

The Parish of

Saint Cecilia

March 29 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*The poor you will always have with you,
and whenever you wish you can do good to
them, but you will not always have me.*

Mark 14:7 (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.



2015 Catholic Appeal
\$13,806 has been received
towards our parish goal of \$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.

Easter Collection

Next week's Easter collection is for our priests. The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps care for the health and well-being of our 628 priests, ensuring an appropriate level of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to the Archdiocese of Boston. Our priests have been there for us. Now, it is our turn to care for them in their time of need.
Thank you for your prayers and support of this critical effort

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.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.

TODAY'S MUSIC

4:30 p.m. Mass ONLY: Procession:	
HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;	Hymnal #21
Gathering: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR;	
	Hymnal #143
Kyrie: Chant,	Hymnal #853
Offertory:	
WERE YOU THERE;	Hymnal #157
WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS;	Hymnal # 483 (11am only)
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:	
GLORY IN THE CROSS;	Hymnal #724
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR;	Hymnal #605 (11am only)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday	March 28
1:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion Retreat
5:30 p.m.	Celebration of Christian Roots Family Center
Monday	March 30
6:30 p.m.	Men's AA Group Meeting
Tuesday	March 31
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	April 1
10:00 a.m.	Faith in Action Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	March 30
9:00 a.m.	Andreas Stucchi (LIVING)
Tuesday	March 31
9:00 a.m.	John McLeod (LIVING)
Wednesday	April 1
9:00 a.m.	Michelle Henry
Thursday	April 2
7:30 p.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
Friday	April 3 Good Friday Liturgy
7:30 p.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
Saturday	April 4
7:30 p.m.	The People of St Cecilia Parish
Sunday	April 5
7:00 a.m.	The deceased of our Parish
9:00 a.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
11:00 a.m.	The Families of St. Cecilia Parish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**How the Light Gets In**

The Gift of Forgiveness
By Sr. Redempta Twomey

The catechetical program was going well. Every week the ten participants faithfully turned up to the mission church to be instructed in the faith. They came from diverse backgrounds and had had little contact with Christianity but were interested in learning about Christ. All went well until the priest introduced the topic of forgiveness. Full stop. The centrality of forgiveness in the life and teaching of Jesus was almost incomprehensible. They had a code of family honor, a definite unbreakable obligation to enact vengeance on anyone who injured them or their kin. It beggared belief that they would be expected to walk away from such a situation, that they would actually forgive the perpetrator.

Weeks of discussion followed. No way could they take this on. The priest told them the story of the prodigal son. (Lk. Ch. 15) After a period of silence one man was heard to say, ruefully, "If only that were true. If only we could believe in such a Father...."

Forgiveness is at the heart of our Christian life. It is the great healing medicine that unbinds age-old resentments and the bitterness that tethers us. Only through forgiving others the wounds they inflict on us can we be healed. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser wrote: "We all arrive at mid-life wounded and not having exactly the life of which we dreamed. There's disappointment and anger inside everyone of us and unless we find it in ourselves to forgive, we will die bitter, unready for the heavenly banquet."

We are all, in a real sense, coauthors of our own story. We cannot control the external events of our life, we can only write our part in the story as best we can. We will never write the perfect biography; there are flaws and fissures in every life. But, in the words of the singer-songwriter, Leonard Cohen, we should:

*"Ring the bells that still can ring,
Forget your perfect offering,
There's a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in."*
(Anthem)

By accepting our "cracks" we can live authentically, remove our masks and meet people with openness and honesty. When we forgive ourselves our past mistakes and ask forgiveness of those we injured, the shackles fall from us, our spirits are lighter, our long caged energy is released. This is the true life Our Lord promised us.

But, forgiveness is not easy. We can understand the shock of that group who balked at the seeming impossibility of what the Lord asks of His followers. How many of us, who profess to be Christian, who are faithful in our religious observance are able to forgive without a struggle? Old feuds are passed down the generations; the injury done me in my twenties still hooks me thirty years on;

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of Mark 14: 1-15: 47 (The Pasion of Jesus)
For Adults: When have I found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled me to accept it?
For Children: Have I taken time to thank Jesus for His suffering?



Welcome! Meet our incoming Religious Ed Director (Grade 4-Confirmation) Marcia with Lelia and Antonio Viana, who are retiring from this ministry
 Photo courtesy of Ray Zambuto.

		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!		



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.

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.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. The children in our Religious Education Program and their parents will participate in this service. The program booklet will contain illustrations of the station made by the children.



