

The Parish of

Saint Cecilia
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

*Whoever loves his life loses it, and
whoever hates his life in this world will
preserve it for eternal life. John 12:25 (NAB)*

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke Him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -
cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout
the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

**Snow Fund**

The recent record snowfalls have battered the parish snow removal budget, including roof clearing to protect our buildings.

If you were unable to attend the St. Joseph and St. Patrick Day Pot-Luck Dinner and would like to donate towards the extraordinary winter expenses we have added a SNOW fund to the online donations or you may send your donation to the rectory with SNOW noted in the memo.

Thank you.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Gathering: FROM THE DEPTHS WE CRY TO THEE; Hymnal #128
Kyrie: Chant, Hymnal #853
Offertory: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT; Hymnal # 517
SANCTUS (Holy); Hymnal #855
POST CONSECRATIONEM (Mem. Acc.); Hymnal #856
AMEN; Hymnal #857
AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God); Hymnal #859
Communion: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD; Hymnal #505
Concluding: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS; Hymnal #725

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| PPC | 3rd Monday | 7:30 p.m. |
| FIA Group | Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m. |
| Liturgy | 1st Thursday | 7:00 p.m. |
| Finance | 2nd Thursday | 7:15 p.m. |
| Stewardship | 1st Sunday | 12:15 p.m. |
| Peer Ministry | Last Sunday | 7:30 p.m. |

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday –Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

PARISH SERVICES**Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements must be made at least one month prior to the intended date of Baptism so that all requirements can be completed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.— 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Available anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage so that all requirements can be completed.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WELCOME New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourselves to the priest after Mass. We welcome and invite you to become an active member of the St. Cecilia Parish Community. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church and on the Rectory porch.

2015 Catholic Appeal

St. Cecilia Parish Goal is \$38,788

Through your support of the 2015 Catholic Appeal, we are able to bring the Gospel message to life. Thank you to those who have given so generously to support the parish. If you have yet to make a pledge, please complete a pledge form available in the pews or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| Monday | March 23 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Men's AA Group Meeting |
| 7:00 p.m. | RCIA Group Meeting |
| 7:30 p.m. | Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday | March 24 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Youth Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | March 25 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Faith in Action Group Meeting |
| 6:30 p.m. | Confession - Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | March 26 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch Bunch- Family Center |
| Friday | March 27 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Lenten Soup Night - Family Center |
| 7:00 p.m. | Station of the Cross - Church |
| Saturday | March 28 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Teen Choir Rehearsal |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebration of Christian Roots Dinner—Family Center |



Irene Ann Grass

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | March 21 |
| 4:30 p.m. | John O'Neil |
| Sunday | March 22 |
| 7:00 a.m. | Richard Muise (LIVING) |
| 9:00 a.m. | The People of St. Cecilia Parish |
| 11:00 a.m. | Josephine Cornell |
| Monday | March 23 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Robert Dionne |
| Tuesday | March 24 |
| 9:00 a.m. | The Suffering of the World |
| Wednesday | March 25 |
| 9:00 a.m. | All the Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday | March 26 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Our Youth |
| Friday | March 27 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Jeff & Margaret Lingham (LIVING) |
| Saturday | March 28 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life |
| 4:30 p.m. | World Peace |
| Sunday | March 29 |
| 7:00 a.m. | Irene Demers |
| 9:00 a.m. | The People of St. Cecilia Parish |
| 11:00 a.m. | Stevie Brett |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To see as God Sees

By Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, OP

The Man born blind can be said to see more than the Pharisees do because he has received from our Lord not only the physical sight—the vision of the sense perception—but also the gift of faith—the vision of true understanding. Lacking this faith, the Pharisees are blind in their understanding. But, possessed of this understanding, the man born blind sees himself and the world around him in a completely new light because he knows that Jesus is the Messiah Who brings the word and reality of the love, grace, and communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to the whole human race.

What else can this mean for us who, in the grace of Baptism, have received the gift of faith but that we must now look at the human reality with the eyes of faith in order to understand it truly? The message that Christ brings to us and to the world involves not the suppression of human nature and of the human good but their total consummation. Only with faith that we and the man born blind receive from Christ can we see the full truth about the human person and about human society, for we learn to look upon these realities in the way that God looks upon them.

We see things now in the perspective of the divine desire to bring all human persons into the communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...What higher destiny can there be than this one?... The message which the Church receives from Christ and which she is bound to proclaim to the world does not impose a set of constraints on the human race but sets it free to pursue a destiny which is unimaginably greater than anything that we could generate for ourselves or that our culture could offer us.... As Pope John Paul II reminded us in his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, the faith we have in God provides the broadest and most comprehensive understanding of the human reality and human destiny....

Like the man born blind, we must be ready and wily witnesses to our faith in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

Come on in the Church is Open!

