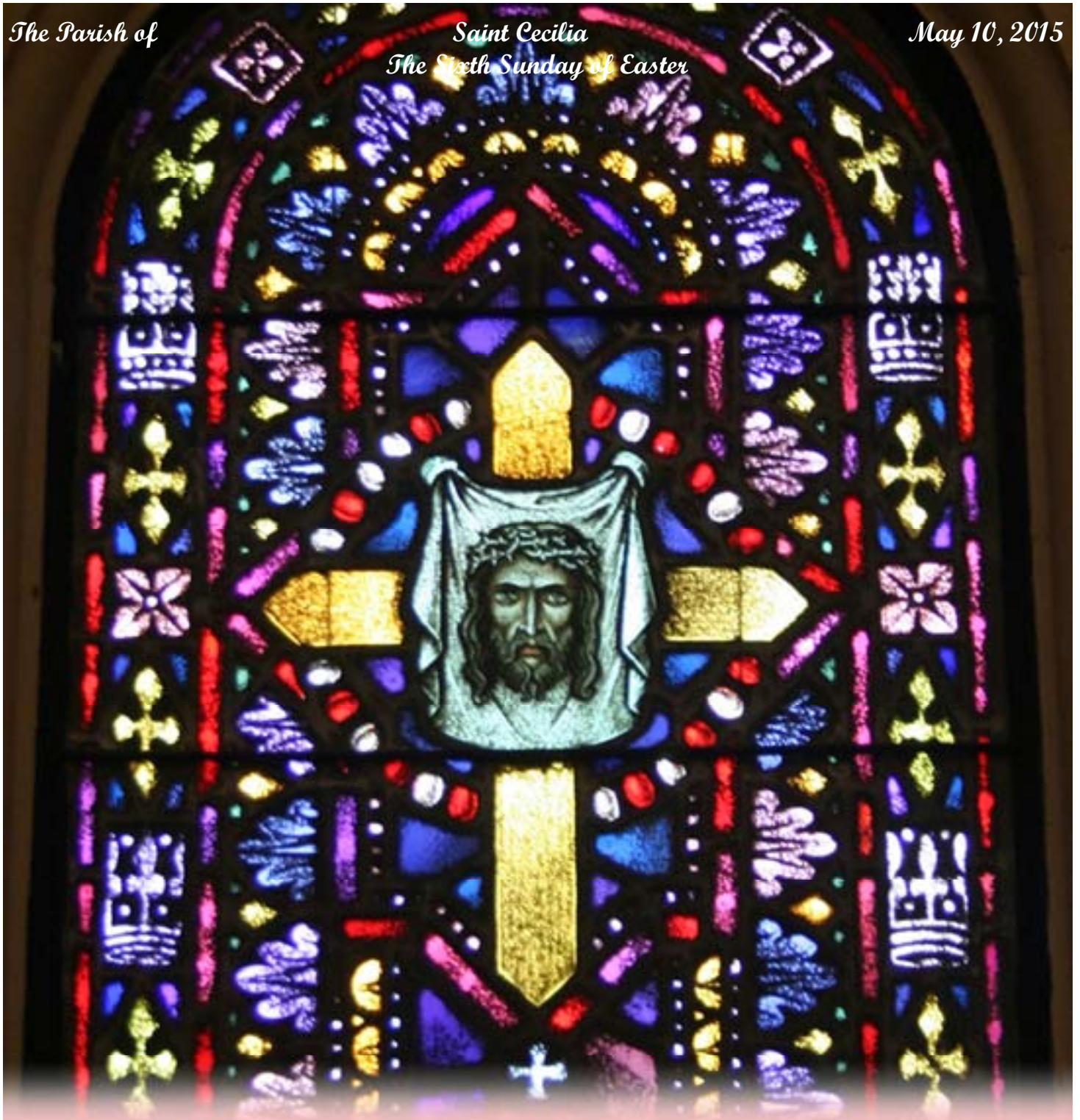


The Parish of

*Saint Cecilia
The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 10, 2015




This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13 (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
 \$36,382 has been received
 towards our
 parish goal of \$38,788.
 Thank you to those who have already
 given to the appeal. If you have not yet made a
 pledge, please help us reach our goal by completing a
 pledge form available in the entrances of the church or
 go to the website:
www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

TODAY'S MUSIC

- Gathering: All the Ends of the Earth;** Hymnal #554
- Glory to God: Hymnal #861
- Offertory: We Have Been Told;** Hymnal #505
- Holy: Hymnal #864
- Save Us, Savior: Hymnal #867
- Amen: Hymnal #868
- Lamb of God: Hymnal #869
- Communion: Do Not Let Your Hearts be troubled;**
 (not in hymnal)
- Holy Is His Name;** Hymnal #706
- Closing: On This Day, O Beautiful Mother;**
 Hymnal #707

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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.

**The Ascension
of the Lord
is on May 14th.**

This is a Holy Day of obligation.

