

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 August 2018

Le Repas d'Emmaüs (Supper at Emmaus)

Matthias Stom (17th century)

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, August 18 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Cole Young, lector

Sunday, August 19 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Bob Mann, lector

Sunday, August 19 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Christina Gebel, Catherine Horsley, and
Jim English, lectors

Sunday, August 19 | 11:15 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
John Thompson, Lena Denis, and
Mark Richburg, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 19 | 8:00 a.m.
Ann Sheehan, *Memorial*

Wednesday, August 22 | 8:00
Michael Conlon and
Maizie Mullen, *Memorial*

Friday, August 24 | 8:00 a.m.
Teddy Chagnon, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



GOOD LUCK COLLEGIANS!

Best wishes and prayers to all our students who are preparing to leave for college. We pray that the Lord will guide them during their time away, fill them with wisdom so that they might make wise decisions and choices, and give them the strength they'll need to live out the values they profess.

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Ann Sheehan died on August 10. Pray for her eternal repose as well as for the consolation of her husband Bill and their family and friends. If you are reading this on-line, the family will receive visitors at Saint Cecilia Church on Thursday, August 16 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ann's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Cecilia on Friday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. May her 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 **Andrew Banacos, Josephine Mason, Margaret Boland, Stephanie Brown, Charles Robinson, Angelo Valente, Eugenia Valente, Jim Mootos, and Mary Pickering.**

Weddings at Saint Cecilia

Congratulations to **Wenjun Di and Akira Sone** and **Marco DiCarlo and Karen Drew** who were married here this weekend on August 18. May God bless the happy couples as they start this next phase of their lives together.

Happy Anniversary!

This Wednesday we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of **Nicolas Love** who was baptized on August 22. May the Lord continue to bless Nicolas with the grace to live out his baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Nicolas!

Evening Prayer This Week

Monday August 20, is the memorial of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and we will celebrate Vespers at 6:30. All are welcome.

Prayers for Victims of Abuse

The Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown has asked for prayers following the Pennsylvania grand jury report on the sexual abuse of over 1,000 children by priests in six of the state's dioceses in past decades. We pray that all survivors of sexual abuse find healing, comfort, and strength in God's loving presence.



FILM CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saint Cecilia is looking for three more volunteers to join the film crew that is working on filming, editing, and posting the homilies each week. If you have an interest in learning more about the filming and editing process, please contact Mary at mkaye@stcecilia-boston.org.

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

AUGUST 20

Our stained glass windows add immeasurably to the beauty of the church and they serve an important purpose in reminding us of our communion with those whose lives paved the way for us today. The renovation process in the upper church included repairs to many of the stained glass windows. Tomorrow we celebrate the memorial of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, whose stained glass window is on the east side of the church. We have no way of knowing why our forebears chose to honor Bernard with a window, but the 12th century Frankish abbot led a very interesting life. Bernard was born into the Bugundian nobility and in 1112 he joined the Cistercians, a new order dedicated to the primitive observance of the Rule of Saint Benedict. So many joined this new order— including his own father and six brothers!—that three years later, Bernard was sent to found the Abbey of Clairvaux, the first of many. Bernard wrote extensively on the Blessed Virgin Mary and was especially interested in her role as intercessor. He was often called upon by popes to mediate quarrels between kings and to heal schisms. Bernard died at Clairvaux Abbey on August 20, 1153. He was canonized by Pope Alexander III on January 18, 1174. Pope Pius VII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1830. On May 24, 1953, in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of Bernard's death, Pope Pius XII issued an encyclical on Bernard titled, *Doctor Mellifluus*.





