Feast of
The Baptism of the Lord
11 January 2015

The Baptism of Jesus
He Qi
Saint Cecilia Day of Reflection

Reaching Within to Reach Out

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:30 a.m. Welcome, Registration, Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer
9:15 a.m. Presentation: “Reaching In” – MaryAnne Cappelleri
9:45 a.m. Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer
11:00 a.m. Presentation: “Reaching In” – MaryAnne Cappelleri
11:30 a.m. Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in the Sanctuary of the Church
12:15 p.m. Lunch in the Parish Hall
1:15 p.m. Small Groups (optional)
2:00 p.m. Contemplative Practice: “Reaching Out”
   (Guided Meditation or Walk)
2:45 p.m. Evaluation & Closing Prayer

This is a day to come apart from your ordinary routines and take some time to listen and reflect on God’s promptings in your life. Stay for the entire day or come for just a portion. There are no demands or expectations other than an open heart. Our retreat leader will be spiritual director and campus minister, MaryAnne Cappelleri. Sign up in the narthex after Sunday Masses.

MaryAnne Cappelleri is a Saint Cecilia parishioner and campus minister at Stonehill College. She has a Master of Arts degree in Spiritual and Pastoral Care from Loyola University Maryland, is a trained spiritual director, and has completed the Thirty Day Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. MaryAnne founded and runs the Women’s Retreat at Stonehill College and offers retreats, spiritual direction, and faith formation programs along with orchestrating service immersion programs.
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Laura Andromalos, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Louvere Walker, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Hannah Raudsepp, Tim Pratt, & Tom Nicolini, lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Joe Castellano, Cole Young, & Erin Young, lectors

Sunday | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Matt Arsenault & Jennifer Polley, lectors

TODAY’S READINGS
Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19, (65B)
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Thus says the Lord:
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Isaiah 55:1

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 11 | 11:15 a.m.
Janet M. McGann, Memorial

Sunday, January 11 | 6:00 p.m.
Bill and Claire White, Memorial
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased
Ivy Fray died on January 2. Pray for the happy repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family and friends. May her soul and souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jennifer Serpico, Jan Igras, Rudy Kikel, Annette Kulas, Steven Whitkens, Anthony Simboli, Jeanne Tibbs, Lisa Caputo, Anne Frenette Handly, Ruth Frost, Roséa Aubrey, Brenna Smith, Mildred McLaughlin, Susanne Coyne, Domenic Iannaccone, Ken Bennett, Cameron Robinson, Paul Claveau, Jaheel Robinson, Robert Lupis, Michael Claveau, Max Tubman, David Worster, Derek Schall, Susan Noll, Jennifer Murdock, Julie Downey, Mary Broussard, Donna Thagard, Penny Maynard, Robert Kimball, Owen Kyes, Mark Schatzl, Hugo Collamati, Chris Novosielski, Gayle Haley, Michalina Maniscalco, Niall O'Shaughnessy, Javier A. Sattler, Annie Flaherty, Pattie Geier, Bronis Morton, Patrick Trani, Colin Landry, Jake Mercier, Michael Patrick Kelly, Pilar Estrada, Ursula Seibert, Mark Anderson, Matty Goddard, Stephanie Merenda, Carlo Pagani, Shea Hammond, Bill Downing, Skyler Stevenson, Rob Morrissey, Nimet Yousif, Rev. Robert Quinn, CSP, Boris Chermak, Dennis Heaphy, Mary Yanez, Roberta Memann, Silvia Basagni, Brian Donnelly, Peter Webster, Liam Doyle, John Farris, Karen Thoresen, Theresa Wier, Ronald Gillis, Yousef Jeribian, Lena Bryant, Silvana Franco, Ed Conroy, and Kenny Borum.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia!
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Gregory Bradford of Jamaica Plain; Kaylan and Patrick Doonan of Allston; Carol and Thomas McLain of Boston; the Parlavecchio Family of Boston; the Ferri Family of Boston; Yvelisse Suarez of Boston; Alket Mertiri and Renee Dudley of Boston. If you have not previously registered with the parish, there are forms in the narthex for this purpose or you can register online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Second Collection
Next weekend, the second collection will benefit Catholic Social Ministries Collection in support of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston, St. Mary's Women and Children's Center, Inc., and St. Ann's Home and School.

