



SAINT CECILIA PARISH IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear Friends,

FY 2023-24 has been a year of grace at Saint Cecilia. We don't have to look hard to find evidence of the Spirit at work as we gather each week to be nourished by Eucharist and community. Pope Francis wrote that "God is not solitude, but communion." The communion we experience in the celebration of the liturgy, and in our parish activities, motivates and strengthens us to live out the social teachings of the Church and to serve the Body of Christ in its many expressions.

We are pleased to share this Impact Report, a look back that attempts to highlight many of the ways we have continued our efforts to build a community that is attentive to the Spirit and where we hope all are welcomed, challenged, and loved. We value shared leadership; everything that happens here is the result of the faith, dedication, and contributions of every single member. Thank you!

As I read through this report, I feel a mixture of awe, pride, humility, and gratitude—not to mention a little bit of fatigue! A lot is happening here. We have been faithful in our celebration of the Eucharist—the heart of all we do. We baptized babies and adults; we welcomed new members into parish life and into the Church; we witnessed couples committing themselves to one another in marriage; we welcomed youngsters to the Eucharistic Table; we celebrated commitment to faith through confirmation; we said goodbye in sadness and hope to beloved friends and family members; and we have loved our neighbors in so many different ways. But we don't do it alone. Through the support of community, we continue to discover the God who loves us and who desires our happiness. And then, nourished by God's presence in Bread and Wine and in our shared life, we serve our neighbors in a world in desperate need of Good News.

Please know how grateful I am to be here with you and to serve you as pastor. You enrich and energize me, and it is a joy and privilege to accompany you through the highs and lows of life. This next chapter of our life together will challenge us to continue listening to the Spirit and to be the people God invites us to be—disciples of Jesus, seekers of justice, and protectors of creation. God has work for us to do and I look forward to seeing the creative ways we move forward together.

Peace be with you,

Fr. John

Father John Unni

DISCOVER

Engage

Serve

AT SAINT CECILIA, OUR MISSION INVITES US TO:

Discover the God who loves you.

Engage with a parish that supports you.

Serve the world that needs you.

The journey of our spiritual life, like the start of any journey, begins where we are—and includes our talents and gifts, but also our questions, doubts, fears, and imperfections.

Through engaging worship, challenging preaching, and a welcoming and supportive community, we encounter the God who meets us precisely where we are.

And the outcome of this encounter is the desire to serve others.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are in the right place to seek, find, and be an instrument of God's transforming grace in the world.





Who We Are



Saint Cecilia is a welcoming and vibrant parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. The congregation, currently numbering **3,720 local households** and **234 remote households**, was founded in 1888.

Saint Cecilia is a community of God's people—baptized in Christ, varied in gifts, united in mission, and always seeking to become more inclusive as we minister to children, youth and adults. Our parish offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics, who come from many neighborhoods in and around the City of Boston, the greater Boston area, and well beyond. Our community is a rich tapestry of people who are young, old, rich, poor, gay, straight, and of different gender identities, various ethnic origins, and differing backgrounds. We are a parish known for our engaging liturgy and considerable outreach; a community whose life is centered on prayer and worship as we try to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are deeply committed 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 135 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.





ST. CECILIA CHURCH, BELVIDERE STREET, BOSTON.

A Living History

From 1888 to 2024



Establishment: Saint Cecilia Parish was founded in 1888 to serve the Irish maids and coachmen of Boston's aristocracy.

Architecture: Dedicated in 1894, the church features twelfth-century Norman architecture and a pre-Vatican II white Carrara marble altar.

Renovations: The first major renovation occurred in 1954, and statues of Pope Saint Pius X and Saint Patrick were added to the side altars, along with new artwork. 1954 also saw the installation of the Great Window of the Assumption of Mary in the rear gallery behind the organ. Later major restorations occurred in 2010 and 2019.

Organ: Since the 1902 installation of the original Hutchings-Votey organ, there have been two organ renovations—in 1954 and 1998. Along with the gallery organ, the antiphonal organ, located on the west side of the church beneath the Saint Cecilia window, was acquired in 2000 and dedicated in November 2001.

Artwork: In the center of the reredos, there is a reproduction of da Vinci's *The Last Supper* and above it, a dome boasting an array of 24K gold rosettes.

