Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 September 2022

The Rich Man and Lazarus
Jesus Mafa
Saint Cecilia

PARISH

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THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Fantasy in C minor, K. 475

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756-1791)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled.
3. Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry.
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less.
5. Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple,

Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long-ing for hope, man-y de-spair.
Long-ing for wa-ter, man-y still thirst.
Long-ing for warmth, man-y are cold.
man-y the hearts that yearn to be-long.

Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple.
Your word a-lone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro-ken for oth-ers,
Make us your build-ing, shel-ter-ing oth-ers,

Let us be ser-vants to one an-o ther,

light for the world to see.
Make us your liv-ing voice.
shared un-til all are fed.
walls made of liv-ing stone.
make-ing your king-dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gath-ered to-day.
CALL TO WORSHIP

* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

GLORIA | Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 145: Praise the Lord, My Soul

1. It is the Lord who preserves fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

2. The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, the God of Sion from age to age.

SECOND READING | 1 Timothy 6: 11-16
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 PRAYER
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

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

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

If the Flowcode doesn’t work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for
those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Verses 1–3

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O
Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and
bear us up with your peaceful word.

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flow and we
yet all our days are in your hands, so
we turn in love what love has made.

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever
near, reflected in the faces of
all the poor and lowly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ever new the music rings to
Jesus, Living Song of God.
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

* Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ the Savior  

Dan Schutte

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior  

Dan Schutte
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.

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.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, 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. Amen.
Verses
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have wept for love of them.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

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

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

COMMUNION MEDITATION| O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
CONCLUDING RITES

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

* May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

* Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | A Living Faith

ST. CATHERINE

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;

In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
Your work for Christ is love revealed,
Who still must bear oppression’s might,
Bind us with all who follow you,

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Spreading God’s word from pole to pole,
Raising on high, in prisons dark,
Sharing the struggle of your cross

When e’er we hear that glorious word.
Making love known and freedom real.
The cross of Christ still burning bright.
Until the world is made anew.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
Faith for today, O living faith,
Faith born of God, O living faith,

We will be true to you till death.

POSTLUDE | Samsara

Tigran Hamasyan
b. 1987
arranged by Thomas Mellan
Friends,

As I prepare to leave Saint Cecilia Parish, I want to emphasize what a pleasure and privilege it has been to be among you and to be touched by your faith, spirituality, hospitality, and generosity. You are truly a beacon of hope in the Archdiocese of Boston. Like many others, I have heard about you, but now I have experienced living the Gospel with you. I know why Fr. John Unni loves you so much.

Although I grew up in Boston (Roslindale/West Roxbury), I never really knew “downtown” Boston. I walk a lot, so I now have a much better picture and understanding of the Back Bay, Fenway, South End, and Beacon Hill. Saint Cecilia Parish serves these neighborhoods as well as parishioners from other towns and cities throughout the Archdiocese. We also boast about the “Far-Flung Flock,” who joins us virtually every week for the Sunday experience. Some of these folks have traveled to Boston from their homes across the country and the world, making our church a destination for their families to visit. I call Saint Cecilia an “intentional community,” and everyone who walks into our church for Mass or to celebrate the sacraments anticipates a wonderful encounter with God’s presence. You are a joy-filled and faith-filled congregation. Your generous support of the Parish ensures that the future of the Catholic Church in this community will be a gift to those who wish to hear about and celebrate God’s unconditional love for them in the coming years.

The staff (leadership team) and priests are faith-filled and dedicated to the open-minded and open-hearted spirit that is so necessary for parish life to thrive. They have welcomed me and embraced my ministry among you. The building and grounds of the Parish are a source of pride and hospitality. The reception team makes sure that everyone who phones or comes to our facilities is welcomed and treated with respect. The Parish’s many ministries have volunteers who love to serve this faith community, whether it be making our liturgies more meaningful or giving their time and energy to reach beyond our own needs and make us aware of our responsibilities toward the larger world and those who struggle for equal rights and human dignity. The Parish provides so many opportunities for us to think outside the box and to reach beyond our comfort zones. These outreach ministries can be challenging and fulfilling. They serve as constant reminders that not everyone has adequate food and housing in our communities. Being aware of this problem and responding as a community of faith presents both opportunities and limitations. The staff of Saint Cecilia meets every week to discuss and plan for the future. With Fr. Unni’s leadership and affirmation, they continue to inspire and support each other in living the Gospel message.

