

Saint Cecilia

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 September 2023

Painting Depicting the 3rd Station from the Polish Chapel in Jerusalem
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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Fugue in G Minor

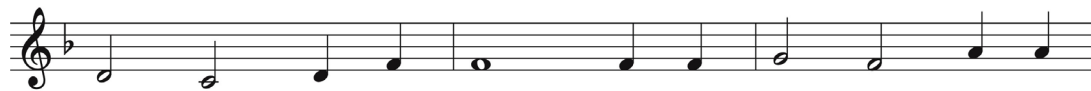
Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.



As we wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

CALL TO WORSHIP

GLORIA | Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin



Verses

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

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Refrain

My soul is thirst-ing for you, my God. When shall I
see him face to face? face?

Verses

1. Like the deer that yearns for wa - ter,
2. Why am I so trou - bled?
3. May the Lord show con - stant love by day,

1. my soul is yearn - ing for you, my God.
2. ♪ I will put my hope in you, my God.
3. ♪ so that I may sing his praise by night.

1. My soul is thirst-ing for the God of my life.
2. ♪ Once a - gain I will praise him.
3. ♪ For the Lord is my de - fend - er.

to Refrain

1. When shall I see you face to face?
2. He is my sav - ior and my God.
3. He is the God of my life.

SECOND READING | Romans 12: 1-2

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 16:21=27

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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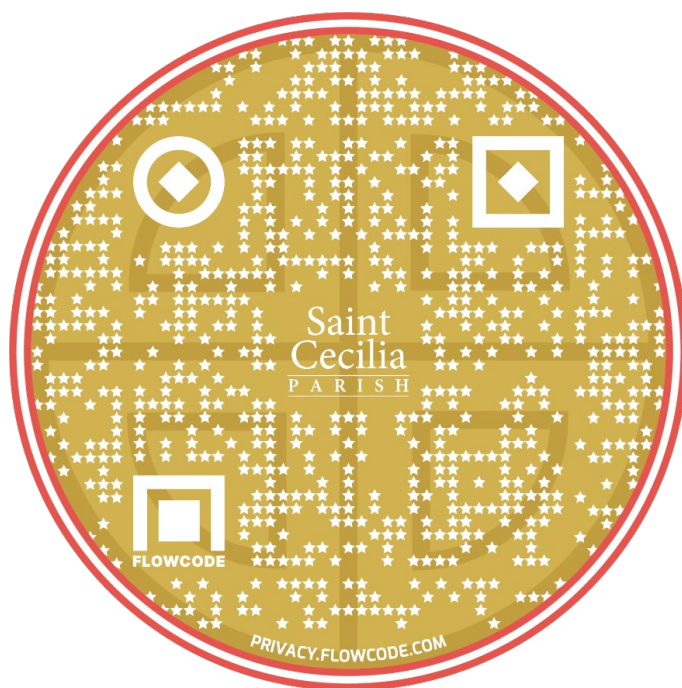
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

