

Saint Cecilia

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 September 2023

Day Laborers by James Janknegt

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PRELUDE | Adagio from Sonata, Op. 25, No. 1

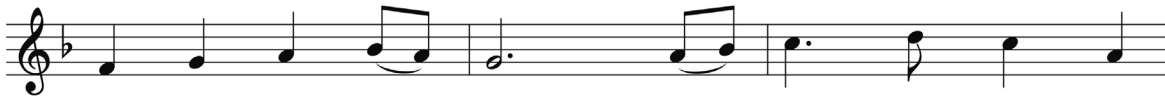
Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



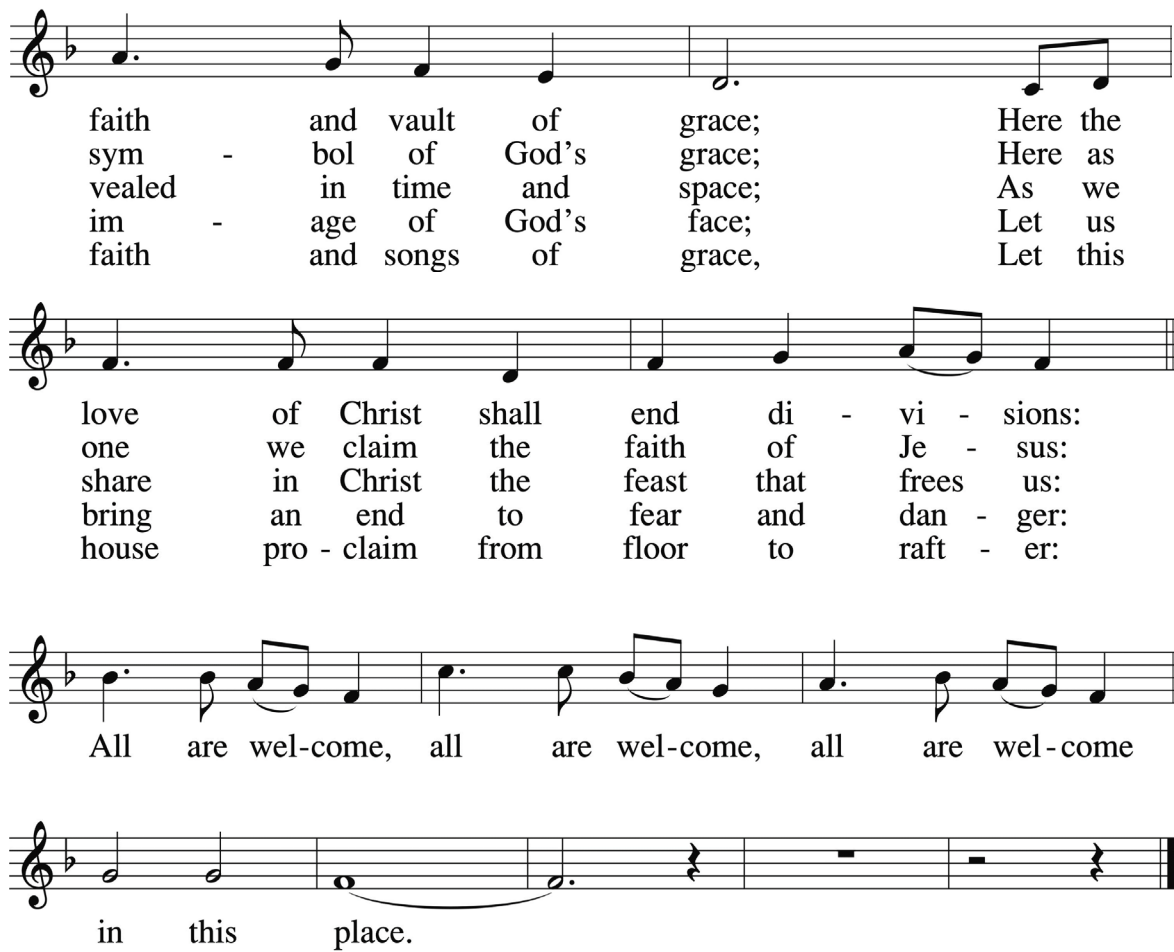
all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

 All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come

 in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

GLORIA | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

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.