The weekend Masses tell you so much about the atmosphere in a parish. You’ve heard me say that people will return to the parish for three reasons: music, preaching, and hospitality. Those are the priorities at Saint Cecilia, and your presence is the result. The music program is phenomenal. Our musicians and singers are so talented and as excited about being here as we are. What a gift! The hospitality is so evident to anyone who comes to our liturgies as they are greeted and welcomed each time they enter our church. The effort and respect that Fr. Unni and other presiders put into preparing their homilies is a sign of their faith in God, love for the Church, and respect for our parishioners.
The congregation of Saint Cecilia is truly a glimpse of the world. We are a diverse community and can boast about the gift that each person brings to our celebrations. We come together and recognize and embrace our various nationalities, languages, orientations, beliefs, genders, and life experiences. How blessed are we to be in the Back Bay, surrounded by institutions of higher education. The colleges and universities that surround us enhance our neighborhood and our church with the presence of so many young people. They introduce us to their world with enthusiasm and excitement. They are vital to our faith community. Berklee College of Music is our next-door neighbor and leases classroom space in our building. The students could not be more respectful. The Berklee College police are good friends to our Parish.

I walk every day and have become very familiar with the local neighborhood. I am amazed at the number of people continuously walking the streets. Boston is a huge tourist attraction, and so we experience the challenges of traffic, construction, parking, and the emergence of bike lanes and Bluebikes. This is the world we live in. Despite minor obstacles, I love it. My inspiration is the blind student walking down Massachusetts Avenue on his own, with only a cane amidst thousands of people, construction everywhere, attempting to cross the street, sitting in a classroom, pursuing a degree, getting a job, and leading a meaningful life. I can’t even imagine that world, but I become very emotional watching it unfold before my eyes. How ironic.

I could continue to sing the praises of Saint Cecilia Parish and the difference you make in the lives of so many wonderful people who want to remain Catholic, but who also want to challenge the Catholic Church to be all it is meant to be. I will be telling the world about my experiences with you. A perfect example of the impact you have in the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond is the large number of young people and adults who have signed on to be part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program for those who would like to become Catholic. This is an exciting time in their lives because they experienced the Spirit at Saint Cecilia Parish.

I have been in many parishes in the Archdiocese. I can honestly tell you that there may be some equal, but none better.

Enjoy life!

Thank you for your example,

Fr. Ron Coyne
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 Massachusett 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.
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, September 24 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Pat Scofield, lector

Sunday, September 25 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Emily St Germain, lector

Sunday, September 25 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Cathy Anderson, and Natasha Bolton-Pierre, lectors

Sunday, September 25 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner and Chika Offurum, lectors

Sunday, September 25 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Spencer Dunne and Jordan Barnes, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 25 | 8:00 a.m.
Mary C. Gyves, Tenth Anniversary

Sunday, September 25 | 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Robert Koller, Memorial

Sunday, September 25 | 11:30 a.m.
Matt Matheson, Memorial

Wednesday, September 28 | 8:00 a.m.
James R. Watson, Month’s Mind

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

FAITH & FILM SERIES 2022-2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SEASON’S SECOND FILM IN OUR FAITH & FILM SERIES

FIRST REFORMED
Next Saturday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

In this provocative and challenging 2018 film, a minister (Ethan Hawke) of a small congregation in upstate New York grapples with mounting despair brought on by tragedy, worldly concerns, and a tormented past. First Reformed embraces some of the most complex issues of our day in an exalted, explosive search for redemption. First Reformed was a 2019 Oscar nominee for Best Original Screenplay and received a 94% positive rating on the Rotten Tomatoes ‘Tomatometer.’