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Boston, MA 02115

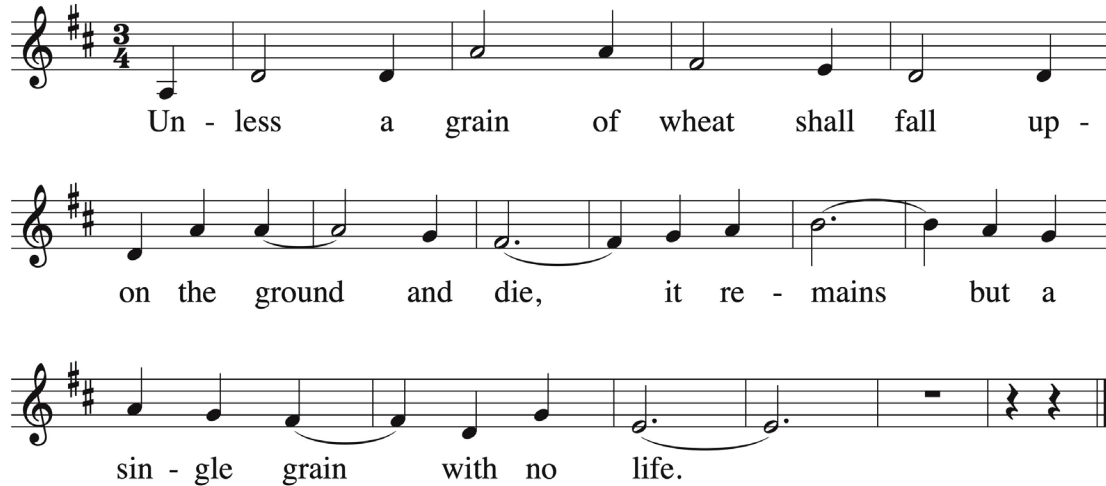


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Unless a Grain of Wheat


Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

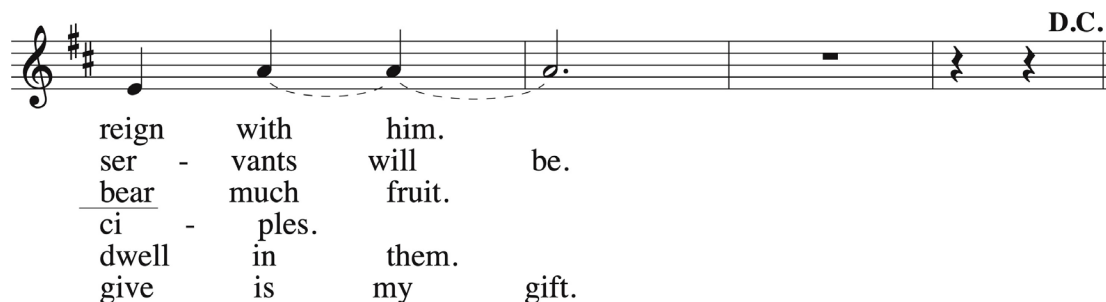


Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -
on the ground and die, it re - mains but a
sin - gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. ♪ If we have died with him, then we shall
2. ♪ If an - y - one serves me, then they must
3. ♪ ♪ Make your home in me as I make
4. ♪ If you re - main in me and my word
5. ♪ ♪ Those who love me are loved by my
6. ♪ ♪ Peace I leave with you, my peace I
live with him; if we hold firm, we shall
fol - low me; wher - ev - er I am, my
mine in you; those who re - main in me
lives in you, then you will be my dis -
Fa - ther; we shall be with them and
give to you; peace which the world can - not



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✕ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✕ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✕ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin



GREAT AMEN | Missa Pacem

J. Randolph Babin



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.

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

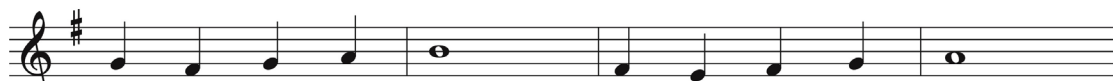
Loving Jesus,
 I believe that you
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
 I love you above all things,
 and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already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

Refrain




We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses—Set A



1. When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
2. Je - sus, bread of life, bro - ken for the world,
3. Je - sus, cup of joy, God's own life poured out,
4. Come and share this feast, life for all the world,



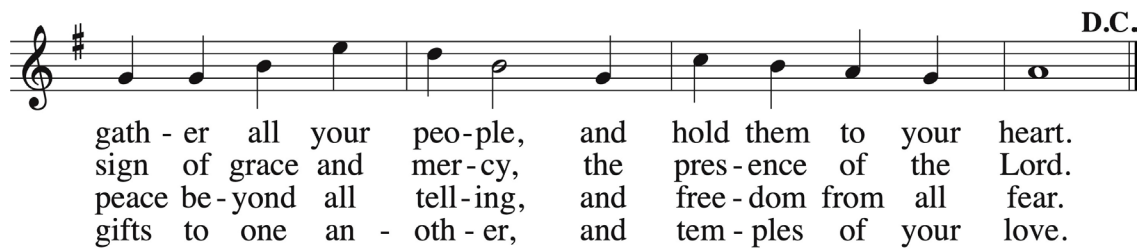
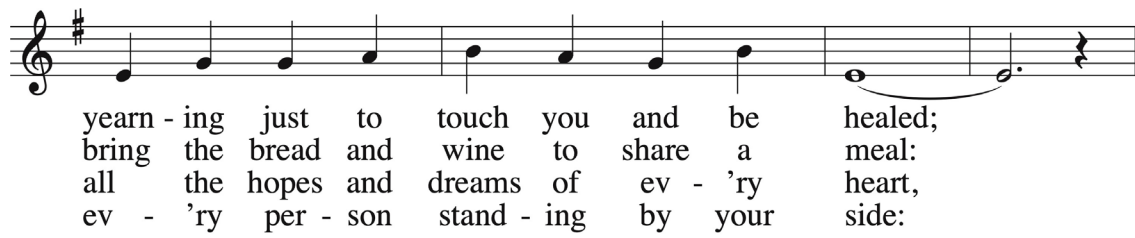
D.C.

