Seventh Sunday of Easter
28 May 2017

The Ascension of Christ
Artist unknown
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 recently 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 127 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.
Saint Cecilia Parish is pleased to present

A Conversation with
James Martin, SJ
on LGBT Catholics

Monday, June 19, 2017
at 7:30 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Church | Boston

Copies of Father Martin’s latest book, *Building a Bridge* will be on sale this evening. Following the presentation Father Martin will be available to sign books.

James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor-at-large of *America* and bestselling author of many books including *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. He is a frequent commentator on religion in the national and international media.

This event is free and open to the public

18 Belvidere Street   |   Boston   |   617.536.4548   |   www.stceciliaboston.org
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY
Saturday | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Chris Orrell, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Louvere Walker, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Letitia Howland, Maggie Loh,
& Christopher Loh, lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
John Thompson, Lauren Miner,
& Karen McMenamy, lectors

TODAY’S READINGS
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 27 | 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Valente Family, Memorial

Sunday May 28 | 11:15 a.m.
Thomas Norton, Memorial

TODAY’S READINGS
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts after the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses. All are welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEK’S SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

CEREAL
CANNED CHICKEN

Donations of featured items are preferred as these are more popular among Catholic Charities clients. Please leave food donations in the narthex baskets.
**Prayers & Occasions**

**Our Deceased**
The grandfather of our altar servers Dorothea and Spencer Dunne died on May 16. Pray for the eternal repose of Donald P. Schnorr and for the consolation of Molly, Dorothea, and Spencer Dunne. 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, Rosée Aubrey, Pilar Estrada, Mildred McLaughlin, Pam Phillips, Brenna Smith, Mark Anderson, Bill Downing, Skyler Stevenson, Silvana Franco, Silvia Basagni, Brian Donnelly, Theresa Wier, Bill Ahern, Lena Bryant, Kenny Borum, George Driscoll, Mary Curley, Bill Pennington, Bryan Thomas, Joanne DeMare, Rachel Fitzgerald, Bob Carroll, John Morris, Mark Edward McHugh, Jean Hughes, Laura Bellias, Angelo Valente, Eugenia Valente, Betty Sellers, Jack Kacewicz, Daniel Grapski, Nancy Wolterman, Callie Boyce, Bill Croke, Mary Chisholm, Brian Burdette, Chuck Christian, John Pelletier, Tim Postma, Maureen Kelly, Mary Maciora, Stephanie Brown, Bob Butler, Mary Dupont, Mary Jacobs, Francesca Stanizzi, Hilary Dillon, Paul Lakschewitz, Pam Phillips, Meredith Deignan, Louise Reohr, Jacy-Lyn Poland, Tom O'Keefe, Claire Smith, Gerard Franchi, Annie Flaherty, Joe Rivieccio, Pamela Massey, Mary Sullivan, Lyn Scalfani, Marguerite Flavin, Lucy Donohue, Germaine Durette, Meredith Deignan, Mimi Hart and Daegan Riggio.

**Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish**
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: the Burke Family of Boston and the Kempczinski Family of Boston. If you have not previously registered with the parish, there are forms in the narthex for this purpose or you can register online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

**Saint Cecilia Annual Summerfest—Save the Date**
Be sure to mark Sunday, June 11 on your calendar. We will be closing off St. Cecilia Street for our annual Summerfest party. The celebration will start right after the 9:30 liturgy with coffee and Blackbird Doughnuts served in the Saint Francis Garden. Lunch will be served on St. Cecilia Street from 11:30 to 4:00. Once again we'll have a live jazz ensemble, dancing, and lots of fun!

**Memorial Day**
On this Memorial Day Weekend, we are thankful for the opportunity to honor the men and women who so bravely served this country in the past as well as in the present. We ask God to bless the families of our military who stay behind while their loved one goes into battle and we pray for a special blessing upon the families whose loved one gave his or her life in the service of our country.

**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, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ’s love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), 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 usccb.org/crscollection.

**Happy Anniversary!**
This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Judy Castaldi who was baptized on May 28. May the Lord continue to bless Judy with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Judy!