The film will be shown in Fellowship Hall following the 5:00 Mass on Saturday (approximately 6:00 p.m.).

This film is 113 minutes long.
Pizza will be served during the movie.
Following the film there will be a short discussion for those who are interested.
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jeannie Brassard Tremblay, Flavia Langan, Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrenan, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome Patty Leone of Stoneham to the parish! If you have not previously registered you can do so online at http://www.stceciliaboston.org/.

Happy Autumn!
The fall equinox arrived on Thursday, September 22, at 9:04 P.M. 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.

Children’s Faith Formation is Back!
Children’s Faith Formation begins today, Sunday, September 25 for grades K through 8. Grades 9 and 10 will begin next week on October 2. Our youngest class this year will be for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2023. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: https://bit.ly/3cCul7d. Please note that 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 on-line by visiting: https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Olivia Hastie at ohaustie@stceciliaboston.org.

So Long and Thank You, Father Coyne!
What a blessing it has been to have Father Coyne in our community this summer! With Father John’s return on October 2, we reluctantly must say goodbye to Father Coyne. In just a short time, Father Coyne has become part of the fabric of parish life by participating in events, attending meetings, and socializing at Coffee Hospitality. His open and warm heart, weekly letters, and wonderful homilies have all been gifts to our parish. Father Coyne, we pray that God bestows his choicest blessings upon you. Please don’t be a stranger!

Blessing of the Animals
In commemoration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4), we will bless animals next Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.

COFFEE HOSPITALITY IS BACK!
Sunday, September 25 | After 9:30 & 11:30 Masses

Welcome back! As summer travels wrap up and folks settle into their fall routines, we’re excited to gather in the Parish Hall for some coffee, pastries, and a chat!

LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE?
VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!
With fall just around the corner, our Masses are back in full swing and we need help welcoming our neighbors into the church before each liturgy. Your small time commitment and warm smile can make someone’s day! Please sign up to greet here: https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ZdP2qBWa

JOIN OUR CHOIRS!
Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? We’re looking for talented, motivated musicians! Our three choirs sing at the 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 Masses each Sunday and rehearse weekly. Come join our music community! Interested? Contact our Director of Music, Rob Duff, at rduff@stceciliaboston.org to schedule an audition.
SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES FOR SAINT CECILIA’S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

One of the primary initiatives of the Saint Cecilia Marriage Ministry is to offer a marriage workshop for all engaged couples planning to get married in the Church. Since 2019, Saint Cecilia has offered its own workshop based on the archdiocesan model of marriage prep, *Transformed in Love*, where married couples serve as witness couples to lead the engaged couples through the workshop. *But we can’t do this without your help!* Whether you have been married a month or fifty years, we would love your marital experience and wisdom for the engaged couples enrolled in the program. Marriage prep workshops are offered several times a year, but commitments are flexible (our next workshop is October 15/22). For more information, contact Julianne and Michael Lavelle at stc.marriage@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The annual Spaghetti Dinner gala to benefit the day shelter on Newbury Street will be held on Friday, October 21 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. If you would like to join the Saint Cecilia table at the event, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com. Tickets are $250 each. The WLP is also looking for folks who would like to purchase full tables or serve as a table captain.

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, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year! Every Thanksgiving pie sold for $30 feeds a Community Servings client in Massachusetts suffering with 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 via email, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com.

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group is now reading *God First Loved Us: The Challenge of Accepting Unconditional Love* by Fr. Antony F. Campbell, SJ. The author describes himself as “a New Zealander by birth, an Australian Jesuit by choice, and a lover of the Older Testament by passion.” In this inspiring and comforting book, Fr. Campbell invites us to consider that “love that is truly unconditional can never be withdrawn or withheld. Such love impacts the way we, in turn, are called to forgive others and urges us to take on a new, radical openness to human life.” The Wisdom group is always happy to welcome new members in the second half of life. We meet in person on the first Sunday of the month, and via Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the other Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Email Deb Garcia at sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com for more information.

“MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: WHO ARE THEY—WHERE ARE THEY?”

Saturday, October 22 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Virtual

The 14th Annual Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation presents a program to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move.