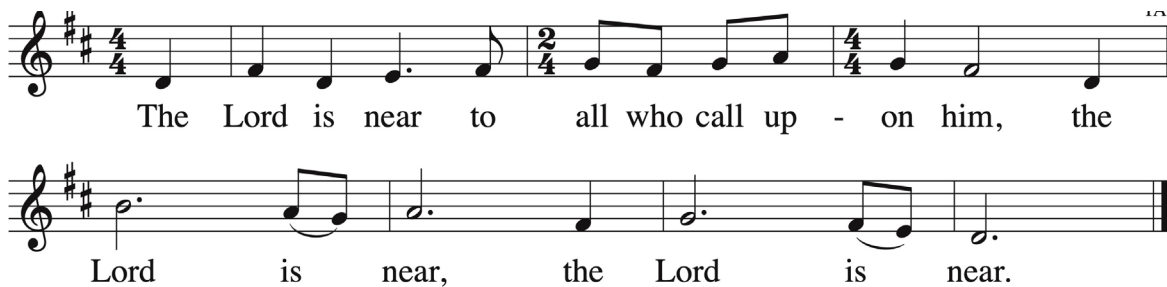
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 55: 6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 145: The Lord is Near

Tony Alonso



I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever and
ever.

The LORD is great and highly to be
praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. *℟.*

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *℟.*

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. *℟.*

SECOND READING | Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

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 20: 1-16a

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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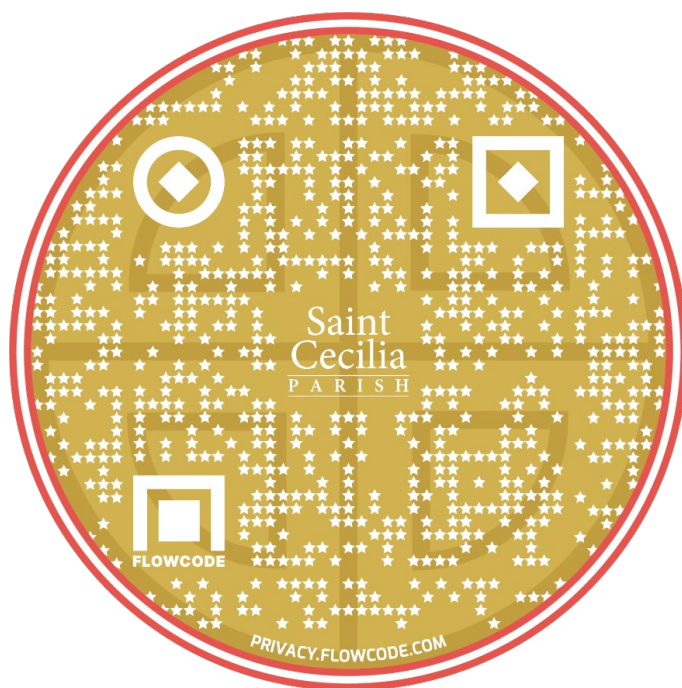
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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, And the world is a - bout to turn!

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

4

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, you take a - way the sins of the
Prince of Peace,
God of Love,
Bread of Life,

Repeat as needed

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *Cantor or choir:*

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

All:

world, have mer - cy on us. 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 | 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.

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee. (Psalm 121)

CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | Now Thank We All Our God

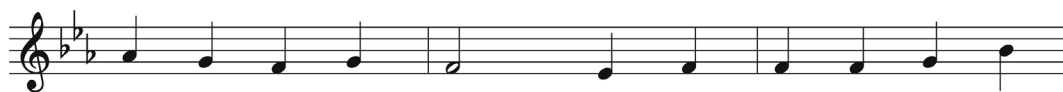
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1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With



whom his world re - joic - es; Who from our moth - ers'
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his
them in high - est heav - en— The one e - ter - nal



arms Has blessed us on our way With
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore— For



count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
free us from all harm Till heav - en we pos - sess.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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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, September 23 | 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 24 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, September 24 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Maggie Loh, Christie Hedges, and Christopher Loh, lectors

Sunday, September 24 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Cathy Anderson, Eileen Maguire, and Ben DeWinter, lectors

Sunday, September 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo and Jen Kowieski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24 | 9:30 a.m.