New Members: With the 2004 closing of Saint Ann University Parish and the 2007 closing of the Jesuit Urban Center, Saint Cecilia welcomed many new parishioners. Our present altar came from the Jesuit Urban Center and the ambo and presider's chair came from Saint Ann Church.

The Far-Flung Flock: During the COVID-19 pandemic, our livestream liturgy paved the way for the birth of the Far-Flung Flock. This unique portion of our community now numbers approximately 865 registered members.



The Lord's Day
at Saint Cecilia Church

A Typical Sunday

*From food rescue to
Mass to coffee hospitality...*

Participants in our weekly Food Rescue Ministry arrive early to load up cars with pantry items donated by parishioners who heed the call to share their food with those in need.

Our parish choirs have their final rehearsals and prepare to support us in song. Our greeters organize worship aids and bulletins before welcoming those who will pass through our doors. Altar servers are in the sacristy getting ready to assist the celebrant at Mass. Our lectors prepare to proclaim the day's Scripture readings to the liturgical assembly. Our catechists are setting up classrooms and readying themselves to share our faith with the children of the parish. Our audiovisual team prepares for our weekly 9:30 livestream.

RCIA team members welcome our RCIA participants and prepare for the reflection, prayer, and faith-sharing that will take place during their dismissal session.

And members of our wonderful Sunday Hospitality Ministry are downstairs brewing coffee, preparing trays of muffins and pastries, and creating a warm and inviting atmosphere in our parish café.



The Lord's Day

*The People of God
doing the work of God*

The work of a faith community is a holy task shared by many hands and hearts. The Sunday Sabbath may be a day of rest, but at Saint Cecilia, there's lots going on that can only happen with the collaboration of many members of our community.



Our Sunday Mass Livestream

Embracing a new way of being church...

Life at Saint Cecilia is always evolving, but never more so than over the past three years. Livestreaming the 9:30 liturgy began as a way to stay connected with one another during the height of the pandemic, but quickly led to the birth of a virtual but very real community of people from around the world.

By investing in the infrastructure to livestream our Sunday Mass, we have embraced an intentionally hybrid model of parish life that allows us to connect with those in our pews and those from afar—whom we refer to as the “Far-Flung Flock.”



[Above] Vasily Izumchensky, our livestream sound engineer, and Geoff Edwards, our livestream videographer, monitor the quality of our 9:30 Mass livestream on Sunday mornings from their workspace in the church choir loft.

**2023-2024
LIVESTREAM
STATISTICS**

**492,587
*YouTube Views***

**243,624.40
*Hours Watched***

**2,229
*New Subscribers***

**3,540,753
*Impressions***

Unpacking the Liturgy

Meet our Liturgical Ministers



Altar Servers

Our altar servers are children (grade 3 and above) and adults who assist the celebrant in the Sunday celebration of the liturgy, as well as on holy days.



Lectors

We have more than 60 lectors who proclaim the Sacred Scriptures and raise our prayers to God by leading the Prayer of the Faithful.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our 30+ Extraordinary Ministers assist with the distribution of the Lord's Body and Blood during Mass.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every month, we distribute *several thousand* communion wafers, sent to us by the Poor Clare Nuns in Westwood, Massachusetts.

The Clergy Staff



Fr. John Unni, Pastor

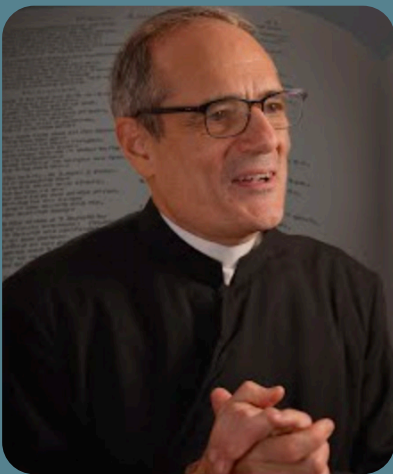
Father John has been the pastor of Saint Cecilia since 2003. Father John is also chief chaplain of the Boston Fire Department and chaplain for Berklee College of Music's Police Department.

Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ

Father Jim, a member of the Society of Jesus, ministers on the parish staff part time and assists with the celebration of Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, and pastoral support.