**WHO:** The first step in Social Justice work is education. During this two-hour program you can learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches the lives of over 150 million people a year.

**WHAT:** Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities will explain the Church’s efforts in Boston and how parishes can help.

**WHY:** Cardinal Seán O’Malley will help us find our own personal call from Jesus to enter into the work to serve others, each in our own way. The objective for the Convocation is for each one of us to discern, “What can we do to serve?”

Registration is free and you can find more information about the convocation, speakers, resources, and actions: [https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry](https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry)
Listen to the Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

THE SEASON OF CREATION

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
—Pope Francis – Laudato Si’

Visit the exhibit, "More or Less in Common: Environment and Justice in the Human Landscape," at Boston Public Library Leventhal Map Center through December: https://www.leventhalmap.org/

Celebrate a Laudato Si’ Mass with the Boston Catholic Climate Movement on October 8 at 10 a.m. The Mass will be held at St. Susanna Church (262 Needham Street, Dedham). For more information contact sc.climatejustice@gmail.com.

OCTOBER’S REMOTE FELLOWSHIP CALL

Please join the “Far-Flung Flock” on Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m. ET for the Remote Fellowship Community’s monthly coffee hour. Our guest is Fr. Peter Gyves, SJ, MD, the founder and director of A Faith That Does Justice, Inc., an interfaith organization that raises consciousness about social issues affecting the most vulnerable among us and offers opportunities for people to walk in solidarity with those who our society marginalizes. Fr. Peter will explain the origins of the organization and explain how it differs from other volunteer groups. He will also offer suggestions as to how we can more effectively participate in helping the less fortunate.

Think of this as your online “coffee hour” with fellow long-distance parishioners! All are welcome to join the group. If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the link for October. If you have not attended or are unsure if you’re on our list, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com for the link.

Health Equity International/ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL 2022 GALA

Thursday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

Health Equity Internation/St. Boniface is dedicated to providing essential health services to the people of southern Haiti. They are committed to building a comprehensive, efficient, and resilient health system that provides high-quality care. This year, they’re hosting a gala entitled, Mobilizing Hope: A year of equity in action. Join us for a viewing party and cocktail reception at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall at 5:30 PM ET or, stream the program from anywhere at 7 PM ET. Find out more information and purchase tickets and sponsorships at healthequityintl.org/gala2022. This year, HEI/SBH Board Member Emerita Barrie Landry is being honored for her years of unwavering dedication. In addition, St. Boniface Hospital Heroes will be honored for providing the highest quality care during this tumultuous year.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

Mass General Hospital is seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to distribute Communion to patients and their families. The commitment would be 6 to 8 hours per month (either once weekly for two hours or every other week for three hours). Parking will be validated. Their greatest need right now is for Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also are in need of an Extraordinary Minister who speaks Spanish. If you are interested in participating in this vital ministry, please reach out to Julie Supple, Spiritual Care Provider (617-724-8759 or jsupple@mgh.harvard.edu).
The Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission is pleased to present

An Evening with

BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO, SJ

Director of the Vatican Observatory headquartered in the town of Castel Gandolfo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Copies of Brother Guy’s books will be available for purchase and Brother Guy will be available to sign books following his presentation.

“I am amazed and grateful that God has given us humans, his creation, the ability to see and understand what he has done.”

– Brother Guy, SJ

This event will be held in person and will also be livestreamed on the Saint Cecilia YouTube page. Facial coverings are mandatory for those attending in person.

This event is free and open to the public.

Saint Cecilia Parish

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Help us reach our goal!

According to the website of the national non-profit Feeding America: “In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment and food insecurity soared. In 2021, 53 million people turned to food banks and community programs for help putting food on the table.”

Saint Cecilia’s response to this crisis includes our support of Catholic Charities’ food pantry in Dorchester. Under the leadership of our friend, Beth Chambers, we are pleased to announce that Catholic Charities will be opening their sixth food pantry in Lynn next month.