Ruth Frost, *8th Anniversary*
Robert DSilva, *10th Anniversary*
Franciska DSouza, *Memorial*

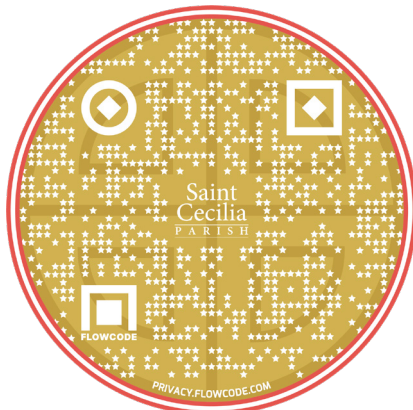
TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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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: **Abigail Rapillo** of Brighton, **Meredit Stuhlman** and **Edward Selzer** of Boston, the **De-Smith Santora Family** of Newton, the **Joyce Family** of Boston, **Daniel Baczowski** of Arlington, **George Martinez** of Boston, and **Belin Mirabile** and **Ross Sullivan** of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Beginning of Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 24 for grades K through 8. Faith Formation for grades 9 and 10 will begin on Sunday, October 1. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: <https://bit.ly/45BWmIK>. 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.

Faith and Blue Weekend

In two weeks, we're welcoming members of the Boston Police Department and their furry friends from the K-9 unit for a meet and greet following the 9:30 Mass on October 1 as part of National Faith and Blue Weekend. This provides the perfect opportunity for folks to meet with officers in the spirit of building bridges and breaking biases, along with blessing the officers' canines as part of the Blessing of the Animals! We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Autumn!

The fall equinox arrived on Saturday, September 23, at 2:49 AM. EDT in the Northern Hemisphere. Over the next several weeks, our New England landscape will burst forth

with the vibrant colors of fall. As the temperature continues to drop and the days grow shorter, be sure to take some time to enjoy the beauty and grandeur of God's creation.

Blessing and Commissioning of Ministry Leaders and New Parish Staff

As we rediscover the synodal roots of the Church, it is important that the entire People of God—the ordained, those in consecrated life, and all the baptized—walk forward together, attentive to the Holy Spirit and actively participating in the Church's mission. At this Sunday's 9:30 liturgy we will have a special blessing and commissioning of our ministry leaders and new parish staff. These individuals have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve the needs of others and have responded generously. Following the homily, we will pray for them and ask God to bless them as they carry out their ministries in service to this Church community. We are grateful for their example of selfless service and we ask God to bestow his choicest blessings upon them.

Coffee Hospitality—Many Hands Make Light Work!

With the return of children's faith formation classes this weekend, the addition of new college students in our midst, and the increased rhythm of the fall season, we need some helping hands in the Parish Cafe on Sunday mornings. Please don't worry about over-committing yourself—if you can help out once a month or even just once a year, we'd love you to be a part of our Coffee Hospitality Ministry! There are three shifts: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and clean-up. Responsibilities include serving food and coffee, cleaning up, and most importantly, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere by smiling and engaging with parishioners. For more information or to sign up, please contact Lisa Pickering at her parish email.

Blessing of the Animals

In commemoration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will bless animals next Sunday, October 1, at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 1

Monday, September 25

Returning Citizens, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26

RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Communion Circle, Mount Pleasant Home, 3:00 p.m.

Shelter Music Boston Concert, 7:00 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Affinity Group, 6:30 p.m.

SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, September 28

Communion Circle, Hale House, 4:00 p.m.

Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

SCYA Conversation with Fr. Peter Gyves
on Social Justice, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, September 30

CARES Gathering & Training, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

Faith and Blue at 9:30 Mass

Wisdom Group, Community Room, 1:00 p.m.



HOLY HOUR AT SAINT CECILIA

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

"Come to me... and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

Join us on October 3rd for Holy Hour at Saint Cecilia, 7:00—8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Give yourself the gift of spending an uninterrupted hour in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, supported by music and prayer led by our young adult parishioners. Bring yourself, and all that you are carrying, to be in the presence of Christ, and allow yourself to rest in God's love.

SOCIAL MINISTRY LAUNCH

Wednesday, September 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Apple picking, bike trips, game nights, cake decorating... the possibilities are endless! Looking to have some fun with other parishioners? Have we got the ministry for you! Saint Cecilia is launching a new social ministry that will plan events and gatherings with the aim of building fellowship amongst all parishioners. The Social Activities Team needs your help—if you have a special talent or skill that you'd be willing to share with a small group, or if you want to join the planning team to organize fun events, they'd love to hear from you! The group will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. For the Zoom link, email Ann Faldetta at social@stceciliaboston.org.

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 this rewarding ministry!