**Saint Cecilia Annual Ministry Appreciation Event**
We will hold our annual Ministry Appreciation Event this Wednesday, May 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and (weather permitting) Saint Francis Garden. Most parish ministers should have received an e-mail invitation from your ministry leader. If you have volunteered in the parish in any way this past year, please know that you are welcome to attend. Please be sure to let your ministry leader know if you plan to come or, in the absence of a ministry leader, please e-mail Megan Riggle at mriggle@stceciliaboston.org or call the Parish Office by Friday May 26. This will be a fun evening with plenty of food, drink, music, and fellowship.

**Pentecost Sunday—Wear Something Red!**
Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost and the liturgical color is red. Help add to our celebration by wearing something red to Mass.
BOOK SALE!

*Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty*

Kate Hennessy is the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren and is the author of the fascinating new biography: *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty*. Copies of this book will be on sale this Sunday following the 9:30 and 11:15 liturgies. The book is $30 and will be sold in the narthex.

PRISON AND AFTER NEEDS HELP

Every Monday night for the past five years, a dedicated group of parishioners has been providing a support group and dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 for men who are returning to the community after serving time in prison. This ministry has been supported by the generous donations of Saint Cecilia parishioners. Each dinner costs approximately $250. Contributions of any amount are appreciated and can be given to Mark or Scott any Sunday, placed in the collection basket clearly labeled “Prison and After” or mailed to: Saint Cecilia Church, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115. Checks should be made out to Saint Cecilia Church with Prison and After written in the memo line.

CONTEMPLATIVE LEADERS IN ACTION

CLA is a two-year program that cultivates Ignatian spirituality and leadership in young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Participants join a vibrant, faith-filled community of peers committed to becoming leaders in their fields as they search to find God in all things. A CLA cohort meets monthly throughout the process to discuss and engage in topics relevant to leadership and spiritual growth. Participants are offered retreat opportunities along with access to spiritual direction and mentoring. Applications to this program are currently open in the following cities: Baltimore, Boston, New York, St. Louis, and Washington, DC. For more information about the Boston program, or if you know anyone interested in applying, please visit www.contemplativeleaders.org.

PASTRIES WITH THE PASTOR RECAP

Father John and 12 smiling faces met this past Saturday at Saint Cecilia’s May Pastries with the Pastor event. The group quickly bonded as a sense of community filled the room through the breaking of bread and sharing of stories. More events like this are sure to come, so look for the next opportunity to sign up!

Below is one of many glowing responses from those who attended the event.

"As a new parishioner, I felt this was the perfect opportunity to meet others, including Fr. John. It was a most wonderful hour of sharing and fellowship!"
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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’ Yawkey Center in Dorchester. 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 or 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’ flip flops for boys and girls age 6 to 12.

SUPPORT FOSTER ALUMNI

The Massachusetts Network of Foster Care Alumni (MassNFCA) is a new organization founded to help create community and provide support for current and former foster youth (a person who as a child was removed from the custody of their parent(s) or guardian(s) by the juvenile court and placed in a group home or foster home) through education, employment, service, and leadership. MassNFCA is holding their inaugural Foster Alumni Walk on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Boston Common near the Parkman Bandstand (located on the eastern side of Boston Common). The one mile walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to register to walk, make a donation, or volunteer, visit www.massnfca.org and click on “Events.” Donations are welcome but your presence is the most important thing.

SAVE THE DATE!

JAMES MARTIN, SJ IS RETURNING TO SAINT CECILIA

"A Conversation with James Martin, SJ on LGBT Catholics"
Monday, June 19 | 7:30 p.m.