It is the goal of the Hunger & Homelessness Ministry to make sure that the shelves of the Lynn pantry are fully stocked when Cardinal O’Malley dedicates the pantry on October 6.

To that end, please consider a donation of one of the following items, which you can leave in baskets in the narthex: corn flakes 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, please consider using the following delivery services: target.com, amazon.com, and walmart.com. Items purchased online should be sent to:

Beth Chambers
Catholic Charities
185 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02121

Any items delivered to the Dorchester pantry will be used to fill the shelves in Lynn. Thank you for your accustomed generosity!

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

Job: Make It Make Sense
October 5 – November 8, 2022 | 5-Week Online Course
Registration Required | $60.00

Joy of the Gospel
October 5 – November 8, 2022 | 5-Week Online Course
Registration Required | $60.00

Effective Preaching - Homily Preparation
October 19 – November 15, 2022 | 4-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $30.00

The Gospel of Matthew
October 19 – November 15, 2022 | 4-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $30.00

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads.html

BOSTON COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

Science and a Flaming Sword:
The Neurospirituality of Religious Temperament
Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Attend in person or virtually | Registration Required
Presenter: Dr. Michael Ferguson, Instructor in Neurology at Harvard Medical School & Neurospirituality Research Director at the Center for Brain Circuit Therapeutics

Ecowomanist Spirituality in a Time of Climate Change
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Presentation | Registration Required
Presenter: Dr. Melanie Harris, professor of African American studies, Wake Forest University

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/campus-events.html

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Pope Francis, Laudato Si, and Environment Action Plans
Presenter: Sr. Mary Alice McCabe, SNDdeN
Monday, September 26, 2022 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: https://saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html
Catholic Charities’ Food Pantry

As part of our parish’s commitment to social justice and corporal works of mercy, for over a decade we have been helping keep the shelves of Catholic Charities’ Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester stocked with much needed staples.

The following items are the most requested by the staff at the pantry, but any shelf-stable donations would be appreciated:

- Boxes of spaghetti (the plain, old fashioned kind made of white flour)
- Meat-flavored spaghetti sauce (such as Hunt’s) in large cans
- Tuna fish packed in water
- Canned chicken breast
- Peanut butter
- Cheerios or corn flakes
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Cooking oil

Some parishioners have had food items delivered to Catholic Charities’ food pantry. Although some are having difficulty with order fulfillment, a few of the options to order and have delivered would include:

www.target.com • www.amazon.com • www.walmart.com

Items purchased on-line should be sent to:
Beth Chambers
Catholic Charities
185 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02121
Saint Cecilia Parish
30 Cecilia St., Boston
Tues., October 18, 2022
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
To register, go to:
https://ratiorisk.com/oct18/

QUESTIONS?
Please contact Doreen Rearden at
doreen_rearden@rcab.org
or call 617-913-2017

AGENDA
• Parish Safety Presentation
• Active Shooter Presentation
• Hands on Practice Scenarios
• Q & A Session

With an increase in acts of violence directed towards worship communities on the rise, it's time to ask yourself if you have the proper tools in place to fully mitigate events aimed at harming those you cherish most. Preparing a comprehensive Safety and Security Plan is of the utmost importance when it comes to protecting your parish communities, and the Office of Risk Management wants to help. We have partnered with Ratio Risk Services to offer a four-hour parish safety training program that includes:
  • Designing and implementing a preparedness plan for your parish community
  • Hands-On Active Shooter Response Training

Conducted by law enforcement professionals with SWAT team expertise, the Active Shooter Response portion of the training will provide practical information and hands-on experience in a range of parish settings. This training is designed to enhance adaptability and critical thinking skills in emergency situations.

Registration
This program is free of charge, but participants must register in advance by October 11. Attendees should include your ushers and greeters, faith formation coordinators, facilities personnel, and parishioners who are first responders. To register, go to:

About Ratio Risk Services
Ratio Risk Services provides risk management programs and publications tailored to the unique needs and risks of businesses, schools, and religious organizations.
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

"Go and make disciples" — Matthew 28:19

Each Easter, Saint Cecilia has the privilege of initiating new adults into the life of the Church. These are men and women who have participated in the parish’s RCIA program—a process designed specifically for non-Catholics and uncatechized Catholics who wish to explore a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered each year for the following people:

- Individuals who have never been baptized and who wish to be baptized, confirmed, and receive Eucharist.
- Individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist.
- Uncatechized Catholics: individuals who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first Eucharist.