The poster for National Faith & Blue Weekend features a blue background with a white dove at the top. The text 'You're invited to NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND' is prominently displayed. Below this, it says 'Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.' The event is hosted by the Boston Police Department, Area D-4, and Saint Cecilia Church, Back Bay. It includes an 'AFTER MASS MEET & GREET WITH D-4 OFFICERS' on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Mass, held at Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere St., Boston. The bottom of the poster features a stylized cityscape illustration and logos for the Boston Police Department, FirstNet, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and the FAITH & BLUE logo. A link to learn more is provided: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG.

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18 Belvidere St., Boston

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BOSTON PAL

JOIN US AT THE 2023 NABB HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE EDUCATIONAL FORUM!

Wednesday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m.

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) invites you to discover cutting-edge strategies to prevent homelessness at an educational forum on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rabb Auditorium at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library.

Lynn Jolicoeur from WBUR will lead a dynamic panel featuring Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn, along with Matt Pyne, Director of Housing at Pine Street Inn. They will share insights into providing housing with essential support to the chronically homeless, offering a path to stable and healthy lives. Learn from experts like Ben Phillips, SVP of Beacon Communities, and Andy Waxman, VP of The Community Builders, about innovative real estate development models that break the cycle of homelessness and provide intensive individual support. Moreover, discover the City of Boston's strategies, presented by Sheila Dillon, Chief of the Mayor's Office of Housing, as they collaborate with developers and providers to increase funding for supportive housing and deeply affordable housing, preventing homelessness in our community.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of our unhoused neighbors! If you're interested, register here: <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/64d14a879830b628007759b5>

JOIN WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY FOR THEIR NEXT BOOK!

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group invites you to join them in reading *Hidden Wings: Emerging from Troubled Times with New Hope and Deeper Wisdom* by Margaret Silf. Normally this group is only for folks in the second half of life, but given the relevance of this title, the group is welcoming younger folks into their fold for conversations about this profound book. The group meets twice weekly on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The first Sunday of the month, the group meets in person in the Community Room after the 11:30 Sunday Mass. Through their time together, the group deepens their spirituality roots, encounters God, creates friendships, and, when moved by the spirit, discusses social justice issues. Feel free to drop in anytime. Please email Deb Garcia at the Wisdom Ministry email for more information.

JOIN OUR GROWING 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>. The group is also 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.

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.



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. 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.

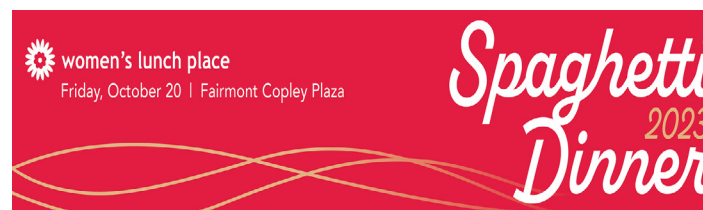


ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 1, at 4:00 p.m. ET | Zoom

Our Remote Fellowship Community (the Saint Cecilia Far-Flung Flock) is very excited to announce that Fr. John Unni will be their guest for the October online coffee hour. This marks the two-year anniversary of this vibrant community of remote parishioners and they're so excited to celebrate this milestone with Fr. John.

If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). You will get an email with the Zoom link a few days before the call. It's important to add the FFF ministry email to your contacts to prevent these emails from going into your spam or junk folders. NOTE: Be sure to fill out the registration form correctly—some people have inadvertently omitted their email address or typed their address incorrectly when registering and, therefore, will not receive any communications.



WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. | Fairmont Copley Plaza

The annual Spaghetti Dinner gala to benefit the day shelter on Newbury Street will be held on Friday, October 20 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jim O'Connell, President of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and a longtime friend of our parish.

Women's Lunch Place (WLP) is ready for their next chapter. Over the past four decades, they have built a strong suite of programs and services that allow them to meet the growing needs of vulnerable women. Just as their donors have helped lay the foundation for their proactive programming, WLP is helping to lay the foundation for their guests to rebuild their lives.

If you would like to join one of the Saint Cecilia tables at this event, please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email. Tickets are \$250 each. The WLP is also looking for folks who would like to purchase full tables or serve as a table captain.

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 Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com. 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. Thank you!

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A CONVERSATION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE WITH FR. PETER GYVES SJ, MD

Presented by the Saint Cecilia Catechism Study Group

Thursday, September 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Zoom | Open to All!