Godspeed, Father John!
Today is Father John's last Sunday with us until his return from sabbatical mid May. This sabbatical is a wonderful opportunity for Father John to step away briefly from the ongoing obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection on his retreat. Pray that this time away will provide Father John with an opportunity to explore, rest, and drink again from God's life-giving waters and that he will return refreshed and enthusiastic for his ministry to the parish. We'll miss you, Father John.

Happy Birthday, George!
This Thursday is the birthday of one of our most regular and loyal Sunday greeters, George Morales. We are grateful to George for all he does to be a warm and welcoming presence to adults and children alike. Be sure to wish George a happy birthday this morning.

For the Victims of the Charlie Hebdo Attack
Please pray for the 12 lives tragically taken from satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris, France at the hands of terror extremists.

Parish Council News
As the new year begins, I would like to thank Matt Gallup who, for personal reasons, has decided to step down from the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Matt has been an integral, organized, thoughtful and dedicated leader and we are going to miss him. He has been a great parish representative and has been professional and pastoral in his role as vice chair of the council. We look forward to Matt's ongoing presence and generosity as he continues to actively participate in the life of the parish. Thank you, Matt!

Dear Friends,
As I depart for my sabbatical, I want to say thank you for allowing me this opportunity to be away. I hope you also will take the opportunity to embark on a reflective journey of your own. Whether you attend our weekly masses or participate in one of our twenty-one ministries, I am hopeful and reassured in knowing that my return to Saint Cecilia will be to a more dedicated and committed community. It is your generous spirit and the Holy Spirit that has made Saint Cecilia parish into the vibrant community that exists today. I will see you in a few months refreshed and re-energized. Please keep me in your prayer throughout and know that you will all be in my prayer...especially throughout the thirty days of silence.

Peace and love,
- Fr. John
WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

Come find a contemplative spot in your Sunday with the "Women's Spiritual Reading Group." Today, January 11, we will be discussing "An Irrational Season," excerpt by Madeleine L'Engle (children's and adult fiction and non-fiction writer.) We will meet in Classroom 5. RSVP to katherinesepulv@gmail.com.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Each month parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated meat, dairy products, and produce from three local supermarkets and deliver it to either Catholic Charities' Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or the Pine Street Inn in the South End. This vital ministry takes place at 7:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings and on Sundays can be completed in time to attend the 9:30 parish Mass. Here are our upcoming dates:

- January 24 and January 25
- February 7 and February 8

If you are interested in helping, please email Mark Lippolt at mlippolt@hammondre.com.

OFFERTORY COMMITMENT PROGRAM

We wish to thank all of you who have enrolled in the Offertory Commitment Program. This program has been very helpful in allowing us to better plan and budget for the needs of the parish. If you are not currently participating in the OCP, but would like to start, please contact Mark Donohoe at 617-536-4548 or mdonohoe@stceciliaboston.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN CHURCH

The church is equipped with an FM listening device. Small receivers are available for anyone who may have trouble hearing the sound system. Simply request a receiver from one of our greeters before Mass.

DONE TIME?

Men who have been incarcerated are invited to join the Prison & After group which is designed to provide participants with a sense of welcome and support. The meetings are held on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Center. We will begin with a group session followed by a simple meal. For information, please contact Peg Newman at peg3newman@gmail.com.