we pro - claim your death un - til you come in glo - ry.
praise to you who comes to feed your hun - gry peo - ple.
in this meal you give your - self for our re - demp - tion.
here we join to cel - e - brate God's new cre - a - tion.

Verses—Set B



5. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
6. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
7. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
8. See the face of Christ re - vealed in

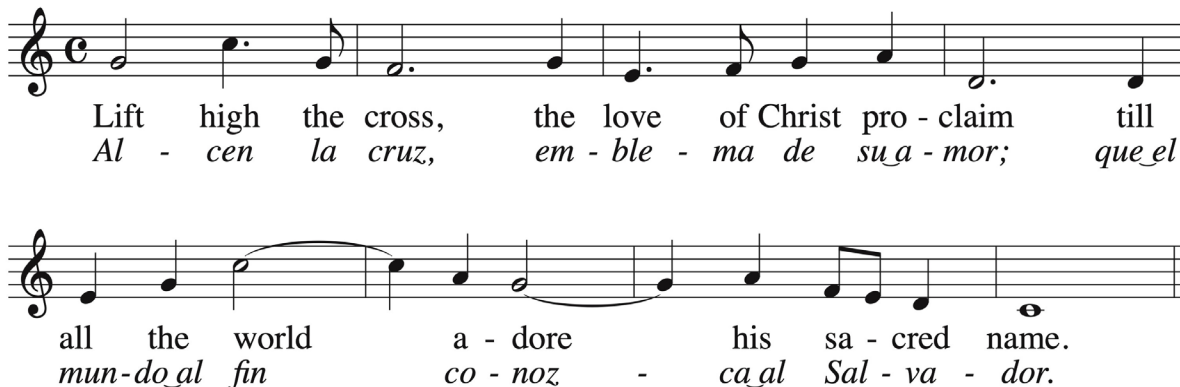


CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

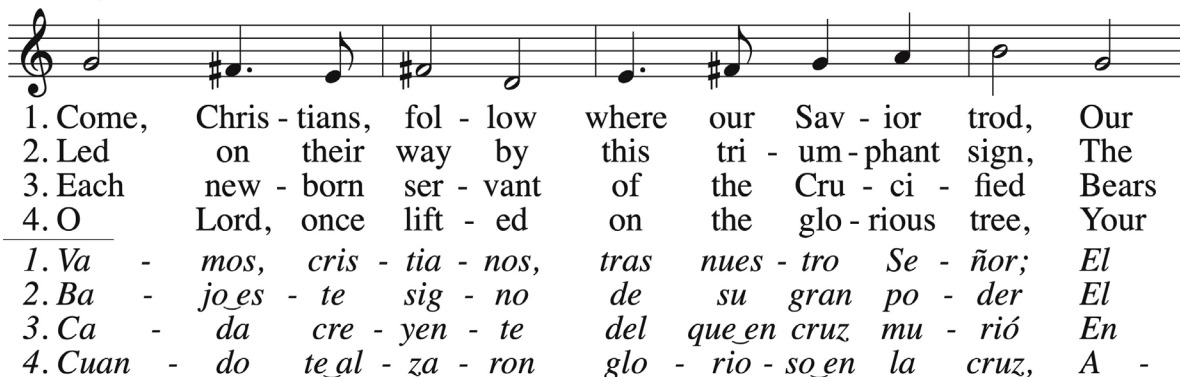
Refrain / Estribillo



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
Al - cen la cruz, em - ble - ma de su a - mor; que el