As Catholics, we are called to treat all humans with dignity and work to end inequalities that affect our sisters and brothers. Where does this teaching come from, and how are we called to put this faith into action? Join our Catechism Study Group for a conversation with Fr. Peter Gyves on the Church's



teaching on social justice, and his experiences of working to make true social justice a reality for all of God's people. For more information and the Zoom link, RSVP here (<https://bit.ly/452yvKy>). Please feel free to add any questions you have in the RSVP and we will be sure to address them in the discussion. To learn more about Fr. Peter Gyves SJ, MD, and his ministry *A Faith That Does Justice*, visit this link: <https://faith-justice.org/about/#peter-gyves>



WONDERFULLY MADE - LGBTQ+R(ELIGION) PREMIERE

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Saint Cecilia

The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective invites you to the Boston Premiere of the film "Wonderfully Made: LGBTQ+R(eligion)," directed by Yuval David and produced by Mark McDermott. This event takes place on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM at Saint Cecilia Church, with a Q&A session with the creatives and advocates following the screening and a light reception.

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 hardline. 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. Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3t1o4tx> For more information, email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org.

SAVE THE DATE: 15TH ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN CONVOCATION

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. | Virtual

The focus will be these questions: Why does Poverty exist? What can we do together to alleviate the ROOT CAUSES of Poverty? To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pJhv-IOS1SkIvEU05D1VYHA#/registration



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

Spiritual Friendship: Modern Catholic Reflections on a Universal Theme

Presenter: Brenna Moore, professor, Department of Theology, Fordham University, and author of *Kindred Spirits: Friendship and Resistance at the Edges of Modern Catholicism*
| Wednesday, October 5 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Hybrid | Boston College, Theology and Ministry Library Auditorium, 117 Lake Street, Brighton 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

1. **Old Testament Narrative**
2. **Autumn Blessings: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life**
October 4 – November 7 | 5-Week Online Course Registration Required | \$60.00

1. **Ignatian Spirituality**
2. **Mission And Spirituality: A Xaverian Journey**
October 4 – November 14 | 6-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

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

THE POPE'S COMING VATICAN SHOWDOWN WITH AMERICAN CONSERVATIVES

BY PAUL ELIE



Pope Francis's "apostolic journey" to Mongolia earlier this month had the unexpected consequence of bringing Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a singular and controversial French Jesuit scientist who died nearly seventy years ago, into the news cycle. As it turns out, Teilhard's theology of cosmic spiritual progress is a useful way to understand the challenges that Francis is currently facing, as he and the Church prepare for a global synod next month in Rome. There, three hundred and sixty-three clerical and lay leaders representing two rival conceptions of the Church will encounter one another for several weeks of behind-closed-doors dialogue—a process that is meant to be amicable but may lead to open conflict prior to a second session next October.

The main question surrounding the Pope's journey was "Why Mongolia?" The country, with a population of around 3.3 million, has only fifteen hundred Catholics, fewer than in a large parish in Chicago—and far fewer than in other Asian nations, such as Vietnam, which has seven million Catholics and a complex history with the Church, and may have benefitted from a papal visit. (By comparison, in early August, Francis celebrated Mass in Lisbon for a million and a half congregants, many of them young people there for World Youth Day.)

But the trip suited Francis's stated wish for the Church to go "to the margins," and allowed him to spend time with Giorgio Marengo, an Italian cleric who has lived for more than two decades in Mongolia, doing missionary work, such as fostering Catholic-Buddhist dialogue. In August of last year, Francis made Marengo, who is forty-nine, the youngest member of the College of Cardinals, where he is likely to be a progressive presence for decades to come. And being in Mongolia gave Francis an opportunity to direct remarks, implicitly, to the neighboring powers: Russia, whose war in Ukraine has occasioned a shifting and at times confusing response from him; and China, where the Vatican's agreement to let the government choose which priests become bishops, in exchange for tolerating the

Church's presence in that nation, has been widely criticized.

