

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.

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, 50 ranks, and 2,926 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. We have just completed a major renovation, our numbers are increasing, 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 120 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 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Tom Nicolini, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Bob Mann, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Will Kelly, Karen McMenemy, & Mary Kane,
lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Marggie Dolan, Christopher Loh, &
Cathy Anderson, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Joe, AJ, and Anna Trustey, *Memorial*

Sunday, August 7 | 11:15 a.m.

Diane Wirtz, *Second Anniversary*

Thursday, August 11 | 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Ignatius Joseph Turnes, *Memorial*



TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Mike McCauley's father died last Saturday and the Order of Christian Funerals was celebrated on Tuesday. Pray for the eternal repose of Thomas McCauley, as well as for the consolation of Mike, Wanda, Julia, and Shane. 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 **Annette Kulas, Anthony Simboli, Anne Frenette Handly, Roséa Aubrey, Owen Kyes, Pilar Estrada, Mildred McLaughlin, Brenna Smith, Michalina Maniscalco, Michael Patrick Kelly, Mark Anderson, Bill Downing, Skyler Stevenson, Silvana Franco, Silvia Basagni, Brian Donnelly, Theresa Wier, Bill Ahern, Lena Bryant, Kenny Borum, Kevin, Joseph Pierre, George Driscoll, Mary Curley, Bill Pennington, Bryan Thomas, Joanne DeMare, Rachel Fitzgerald, Bob Carroll, John Morris, Mark Edward McHugh, Bernice Tilton Bass, Jean Hughes, Laura Bellias, Angelo Valente, Eugenia Valente, Betty Sellers, Jack Kacewicz, Daniel Grapski, Nancy Wolterman, Callie Boyce, Bill Croke, Inez Storr, Mary Chisholm, Brian Burdette, Chuck Christian, John Pelletier, Tim Postma, Mary Jane Duggan, and Maureen Kelly.**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia!

We are pleased to welcome **Arun Marcel Jaganathan** of Boston to the parish. For anyone who has not already registered with the parish, there are forms in the narthex for this purpose or you can register online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Evening Prayer on Monday — Saint Dominic

In commemoration of the memorial of Saint Dominic, we will celebrate Evening Prayer this Monday, August 8 at 6:30. All are welcome.

Baptism

At this morning's 11:15 liturgy we celebrate baptism for **Cecilia Anne**, daughter of Tyler and Maria Wessman-Conroy. The Christian community welcomes you with great joy, Cecilia Anne!

Banns of Marriage

II. Gabrielle Mason and Gregory Jacques

JOIN US AT COMMUNITY SERVINGS

Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20 when we volunteer in the kitchens of Community Servings. We are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing and packaging nutritious meals for those who are homebound with life-threatening illnesses throughout Eastern Massachusetts. No culinary skills are required, but volunteers need to be at least thirteen years of age. Please feel free to join us even if you can't be there until a bit later than 10:00 a.m. Community Servings is conveniently located next to the Stony Brook T Station in Jamaica Plain. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mark Lippolt at: mlippolt@hammondre.com.

WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Many of us have reached that stage in life where our past constitutes a significant part of the whole of our existence on earth. Join us as we look ahead in a creative way at opportunities for spiritual growth and as we explore ways to combine the wisdom of maturity with the joyful, vibrant fabric of our parish. We welcome all individuals who have an interest in sharing their wisdom, experiences, and insights. Our second planning meeting will take place on Sunday, August 21 in classroom 4 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection for Catholic Relief Services supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, and support to displaced refugees. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Migration and Refugee Services, the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES' FOOD PANTRY AT THE HAITIAN MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

Did you know that August is the month when most food pantries and groups that feed the homeless experience the greatest demand for their services? It isn't around the Christmas holidays—it's August. Most summer school meal programs end in early August and families can suddenly find themselves with three or four additional mouths to feed at breakfast and lunch. Also, August is the month when family budgets are stretched to purchase back-to-school supplies and clothes.

Given the current state of the economy for the working poor, our friends at Catholic Charities expect to see many more hungry families seeking assistance at their food pantry this month. We at Saint Cecilia Parish would like to help them meet this increase in demand. Please consider bringing the following items to the food baskets located in the narthex: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken breast, Cheerios or corn flakes, cooking oil, white flour spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, and tomato sauce.

A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Sunset Point Camp, located in Hull, serves as a dream "vacation" for 300 children each summer. The goal of the camp has always been to provide a free vacation for at-risk, low-income children from the Greater Boston area, without regard for their race, nationality, or religious affiliation.

Sunset Point Camp is supervised by our friends at Catholic Charities. They have mentioned to us that they always need donations of sunscreen for the kids at the camp. So the next time you're at CVS, Walgreen's or your local supermarket, please consider picking up an extra tube of sunscreen and dropping it in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. We have been told the higher the SPF number, the better. The camp also needs kids' flipflops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12. Next Sunday, August 14, is the last day that we can accept these donations.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Each month parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated meat, dairy products, and produce from three local supermarkets and deliver it to either Catholic Charities' Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or Pine Street Inn in the South End. This vital ministry takes place at 7:30 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday morning and on Sundays can be completed in time to attend the 9:30 parish Mass. We need drivers for all the Saturdays and Sundays in August. To help out, please contact Mark Lippolt at: mlippolt@hammondre.com.



CARES MINISTRY TRAINING

The training class for those interested in preparing to provide pastoral visits as a member of the Saint Cecilia CARES ministry outreach team will take place on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. The first class will be on Wednesday, September 7 and the final class is on Wednesday, October 12. This six-week program is titled Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound. Upon completion, you will be eligible to join with other CARES ministers to support those in need with visits offering pastoral support. If interested in learning more, please contact Jeanne Bruno at jbruno@stceciliaboston.org or 617-536-4548, Ext. 117.