

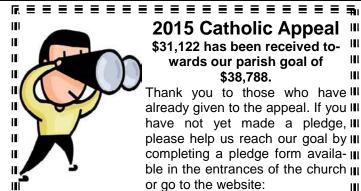
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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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 \$31,122 has been received towards our parish goal of \$38.788.

Thank you to those who have **III** already given to the appeal. If you III have not yet made a pledge, III please help us reach our goal by III completing a pledge form availa- III ble in the entrances of the church III or go to the website:

III www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for next weekend

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.: Lisa Carson, Christine Tofani,

Becky & Marc Wolfgang, Joyce Crocetti, Deacon Aidan,

Laura Kurriss

Dianne Sarault, Tom Olszowy, Sunday: 7:00 a.m.:

Kathy Zioli

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.: Ben Dunn, Beth Hurley,

Heather & Sean Keaveny,

Samantha Hornung, Jill Morazzini,

Paul Blanchard, Deacon Ed

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.: Linda Dubick, Maria & Tom Brady,

Tom Cuddy, Lillian Cunningham,

Deacon Aidan

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

PPC 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m. FIA Group Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m. Liturgy 2nd Thursday Finance 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

Gathering: Glory in the Cross; Hymnal #724

Glory to God: Hymnal #861

Offertory: Two were bound for Emmaus;

Hymnal #165

Holy: Hymnal #864
Save Us, Savior: Hymnal #867
Amen: Hymnal #868;
Lamb of God: Hymnal #869

Communion: In the Breaking of the Bread;

Hymnal #336

Closing: Canticle of the Sun; Hymnal #424

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday April 20

6:30 p.m. Men's AA Group Meeting

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 21

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday April 22

10:00 a.m. Faith in Action Group Meeting

2:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday April 25

3:30 p.m. Teen Choir Rehearsal

Sunday April 26

2:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 18

4:30 p.m. Rose, Nick & Richard Pettinella

Sunday April 19 7:00 a.m. Lynne Sarault

9:00 a.m. The People of St. Cecilia Parish 11:00 a.m. The Deceased members of the

Pasciuti Family

Monday April 20

9:00 a.m. Rev. David J. Bartley

Tuesday April 21

9:00 a.m. Ellen Brady Giargiari

Wednesday April 22

9:00 a.m. Rev. John W. Gentleman

Thursday April 23

9:00 a.m. Rev. Richard J. Mehm

Friday April 24

9:00 a.m. Rev. Jose S. Ferreira

Saturday April 25

9:00 a.m. All the Holy Souls in Purgatory 4:30 p.m. Elizabeth & John Boelson

Sunday April 26

7:00 a.m. Rev. William W. Campbell 9:00 a.m. The People of St. Cecilia Parish

11:00 a.m. Stevie Brett

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

He showed both His Hands and His side to them.

By: Fr. Bradford Contra Mundum Volume XVII, Issue 9

The events in the Upper Room on Easter Day night were decisive for the Christian faith. If the Resurrection of Christ happened but was communicated to no one, there would be no Church then or today. And if the followers of Christ had not experienced the fact of the Resurrection there would not have been a gathering at Pentecost and the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Christianity would have been stillborn.

The Upper Room was the scene of two decisive events. The fact of the Resurrection was established, and Christ created the apostolate.

To be accurate, neither Luke or John tell us explicitly that it was the Upper Room where this happened. But there is no reason for us to place the event anywhere else. And it makes sense to conclude that these men were in hiding in a place they all knew. They were perhaps planning to slip out of Jerusalem under cover of darkness, one by one, in order not to be arrested in any follow-up to Christ's crucifixion. The Upper Room events took place at night.

It is true to say that the Resurrection faith was born that morning at the empty tomb. That faith is an inference from the absence of the Lord's Body, and from the peculiar was the grave clothes had collapsed as if Our Lord's Body had escaped from *inside the shroud*. But inference is like circumstantial evidence. It does not lead to conviction. For religious it is a non-starter. And it certainly does not explain subsequent events.

Take Peter's conduct for instance. Several weeks later he is boldly addressing the whole Jerusalem leadership that "this Jesus whom you crucified is both Lord and Christ." Let the high priest tear his clothes again, twenty times over, if he wishes! That is Peter's attitude. Christ is Risen. Deal with it. Yet this is the *same* Peter who denied Christ vehemently on Maundy Thursday and who on Easter Day night is huddled behind locked doors plotting his escape form Jerusalem. Clearly it was not from the fact of the empty tomb that Peter and the others were emboldened so dramatically, but because they had experienced the visible appearance of the Lord Jesus.