The trip also expressed Francis's own long-distance interest in Asia. As a young man in Argentina, he wanted to be a missionary in Japan; then and afterward, he hoped to follow in the footsteps of influential Jesuits who spent large parts of their careers in Asia: St. Francis Xavier, Matteo Ricci, Pedro Arrupe, and Teilhard de Chardin. Born in France in 1881, Teilhard was a restless, searching figure: a priest, a poet, a stretcher-bearer in the First World War, a paleontologist based in China (where, in the nineteen-twenties, he took part in an important expedition in search of human origins), and a mystical theologian. His written work, a sustained effort to reconcile Christian theology with the theory of evolution, placed him in the vanguard of twentieth-century theology—though lately otherwise appreciative theologians have expressed concern that his emphasis on progress through evolution led him to contrast "the advancing wing of humanity" with "definitively unprogressive ethnical groups," thus aligning himself with movements in support of race-based eugenics. Teilhard's notion that the earth would someday be surrounded by a complex information system powered by human consciousness has been seen as anticipating the Internet, and the Episcopal homilist at Prince Harry's wedding to Meghan Markle, in 2018, alluded to one of Teilhard's aphorisms: "Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." But Teilhard's most memorable concept is the notion that "tout ce qui monte, converge," or "everything that rises must converge"—that the various forces of natural evolution and human civilization are all ascending in a pattern of spiritual progress and will converge in a "Point Omega" at the end of time.

While doing field work in Mongolia, in 1923, Teilhard celebrated what he called a Mass on the World; lacking bread and wine to consecrate in the usual fashion, he simply consecrated the whole physical world, represented by the vast steppe where he stood. The Mass was expressive of Teilhard's thought, which, in 1927 and afterward, drew the attention of the Vatican, where officials objected to his dismissal of the idea that the human race descended from Adam and Eve, and his corresponding lack of emphasis on the idea of original sin.

During the next three decades, Teilhard elaborated on his outlook in a number of essays and two books, *The Divine Milieu* and *The Phenomenon of Man*. The Vatican and his Jesuit superiors forbade him to publish any theological writing, but he remained a faithful Catholic and an obedient Jesuit. Following a visit to the U.S. in 1948, he settled in a

Jesuit residence in New York City, where he died in 1955, on Easter Sunday—and the posthumous publication of his work began. During the Second Vatican Council, which first convened in 1962, criticism of his work eased, and his books became standard texts for progressive theologians—until they fell out of favor again, under the traditionalist Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, even as they personally spoke warmly of him from time to time.

This Pope, however, has looked emphatically to Teilhard as an example. In *Laudato Si*, his landmark encyclical on the climate, from 2015—he is expected to issue another one next month—he cited Teilhard as an inspiration. After celebrating Sunday Mass in Mongolia, Francis spoke ardently about Teilhard, on the centenary of the Mass that he celebrated there. “This priest, often misunderstood,” he said, “intuited that ‘the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.’ ” The Pope was bringing the priest back from the margins, and joining his own Asian journey to Teilhard’s.

Francis’s trademark style of discourse is to issue an offhand comment that is clearly on the side of progress, but to remain vague about how progress is to be achieved, and this tendency, too, has lately sparked controversy. Following a video call with young Russian Catholics, on August 25, in which Francis urged them to connect with their roots in the “Great Russia of saints, rulers, Great Russia of Peter I, Catherine II, that empire—great, enlightened, of great culture and great humanity,” Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, immediately castigated the Pope for celebrating Russian imperialism past and present. Then the Jesuit journal *La Civiltà Cattolica* published a transcript of a conversation that Francis had with Portuguese Jesuits during his trip earlier that month. When one asked about the open criticism of him by some American Catholics, including bishops, Francis replied at length. “You have seen that in the United States the situation is not easy: there is a very strong reactionary attitude. It is organized and shapes the way people belong, even emotionally,” he said. “I would like to remind those people that *indietrismo*”—backwardness—“is useless, and we need to understand that there is an appropriate evolution in the understanding of matters of faith.” He later added, “Those American groups you talk about, so closed, are isolating themselves. Instead of living by doctrine, by the true doctrine that always develops and bears fruit, they live by ideologies.”

Which American groups, everyone wanted to know, was Francis talking about? In the *Times*, C. Preston Noell III, of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family,

and Property (a Pennsylvania-based offshoot of a Brazilian group founded in 1960 to resist supposed communist influence on the Church), pointed out that Francis has spent less than a week in the United States as Pope, suggesting that he is poorly informed about the life of the Church here. The *Washington Post* ran a dossier of suspects, among them Raymond Arroyo, a host on the traditionalist Catholic cable network EWTN, based in Alabama, who has personified the network’s opposition to Francis. Others pointed to Cardinal Raymond Burke, who served as the archbishop of St. Louis and then as a Vatican official, until he was removed from one post in 2014 and replaced in a different one earlier this year. In the foreword to a new book, Burke writes that the October synod will cause “confusion and error” and lead to “the grave harm of many souls.” The book has been published in eight languages by the Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property, which has sent copies to bishops and clergy, some of whom will be delegates to the synod.