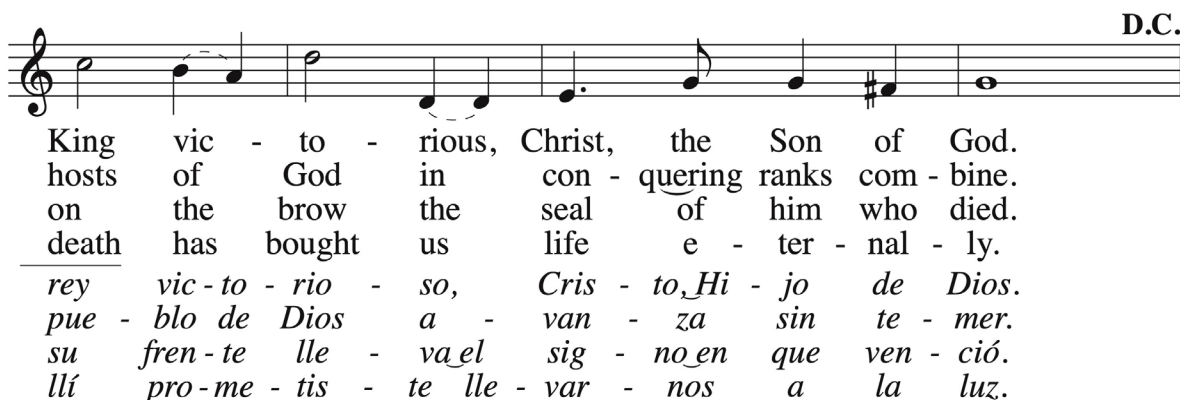
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
mun-do al fin co - noz - ca al Sal - va - dor.

Verses / Estrofas



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
 3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your

1. Va - mos, cris - tia - nos, tras nues - tro Se - ñor; El
2. Ba - jo es - te sig - no de su gran po - der El
3. Ca - da cre - yen - te del que en cruz mu - rió En
4. Cuan - do te al - za - ron glo - rio - so en la cruz, A -



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

rey vic - to - rio - so, Cris - to, Hi - jo de Dios.
pue - blo de Dios a - van - za sin te - mer.
su fren - te lle - va el sig - no en que ven - ció.
llí pro - me - tis - te lle - var - nos a la luz.

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!
5. Himnos de gloria alcemos sin cesar; Al rey vencedor que en cruz supo triunfar.

POSTLUDE | Prelude in G Minor

Johannes Brahms

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children's faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus' teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids ("Irish working out girls") and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci's The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius' life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We've been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God's love makes all things new.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, September 2 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

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

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Letitia Howland, Harry Minehart, and Rosaria Salerno, lectors

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Chika Offurum, Catherine Horsley, and Cathy Anderson, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Joseph Garcia, *10th Anniversary*

Wednesday, September 6 | 8:00 a.m.

Joshua Juan, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

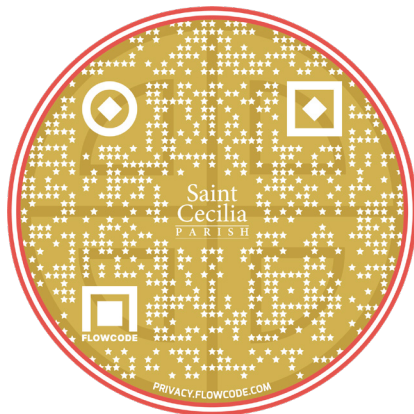
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.



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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Maura Moffatt's father died on August 21. Pray for the eternal repose of **J. Bradshaw (Brad) Griffith**, as well as for the consolation of Maura, Greg, Caroline, and Jack. The funeral Mass was held at Saint Cecilia on August 25. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **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: **Addie Barron** of Boston, the **Ross Family** of Boston, **Allison de Cristo** of Brookline, **Margaret Hynes** and **Mark Tedeschi** of Boston, **Susan and James Boling** of Gardners, Pennsylvania, and **Jeff Uehlinger** of Somerville. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Happy Anniversary!

This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of **Bridget Tooher** who was baptized on September 3, and **Tessa Tooher** who was baptized on September 6. May the Lord continue to bless them with the grace to live out their baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Bridget and Tessa!

Parish Offices Closed for Labor Day

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Happy Labor Day!

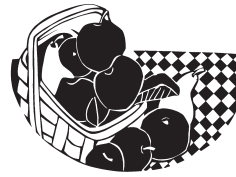
We pray this weekend for men, women, and children who must work in jobs that ignore the dignity of their personhood. And we pray for the men and women who own companies, who lead companies, and who make decisions regarding safe work conditions and adequate wages. Pray that these leaders will act in the best interests of their laborers and be guided by the grace and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to promote dignity and respect for all in the workplace.

