Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi
18 June 2017
The Breaking of the Bread
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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 123 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.
Whereas Father John Unni was ordained to the Catholic priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston, twenty-five years ago today; and

Whereas Father John Unni leads a vibrant, welcoming, and diverse Catholic parish in the heart of our city. A parish deeply engaged in improving the lives of all citizens of Boston through its active involvement in a myriad of non-profit agencies from Women's Lunch Place, to Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, to Catholic Charities, to Community Servings and beyond; and

Whereas Father John Unni serves in a leadership role at many Boston programs committed to social justice, including Pine Street Inn, Nativity Preparatory School, and St. Boniface Haiti Foundation; and

Whereas Father John Unni has been a great friend to the many men and women of the Boston Fire and Police Departments; and

Whereas Father John Unni has never met a stranger, never neglected to offer a smile of recognition and welcome, and is on a first-name basis with many, many Bostonians; and

Whereas The City of Boston is a better place because of Father John Unni’s kindness, compassion, and commitment to improving the lives of others; now

Therefore I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 to be:

Father John Unni Day
In the City of Boston

I urge all my fellow Bostonians to join me in recognizing Father John Unni's tremendous contributions to building sharing kindness and compassion to our entire community.

MAYOR OF BOSTON
June 13, 2017
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
Erin Young, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Hannah Raudsepp, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Louisa Essmann, Cristopher Loh, &
Maggie Loh, lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.
Rev. John J. Unni, celebrant
Brian Greenbauer, Clare McFadden, &
Karen McMenamy, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 17 | 5:00 p.m.
Marie Gallipo, Memorial

Sunday, June 18 | 9:30 a.m.
Frank Sorracco, Memorial

Sunday, June 18 | 11:15 a.m.
Mary McGovern, Memorial

TODAY’S READINGS
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Father's Day Bake Sale
Today our Young Neighbors in Action will host a bake sale in the narthex in order to raise funds for their upcoming trip to San Diego.

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 Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Annette Kulas, Roséa Aubrey, Pilar Estrada, Mildred McLaughlin, Pam Phillips, Brenna Smith, Mark Anderson, Bill Downing, Skyler Stevenson, Silvana Franco, Brian Donnelly, Theresa Wier, Bill Ahern, Lena Bryant, Kenny Borum, George Driscoll, Mary Curley, Bill Pennington, Bryan Thomas, Rachel Fitzgerald, Bob Carroll, John Morris, Mark Edward McHugh, Laura Bellias, Angelo Valente, Eugenia Valente, Betty Sellers, Jack Kacewicz, Daniel Grapski, Nancy Wolterman, Callie Boyce, Mary Chisholm, Brian Burdette, John Pelletier, 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, Gerard Franchi, Annie Flaherty, Pamela Massey, Mary Sullivan, Lyn Scalfani, Marguerite Flavin, Germaine Durette, Meredith Deignan, Mimi Hart, Darah Kane, Mel Day, and Edris Kelley.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Jason Bushey of Boston, Gabrielle Barandiaran of Brookline, Emily Green of Boston, Sarah Bobby of Boston, Daniel Quam of Boston, The McGann Family of Boston, Darlene Li Qian of Allston, and Ariane Umutoni 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.

Happy Anniversary!
This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of David Waters who was baptized on June 24. May the Lord continue to bless David with the grace to live out his baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, David!

Pray for All the Members of Our Parish
As we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Body and Blood, pray for the community of Saint Cecilia, that through our sharing in the Eucharist we may be transformed more and more into the Body of Christ and will always reverence one another as members of his body.

Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer Today
In honor of today's solemnity of the Lord's Body and Blood, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer at 6:00. All are welcome to attend.

Don't Miss Father Martin Tomorrow Evening!
A Conversation with James Martin on LGBT Catholics
Father James Martin, SJ will be with us tomorrow evening, Monday, June 19 at 7:30 to speak about his newly published book, Building a Bridge. Don't miss what is certain to be a thought-provoking and informative evening. The church will be open at 6:30 and copies of Building a Bridge will be sold before and after Father Martin's talk for $20.00. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the presentation and Father Martin will be available to sign books. This event is being co-sponsored by the Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission and Rainbow Ministry.

Happy Father's Day!
Today is Father's Day—a good time to give thanks to God for our dads, living and deceased. Some years ago, a study demonstrated that while spirituality is transmitted to children primarily through a mother's influence, religious “practice” was most effectively passed along through a father’s example. Happy Father’s Day to all who are celebrating!

Father John’s 25th Anniversary of Ordination
Father John celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood last Tuesday, June 13. A parish celebration is being planned to honor this occasion and will take place sometime in the fall. As soon as we have a date, we will let everyone know!

