 27 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid  
Boston College, Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Chestnut Hill Campus | Registration Required | Free

To learn more and register, visit the STM website: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

#### ONLINE COURSES

##### Finding a Moral Compass

September 20 – October 17 | 4-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$30.00

##### Spirituality Matters

September 20 – October 24 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00

##### The Engaged Parish

September 20 – October 24 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00

To learn more and register, visit the STM Crossroads website: [https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm\\_online\\_crossroads](https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm_online_crossroads)

## SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

##### Life Behind Prison Walls and the Need for Reform

**Presenters:** Ruth Raichle, of Bethany House Ministries, Dr. Kathleen Dennehy and Paul Robinson  
Monday, October 2 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: [https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult\\_faith\\_formation.html](https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html)





## REINVIGORATING SAINT CECILIA'S YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

BY DANIELLE DOMINGUE SUMI

*In place of our weekly bulletin article, we'd like to share about our Young Families Ministry (SCYF), which has been reinvigorated through the hard work of a handful of dedicated parishioners. Here, parishioner Danielle Domingue Sumi shares her experience in bringing back this vital ministry.*

### What inspired you to initiate this ministry?

My family and I experienced a few of this ministry's meetings not long before St. C's Mass went virtual for the pandemic. In early November 2021, an inquiry came out amongst the group seeking new ministry leads; I ended up being the only person to express interest and many of us were only considering attending Mass in person again at that time. I was inspired to support this ministry after hearing the hopes of the previous leaders and believed that the foundation they'd already established could be reinvigorated. I was also inspired by my hope to deepen fellowship with families like mine; being new both to Massachusetts and Saint Cecilia, we'd found it challenging to connect or even meet other families with young children—the pandemic didn't help much with that either. It took some time after my first dialogue with the previous ministry leads; I reviewed past documents and planning, organized my thoughts, and waited on God's time! Once parish supports were in place, SCYF was ready to be refreshed!

### How did the first meeting go?

The first Saint Cecilia Young Families (SCYF) meeting was on Sunday, August 27 and it went quite well. There were about 15 families present with children aged 0 to 7 years old. Everyone seemed very happy to be amongst common beliefs and space! The meeting was informal with family introductions, shared details on the group planning and we made great use of the Family Flex Room. Our children enjoyed the playtime after mass, and we were able to chat about a few topics for future whole-family and parent discussions.

### What are your hopes for the ministry?

I hope to continue building the foundation of the Young Families Ministry so that it may keep a strong hold in our parish. I hope that we will maintain consistent meetups with open space for discussion and fellowship amongst our families. Within the year, I hope SCYF will have a regular calendar to plan activities and events. I look forward to gaining more insight from the planning committee, collaborating with other parish ministries, and witnessing our families grow together in faith and friendship.

### How is this ministry tied to our Catholic faith?

SCYF connects parents and children with the hope that they may develop lasting relationships within the Catholic Church, with our Savior, Jesus Christ, and live their lives under guiding Christian principles. This ministry fosters social and spiritual connectedness and uses Bible verses to aid



conversation on how families may encourage and support one another while navigating the joys and challenges of parenting. SCYF will help children make new friends with other children who have similar values and are on similar faith-formation journeys.

~ *Danielle Domingue Sumi (she/her/hers) is a visual artist inspired by culture, spirituality, and humility. Danielle is committed to promoting social well-being through costume design and expressive arts—together with increased understanding, recognition, and response to multiethnic heritage. Danielle's creativity is explicated through multi-cultural diversity and social justice principles. We're so grateful to have her spearheading our Young Families Ministry!*

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## JOIN OUR YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

The Young Families Ministry (SCYF) has their next group meeting on Sunday, September 24 in the Family Flex Center following the 9:30 Mass. They'll provide a wonderful arts and crafts activity for all ages so please feel free to drop in! The group is also reserving Saturday, September 30 for their first whole family gathering—outdoors at a local park/playground. You can get in the loop about this location and other meet-ups and activities by clicking through the ministry's Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/scyfboston>

Also—the group is looking for folks to join the SCYF Planning Committee, so if you're interested in lending your time and talents, please reach out to Danielle Domingue Sumi at the Young Families Ministry email.

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## CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES—OUR MARRIAGE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

**Saturday, October 21/28 | Hybrid**

Since our Marriage Ministry's reboot in 2018, our Parish has provided bi-annual marriage prep courses for engaged couples planning to marry in the Church. These hybrid courses, held on two consecutive Saturdays, are offered every October and March. The next course is on October 21 (Zoom) and October 28 (in-person). Saint Cecilia's course is based on the Archdiocese's Transformed in Love model, in which married couples in the parish serve as witnesses that lead engaged couples through the coursework.

To shepherd young couples through this significant process, our Marriage Ministry needs your help! Whether you've been married for a short time or for decades, we'd love you to share your knowledge and experience with our group. Again, our next course is in October; commitment time is flexible, and we will provide guidance on how to relay your experience and wisdom. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire future couples and nurture your own marriage!

Also—this year we hope to expand our Marriage Ministry with additional gatherings, and activities such as speakers, book clubs, and a marriage mentoring program. We need help to get these new initiatives up and running, so please reach out if you're interested!

Please contact Julianne and Michael Lavelle at the Marriage Ministry email to learn more. We hope you will join us in this rewarding ministry!





# 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

*\*To email parish staff, please use the following formula:*

*First Initial + Last Name @stceciliaboston.org*

**Rev. John J. Unni**, Pastor

**Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ**, Pastoral Support

**Christine Burns**, Digital and Print Media Coordinator

**Tyler Cesario**, Assistant Director of Music

**Mark Donohoe**, Pastoral Associate

**Robert Duff**, Director of Music

**Carly-Anne Gannon**, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation

**Daniel Lamoureux**, Vigil Organist

**Scott MacDonald**, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility

**Brett Maguire**, Organist

**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. Terrence Devino, SJ

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

## Audiovisual Support

**Maureen Deery**, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show

**Geoffrey Edwards**, Livestream Videographer

**Vasily Izumchensky**, Livestream Sound Engineer

## Reception

**Keith Brinkley, Eli Geruschat, Joe O'Brien, & Corey Ortiz**

## 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.

## 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.

## Building Accessibility

Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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, Carly-Anne Gannon.

## 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)

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. 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!