For Those Returning to School

Pray for all students and teachers who are returning to the classroom. On September 10, we will resume our six o'clock liturgy and are looking forward to welcoming back our college students.

Beginning of Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 24 for grades K through 10. Our youngest class this year will be for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2024. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: <https://bit.ly/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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Tuesday, September 5:

LGBTQ+ After-Thoughts, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6:

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom
Communion Circle at Susan Bailis House, 3:30 p.m.
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, September 7:

Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
Choir Rehearsals Begin

Saturday, September 9:

SCYA Happy Hour, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10:

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM
Coffee Hour Resumes
6:00 p.m. Mass Resumes



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

SEASON OF CREATION

WEAR GREEN STARTING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

This Season of Creation we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2) We must ask ourselves: how can each of us reduce our impact on creation, consume less, and live a simpler life?

Season of Creation Mass

Join the Boston Catholic Climate Movement at a special Mass celebrating the Season of Creation on Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Paulist Center (5 Park Street, Boston). For details, contact our parish office.

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RCIA BEGINS THIS MONTH!

Tuesday, September 12 | 6:30 p.m.



Are you interested in exploring the process for becoming Catholic, but not sure you want to commit? Were you raised Catholic, but never received Eucharist or Confirmation and now would like to learn more? Join the staff and some parishioners who have gone through the

RCIA process in the past to learn more! A welcome gathering and information session will be held on September 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us to see if it's the right time to begin your journey! Contact Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish email with questions!



ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

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

The Saint Cecilia Remote Fellowship Ministry is excited to announce that Sebastian Gomes, executive editor of Audio and Video at America Media, will be the guest speaker at our September FFF online coffee hour! Since joining America in 2019, Sebastian has created several podcasts, including *The Gloria Purvis Podcast* with Catholic commentator and radio personality Gloria Purvis, which addresses contentious issues in the Catholic Church from a consistent life ethic. Other podcasts include *Jesuitical*; *Inside the Vatican*; *Hark!*; *The Stories Behind Our Favorite Christmas Carols*; and *Preach*. Sebastian wrote and directed America's first feature documentary, *People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States*, released in 2022. Saint Cecilia is one of four parishes featured in this documentary. If you'd like to join the conversation, learn more about America, or ask Sebastian a question, please join us at the coffee hour on September 10 at 4:00 p.m. ET!

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



LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE GALA

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

LGBT Asylum Task Force's annual gala takes place on Saturday, September 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Each ticket is \$125 and there will be tables of eight. Buy tickets: <https://one.bidpal.net/taskforcegala2023/ticketing> If you plan to attend and would like to sit at the Saint Cecilia table, please email our Rainbow Ministry. 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 Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

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

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



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

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



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

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

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

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

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

Songs of Life Public Concert

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7:00 PM

St. Cecilia's Parish, Boston

Join Shelter Music Boston for an evening of music celebrating the culmination of the 2023 Julie Leven Artistic Project: Songs of Life, featuring world premiere commissions by Che Buford, Anthony Green, Sato Matsui, and Francine Trestler. 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, please visit <https://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.



LOW-GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD AVAILABLE

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. These hosts are prepared by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri.



WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

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



JOIN SAINT CECILIA CARES!

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

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

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

Pathways to Holiness: Early Christianity and Ethics

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

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

ONLINE COURSES

Finding a Moral Compass

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

Spirituality Matters

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

The Engaged Parish

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

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





Pope Francis traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, this summer for his fourth World Youth Day, to listen to the hopes, challenges and questions of over one million young Catholics from every corner of the global church. He met with sexual abuse survivors, Ukrainian pilgrims, university students, young people suffering from illness; and he challenged them all to work for a “hope-filled future.”

A much smaller contingent of young people will have the pope’s ear this October in Rome at the first of two monthlong meetings in 2023 and 2024 of the Synod on Synodality on the themes of communion, participation and mission. For the first time in history, laypeople will have the right to vote in a synod, and among the voting members are college students and men and women in their 20s and 30s.

The pope has said, “Synod means walking on the same road, walking together.” As we embark on this new path in the life of the church, what are some guidelines to consider when thinking about listening to, and walking with, young people?

