

The Parish of

Saint Cecilia

April 26, 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 118:29

Give thanks to the
LORD,
who is good,
whose love endures
forever.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Gathering: This day was made by the Lord	Hymnal #574
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: Like a Shepherd;	Hymnal #617 (9:00am only)
Shepherd me, O God;	Hymnal #470
Closing: All the ends of the Earth;	Hymnal #554

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday	April 26
2:00 p.m.	The Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday	April 27
6:30 p.m.	Men's AA Group Meeting
Tuesday	April 28
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	April 29
10:00 a.m.	Faith in Action Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	April 30
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch—Family Center
Saturday	May 2
11:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 25
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
Monday	April 27
9:00 a.m.	Rev. Louis D. Bourgeois
Tuesday	April 28
9:00 a.m.	John Joseph Poplis
Wednesday	April 29
9:00 a.m.	Melissa Kemp
Thursday	April 30
9:00 a.m.	Rev. James F. Lanergan
Friday	May 1
9:00 a.m.	Maureen Tulley
Saturday	May 2
9:00 a.m.	Rinaldo V. Giombetti
4:30 p.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
Sunday	May 3
7:00 a.m.	Margaret & John McLeod (LIVING)
9:00 a.m.	Lelia & Tony Viana and Marcia Terlaje (LIVING)
11:00 a.m.	Francis John Occhipinti

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**Waking Up the World**

The counterculture witness of consecrate life is expressed through humble service
By Sister Constance Veit. L.S.P.

This year, Pope Francis has asked consecrated persons to “wake up the world” with their “prophetic and countercultural witness.” This might sound like a tall order—but Religious Life is, by its very nature, countercultural. For us Little Sisters of the Poor, giving the kind of witness our Holy Father is calling for means being faithful to the spirit of our foundress.

St. Jeanne Juggan lived her vocation without illusions: “Call me now the humble servant of the poor,” she told an old friend soon after she began welcoming needy senior citizens into her home. Humility and servanthood—I can't imagine two more countercultural values! Even Christ's first disciples squabbled about who was the greatest among them!

Today, radical feminism and a secularized culture make the concept of humble service somewhat incomprehensible. Taking the last place, letting others have the credit for a job well done, or putting others' needs before one's own—such acts are seen as servile, demeaning, even unhealthy. A young woman in discernment once told me, “I really like community, except for the humility thing.” I've had plenty of chances to tease her about this over the years, because she did in fact, become a Little Sister of the Poor!

On the other hand, a fellow Religious recently voiced her concern that if we see ourselves as bending down to serve others (as Pope Francis asks us), we risk getting caught in an attitude of condescension toward those less fortunate. The antidote to this temptation is simple: When we accept the yoke of service *in imitation of Christ*, who was gentle and humble of heart, we cannot be vain. Christ teaches us that servanthood is the greatest demonstration of love—not pride.

Before He gave His life for His friends, Jesus washed their feet and told them, “I have given you an example. As I have done for you, so you must do” (Jn 13:15). These words are for Christians of all ages, but none more so than those in Religious Life.

“If, on the one hand, the consecrated life contemplates the sublime mystery of the Word in the bosom of the Father (cf. Jn 1:1),” St. John Paul II wrote, “on the other hand it follows the Word who became flesh (cf. Jn 1:14), lowering Himself, humbling Himself in order to serve others: (Vita Consecrata, 75).

In his words and gestures, Pope Francis give the world a powerful witness of what it means to be a humble servant. His bending low has nothing to do with condescension and everything to do with love. Speaking to consecrated persons, he said, “As living icons of the motherhood and of the closeness of the Church, we go out to those who are waiting for the Word of consolation, and we bend

down with motherly love and fatherly spirit toward the poor and the weak."

Writing to the whole Church in *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, our Holy Father articulated a beautiful vision: "True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but rather because he or she is beautiful above and beyond mere appearances. ... The poor person, when loved, 'is esteemed as of great value,' and this is what makes the authentic option for the poor differ from any other ideology, from any attempt to exploit the poor for one's own personal or political interest." Citing St. John Paul II, Pope Francis added, "Only this will ensure that 'in every Christian community the poor feel at home'" (199).

Making the poor feel at home – I find our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, in these words of Pope Francis. I also sense in them the countercultural witness we Little Sisters of the Poor are called to offer the world during the Year of Consecrated Life.

We have received a priceless gift in the charism of St. Jeanne Jugan and the call to follow her, but at the same time we know that without God's grace we can do nothing. Please pray for us, that we will live our charism authentically and offer the world a prophetic witness of God's merciful love.

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PARISH NEWS

Stewardship: To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

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.

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

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. 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 youthministry@saintceciliaparish.org. 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 youthministry@saintceciliaparish.org 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 today 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

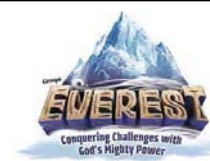
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of John 10: 11-18 (The Good Shepherd)
For Adults: Whom am I shepherding in my life right now, and who shepherds me?
For Children: Who has been a shepherd to me by their example? For whom could I be a shepherd?

Confirmation 2015 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.



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.

**A planning meeting will be held
 on May 7th at 7pm.**

Please watch the bulletin for an announcement related to Youth Ministry giving a presentation to parents regarding a new Confirmation program to be implemented this year for Grades 9 and 10.