Additional Weekend Support



**Fr. Peter
Grover, OMV**



† **Fr. Peter
Gyves, SJ**



**Fr. Terry
Devino, SJ**

† Fr. Gyves died on August 7, 2024. May he rest in peace.



Our parish café is an extension of the upper church, linking the Eucharistic table to the café tables—symbols of unity where community members are nourished and are the recipients of our care and love.

Our Hospitality Ministry

From greeters to coffee hour



Our Greeters

Our parish greeters are the first face of the parish, extending a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors.



Our Hospitality Ministry



Every year we have...

40+ Greeters

30+ Coffee Hospitality
Volunteers

Every month we have...

2800+ Pastries

1600+ Sandwiches

4000+ People joining us in the
Parish Hall for fellowship
& coffee hospitality



About Our Coffee: We serve Equal Exchange coffee at our hospitality events. This organization's mission is to build fair, sustainable trade partnerships, connect farmers and consumers, and show how worker co-operatives and Fair Trade contribute to a more just and democratic world.





Our Hospitality Ministry

Coffee Hospitality



Lisa Pickering
*Director of
Facilities & Events*

“People sometimes ask me why we use Montilio’s Bakery for our coffee hospitality. Montilio’s is a family-owned and women-led business that began in 1947 with just five employees. Today, Montilio’s employs approximately 175 people, a portion of whom are non-English speaking and have experienced difficulty finding work. Montilio’s demonstrates the power that a job can have in transforming the life of an individual and making it possible for them to contribute in a positive way to their community. By providing on-the-job training, Montilio’s is sometimes able to help families get back

on their feet and, in the process of changing lives, has made a large positive social impact beyond baking delicious muffins and scones. Montilio’s is a bakery with a conscience and we’re proud to partner with them.”



Sacramental Life
Our ever-evolving faith journey

God's grace meets us in countless and often unexpected ways.
The Sacraments of the Church are those rites in which
God has promised to always meet us.

*"The Sacraments are the
manifestation of the Father's
tenderness and love towards
each of us." ~ Pope Francis*

This year we had...

- 140 Infant Baptisms
- 7 Adult Baptisms
- 27 First Reconciliations
- 35 First Communicants
- 20 High School Confirmations
- 29 Adult Confirmations
- 69 Weddings
- 25 Funerals



Photograph by Nicole Nero Studio





First Holy Communion





Angelica, Karen, and Servando helping serve cake to our First Communicants and their families.



First Holy Communion Reception

High School Confirmation

Pentecost Sunday



*Be Sealed With the
Gift of the Holy Spirit*



Our Ministries

Music, outreach, fellowship, and faith formation



Our Music Ministry

In our three choirs, there are over 50 ministers of music supporting the worshipping assembly in song at the Sunday 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 liturgies. In addition to Robert Duff, our Director of Music, our music ministry staff includes:

Tyler Cesario, *Assistant Director of Music*

Brett Maguire, *Parish Organist*

Daniel Lamoureux, *Saturday Vigil Organist*

Pendexter Macdonald, *Assistant Organist*

**From September to June,
our choir contributes...**

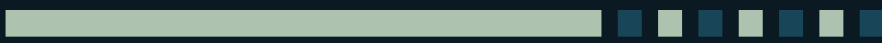
4,500 hours
at Mass

6,540 hours
in rehearsal

Totaling 11,040 hours
at rehearsals and liturgy
(That's over 65 weeks!)



We have three organists, an assistant music director, and we employ student instrumentalists for weekly liturgies throughout the year. Also, we hire professional musicians for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and events like Lessons and Carols and our Saint Cecilia Day concert.



*“Our worship has ended;
let our service begin.”*



On Saturday, July 15, 2023, a group of Saint Cecilia parishioners (aged 2.5-88) gathered at Catholic Charities of Boston's food pantry at the Yawkey Center in Dorchester to assemble over 750 bags of groceries!

Parish Outreach
Helping our neighbors in need

Hunger & Homelessness

Saint Cecilia has developed significant relationships with several Boston-based nonprofit agencies that focus on housing and homelessness as well as hunger relief and food insecurity. In particular, we have a robust, weekend food rescue program.



Some highlights...