“Water is Life” Last Sunday, the Confirmation students class project "Water is Life, Kenya" raised over \$1,040 to help the Massai people of Kenya obtain clean water and escape poverty. Their fundraising booths in the Family Center included a Bake table, handmade Kenyan jewelry for sale, and many games of chance. Each "booth" was built and run by an individual classroom. The project was a great success both for the people of Kenya and our students. Thank you to all who participated! Photos courtesy of Ray Zambuto.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

The 2nd Annual Catholic Night at Fenway Park July 29th, 7:10 p.m.

Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox
Grandstand seats (\$55 per person)
Bleacher seats (\$30 per person)

Please let Fr. Cornell know if you are interested in attending this memorable outing.

World Meeting of Families

in Philadelphia, PA

to include a visit from Pope Francis September 22-27, 2015

Information regarding registration and itinerary may be found here: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/wmf/>. In order to prepare well for this major event, please consider reading "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Full Alive", the preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families. Copies may be ordered through [Our Sunday Visitor](#).

Men's Cursillo April 23-26

Campion Center, Weston

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



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.

Espousal Retreat House Programs:

554 Lexington St. Waltham, Massachusetts

Day of Healing –Healing Anxiety and Depression
April 12

What Am I On Earth For? What drives my life?
April 15

Marriage Preparation:
April 11-12

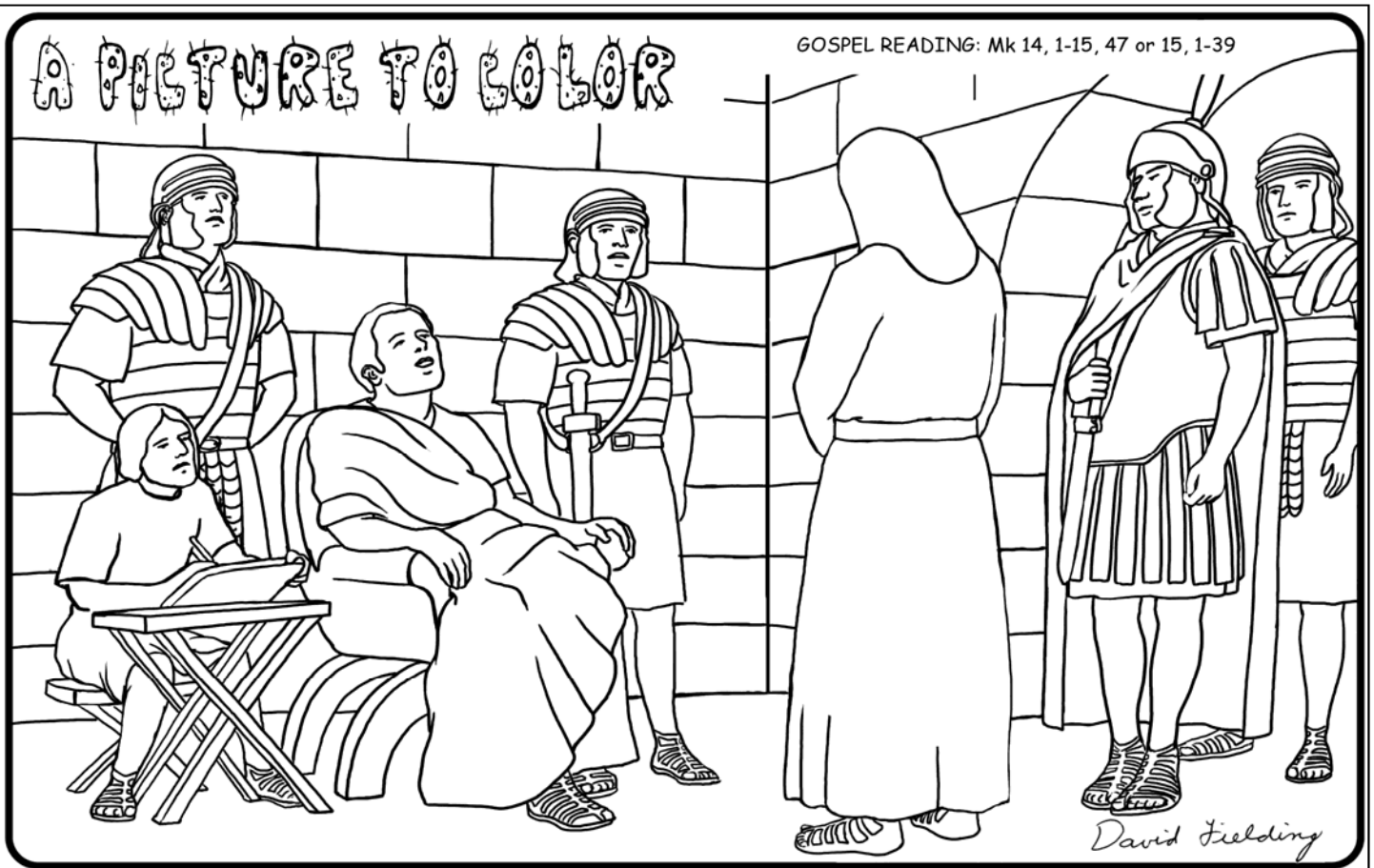
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament–Adoration Chapel
Tues. 10am-6pm, Wed. 10 –5pm & Thurs. 10-5pm.
Rosary every Tues. at 7pm, Praise and Worship 7:30pm
Teachings, Mass at 8:30pm.