It’s likely that these are some of the people Francis had in mind when he spoke to the Jesuits in Portugal. But it’s perhaps more instructive to look at his remarks in terms of American Catholicism’s place in the recent history of Catholicism globally. And this is where the notion that “everything that rises must converge” is apt. A century ago “modernism” and “Americanism” were synonymous in the eyes of Catholic Rome. Vatican II’s affirmation of the principle of religious freedom was rooted in the work of the American Jesuit political philosopher John Courtney Murray. The trip that Pope Paul VI made to New York City, in October, 1965—when he spoke at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, met President Johnson at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, addressed the U.N. General Assembly, celebrated Mass at Yankee Stadium, and visited the World’s Fair, all in a single day—was arguably the high point of his pontificate. The vernacular liturgy, the modern angular church architecture, the emphasis on amity with other Christian churches and other faiths that came after Vatican II were all a good fit with the populous, influential, flexible, and prosperous American Church. John Paul II, elected in October, 1978, gained iconic stature in two early visits to the U.S., and was lionized by President Ronald Reagan; John Paul remained hugely popular among American Catholics, even as many disagreed with or distanced themselves from particular positions he took.

John Paul and a deputy of his, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, also reshaped the U.S. clergy and hierarchy in their image, promoting men who were fiercely orthodox and squarely against homosexuality and abortion. American cardinals—John O’Connor, in New York; Bernard Law, in Boston;

Theodore McCarrick, in Newark and Washington, D.C.—enjoyed exceptional access to the Pope. As Ratzinger succeeded John Paul, becoming Benedict XVI, Timothy Dolan, in New York, Charles Chaput, in Philadelphia, and José Gómez, in Los Angeles, succeeded them as figures whose stature at the Vatican gave them stature in the American Church, and vice versa. As Catholicism was losing influence in Europe and Latin America, in the U.S. it was gaining influence on public policy, a development that would culminate in the reversal of Roe v. Wade. It wasn't a stretch to imagine that an American might be elected Pope—Cardinal Dolan, say, whose name showed up on shortlists after Benedict resigned, in 2013.

Instead, the Jesuit cardinal of Buenos Aires was elected. And not only has this first Pope from the Americas shown no special regard for the U.S.; the American Church has become the church that stands between Francis and his vision of Catholicism. That vision is dedicated to the poor and determined to go to the world's margins, and devoted to the God of "nearness, proximity," confident that, as Teilhard put it, "God is not remote from us. He is at the point of my pen, my pick, my paintbrush, my needle—and my heart and my thoughts." The rise of traditionalist American Catholicism, that is, has met with the rise of a progressive Latin American Pontiff, whose vision is focussed on the Global South.

All of this is prelude to the coming reckoning at next month's synod. The familiar narrative is that Francis's age—he will turn eighty-seven in December—is giving urgency to his efforts to foster progress in the Church. But the aging of the American traditionalists is just as significant. Cardinal-archbishops (the ones who head big-city archdioceses) are required to submit their resignations upon reaching seventy-five, and those who are allowed to stay on can no longer vote in the College of Cardinals for a new Pope once they turn eighty. Cardinal Burke is seventy-five; Cardinal Dolan, who will be a delegate at the synod, is seventy-three. There is cause for the traditionalists to worry that Francis will lead the Church into his nineties (as Benedict might have done, had he not retired unexpectedly at age eighty-five) and then yield the papacy to a successor chosen by younger cardinals whom he has appointed. For the traditionalists, then, the synod is something like a last stand, where the legacy of two Popes just past will converge with the determination of the present one.

~ Paul Elie is a senior fellow at Georgetown University. His forthcoming book, *Controversy*, is about religion and the arts in the nineteen-eighties.



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."

Lovin' Spoonfuls is dedicated to facilitating the rescue and distribution of healthy, fresh food that would otherwise be discarded throughout Greater Boston, MetroWest, Worcester County, and Hampden County. Breaking new ground in the food rescue movement, they connect community resources by linking excess food from grocery stores, produce wholesalers, and farms to local meal programs and social service entities serving people facing food insecurity. To learn more or donate: <https://lovinspoonfulsinc.org/>



PARISH RESOURCES

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18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

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Website | www.stceciliaboston.org

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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!