Young people are not a monolith. It can be unhelpful and reductive to speak about any group in the church as a unified bloc. In a similar way, we should avoid speaking of “young people” as if they all share a common perspective on or experience of church.

There are young Catholics who are drawn to more traditional liturgies and those who feel at home in a Catholic Worker House, and some find deep meaning in both. There are young Catholics who feel hurt and alienated by the church’s teaching on sexuality and others who see the church’s countercultural witness as a bulwark in a destabilizing, relativistic world. There are hundreds of thousands more who have not set foot in a church since their baptism or confirmation. Outside the U.S. church, there are young people fighting in and fleeing from the war in Ukraine; young migrants risking their lives in the Mediterranean and on the Rio Grande; and others struggling in refugee camps across the Middle East and Africa.

When framed in this way, “listening to young people” can start to seem an impossible task. But this way of speaking may also shed some light on the sometimes opaque concept of synodality. If we are to truly listen to all these young voices, it will take more than a Vatican meeting or survey. It will require a new way of being church, a church that accompanies its people and is attuned to their hopes, doubts and lived experiences.

The church must admit its failures and offer something different. The working document for the synod says that a synodal church is one that “seeks to widen the scope of communion, but which must come to terms with the contradictions, limits and wounds of history.” Most young Catholics today have known only a church marred by the sexual abuse scandal—but that does not mean they see it as ancient history. While the church has made great strides in the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the revelations remain shocking for each new generation of Catholics as they mature. Church leaders must be forthright with young Catholics about past failures and transparent in their ongoing efforts to hold accountable those who covered up abuse. For young people to show up at the table, they have to trust they are speaking with adults who have their best interests at heart.

But the church has failed young people in other more subtle ways. It can be easy to blame secular culture, or even young people themselves, for the exodus of millennials and Gen Zers from the pews. And there is plenty to critique about modern society. But we should ask ourselves: Have we failed to offer something different? Studies show that Gen Z is the loneliest generation. If these young people are not finding community in parishes, have we been bold enough in searching for new models of relationship? In a country marked by deep polarization, have Catholics too often indulged in those divides instead of seeking to be agents of reconciliation?

Young people today are hungry for authentic communion, both with other people and with God, but they are skeptical

of institutions and allergic to hypocrisy. To be credible in their eyes, Catholics should be honest about our shortcomings but unafraid to go against the grain of an increasingly flattened, materialistic world.

Listening to young people does not mean idolizing youth.

In his book *God Is Young*, Pope Francis writes: “Adolescents seek confrontation, they ask questions, they challenge everything, they look for answers. I can’t stress enough how important it is to question everything.” But he has also said that the church cannot think “she is young because she accepts everything the world offers her, thinking that she is renewed because she sets her message aside and acts like everybody else.”

There are many young people in the church—and many more who have left—who want to see church teaching, especially where it relates to women, L.G.B.T. people and divorced Catholics, better aligned with more modern values. Those voices will be represented at the synod and should be listened to, not for show but with an ear for where the Holy Spirit may be working through them. Serious discernment will be needed to find our way forward, and that will require the wisdom from within the church that has spanned the ages, too.

Ask for more, not less, from young people. Among the delegates from the United States who will have the right to vote in October’s synod is Julia Oseka, a junior at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. When asked what emerged from her synodal conversations over the past two years, she said, “[T]he feeling that young people are not merely the future of the church, but also the now of the church.” While much discussion around the synod has rightly focused on Catholics with one foot in and one foot out of the church, we should not neglect the millions of young people already active in the church who are eager for their gifts to be more often accepted.

There are small steps we can take today, like making sure young people are invited to serve on parish councils—and that parish meetings accommodate the schedules of working adults and young parents—that could foster greater involvement among young people. But as the synod looks at more fundamental structural reforms to church governance, participants should not overlook or underestimate the skills, energy and dedication young people are already prepared to offer the church.

Young people will always be among us, and as Pope Francis said at his first World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in 2013, they are sometimes called to “make a mess.” The church’s

job is not to clean up after them but to harness their restless, creative energy in service of the kingdom.

~ *The Editors of America Magazine*



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS Training

Sunday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.

Saint Cecilia Parish Community Room

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

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115

Hours | Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & By Appointment

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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.

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, Olivia Hastie.

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!