Two thousand years later we can list the existence of the Catholic Church, her life and worship and proclamation of the Gospel, as the strongest evidence of the fact of the Resurrection of Christ. But on what objective basis did that life of the Church begin at the start of those two thousand years? The Church is the objective evidence for us, but for the apostles the empty tomb alone could not bear the weight of the whole Gospel. Again, there is no getting around the testimony that in the Upper Room the eleven disciples did in sober fact encounter a truly objective return of the One Who was dead and Who is alive for evermore. Whatever may be the faith of subsequent

Christians, the record is clear that those eleven men were convinced by their own experience that Christ is risen. It gave them the certainty of absolute conviction. And only this explains the subsequent events, the heroic preaching of Peter, the conversion of Paul, the steadfast courage in the face of suffering and death, and the spread of Christian faith far and wide and among all races and cultures.

Once the apostles had accepted the fact of the Resurrection, Christ commissioned them to be sent out, in the closest proximity to His own ministry from the Father. "As the Father has sent Me, even so send I you." And it is Christ's provision for all time that those who believe the apostolic witness will have the same conviction and the benefits of those who were in the Upper Room. "Blessed are they who saw not and have believed."

There is one little fact, usually not mentioned, that proclaims in our own day this link between the apostles in the Upper Room and you and me on a Sunday morning. You and I were not in that Upper Room. But because of the experience there, at the very beginning of Christianity, the ancient day of worship, the Sabbath, was changed to Sunday. If Jesus had simply lived a life of unparalleled holiness and love, and died in a supreme act of self-sacrifice on the Cross, perhaps as a remembrance of Him some of His followers would have adopted Friday as the Lord's Day. No one would ever have appointed Sunday, the first day of the work week. But Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week, and you and I worship on Sunday as our participation in that witness.

Sunday by Sunday is the sacred trust in our hands of the saving truth of the Risen Lord.

PARISH NEWS

Stewardship: The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Looking to Serve? Have we piqued your interest in a Ministry? Have questions about the handout from last week? You can reach the Stewardship Committee by email at stewardship@saintceciliaparish.org or leave a message with Jill Morazzini at the Parish Office. 508-881-1107.

Please GIVE BLOOD

The American Red Cross in association with the Bishop Rice council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Family Center. Please consider donating, as it is an excellent way of giving back to our community. Please call 800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Drop in's also welcome. Please call Deacon Mike at 508-733-4341 for more information about the Blood Drive or the Knights of Columbus.

Join the Lunch Bunch Thursday, April 30th with social time at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12 noon in the Family Center. It is pot-luck, so remember to bring a dish to share serving 4-6 people. All are welcome! For more information call Jill at the rectory 508-881-1107.



Saint Cecilia Film Series Come and view *The Jewish Cardinal*, Friday, May 8, 2015, at the Family Center at 7pm. Trader Joe's Movie Popcorn will be provided along with soft drinks. No charge.

In 1981, the *Quotidien de Paris* announced: The Pope has appointed the new archbishop of Paris. He is Jewish." Cardinal Lustiger developed World Youth Day and made his mark in other very significant ways. Watch a wonderful film about this *papabile*. The original film's title is, *Le métis de Dieu* (trans: half-breed of God) which describes this disquieting film precisely.

Come for social interaction and intellectual stimulation. Planning to attend? Please email Marcia at <u>youthministry@saintceciliaparish.org</u>. About three film showings a year will be chosen to prompt good conversation about various aspects of our Catholic faith.

Join the Saint Cecilia Book Club The

first meeting of the Saint Cecilia Book Club will take place at the Family Center on Friday evening, June 26th. Exact time TBD. Please contact Marcia at <u>youthministry@saintceciliaparish.org</u> for any questions. Four books have been ordered and should arrive for borrowing on or about May 6. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Thomas Friedman commented in a 1996 interview with Jim Lehrer: There are two superpowers in the world to-day in my opinion. There's the United States and there's Moody's Bond Rating Service. The United States can destroy you by dropping bombs, and Moody's can destroy you by downgrading your bonds. And believe me, it's not clear sometimes who's more powerful.

Our first book will be Moody's first autobiography focused on his conversion to Catholicism entitled, *The Long Road Home*. He wrote a second one; however, we will read his first work. Boston College bestowed an Honorary Law Degree on Moody. In addition, Pope Pius XI made him a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

St. Cecilia Coffee Hour

Join us in the Family Center following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses for coffee hour

Come enjoy refreshments and great conversation.