Next Week’s Second Collection
Next week’s second collection supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter’s Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies that are the result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

Happy Summer!
Summer officially begins this Wednesday, June 21 at 12:24 a.m. This period around the June solstice is known as midsummer and Midsummer’s Day is June 24 — the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is one of the earliest festivals of the Christian church and long ago helped to Christianize the pagan summer solstice rites. Pray for a happy and safe summer for all members of our community.
Drug overdose deaths in 2016 likely exceeded 59,000, the largest jump ever recorded in the U.S., and continue to increase in Massachusetts, according to the latest data. Additionally, no one knows what the recent legalization of marijuana will mean to Massachusetts residents.

To start the conversation here at Saint Cecilia we will explore the historical trends in our society that have led us to this point, steps already being taken in Massachusetts to combat the problem, and opportunities and other initiatives that could make a difference for the Saint Cecilia community. This talk is just the beginning of an effort to provide a welcoming atmosphere at Saint Cecilia for anyone worried about someone’s use of substances, even one’s own, and to support the recovery of anyone who comes through our door.

Our June 22 program will feature a lively and informative presentation by parishioner Maggie Giles, M.T.S., M.A., followed by a Q&A and group discussion. Maggie is a consultant with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and with the Center for Social Innovation. She is on the faculty of the Lesley University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Division of Counseling and Psychology. She has extensive clinical background working with adolescents and young adults in a variety of settings, from supervising a residential psychiatric diagnostic center to creating outpatient substance use disorder programs. Maggie is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis University’s Heller School, where she is focusing her research on the Recovery High Schools in Massachusetts.

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 Mass together each Sunday.
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are looking for new youth altar servers to serve during the summer and also during the next school year. If you have a child who is a rising third grader or older and who would like to serve the parish in this important ministry, please e-mail Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org) to schedule a training session. We are very flexible with scheduling altar servers so please don’t let scheduling challenges be a deterrent!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Sunday, July 9 after the 11:15 Mass
Saint Cecilia Classroom 1

Jobs Not Jails and Massachusetts Communities Action Network will speak on criminal justice reform. There are active campaigns going on for criminal justice reform including addressing racial disparities in sentencing, raising the minimum wage, paid family medical leave, and a ballot issue to raise taxes on millionaires to fund education and transportation. The Social and Racial Justice Ministry invites all to come learn about what’s going on with these issues and how you can participate in these efforts aligned with Catholic Social Teaching.

UPPER ROOM ADORATION
Tuesday, June 27 | 6:45pm - 8:30 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Parish

Come take an evening to give thanks for the wonderful things God has done in our lives. We will pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament and have opportunities for quiet adoration, prayer, and song. Refreshments will be beforehand.

BOSTON HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS
Saturday July 8 | 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
The Barbara McInnis House - 780 Albany Street

One of BHCHP’s services is providing medical respite care, short-term medical and recuperative services for homeless people who are far too sick for life in shelters but not sick enough to occupy a costly acute care hospital bed. We go and do artsy things with the residents and they totally love it. RSVP for this is absolutely required.

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT FENWAY
Monday, July 17 | 7:10 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.

DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ FOOD PANTRY

Now that our Faith Formation classes have ended for the academic year and summer is approaching, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for Catholic Charities will be away until September. We hope that all parishioners will participate in this important ministry during the summer months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous challenges.

Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry: Cheerios or corn flakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Because food is delivered only twice a month to the Catholic Charities’ food pantry, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex.

WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The June meeting of the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group will be held next Sunday morning, June 25 from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Conference Room in the Parish Pastoral Center. More than 400 years ago, St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged a prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God’s presence and discern his direction for us. This ancient practice is called the Daily Examen and it can help us see God’s hand at work in our whole experience. At our June meeting we will learn about the Examen and have an opportunity to experience it. The members of the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group are men and women in the second half of life who are interested in growing spiritually by reflecting on our interior life. New members are always welcome to our monthly meetings.

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Are you a visitor who frequents Saint Cecilia? Are you a registered parishioner who has moved recently? If the answer to either question is yes, you are invited to attend our Registration Sunday event on July 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Saint Cecilia staff and the Parish Pastoral Council are looking to get better acquainted with our community. This event will provide the opportunity for new parishioners to formally sign up, and for registered parishioners to update their information in our database. If you would like to volunteer or have a laptop or iPad that can be utilized during this event, please e-mail Megan Riggle at Mriggle@stceciliaboston.org for more information.
Coming Soon!