On April 24, Father James Martin, SJ spoke to a standing room only crowd at Saint Cecilia. Approximately 750 people came to hear a wonderful and inspiring talk on encountering Jesus. Following Father Martin’s presentation, he signed books for nearly two hours while people enjoyed refreshments in our Parish Hall. Father Martin will be returning to Saint Cecilia in just five weeks to speak about his latest book, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity. In this moving and inspiring book, Father Martin offers a powerful, loving, and much-needed voice in a time marked by anger, prejudice, and divisiveness. Adapted from an address he gave to New Ways Ministry, a group that ministers to and advocates for LGBT Catholics, Building a Bridge provides a roadmap for repairing and strengthening the bonds that unite all of us as God’s children. Father Martin uses the image of a two-way bridge as a model for how Church leaders and LGBT Catholics can move together toward reconciliation and love. Please plan to be with us for what is certain to be another enlightening and informative evening with our good friend Father James Martin, SJ. This event is being co-sponsored by Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission and Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry.

“A welcome and much-needed book that will help bishops, priests, pastoral associates, and all church leaders, more compassionately minister to the LGBT community. It will also help LGBT Catholics feel more at home in what is, after all, their church.”
— Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

“Martin knows that by drawing close and entering into relationships, we learn mercy, equality of heart, and love of enemies. If we can be Christian in those things, then the scandal at the heart of the relationship between LGBT believers and our churches is on the way to being undone.”
— James Alison, author of Faith Beyond Resentment
CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

A heartfelt thank you to all of the parishioners who have donated supermarket gift cards or checks to help Catholic Charities feed refugees who have resettled in the Greater Boston area. Through your generosity in the past twelve months (and through the Advent Giving Tree) we have been able to send over $6,000 in gift cards to the staff at Catholic Charities. Unfortunately, the need still persists so please consider dropping a $25 supermarket gift card in the offertory or a check in the same amount made payable to Saint Cecilia Parish. Thank you in advance.

SUMMER TENNIS AND READING PROGRAM

Tenacity, a sports-based nonprofit in Boston, runs its Summer Tennis and Reading Program every summer at multiple outdoor tennis courts around Boston, including Allston/Brighton, West Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain. This summer the program runs from July 10 to August 19, but participation in all six weeks is not required. Children ages six through ten participate Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and children ages nine through sixteen participate Monday to Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to this program. For more information or to register, please visit www.tenacity.org/strp-boston. If you have any questions, please contact parishioner Doug McNicol at dougmnicol@tenacity.org.

SCYA WALLY’S FUNK NIGHT
Sunday, May 28 | 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Christian Science Center to Wally’s Cafe
427 Mass Avenue

Come groove with us at Wally’s Cafe, Boston’s oldest jazz club. Meet us at the Christian Science Center Reflecting Pool at 8:00 p.m. for pizza before walking to Wally’s for some Funk. Music starts at 9:30 p.m., but we’ll scope out some tables at 9:00. Space is limited to 10 people. 21+ event.

COMMUNITY SERVINGS VOLUNTEERING
Tuesday, May 30, June 28 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
18 Marbury Terrace, Boston

Pack up some much-needed meals for the homebound.

THEOLOGY ON TAPAS: REFORMATION 500
Tuesday, June 6 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Parish Hall

In 2017, the world is acknowledging the beginning of the Reformation. Join us for an evening where we explore the real issues that sparked these changes in the church, the differences among various Christian traditions, and our hope for finding common ground in a world of division. Scott Brill and Vito Nicastro, Fellows at the Institute for Christian Unity will lead our discussion.

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT FENWAY
Monday, July 17 | 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Fenway Park

Bleacher seats against Toronto Blue Jays for $35. We reserved a block of seats and will go with young adult groups from other parishes. Happy Hour beforehand! Send money via PayPal or Venmo to ckc1025@gmail.com to reserve your ticket, and write your name(s) in the memo.

To RSVP for any of these activities, please e-mail scyoungadults@gmail.com.

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS

Saint Cecilia Young Adults ministry welcomes parishioners ages 20-40. RSVP and more when you type URL: eepurl.com/bBbbLr
NEws for young families
—present & expecting—
and those who would like to help them

• If you are a parent of a child younger than four years of age, please consider joining our growing Young Families group! We currently meet monthly between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. liturgies for fellowship and mutual support as we navigate the ups and downs of life with young children. The best way to stay in touch is to join our listserv—if you’re not on it already, e-mail Erin at erin.ramsey.1@gmail.com.