Please consider donating a baked good for our Sunday coffees. To volunteer please contact Joyce Crocetti at 508-353-0273 or email

joyce063059@hotmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of

Luke 24: 35-48 (Jesus has a meal with His disciples)

<u>For Adults</u>: What questions about Jesus arise in the midst of my faith?

<u>For Children</u>: What question would I like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

April 26th 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2015!

Please welcome Bishop Uglietto.

All are welcome to attend.

Reminder: If you have been praying for one of our First Holy Communion children, please remember to send a card to them letting them know that they have been in your prayers. Cards may be left in the Religious Education Office or on the rectory porch in the Religious Education mailbox. Thank you for your kindness.

Classes End Our last classes for this catechetical year will end on May 5th We are so grateful for all our teachers who have generously shared their faith with the children of our parish. We pray that they will be greatly blessed for their efforts. A special thanks to our five high school seniors who have been teaching this year, and will be off to college in the fall, Vanessa Cefalo, Emily Dunn, Erin Keaveny, Katie Spielberger and Rebecca Wiencek. They have been wonderful role models for their students and their peers.

Vacation Bible School

We have set the date for "Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power", the theme for this year's VBS.



Wednesday, June 24th, Thursday, June 25th 9am-3pm, and Friday June 26th 9am-12:00pm.

Our planning meeting will be on: Thursday, April 16th at 7pm

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!

Upcoming Events:

 Vacation Week—The week of April 19. Classes resume on April 26th.

Wake Up The World 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has asked us to keep Consecrated Life on the minds and in the hearts of the members of our parish. For information visit VocationNetwork.org.

From the very beginning of the Church men and women have set about following Christ with greater freedom and imitating Him more closely through the practice of the evangelical counsels, each in their own way leading a life dedicated to God.

-Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life, Perfectae Caritatis, no. 1

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Parishioner is in need of a ride to Sunday Mass. The Parishioner resides in the Oak Street area. If you might be helpful in meeting this need, please contact Jill in the rectory, 508-881-1107 for more information. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Fatima Shrine

(Rte. 126, Holliston)

Healing Service

Wednesday, April 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

Deacon John A. Sullivan will share his miraculous healing at the intercession of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman and his role in Cardinal Newman's beatification. The evening will end with healing prayer with a relic of Cardinal Newman. The Vision of Peace Prayer Group which meets at the Shrine each Wednesday is sponsoring this event. The Fatima Shrine is a handicapped accessible facility. Call Mary & Ron at 508-655-1463 for additional information.

Nun Run for women ages 18 and up

April 25, 2014

7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Fiat, a group for Discerning Women invites you to visit, pray and get to know different Religious communities. To participate please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, 617-746-5637 or <a href="mailto:src-war-street-s

Espousal Retreat House Programs:

554 Lexington St. Waltham, Massachusetts

Day Retreats for Women:

May 13th: Mary Mother of Jesus –Who heard the call of God and answered yes

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.

<u>Healing Service and Mass</u> every last Tues. of the month 7:30pm

For information call 781-209-3120 or email <u>espousalad-min@gmail.com</u>.

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

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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.

Retrouvaille of New England marriage renewal weekends

will be held:

Sept. 11-13 (Framingham)

To register call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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. or register call Craig Dyke 617-746-5801 or email Craig_Dyke@rcab.org. For more information visit www.bostoncatholic.org.

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.

Save the Date!

The 7th Annual Justice Convocation will be held at the Archdiocese Pastoral Center, Braintree on Saturday, October 24, 8:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

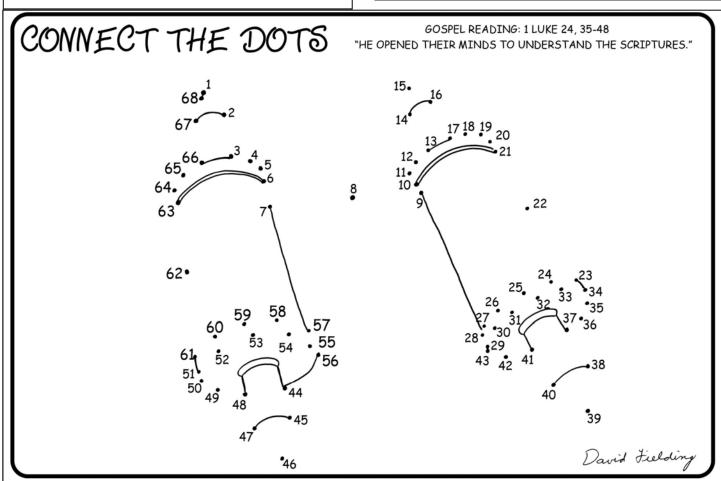


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Attention Women 18-40

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.



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