Mass Schedule:

**6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and
7:00 p.m.**



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
The Lord's Glorious Ascension
Into Heaven**

By Fr. Connelly

In our Creed, we say that God, the Father Almighty, is maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. "All that is seen" - this phrase can be understood as shorthand for the objects of scientific knowledge - whatever is visible, tangible, weighable, measurable, detectable directly or indirectly by the methods of the experimental sciences. "All that is unseen" - this phrase can be understood as shorthand for the objects of faith-knowledge—the reality of the all-holy mystery which is God—Whom no one has seen—Who lives in unapproachable light; the reality of the Risen Christ, God's only Son and Mary's only Son Who in His Ascension has passed beyond all human sight not to abandon us but to be our hope; the reality of the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide, Who animates the Body of Christ which is the Church, the unseen power for holiness and truth Who is God and Who sustains us in faith.

When we contrast scientific knowledge and faith-knowledge—and each in its own realm is a valid way of knowing—we begin to understand the widespread unbelief that prevails in our times. In former centuries the faith-vision was central and the problem was—in the light of God's omnipotence—how was one to account for the world's distinct existence and its freedom. Today the scientific vision holds center state. Our culture tends to identify what is real with what the scientific method can uncover. In this vision of things, people are tempted to ask – bewilderingly– where in the world is God, where is the Risen Christ, where is the Holy Spirit?

On May 14th the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Lord's glorious Ascension into heaven. The Ascension of Jesus—sometimes referred to as His Exaltation at God's right hand –tells us this important truth; that in His Risen Body, Christ the Lord plainly showed Himself to His disciples and was taken up into heaven in their sight to claim for us a share in His divine life. In other words, the Lord Jesus, Who in His earthly existence belonged among what was seen, in His Ascension became numbered among what was unseen. At the same time, and this too is a truth of faith, He did not abandon His disciples and leave them orphans when He ascended into heaven. As Pope St. Leo, from the fifth century, reminded his parishioners, the disciples "were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as He sat at the right hand of His Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that He had not left the Father when He came down to earth nor had He abandoned His disciples when He ascended into heaven." In this context, recall the opening prayer at today's liturgy. We said to God our Father—help us to keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with You in glory and has promised to remain with us until the end of time. This is possible because by the power of the Holy Spirit all that was once visible in the Lord Jesus'

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday 10:00 a.m.	May 10 May Procession
Monday 6:30 p.m.	May 11 Men's AA Group Meeting
Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	May 12 Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 13 Faith in Action Group Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 7:15 p.m.	May 14 Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Saturday 3:30 p.m.	May 16 Teen Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	May 17 Consecration of Altar

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 9 The People of St. Cecilia Parish
Sunday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 10 Claude "Nesti" Giargiari For those visited by the St. Vincent de Paul members at St. Cecilia & prayer for the continued good of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
11:00 a.m.	For those gifted with Motherhood
Monday 9:00 a.m.	May 11 Stevie Brett
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	May 12 John McLeod (LIVING)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 13 Janice MacArthur
Thursday 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 14 The Deceased of St. Cecilia Parish The People of St. Cecilia Parish The Youth of St. Cecilia Parish
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 15 Special Intention
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	May 16 Elizabeth MacDonald Repose of the souls of deceased St. Vincent de Paul members at St. Cecilia Church
Sunday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 17 Stevie Brett Josephine Anitanello The People of St. Cecilia Parish

humanity has now passed over into the Sacraments of the Church. In other words, the mystery of the Ascension is not intended to say something about the Lord Jesus now being here and then being there. Rather it deals with the difference between what is seen and what is unseen. To quote Pope St. Leo once again—"The truth is that the Lord Jesus was revealed as Son of God in a more perfect way once He had entered into His Fathers' glory; He now began to be indescribably more present in His divinity to those from whom He was further removed in His humanity." St. Augustine has expressed the Ascension mystery in these words; He Who ascended into heaven is with us now and we who are here are also with Him by faith. He did not leave us when He ascended into heaven. That is why He promised His apostle-friends, and us too, I will be with you always.

Just as during His earthly existence the man Jesus, Who was personally God, was the source of life and grace for those who believed in Him, so now since His Ascension he continues to be our source of life and grace through our contact with Him in faith, in the prayer of faith, and in the Sacraments of faith. St. Paul tells us—since you have accepted Jesus as Lord, you must live your lives in union with Him. This is what faith is all about—a profound interpersonal relationship with Him Who through His death and Resurrection has become the Lord of Glory. The Lord's Ascension did not remove Him to some mythical existence beyond the furthest galaxy. Rather, by the power of the Spirit, He is more dynamically present in our world, and can be in our personal worlds, than He ever was when He walked the hillsides of Galilee. Jesus' Ascension means for us the risen Christ's—true, mysterious, invisible, most real, most powerful, most effective presence in our on-going history this side of the grave.

The Risen Lord sends each one of us a message which is at once simple, radical and personal. Simple in that He says to each one of us personally— Follow Me. Radical in that He says to each one of us personally —Follow Me for My sake; and for the sake of the Gospel, fulfill God's Will, fulfill God's Will God's way, fulfill God's Will precisely because it is God's Will. We must choose as we celebrate the Lord's Ascension we can live for self or we can live for God and, if we live for God, we must live for others through Whom God reveals Himself.