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:

- ◆ Classes resume on April 26th. Last week of classes will be the week of May 3rd.
- ◆ May Procession—Our annual May Procession will take place following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 10th. Our First Communion children will lead our parishioners to the Grotto where we honor Our Blessed Mother by crowning her statue with flowers.

St. Cecilia Parish had a Seven Hour Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 24, noon to 7pm for the benefit of this year's Confirmation Class. It is a practice that Youth Ministry will institute every year for the Confirmation class. There will be another Eucharist Adoration in the fall for the benefit of all students attending the St. Cecilia Religious Education program.

Birthright Carnations will be on Sale May 9th and 10th

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is the primary fundraising event held by Birthright of Framingham. Birthright does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Your support is deeply appreciated. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted. Please call 508-620-0657 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Parishioner is in need of 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

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.

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

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

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) provides an opportunity for women to pray and share with one another. Join us Wednesday, April 29, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary in Holliston Parish Hall to listen to speaker Michelle Cuff. Her talk is entitled "Praying for Physical and Spiritual Healing." For information call Linda Calabrese 508-893-7919 or visit www.Catholicwings.com. The closing brunch will be on May, 6th.

Fatima Shrine Mini Retreat, May 3rd, 11am-3pm, 101 Summer Street, Holliston. Mass is included. A simple lunch will be provided. Theme: Mary in Mission". Presenter: Fr. Adolph Menendez, S.X.

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.

Fatima Days 2015 will begin on May 13th at Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer Street, Holliston. Sing along begins at 6:30 pm, Liturgy of the Eucharist, 7pm and Rosary and candle light procession at 8pm. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

Retrouvaille of New England marriage renewal weekends

will be held:

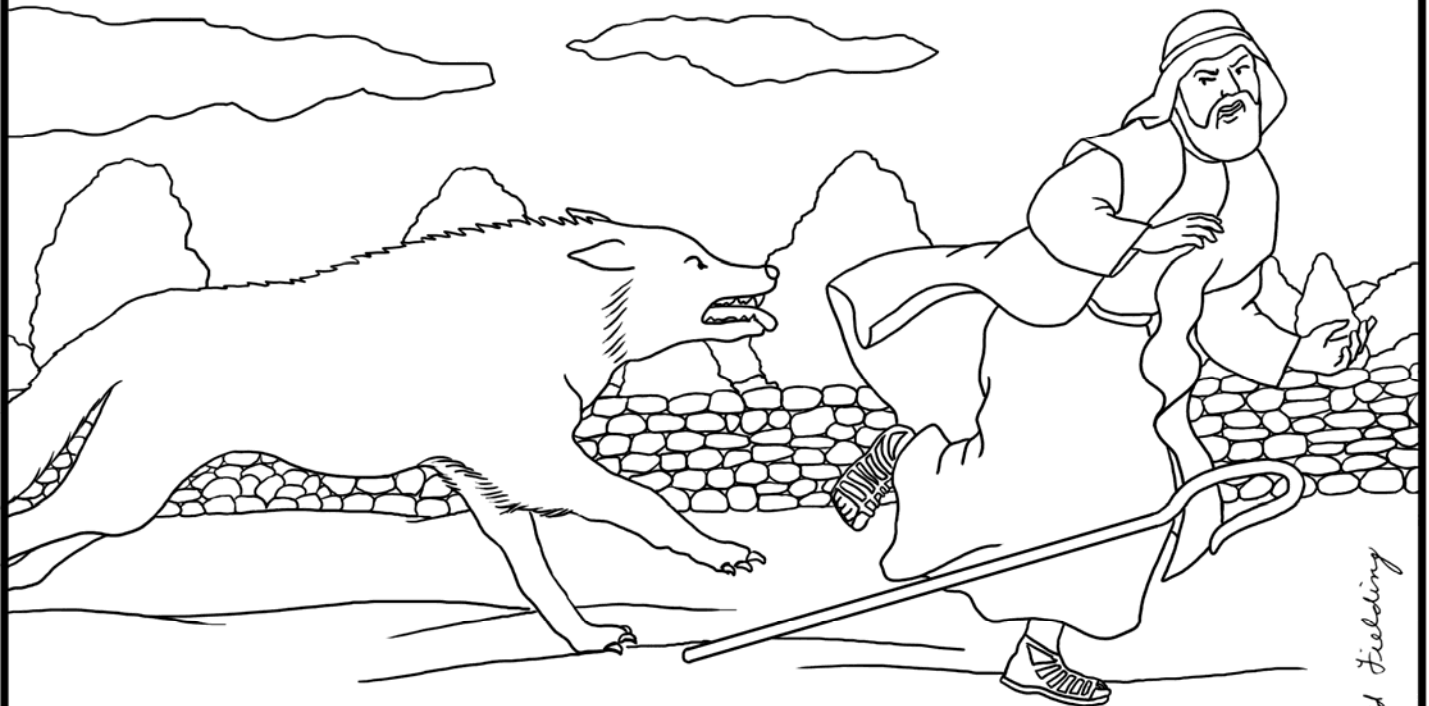
**Sept. 11-13
(Framingham)**

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www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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