The Church is open to all Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (unless maintenance is off the premises), Saturday 9:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Sunday 7:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (Please be aware that this schedule is not exclusively the case on all days).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit www.saintceciliaparish.org and scroll to the bottom and click the Online Giving Tab. By signing up for this program you are able to schedule your donations for any one collection or for as many as you choose: weekly offertory, debt collection and all special collections are available as well as the Grand Annual and special gifts.



Prayer Line Requests may be made to Anne Ferruci, T.O. Carm., at anne.ferrucci@yahoo.com or if you don't have email you may call the Rectory Monday-Thursday, 8:30a.m.-3:30 p.m. and ask for Jill.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of John 12:20-33 (The coming of Jesus' hour)
For Adults: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?
For Children: When have I felt stronger because I sacrificed something for a friend or member of my family?

A Message from Fr. John Wallace

In response to our donations of money raised at our Christmas Craft fair. "Honduras will be a happier place once I have started blessing the sick and poor with your gift."

**Help is needed for
the Liturgy of the Word for Children
at 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Monika Henry, our Liturgy of the Word for Children leader will no longer be involved in this ministry. We are hoping someone will assume this leadership role. Materials are available to assist in sharing the Word of God with the children of our parish. Please call or e-mail the Religious Ed. Office if you can help.



First Communion Clothing

We would appreciate the donation of white dresses and white suits for this year's class. You may drop them off in the Family Center.

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ March 28—First Communion Retreat 1-3:00 p.m. Our First Communion Class will gather for several activities in preparation for the Sacrament. Parents are asked to join us at 2:20p.m. to assist in making the First Communion banners. We will close the retreat with a prayer service.

RELIGIOUS ED WISH LIST
 Please help the Religious Education program!
Combination VCRs with DVD and VHS players are needed in good working condition.
 Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Easter Collection

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in the Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Easter collection, which will directly benefit the 628 active and senior diocesan priests whose health and well-being are cared for through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.

**Fatima Shrine Easter Egg Hunt &
Spring Craft Sale**

The Xaverian League of Fatima Shrine, Rte 126, Holliston, is holding its 10th annual Easter Egg hunt on Sat. March 28 on the Shrine grounds. In case of a downpour (not "misting" type rain), it will be held on Sun. March 29. Registration is held at 12:30pm for all participants. Prizes and eggs are guaranteed for all children. The cost is \$4.00 per child and includes free refreshments. Bring your camera for a photo-op with the Easter Bunny for only \$1. Prior to the "Hunt", from 10-12 noon, there will be a Spring crafts sale featuring beautiful, reasonably-priced, one-of-a-kind table arrangements, cemetery cones and crosses, Easter baskets and a large variety of basket "stuffers" will also be offered for sale. All are welcome to come and enjoy this fun-filled event!

Espousal Retreat House Programs:

554 Lexington St. Waltham, Massachusetts

Marriage Preparation:

April 11-12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Adoration Chapel
 Tues. 10am-6pm, Wed. 10-5pm & Thurs. 10-5pm.
 Rosary every Tues. at 7pm, Praise and Worship 7:30pm
 Teachings, Mass at 8:30pm.

Healing Service and Mass every last Tues. of the month
 7:30pm

For information call 781-209-3120
 or email espousaladmin@gmail.com.

Men's Cursillo

April 23-26

Campion Center, Weston

For information and registration call 617-779-3640 or visit www.bostoncursillo.org or email spiritual_development@rcab.org

**Discernment Retreat
Men age 18-35,**

St. John's Seminary and Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center, Medway, March 27-29,
Friday, 5pm-Sunday 1pm

Men age 35 and over

Pope St. John XXIII Seminary, Weston, March 27-28
Friday 10am-Saturday 1pm
Please contact Fr. Cornell if you would like to attend either retreat.

**Saint John Seminary
Theological Institute**

149 Washington Street, Brighton

Tuesday, March 24th 7pm,
Open House

Friday, April 10
Co-Workers in the Vineyard Conference

For information call 617-779-4104 ext. 1 or visit
www.theologicalinstitute.org

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team Member Facilitator Training: Virtus/ PGC The CAP Team at St. Cecilia Parish is seeking new members. Please contact Fr. Cornell if you would like more information. There is a one-day "train the trainer" session for volunteer parishioners to become members of the CAP Team. April 11, 2015 and April 28, 2015. **Training will be held 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Braintree.**

Attention Women 18-40

St. Scholastica Priory, a monastery of Benedictine nuns located in Petersham, is holding Monastic Experience Weekends so that young women can see life "from the inside" and gain useful knowledge of how to discern a vocation. The weekends offered are: June 19-21 and October 9-11. If interested please call 978-724-3213.

The Annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on June 14, 11:30 a.m. To register call Craig Dyke 617-746-5801 or email Craig_Dyke@rcab.org. For more information visit www.bostoncatholic.org.

Retrouvaille of New England

marriage renewal weekends will be held: April 10-12 and Sept. 11-13. To register call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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March 8-16

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