• If you are expecting a child in the coming months and would be interested in connecting with other expecting parents, we want to hear from you. Please e-mail Sarah Donohue (sarahelliottgoodale@gmail.com) for more information and details on an upcoming social for expecting parents.

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 the 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 June. If you can help out, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities

As you know, we have been collecting food for the Catholic Charities food pantry in Dorchester for nearly seven years. If you are unable to bring groceries with you to church or forget to do so, there are Catholic Charities envelopes in the narthex that you can use to send a donation. Just write “food pantry” on the memo line of your check.

Movie and Pizza Night

On Saturday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m., the Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission is sponsoring a movie and pizza night in our Parish Hall. We will be showing the 2015 British-Canadian-Irish romantic drama, Brooklyn. This film is based on Colm Tóibín’s 2009 novel of the same name. In this delightful film, young Irish immigrant Eilis Lace navigates her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother’s home for the shores of New York City. Her initial homesickness quickly diminishes as she finds romance with a local. But soon, her past disrupts her new life and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Brooklyn received a standing ovation at its Sundance Film Festival premiere and has received many nominations for awards, including three nominations for Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Actress. Brooklyn was named one of the best films of 2015.

A brief discussion will follow the showing of this film. It would be helpful to know how many people are coming so that we have enough pizza. Please e-mail your response to Judy Castaldi — judycastaldi@hotmail.com. We are requesting a $5 donation to cover the cost of the pizza and a free-will offering will be gratefully received for the movie.
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**RCIA - THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. RCIA is a program offered each year for the following people:

- Individuals who have never been baptized and who wish to be baptized and welcomed into the Catholic faith.
- Individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Individuals who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first Holy Communion.

We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will begin on September 26. The first twelve weeks are considered an inquiry period with no formal commitment required, so all are welcome to register and come and see. If you or someone you know might be interested, please e-mail Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org). The sessions are held in a classroom in our Parish Pastoral Center. RCIA participants are also expected to participate in the 11:15 a.m. Mass together each Sunday.

**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please e-mail the names of parishioners who are graduating from high school or college, along with the date of graduation to Megan Riggle at mriggle@stceciliaboston.org. Please place the word “graduate” in the subject line. Please also send the name of the school and the degree awarded. We are also happy to announce student recitals.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS**

**Special One-Week Courses:**

- **Dorothy Day: A Revolution from the Heart**  
  July 10 - July 13 | Robert Ellsberg | Simboli Hall, Brighton Campus, 9 Lake Street | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
  (Registration required)

- **Cultivating Spirituality in a Technological Age**  
  July 24 - July 27 | Richard Gaillardetz | Simboli Hall, Brighton Campus, 9 Lake Street | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
  (Registration required)

**Other Events:**

- **Standing With Refugees**  
  June 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
  Boston College High School  
  As the celebration of World Refugee Day on June 20 approaches, Catholic Charities is pleased to host Standing With Refugees, a two-part event to include a panel discussion and the opportunity to experience entering America through the lens of a refugee. To register for this event, please go to www.ccab.org/events.

- **Evelyn Underhill Lecture in Christian Spirituality**  
  The Meeting of East and West: Spirituality Beyond Boundaries  
  July 8 | Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell | Robsham Theater, Chestnut Hill Campus | 10:00 a.m.  
  (Early-registration recommended)

- **Ninth Annual Mary Magdala Day Celebration**  
  Mary Magdalene and the Women Disciples in the Gospel of Luke  
  July 21 | Barbara Reid, O.P | St. Ignatius Church and Corcoran Commons | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
  Includes liturgy and lunch (Early-registration recommended)

- **The Role of the Public Intellectual**  
  July 15 | Sister Joan Chittister | Fontbonne Academy, The Sisters of St. Joseph Convocation Center, 930 Brook Road, Milton | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
  (Early-registration recommended)
The Entire World is Sacramental

By JOAN CHITTISTER, OSB

The following is an excerpt from In Search of Belief by Joan Chittister, OSB.

To say, “I believe in Jesus Christ...who ascended into heaven” is to say, “I believe in the mystical dimension of life....”