PARISH NEWS

Stewardship: Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources —will best demonstrate my love for God's people?



In April

Gabrielle Rose Spiecker



Congratulations to St. Cecilia's adult Confirmation candidate, **Jen Bruso**, and her sponsor, **Michael Shivick**. Jen was Confirmed at the adult Confirmation ceremony for the West Region of the Archdiocese of Boston held at St. Bridget's Parish in Framingham on April 28th

Birthright Carnations 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.



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

Join us for 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.

Please join us
on May 17th
at the 11:00 am Mass
for

The Consecration of the Altar
with Bishop Edyvean

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.

Saint Cecilia Book Club: Mary Cella *now has 4* copies of Moody's "The Long Road Home". Interested people can reach her at 508-881-1531, Monday through Wednesday between 10am and 3pm to sign out and borrow a book. 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.

Please save your gently used items for a Flea Market In the Fall

We have moved the January Flea Market to this coming fall. Please save items for this Religious Education fundraiser.

Please no electronics, or televisions

We wish all the families of our Religious Education Program take the time to enjoy and appreciate the gifts of God's creations this summer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of John 15: 1-8 (Strengthening Faith)

For Adults: How is my love for others connected to my love for God?

For Children: Who do I know that needs Jesus' love this week? How can I show them this love?



Thank you to the fifth grade families who attended the 5th grade liturgy and presentation on the Sacraments on Sunday, May 3rd. A special word of thanks to the teachers, Cynthia Butler, Jim Byers, Christopher Previte and Deacon Aidan Mc Dermott. Picture courtesy of Lelia Viana

May Procession Our annual May procession will take place following the 9:00 am 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.

We are so grateful for all of 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.

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

**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.

May the world of our time...be enabled to receive the discouraged...but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first receive the joy of Christ.

*-Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation
Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 1*

Healing Masses with Fr. Paco

St. Stephens, May 11th, 7pm

Fatima Shrine, May 20th, 7pm

All are welcome!





FAITH FACTS

CORNELIUS

The Acts of the Apostles tell us of the meeting between Saint Peter and a Roman centurion named Cornelius. At the time of the Apostles, the Jews were ruled by the Romans. The Romans stationed soldiers in the Jewish lands.

A centurion was an officer who commanded a "century" of soldiers, which was composed of about eighty men. The picture shows a centurion in armor.

Six centuries made up one cohort. We know from ancient inscriptions that there was an "Italian Cohort" in the Holy Land.



CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:
D = H and A = E.

Crossword solution from last week

S	A	U	L	B	A	M
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F	R	U	I	T	R	
A		E	A	R	T	H
K	I	L	L	E	E	
D		I	N	N	E	A
		V	S		R	
V	I	N	E		T	O
O		O	J	E	S	U
W	I	T	H	K	P	

DA KNZANAZ PDAI PK

XA XWLPEVAZ EJ PDA

JWIA KB FAOQO

YDNEOP.

ANSWER: He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING: ACTS 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD KNEEL BEFORE PETER



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Priest, Deacons & Youth Ministers Familiarization Trip

If you enjoy traveling and want to see how you can immerse your church community in helping children in need while transforming their own lives through service, visit a Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") home with us. Your life may never be the same!

Visit the *Pequeños* at NPH Guatemala August 24th-28th, 2015

Come experience first-hand how NPH transforms the lives of the children it supports. We invite you to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Guatemala with us. You will meet the amazing children, staff and volunteers of NPH and learn the ins and outs of their daily lives. If you are new to NPH, visiting a home is the best way to see what we do in action. If you are a longtime supporter or sponsor, come catch up with old friends and see how your godchildren are growing and flourishing. Join us – your life may never be the same!

About NPH Guatemala

Opened in 1996, NPH Guatemala is home to 335 children. It is located in San Andres, 16 miles from Antigua and an hour northwest of Guatemala City, the capital. It has approximately 25 acres of land, kinder through junior high school, a computer lab, vocational workshops, a clinic, gardens and a solar water heating system.

Trip Highlights

- Discover first-hand the effects that love, caring, and acceptance have on children who once struggled to survive
- Experience life as the children of NPH do each day with chores, school, sports, and sharing meals
- Develop meaningful relationships where language and culture have no boundaries
- Meet the leadership, staff and volunteers of NPH Guatemala
- See how your church can make a difference by introducing them to NPH whether it be with a future service trip, sponsorship drive, hosting a pequeño tour, or an NPH speaker!



Cost: \$250.00*

Includes:

- Accommodations at NPH Guatemala
- Local transportation
- Meals while at NPH
- NPH USA interpreter and guide
- Travel insurance and background check
- Airfare to and from Guatemala City

Not included:

- Outside meals
- Airport fees

Reservation Schedule

- Reserve a spot with a \$250 non-refundable deposit due June 10, 2015

*We would love to cover the cost of your airfare (approximately \$700.00 value) for the opportunity to be welcomed into your church this year!

*One representative per church.

Register online at www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015

For more information, please contact **Monica Henry: mhenry@nphusa.org or 617.206.4943**



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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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