POPE SAINT PIUS X, AUGUST 21

Prior to our capital campaign and renovations eight years ago, the last major renovation of the upper church occurred in 1954. It was during that same year that Pope Pius X, born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was canonized and so our east side altar was rededicated in his honor. Pope Pius X (1835-1914) was generally regarded as very conservative theologically - he restored Gregorian Chant to prominence over Classical and Baroque music for ecclesiastical purposes - but he was also known for his devotion to Mary and for being very pastoral. In addition to the statue of Pius X on the side altar, there are two paintings above the altar that depict important reforms he initiated. One painting shows him speaking to children, commemorating the fact that he instituted Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for children in every parish. The other painting, which prominently features a chalice and the Eucharist, honors Pius X for promoting the frequent reception of Holy Communion and for lowering the age of first Communion for children because, as he said, "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." Saint Pius is the patron saint of first communicants and the U. S. dioceses of Atlanta, Georgia and Great Falls-Billings, Montana.

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The topic at today's meeting will be "Stumbling Over the Stumbling Stone," the fifth chapter of the book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr, OFM.

There must be at least one situation in our lives that we cannot fix, control, explain, change or even understand. Did you ever stumble over what once sustained you? Please read Chapter Five and think about a question you might like to ask the group. We are always happy to welcome new members. Join us this morning at 10:00 outside the conference room in the Parish Hall.



JOIN US AT COMMUNITY SERVINGS

We have two upcoming opportunities for volunteers to assist in preparing and packaging free, nutritious meals for those who are homebound with life-threatening illnesses throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 25 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

No culinary skills are required, but volunteers need to be at least thirteen years of age. 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 mark.lippolt@gmail.com.

A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We continue to collect donations for the nearly 450 city-based boys and girls who travel to Hull, Massachusetts each summer for a one or two-week overnight camp experience letting them enjoy the fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic support, and simply have fun. Sunset Point Camp has requested donations of spray-on sunscreen for the campers—the higher the SPF, the better. The camp also needs kids' flip-flops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12. There is a plastic bin in the narthex where you may leave your donations. Next Sunday, August 26, is the last week we will be collecting these items.

A Good Christian Shares the Gospel, Pope Says

BY CINDY WOODEN

All Christians are called to be missionaries, concerned more with sharing the Gospel than with earning money or even with being successful at winning converts, Pope Francis said.

"A baptized person who does not feel the need to proclaim the Gospel, to announce Christ, is not a good Christian," the pope said July 15 before reciting the Angelus prayer with an estimated 15,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Francis was commenting on the day's Gospel reading, which told about how Jesus sent the disciples out two-by-two to preach and to heal in his name.

"It was a kind of apprenticeship for what they would be called to do with the power of the Holy Spirit after the resurrection of the Lord," the pope explained.

Speaking only in the name of Jesus, he said, "the apostles had nothing of their own to proclaim and none of their own abilities to demonstrate, but they spoke and acted as emissaries, as messengers of Jesus."



Pope Francis waves as he leads the Angelus from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

"This Gospel episode concerns us, too, and not only priests, but all the baptized, who are called to witness to the Gospel of Christ in all the situations of life," the pope said.

Christians fulfill their mission, he said, when their proclamation is motivated only by love for and obedience to Christ and when the only message they share is Christ's.

In the reading from St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

The poverty and simplicity of lifestyle Jesus asks for, the pope said, were meant to make the disciples of yesterday and today "free and light."

Jesus, he said, calls his disciples to set out as "messengers of the kingdom of God, not powerful managers, not unmovable functionaries (and) not stars on tour."

Although all the baptized are sent out on mission by Christ, they go with no guarantee of success, the pope said. "This, too, is poverty: the experience of failure."

Francis prayed that Mary, "the first disciple and missionary of the word of God, would help us bear the message of the Gospel in the world with a humble and radiant exultation that goes beyond every refusal, misunderstanding or tribulation."



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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.

Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation is available by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

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.

Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

Both the church and Parish Pastoral Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking

There is reduced rate parking for \$11.00 at the Hynes Auditorium Garage located on Dalton Street 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 the church. There is also reduced rate parking 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.

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.. No matter what your background, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.