The upcoming season of RCIA will begin on October 5. The first eight weeks are an "inquiry period" and anyone is welcome to participate without obligation or commitment. On the Second Sunday of Advent (December 4, 2022), those who feel called to be baptized will be received into the Order of Catechumens and counted among those who will receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the 2023 Easter Vigil. Others will continue preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church, and, in the case of uncatechized Catholics, to complete their initiation by being confirmed and receiving Eucharist.

RCIA entails participation in 90-minute weekly sessions that take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00, as well as participation in the 9:30 Sunday liturgy and RCIA dismissal session.

WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT CHURCH — St. Basil the Great (AD 329–379)

"Love of God does not spring from study. It is not from others, after all, that we learn to enjoy the light, to yearn for life, and to love our parents and those who nourish us. Much less, then, does love of God arise from external teaching. Rather, as soon as people exist they have the germ of reason, and this contains the power and impulse to love. In the school of divine instruction, therefore, we but cultivate this power and wisely nourish it; thus, with God’s help, it is brought to full development. For our part, we shall endeavor here, as far as the Holy Spirit enables us, to fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."

This is a wonderful summary of what is at the heart of Christian formation. The RCIA is not a program or a class in Catholicism, but rather a process of discerning and ritualizing stages of gradual conversion that take place within the parish community. The process is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and being accompanied and supported by both the RCIA and the wider parish communities.

If this sounds like something you might like to pursue, all that is needed is an open heart and a sincere desire to grow in relationship with Jesus. To learn more or to sign-up for our 2022/23 season, please email Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org). We would be privileged to walk with you and help "fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."
Several U.S. Catholic bishops slammed the actions of Republican politicians who have recently begun to send out of their states groups of women, children and men seeking refuge. They said these politicians are falsely telling the migrants that work, food and other benefits await them if they get on planes to other locales, but instead the only thing they find on the other end of the trip is confusion.

“To use migrants and refugees as pawns offends God, destroys society and shows how low individuals can (stoop) for personal gains,” wrote San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller on Twitter Sept. 18. He was one of several bishops to speak out after the latest drop-off of migrants — two groups of mostly Venezuelans who were flown Sept. 14 to Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

More than 6 million people have fled Venezuela because of political turmoil that has sent the country into an economic spiral, causing what the U.N. refugee agency calls the “second-largest external displacement crisis in the world.” Though many have fled to nearby countries, others, with family in the U.S., have opted to make the long trip north.

The Texas archbishop said the tactics to ship them off elsewhere “promote human trafficking,” and he called out the “sick actions” of political leaders who do “little about the issue.”

Some of the migrants have been sent from border states such as Texas and Arizona to Washington and New York in planes and sometimes buses. Some were recently dropped off near Vice President Kamala Harris’ residence in Washington without prior notice to local officials. Volunteers in those cities, including faith-based nonprofits such as Catholic Charities, have scrambled to help the newcomers confused by the situation.

“The problem is not the refugees, it is leaders that cannot accept: We are one with humanity,” Archbishop García-Siller said, adding that he would be praying for “conversion of heart” and for the protection of brothers and sisters in need.

Earlier this summer, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network called for the protection of Venezuelans in the U.S. given the country’s turmoil, where hyperinflation has caused supply shortages of food and medicine, among other basics.

Republican politicians such as DeSantis, a Catholic, have followed the lead of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, also a Catholic and a Republican, who first began busing and flying groups of migrants in the summer. Abbott said the move was to protest the Biden administration’s stance to allow in refugees and other migrants and give politicians who support allowing migrants into the country a taste of what border states such as Texas deal with on a daily basis when large groups of people pour in. However, the group DeSantis sent to Martha’s Vineyard is believed to have originated in San Antonio, not Florida. San Antonio’s Archbishop Garcia-Siller, said on Twitter that “Texas is not overwhelmed by refugees.”