Get excited, parishioners! In the coming weeks after the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses we will have the opportunity to enjoy a new variety of coffee and baked goods! The pastries will be provided by Haley House, a local eatery that assists the most vulnerable in our community, and the coffee will be brewed by Equal Exchange, a sustainable, fair trade, organic coffee company. This flourishing partnership is our chance to support these organizations that give back to our community.

Equal Exchange
Equal Exchange has created Big Change for over 25 years. It all started with an idea: what if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair, a way that empowers both farmers and consumers? So the founders took a big risk and plunged full-force into changing a broken food system. In 1986, they started with fairly traded coffee from Nicaragua and have since branched out to tea, chocolate, bananas, and other foods.

To learn more about their mission, visit shop.equalexchange.coop/equal-exchange-mission

Haley House
A social enterprise encompassing a full-service café, catering, and wholesale business, offering healthful, organic, affordable fare in the heart of Roxbury’s Dudley Square with extensive community-initiated programs benefiting the entire community, including:

- Take Back the Kitchen
- Transitional Employment Program
- Art is Life Itself!

To learn more about their mission, visit haleyhouse.org/who-we-are/mission/

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 Walgreens 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.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped throughout Summerfest. Summerfest is a festive way to celebrate the beginning of summer. We are so grateful for your generous hearts and hands!
Young Neighbors in Action 2017!

We're heading to San Diego, CA this July!

This July our high school parishioners will be heading to San Diego, California for a week of service and learning. The Young Neighbors program provides a solid, Catholic approach to service and justice that balances Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching with direct service. It provides the experiences, skills, and learning needed to help young people come to a greater understanding of the need for change in our society. To help defray the cost of this trip, our Young Neighbors will be hosting a series of bake sales beginning this weekend. There is also a water jug in the narthex where you can deposit your spare change between now and July.

How Can You Help?

- **Purchase** some baked goods at our YNIA Bake Sale on Sunday June 18 here at Saint Cecilia.

- **Sponsor a Young Neighbor.** A trip like this usually costs somewhere in the neighborhood of $1,200.00 per Young Neighbor. Sponsoring a Young Neighbor is a great way to show your support!

- **Sponsor a van.** When we arrive in California we will have to rent vans for the week. A van rental typically costs approximately $1,700. Sponsoring a van is a great way to help keep our expenses down.

- **Make a tax deductible gift** to our YNIA fund.

- **Bring your loose change** to church and deposit it in the water jug in the narthex.

- **Consider donating some of your Jet Blue TrueBlue points** to help defray the cost of our travel.

- **We are always happy to receive Red Sox tickets** that we can raffle off.

For more information on how you can help, please contact one of our fundraising committee members:

Scott MacDonald - smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org
Janet Sweeney - pjpcsween@comcast.net

For more information on Young Neighbors in Action, please visit www.youngneighbors.org.
Saint Cecelia Adult Faith Formation

SAINT CECILIA PARISH EVENTS

- **A Conversation with Rev. James Martin, SJ**
  June 19 | 7:30 p.m. | Church

- **Wisdom and Mature Spirituality**
  June 25 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Conference Room

- **Men’s Spirituality**
  July 7 | 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

SACRED THREADS

- **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.

BOSTON COLLEGE COURSES AND 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:

- **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.

- **Ninth Annual Mary of 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

Online Courses:
All of the following are 5-WEEK COURSES from July 26 - September 5, 2017 | $50.00

- **Adult Faith Formation for a Vibrant Church**
- **Teaching Religion to Adolescents:**
  Creative Strategies and Best Practices
- **Teaching Religion to Children:**
  Creative Strategies and Best Practices
- **The Online Book Club: The Rebirthing of God:**
  Christianity’s Struggle for New Beginnings

“The beauty of the Eucharist is precisely that it is the place where a vulnerable God invites vulnerable people to come together in a peaceful meal.

When we break bread and give it to each other, fear vanishes and God becomes very close.”

Henri Nouwen
*Bread for the Journey*
By CLAIRE GIANGRAVÉ

ROME - Reflecting on when Jesus taught the apostles how to say the “Our Father” in the gospel according to Luke, Pope Francis said on Wednesday that Christian prayer is characterized by having the courage to call God by the name of “Father.”

“Calling God by the name ‘Father’ is not something that can be taken for granted,” the pope said during his general audience June 7. “We are tempted to use the highest titles, which are respectful of his transcendence. But calling him ‘Father’ puts us in His confidence, like a child talking to his dad, knowing that he is loved and cared for by him.”

The pope underlined that even at Mass, when the priest calls the faithful gathered to pray the “Our Father,” he uses the words “we dare to say.” This is the great revolution brought forth by Christianity to man’s religious psychology, the pope added.