- 44 parishioners volunteered in Community Servings' kitchen
- 69 parishioners served dinner at Pine Street Inn's Men's Inn
- 450+ drivers participated in our weekend food rescue program
- April 20: H&H collaboration with Young Adults yielded 200 care kits for Catholic Charities
- June 29: 25 parents & children compiled 1000+ grocery bags for Catholic Charities



Our Outreach Ministries



Advent Giving Tree

In 2023, our parish exceeded our goal for our Advent Giving Tree and collected over 1,700 gifts for ten of our local partner agencies. This massive feat is due to the hard work and dedication of our mighty Advent Giving Team, who ensured that all these gifts were sorted, wrapped, and delivered in time for Christmas. These donations helped make Christmas merry and bright for our neighbors in need.

(Left) On December 20, members of the Saint Cecilia staff delivered over 250 gifts to Women's Lunch place.



Saint Cecilia CARES

CARES is a visitation program where ministers offer pastoral presence, emotional support, and Holy Communion to isolated parishioners and community members. This year, three retreats helped our ministers deepen their understanding of our shared Christian identity, service, and embodying Jesus in their ministry and beyond.



In February 2024, three of our CARES ministers completed 270 visits to Mass General Hospital.

Every month, our CARES ministers host about six Communion Circles at Susan Bailis Assisted Living Community, Hale House, Saint Cecilia House, and Mount Pleasant Home.

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HARD.**

**HELPING YOUR
COMMUNITY:
EASY.**

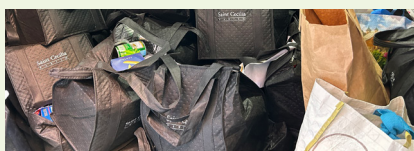


Easy as pie!

Selling and purchasing Thanksgiving pies to benefit Community Servings has become a time-honored Saint Cecilia tradition. This year our dedicated pie sellers sold 414 pies, totaling \$14,513.00. This figure represents 166% of our goal! Each pie—or \$35 donation—provides a week's work of scratch-made, medically-tailored meals for a Community Servings client, their children, and caretaker at home.

Pine Street Inn Thanksgiving

On November 19, 2023, our parishioners donated more than 200 Thanksgiving meal kit bags that were distributed to Pine Street Inn tenants residing in over 40 housing sites across Boston. Our Far-Flung Flock members provided over 100 gift cards as well. Another example of the generosity shown by parishioners to our neighbors in need.



Fall 2023 Fundraisers



On Saturday, August 10, our Young Adults headed to the Berkshires for an evening of Sibelius and Stravinsky under the stars at Tanglewood.

Fellowship Ministries

Building community through fellowship



Knitting & Crocheting Ministry

This past year, our Knitting & Crocheting Ministry created 130 items (prayer shawls, baby blankets, buntings, booties, hats, mittens, and scarfs) and distributed them to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Medical Center NIC Unit and The Knitting Connection.

This crafty group meets remotely once a month to spend time in fellowship while knitting and crocheting.

Young Families Ministry

In 2023, our Young Families Ministry was "rebooted" by a group of dedicated volunteers after being on hiatus during the pandemic. Now, in addition to off-site activities, the ministry meets on the last Sunday of the month after the 9:30 Family Mass to nurture and cultivate a strong foundation on which our families' faith and love for God can grow and thrive. All families with young children, as well as expecting parents, are welcome!



Returning Citizens Ministry

Once known as our Prison and After Ministry, this group of parishioners gathers on Mondays to welcome 15-30 previously incarcerated men, many of whom reside in local halfway houses. These Monday nights are designed to provide a safe space where men reentering the community from prison or jail feel welcomed and loved.



Marriage Ministry

In November, 17 couples completed our Marriage Preparation Program. Our witness couples and our ministry leaders infuse this program with relevance and joy, and we couldn't be more grateful for their dedication and wisdom!

In recent years, this program has shifted to a hybrid structure, incorporating the benefits of meeting virtually and in person. We've found that this structure allows couples to be more vulnerable and open from the comfort and privacy of their homes, enriching the conversations couples have in this program.



Simeon & Anna Seniors Gathering

In May, parishioners Lucy Conroy and Bob Sances launched a new, biweekly group for seniors that encourages fellowship and faith formation through prayer, song, communion, conversation, and hospitality. This ministry of roughly 25 members serves as a perfect example of how the dedication of a small team goes a long way, and now we have an engaging and supportive group for our elders!