Another Texas prelate, Brownsville Bishop Daniel E. Flores, said Sept. 16 on Twitter that “the degrading disrespect with which immigrants are treated in this country — like pawns in games of political showmanship — is a disgrace.”

“Are we so drunk on our own power that we are blind to basic human dignity? Judgment on Christians who disrespect the poor will be most severe,” he said.

Though taken by surprise, the community at Martha’s Vineyard pulled together to help with the sudden arrival of the migrants Sept. 14.
In a Sept. 16 statement, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha of Fall River, Massachusetts, said the community responded in the manner the Gospel tells Christians to care for the stranger, citing St. Matthew’s Gospel: “For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.”

“This mandate was clearly evident in the inspiring response of the Martha’s Vineyard community as a whole to the plight of some 50 migrants mostly from Venezuela who were literally left stranded on their island on Wednesday,” he wrote.

“Shelter, food, and basic needs assistance were quickly provided in accord with the dignity due all migrants, who are — first and foremost — our sisters and brothers in the human family regardless of birthplace or legal status,” he added.

Various faith groups and others stepped in to help, including high school students studying Spanish who facilitated communication with the migrants.

“Here in the Diocese of Fall River, which encompasses Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard, we must do all we can to ensure a humanitarian response to this crisis,” Bishop da Cunha. “Now that the state has relocated the migrants from the island to a military base on the Cape mainland, bilingual staff from Catholic Charities-Diocese of Fall River (Catholic Social Services) is there to welcome them in their native language and to assist officials in assessing their needs, immediate and long term,” he said.

The Catholic agency “agency has committed its resources to address these needs working alongside the state and other relief agencies,” he explained, adding that “pastoral outreach including Mass and the sacraments will be made available from our parishes in the region, and parishes may also be called upon for other support depending on needs that become evident.” He added that he knows one of our churches on Martha’s Vineyard “is ready with additional shelter space should the need arise.”

In Florida, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami said that “reports of Florida involvement in transporting migrants from Texas to Martha’s Vineyard are disconcerting.” He said immigration is not just a political issue but a fundamental human and moral issue, adding that migrants are “not faceless numbers — but human persons” and are brothers and sisters. “Any action to transport persons under false pretenses and leave them stranded with no assistance would be to diminish their human dignity and objectify them,” he said. Archbishop Wenski said the “broken immigration system is a problem; but immigrants themselves are not ‘problems.’”

Boston Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley said in a Sept. 16 statement the situation requires a longer-term response because “not only Venezuelans, but Haitians and other Latin Americans are caught up in the crushing emergency of the U.S. southern border.” But a partnership between nonprofit agencies with civil authorities can help those who need it, he said. “In a globalized world, immigration challenges will continue. In our country, a broken immigration system requires immediate reform,” Cardinal O’Malley said. “From the Dreamers who still seek legal stability in their lives, to those fleeing war in Ukraine, poverty in Latin America and Africa, or crises in the Middle East, the call of our common humanity will be with us for years to come,” he said. “I pray we will be equal to the challenge.”

Bishop da Cunha said what was most important was to keep in mind the Christian response toward the vulnerable. “These newcomers to our area have endured a difficult journey and the challenges they face are many,” he said. “Our welcome to them must be marked by respect and compassion and be coupled with our prayers for them in the weeks and months ahead.”

~ Rhina Guidos is a reporter and editor at Catholic News Service. In that capacity, she covered the 2015 apostolic visit of Pope Francis to Cuba and the United States, as well as the beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero in her native El Salvador.

WEEKEND PARKING UPDATE
SLIGHT INCREASE IN COST TO PARK AT HYNES

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters 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, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.
PARISH RESOURCES

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Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

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 Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

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

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

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.

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.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team
The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God’s Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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 text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

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.

Hearing Assistance in Church
The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

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

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Joining Our Community
We’re happy that you’re with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.