“The mystery of God, which has always fascinated us and made us feel small, doesn’t scare us anymore, it doesn’t pressure us or anguish us,” the pope told the crowd of 15,000 people gathered at St. Peter’s Square. Pope Francis quoted the parable of the merciful father, who not only loves his children above all else but also is willing to give his son his inheritance and allow him to leave home. God is not a father in the “human sense,” the pope said, for no human father would stand for such arrogance from a son.

“God is a father in his own way: good, helpless before man’s free will, only able to conjugate the verb ‘to love,’ Pope Francis said. “God is a father who does not apply human justice and is ready to forgive and embrace his long lost son.”

The pope reminded those gathered that this unconditional love is unfathomable and even the apostle Paul did not translate in Greek the Aramaic term “abbà,” which some interpret to mean “daddy” or “papa.” “We are never alone,” Pope Francis said. “We can be distant, hostile, we can even declare ourselves ‘without God.’ But the Gospel of Jesus Christ reveals that God cannot be without us: He will never be a God ‘without man’.

When we pray the “Our Father” we reinforce our hope, the pope said, and when we need help we can speak to the Lord “who always watches us with love, and who surely won’t abandon us.”

The pope concluded the audience by sending his blessing to young people, the sick, and recently married couples. He emphasized that this month faithful are called to the devotion of the Sacred Heart and reminded them that June 8 there will be the prayer “A Minute for Peace” to remember the meeting between the pope, the former president of Israel, Shimon Peres, and the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the Vatican.

“These days there is much need to pray—Christians, Jews and Muslims—for peace,” the pope said.

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Today we celebrate the feast often called by the Latin name Corpus Christi, “the body of Christ.” As Paul suggests in 1 Corinthians 10, this term can have two meanings: the body of Christ that we share in the Eucharist, and the body of Christ that we form as the community of believers united with the risen Christ. The two meanings are related, and one gives depth to the other. Their combination reminds us that the Eucharist is profoundly social.

The sacrament of the Eucharist is rooted in ancient Israel’s social experience as the people of God. During its wanderings in the wilderness after the exodus, God fed his people with a mysterious breadlike substance called “manna.” By means of this food, God made it possible for Moses and the exodus generation to survive until they reached the edge of Canaan. As Deuteronomy 8 puts it, “[God] fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”

The responsorial psalm for today, Psalm 147, reflects a later period in biblical Israel’s history, when kings ruled in Jerusalem and God was worshiped in the Temple. In this relatively stable and prosperous setting, the psalmist evoked the image of God feeding his people: “He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you.” As we celebrate the Eucharist as the sacrament of God’s ongoing presence and care for us, we make actual once again the biblical motif of God feeding his people.

Today’s selection from 1 Corinthians 10 is a concise but very rich statement about what we do when we celebrate the Eucharist as the people of God. For most of three chapters, Paul had been dealing with the attitudes of the new Christians toward food associated with pagan rituals and with their participation in rituals involving sacrifices offered to pagan gods. Paul’s advice is complex and somewhat meandering, but quite sensitive to the realities of the historical situation and to the issues of conscience they raised. Toward the end of his argument, Paul calls on the image of the body of Christ to appeal to the social bonds that exist among Christians and to their participation in the Eucharist.

Paul first reminds the Corinthian Christians (and us today) that as members of the body of Christ they constitute one body. The body is a natural symbol and a powerful image. Consider your own body, how all its parts must work together and how no part can be hurt without the whole body being hurt. In antiquity, as today, the image of body was often applied to cities (the body politic) and other social entities. But the body of Christ is not just another social organization or another coalition of like-minded persons united in a voluntary association. It is the body of Christ. Christ makes this body different. Christ comes first. Christ makes the body. His relationship to us forms us into the body of Christ. Our vertical relationship with Christ has as its necessary consequence our horizontal relationship with one another. In that social sense we are the body of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 10 Paul relates the body of Christ that we constitute as Christians and the body of Christ that we share in the Eucharist. Sharing the one bread and the one cup is a powerful sign of our oneness in Christ. By participating in the eucharistic meal we express our unity with Christ and with one another. As members of Christ’s body, we affirm our identity and unity when we receive the eucharistic body of Christ.

The Eucharist is profoundly social. In fact, Paul in his letters mentions the Eucharist only twice, here in 1 Cor 10:14-22 and in 11:17-34. In both cases it is in the context of dealing with social problems existing among the Corinthians. The social perspective does not diminish the sacredness of the Eucharist. Rather, it should enhance our appreciation of the sacrament and give greater depth to our identity as members of the body of Christ.