Rainbow Ministry

Our Rainbow Ministry strives to help LGBTQ+ Catholics reconcile with the Church and develop a deeper relationship with God. In the fall, our Rainbow Ministry hosted the Boston premiere of *Wonderfully Made-LGBTQ+R(eligion)*, a film about the Catholic Church's attitudes toward, and treatment of, its LGBTQ members. During Lent, the ministry organized hybrid speaker events featuring Fr. James Alison and Fr. Mark David Janus, CSP.



Young Adults Ministry

This ministry is for parishioners between the ages of 20 and 40 who are looking to explore their faith while meeting new people and building community. Group events fall into three areas: service, spirituality, and fellowship. This past year's events included retreats, local service projects, tie-dye nights, trivia at the parish, and monthly nights of worship.



The Far-Flung Flock — Distant But Not Remote

Embracing a new way of being church

Life at Saint Cecilia is always evolving, and the past three years have brought especially significant change. What started as livestreaming the 9:30 liturgy during the pandemic became the foundation of a vibrant global community, connecting people from around the world. We now have faithful, regular worshipers, affectionately referred to as the “Far-Flung Flock,” who live hundreds and even thousands of miles from Boston.

Our largest parish ministry, members tune in to our Sunday morning livestream, participate in some of our ministries, host monthly virtual coffee hours, and contribute financially to the parish.

865
Far-Flung
Flock Members



Last October, we hosted our first annual Far-Flung Flock retreat and welcomed over 100 people to Boston from 24 states, as well as Canada, England, and Chile. This retreat was so successful that we will be hosting another Far-Flock retreat in September 2024.





From September through the end of April, our eighteen RCIA participants met twice a week to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Vigil of Easter.



Faith Formation Ministries

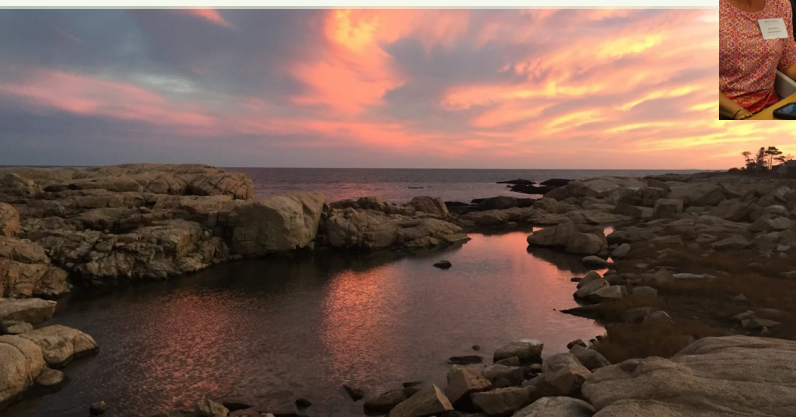
RCIA, Wisdom & Mature Spirituality, Children's Faith Formation



Shakespeare on the Common is one of Boston's—and Saint Cecilia's—most beloved traditions. On July 18, 25 parishioners traveled to Boston Common for a potluck picnic and a production of *The Winter's Tale*, performed on The Parkman Bandstand.

Parish Events

In October we held our first annual Far-Flung Flock retreat. 120 people from 24 states, 4 countries, and 3 continents arrived in Boston for a weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship.



In November we held a parish retreat at Eastern Point Retreat House. 38 parishioners spent a quiet weekend together in Gloucester, refreshed by wonderful presentations and the unparalleled beauty of the surroundings.



During Lent, 150 parishioners participated in a day retreat at the church.



Parish Retreats

This past year, Saint Cecilia hosted three parish-wide retreats.



Fall Events

Blessing of the Animals and Faith & Blue Weekend



Tanya Rybarczyk
Pastoral Associate

“This year’s Saint Cecilia Ministry Fair showcased the tremendous work that our lay-led ministries are engaged in! From addressing food insecurity in the Boston area to bringing Communion to homebound parishioners; serving young families to helping our parish be welcoming to all, and addressing issues such as climate change as we partner with other Catholic and service organizations throughout the city...Saint Cecilia parishioners are making an impact.”