Awareness, the first mark of the contemplative, brings us face to face with the holiness of life. Dualism with all its separation of spirit and matter, heaven and earth, reason and feeling, light and dark, lies to us about the nature of creation. Life is not two substances—one spirit, one matter, one good, one evil—joined together on the tether of a fragile human breath. Life is two dimensions of one creation, integrated and brimming with the Divine in one another: “See these hands, look at these feet, touch these wounds,” the Risen Christ says and yet manifests all of them now in a new dimension, the magnitude of which “eye hath not seen nor ear heard.” And yet some have.

To the contemplative, the entire world is sacramental. Everything speaks of God. Everything unveils God to us. The true contemplative is a naturalist, a lover of life, a respecter of persons, a diviner of the tangible who sees behind the masks of creation to the Creator.

Dailiness is the stuff of contemplation. The contemplative does not go looking for stardust in which to discover God. The contemplative sees God in the clay of the day. Here in the struggles of marriage and unemployment, of dissension and jealousies, of rejection and the broken shards of trust, the contemplative sees the Jesus who showed the way beyond the crucifixion to the Ascension, beyond suffering to the glory of wholeness.

Jesus came to be among us. Jesus walked the earth and blessed it. Jesus lived the life of the living and grew in “wisdom, age, and grace” here. But Jesus raised our eyes above and beyond the narrow limits of our paltry little lives, showed us other horizons, gives us a world beyond our ourselves. In the end, out of the dregs of the worst the world has to offer, the Creed lifts our eyes and our souls to the vision that transcends the pedestrian—He ascended into Heaven. The Creed brings us face to face with the mystical and reminds us to abide there all the while we walk the streets of the world.

The Creed is right. “Jesus ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God” and I can, if I look hard enough at everything in front of me, find him there.

Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB is a much sought-after speaker, counselor, and a best-selling author of more than 50 books, hundreds of articles, an online column for the National Catholic Reporter, and a blog for the Huffington Post. She has received numerous writing awards and honors for her work.
50 Days for Our Delight: Evening Prayer—Easter Season

Friday, April 21 @ 6:30 p.m.
Mention Anniversary of Saint Cecilia Church

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:30 p.m.
Feast of Saint Mark

Wednesday, May 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
Feast of Saints Philip & James

Thursday, May 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
Easter Weekday

Monday, May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia

Thursday, June 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
Memorial of Saint Justin

Sunday, June 4 @ 6:00 p.m.
Solemnity of Pentecost

When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that "we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day." We also recall the redemption through the prayer we send up "like incense in the Lord's sight," and in which "the raising up of our hands" becomes "an evening sacrifice."

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Rev. Peter Grover, OMV
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ

Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord’s Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours
Evening Prayer and Morning Prayer, as announced. Please check the bulletin for dates and times.

Reconciliation
The sacrament of reconciliation is available at Saint Cecilia by appointment, or at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine (617-266-5999 x221), St. Francis Chapel in the Prudential Center (617-437-7117), and St. Anthony Shrine (617-542-6440). Please call for scheduled times.

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. For more information, please contact Scott MacDonald.

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.

Baptism for Infants
Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe.

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.

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 FM listening device. Small receivers are available for anyone who may have trouble hearing the sound system. Simply request a receiver from any one of our greeters before Mass.

Access for the Disabled
The church is accessible by elevator.

Sunday Parking
There is reduced rate parking for $11.00 at the Hynes Auditorium Garage located on Dalton Street (next to Summer Shack/Kings) on Sundays until 3:00 p.m. and every evening after 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to ask one of our greeters for a parking validation ticket before leaving Mass. Discounted parking is no longer available at the Hilton Boston Back Bay, but reduced-rate parking continues to be available on Sundays only at the Prudential Center South Garage (enter at Huntington Avenue or Dalton Street); up to 4 hours: $14.00, up to 5 hours: $20.00.

Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry
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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 parishioners from as far afield as Marlborough, Newburyport, and Stow. Please introduce yourself to a staff member, drop in for coffee on Sunday, or fill out a new parishioner form in the narthex.

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