In today’s reading from John 6, Jesus identifies himself as “the living bread that came down from heaven,” thus linking himself with the manna in the wilderness and with “the best of wheat.” He goes on to promise that “whoever eats this bread will live forever.” In other words, participation in the life of Jesus, the living bread, is the first installment on or the inauguration of our eternal life with God. Our participation in the Eucharist concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. As members of the body of Christ, we share in the body of Christ.

In preparing a homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi, this Sunday, I reread two of my favorite passages about belief in the Eucharist, which I thought I’d share with any priests or deacons looking for some inspiration for a homily, and with any Catholic eager to reflect on this great feast.

They could not be more different, or more the same. The first is from a letter Flannery O’Connor, the Southern writer, sent to a friend describing a now-famous literary gathering in the late 1940s or early 1950s, where Mary McCarthy, the well-known writer and essayist was in attendance. It is contained in the collection of letters The Habit of Being. The two spar a bit over the Eucharist. The second, which occurred around the same time, is from He Leadeth Me, by Walter Ciszek, S.J., an American Jesuit interned in a Soviet labor camp for many years on the (false) suspicion of espionage. He tells of his own experience of the Eucharist in a most dire situation. First Flannery, then Servant of God Walter.

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“...They said when she was a child and received the Host, she thought of it as the Holy Ghost, He being the ‘most portable’ person of the Trinity; now she thought of it as a symbol and implied that it was a pretty good one. I then said, in a very shaky voice, ‘Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.’ That was all the defense I was capable of...”

“...they would say Mass in his working clothes, unwashed, disheveled, bundled up against the cold. We said Mass in drafty storage shacks, or huddled in mud and slush in the corner of a building site foundation of an underground. The intensity of devotion of both priests and prisoners made up for everything; there were no altars, candles, bells, flowers, music, snow-white linens, stained glass or the warmth that even the simplest parish church could offer. Yet in these primitive conditions, the Mass brought you closer to God than anyone might conceivably imagine. The realization of what was happening on the board, box, or stone used in the place of an altar penetrated deep into the soul. Distractions caused by...”

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the fear of discovery, which accompanied each saying of the Mass under such conditions, took nothing away from the effect that the tiny bit of bread and few drops of consecrated wine produced upon the soul.

Many a time, as I folded up the handkerchief on which the body of our Lord had lain, and dried the glass or tin cup used as a chalice, the feeling of having performed something tremendously valuable for the people of this Godless country was overpowering. Just the thought of having celebrated Mass here, in this spot, made my journey to the Soviet Union and the sufferings I endured seem totally worthwhile and necessary. No other inspiration could have deepened my faith more, could have given me spiritual courage in greater abundance, than the privilege of saying Mass for these poorest and most deprived members of Christ the Good Shepherd’s flock. I was occasionally overcome with emotion for a moment as I thought of how he had found a way to follow and to feed these lost and straying sheep in this most desolate land. So I never let a day pass without saying Mass; it was my primary concern each new day. I would go to any length, suffer any inconvenience, run any risk to make the bread of life available to these men.”

Would we say, or do, the same as Flannery O’Connor and Walter Ciszek?

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WE ARE WHAT WE EAT

In his sermons (below), Saint Augustine preached clearly that in the Eucharist we become, indeed we are, what we receive. At the Lord’s table, then, we become and we are the Body of Christ.

... That Bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the Body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the Blood of Christ. Through that bread and wine the Lord Christ willed to commend his Body and Blood, which he poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. If you receive worthily, you are what you have received.

Sermons, [272] A.D. 391-430

What you see [on the altar] is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the Body of Christ and the chalice the Blood of Christ. ... How is the bread His Body? And the chalice, or what is in the chalice, how is it His Blood? Those elements, brothers and sisters, are called sacraments, because in them one thing is seen, but another is understood. What is seen is the corporeal species, but what is understood is the spiritual fruit. ... ‘You, however, are the Body of Christ and his members.’ If, therefore, you are the Body of Christ and his members, your mystery is presented at the table of the Lord, you receive your mystery. To that which you are, you answer: ‘Amen...’ For you hear: ‘The Body of Christ!’ and you answer: ‘Amen!’ Be a member of Christ’s Body, so that your `Amen’ may be the truth.

Sermons, [272] A.D. 391-430
Summertime Liturgy of the Hours

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Adoration at 5:00 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist
Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29
Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 22
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
Memorial of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 31
Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
Memorial of the Queenship of Mary
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, praised be the name of the Lord.*  Psalm 113:3
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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, 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 (mario.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**
Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry is a LGBTQ community at Saint Cecilia. For more information, contact stceciliarainbowministry@gmail.com.

**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.