Fall Ministry Fair

Connecting parishioners to fellowship & service opportunities



World AIDS Day

As part of our annual observance of World AIDS Day, our AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed in the rear of the church on the Sunday closest to December 1. This Quilt, first dedicated at the Jesuit Urban Center (JUC) in November of 1995, is a powerful reminder of individuals from the JUC and Saint Cecilia communities who have died from HIV/AIDS.



Calling us to the hope born of faith, the Quilt is edged with a verse from the prophet Zephaniah:

*"I will sing and dance before the Lord.
With happy song God will dance for you
with shouts of joy. For God now
rejoices over you."
-Zephaniah 3:17*



Nativity of the Lord
Christmas at Saint Cecilia

CCAB Easter Baskets

On March 10, through the generosity of our parishioners—those both near and far—our Faith Formation students crafted over 100 Easter baskets that were donated to the Yawkey Center of Catholic Charities of Boston. We hope this labor of love brought Easter joy to children in families experiencing poverty.



Volunteering at Pine Street Inn

In March, our staff served dinner at the Men's Inn at Pine Street Inn. The relationship that the parish has with this vital organization is such a gift and the staff was grateful to step outside of the four walls of the church to meet and converse with our brothers struggling with housing and food insecurity.

Spring Events

From Scripture to Service: Bringing Sunday's Gospel to Life

New Parishioner Events

Twice a year, we welcome newly registered parishioners to an evening gathering where the newest members of our community can meet one another and engage with the parish staff and leadership. These are always uplifting events!



Welcome, James Martin, SJ!

On May 1, we were happy to welcome back our good friend, Fr. James Martin, SJ, who spoke about his 2023 book, *Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle*. In a talk that combined biblical scholarship, humor, and personal stories, Father Martin engaged the 182 in-person attendees and the 375 online participants. Following his presentation, Father Martin responded to questions from the audience and signed copies of his book.

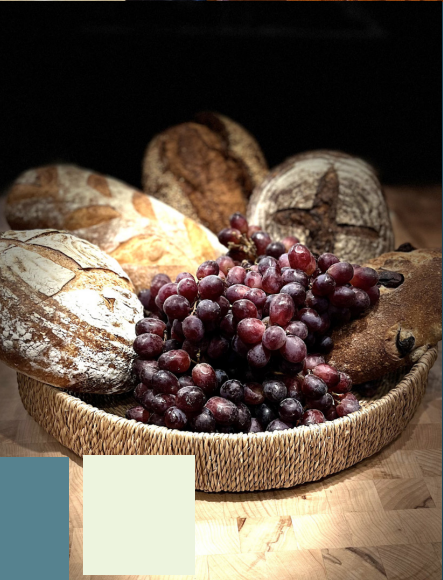


Holy Week *at Saint Cecilia*



Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before Easter, the Church waves blessed palm branches in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We also hear to the gospel account of his passion and death. This is the first day of Holy Week.



Marking the end of the Lenten season, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper ushers in the Easter Triduum—the summit of the Liturgical Year and the shortest liturgical season. During this liturgy, in commemoration of Jesus washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, we wash each other's feet as an act of humble service. This liturgy also commemorates the institution of the Eucharist. Following the Prayer After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession through the church and brought to the altar of repose.

Holy Thursday

Washing of the feet



On Good Friday, the Church commemorates the passion and death of Jesus. The Good Friday liturgy has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, which includes John's account of the Passion and the Solemn Intercessions; the Adoration of the Cross; and Holy Communion.



Good Friday

Stations of the Cross & Liturgy



Darkness, fire, water, oil, bread and wine—the Great Vigil of Easter is a liturgy filled with powerful symbolism. On this night, the Body of Christ gathers to journey from darkness to light, and from death to life. After the retelling of the stories of our salvation, new believers are welcomed through the waters of baptism and the anointing with chrism. The liturgy culminates in the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.

“This Is the Night”

The Easter Vigil

The Rite of Christian Initiation

RCIA at Saint Cecilia





Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Facilities

It is important that we are good stewards of our church building and that we take care to keep everything safe and in good repair. During the past year we have completed several necessary planned and unplanned projects.