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

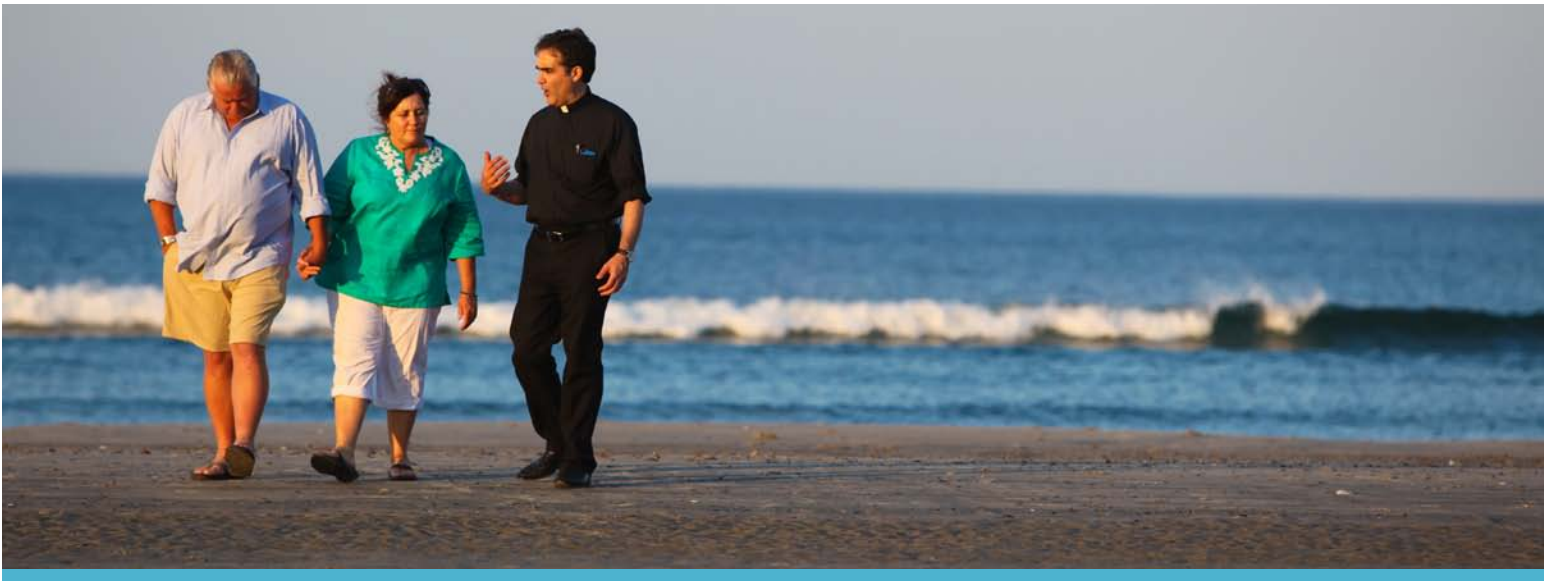
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A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: Mk 14, 1-15, 47 or 15, 1-39



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Meet Fr. Joe— *Answering the call with compassion*

For Gary and Susan Pickering, Fr. Joe Mazzone is more than a pastor—he is family.

Like so many priests in our Archdiocese, Fr. Joe has been a source of strength and support, helping others find Christ's presence in times of joy and sorrow. When Gary and Susan's daughter Marcy passed away unexpectedly during surgery, Fr. Joe was the first person they called. Marcy had been a close friend of Fr. Joe's, and her faith life had blossomed with his help through challenging times in her life. Fr. Joe was there for the Pickerings as they said goodbye to their beloved Marcy then, and he remains by their side today. Together, they continue to grow in faith and friendship, confident that they will be reunited with Marcy again, and grateful for the hope they receive through each other in Christ Jesus.

Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Joe Mazzone, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.



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