Our nineteenth century Back Bay neighborhood was built on land that filled in what was once a shallow bay and tide lands. Because of this, Back Bay is at an increased risk of flooding during bad storms and Saint Cecilia has, in the past, sustained flooding and water damage in the lower level of our building which contains the parish café, kitchen, classrooms, community spaces, and staff offices.

Significant water damage was discovered in the walls of the parish offices, caused by long-term and repeated exposure to moisture. This resulted in loss to the binder in the mortar, creating numerous pathways for moisture to migrate to the interior office space, and ultimately, caused the failure of the mortar joints between the granite stones of the building. To correct this, we performed masonry and waterproofing repairs on the interior and exterior foundation walls.



We had significant water damage in parish offices, and so we had masonry and waterproofing repairs conducted on the exterior and interior of the foundation.

Parish Operating Statement

We are pleased to present the Parish Operating Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. We ended the year with a **surplus of \$4,085**. This is considerably less than the surpluses we have enjoyed in previous years primarily because, for the first time in many years, we have now filled all of our open staff positions, increasing our compensation expense. Despite the resulting decrease in surplus, we are very excited to be fully staffed and feel strongly that this staff level is appropriate for a parish of our size and needs. As a result, we have used this staffing level to prepare next year's budget.

Separately, as you know, our remit to help Father John shepherd the parish finances includes ensuring that the parish facilities remain in good operating condition in order to carry out all of our ministries. Consequently, we aim every year to fund our Capital Repairs Reserve Account with \$150,000 so that we have the resources available when needed. This year, we were able to contribute \$150,000 to the account. Likewise, our budget for the coming year is designed to allow us to contribute to our Capital Repairs Reserve Account and generate a surplus without decreasing our charitable giving programs. We will monitor the situation closely to ensure compliance with the budget.

Please be assured that, even with a modest surplus of \$4,085, the parish continues to enjoy a **very stable financial position**. This is a direct result of your continuing generosity. Please know how very much you are all appreciated for enabling Saint Cecilia to play such a positive role in our community.

Saint Cecilia Finance Council
Father John Unni, *Pastor*
Matt Maguire, *Chair*
Bonnie Blanchfield
David Castaldi
Alicia Cooney
Mark Duggan
Jason Grapski
Cole Young
Colleen Melaugh,
Director of Finance
Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien
Pastoral Director of Operations



Fiscal Year 2024 Q4 Budget

OPERATING STATEMENT

	Quarter Ending June 30, 2024		Quarter Ending June 30, 2024	
<u>INCOME</u>	ACTUAL		BUDGET	
Sunday Offertory Income	\$	2,012,037	\$	2,050,000
Special Donations Income	\$	920,848	\$	987,000
Operating Income	\$	354,129	\$	333,500
Miscellaneous Income	\$	107,509	\$	127,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$	3,394,523	\$	3,498,000
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Personnel Expenses	\$	1,367,662	\$	1,380,527
Office Expenses	\$	224,992	\$	217,750
Liturgy Expenses	\$	107,271	\$	107,650
Building Expenses	\$	1,097,223	\$	1,077,000
Other Expenses	\$	593,290	\$	564,938
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	3,390,438	\$	3,347,865
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$	4,085	\$	150,135
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL REPAIRS ACCT	\$	(150,000)	\$	(150,000)
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS	\$	(145,915)	\$	135



“Be The Piece That Brings Us Together”

Each October, we make an appeal to folks to join iGive, our online recurring giving program. This past year’s theme was “Be The Piece That Brings Us Together.” Just as every piece of a puzzle contributes to the larger picture, each member of our parish plays a vital role in shaping our community. By joining iGive, parishioners help Saint Cecilia plan for programming and sustain our ministries, ensuring that we can continue to welcome, support, and nourish everyone who comes through our doors.



**50% of iGive
participants are
Far-Flung Flock
members**

**40 donors who
increased their
contributions**

**1000+
households
enrolled**

**111
New Donors
in October 2023**

**\$1.5 million in
annual funds
raised via iGive**

2023 iGive Campaign

Saint Cecilia Staff

2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support

Christine Burns, Digital and Print Media Coordinator

Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate

Robert Duff, Director of Music

Joe Ebbert, Director of Emerging Adult Ministries

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

Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility

Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance and Development

Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, Pastoral Director of Operations

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Brett Maguire, Parish Organist

Pendexter Macdonald, Assistant Organist

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