RECONCILIATION AVAILABILITY

During Father John's absence, if you wish to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, please contact one of the churches below:

Saint Anthony Shrine
100 Arch Street (at Downtown Crossing)
(617) 542-6440
www.st anthonyshrine.org

Monday-Friday
6:30am to 8:00am
10:00am to 2:00pm
4:00pm to 5:30pm

Saturday
6:30am to 8:00am

Saint Francis Chapel
800 Boylston Street (in Prudential Center)
(617) 437-7117
www.stfrancischapel.org

Monday-Friday
11:15am to 11:50am
1:10pm to 4:15pm

Saturday
9:45am to 11:45am
12:45pm to 3:30pm

Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine
1105 Boylston Street
(617) 266-5999
www.stclementshr ine.org

Monday Nights 7:30pm—8:00pm, half-hour before Sunday Masses, or upon request.

SAINT CECILIA CONCERT

CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI'S VESPERS OF 1610
Tomorrow, Monday, January 12 @ 7:30 P.M.

Saint Cecilia Church will host a concert featuring the Green Mountain Project—TENET under the direction of Scott Metcalfe. Tickets prices range between $10-$100 and can be purchased at the door, by calling 1-888-718-4253, or online at http://www.showclix.com/event/3879429. Credit cards are accepted. Use code Cecilia20 for a 20% discount.
SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS
Young Adults ages 20-40 exploring their faith through fellowship and service

Happy Hour at Dillon’s Restaurant & Bar
Tuesday, January 20 | 7:00pm

Since Mass Ave Tavern closed on NYE, we have a new gathering place for fellowship! Join your fellow young adults for great conversations. Join us beforehand for Taizé Prayer at Saint Cecilia at 6:30pm. E-mail your RSVP to scyoungadults@gmail.com.

Volunteer at Cambridge Nursing Home
Thursday, January 15 | 6:00pm-7:30pm
Cambridge Rehab Nursing Home

Share the gift of time with elderly folks at this nursing home. RSVP to t.davoli@gmail.com or lorenzosns@gmail.com.

Save The Date: Theology on Tapas
Tuesday, February 10

Andy Otto, who created the blog God in All Things full of daily reflections/podcasts on faith and Ignatian spirituality from the eyes of twenty-somethings, will be our guest speaker and lead discussions. Food and beverages are provided but respectfully it’s a 21+ event.

Photographer Needed:
We’re looking for someone who can help us out at the winter formal by photographing the amazingness that will be taking place. This includes prom-pose-style pictures and generally any picture of anything that will show the World Wide Web that this party was the best Catholic dance that ever had the word “cumberbunds” in the title. An ideal candidate for this would be someone with a high quality, digital camera who doesn’t mind delaying their dancing but who has FOMO. Email scyoungadults@gmail.com if interested.

Interested to learn more about upcoming events and fellowships? Join our e-mail list at scyoungadults@gmail.com.
Celebrating Father Keating and Centering Prayer

By BRUCE DAVIS, PH.D.

Father Keating is 91-years-old and resting. After so many years of giving so much, it is time that we celebrate him and his gift to the modern monk in each of us. Beginning in 1975, Fr. Keating gave new birth to the method of prayer found in the spiritual classic The Cloud of Unknowing. He and a couple other brothers could have kept the secret of Centering Prayer for themselves. They could have simply lived with their vows as Cistercian brothers. But no, they reached out to the world. In a time when many people were leaving Christianity for the depths of meditation found in the Buddhism and Hinduism. Fr. Keating spoke up. He awakened many sleeping Christians and others who had wandered off. “Don’t go,” he said. “The secrets of the silence are to be found in the lives of Christian mystics, Christian contemplatives everywhere.” He gave the world Centering Prayer which is simply taking one word, Christ, light, peace, any word that reminds us of God and carry it into the depths of the silence in our heart.

The reason why Centering Prayer works for so many is its simplicity. In our complicated world, the joy of being with one word, one thought is enough to explore the mystery in the depths of silence within us. Fr. Keating reminded his many students, do not be distracted. All kinds of thoughts and feelings come and go. Stay with your word, your intention. God is present. No matter what you experience, God is greater. Your intention is enough, enough to uncover the obstacles to silence.

Theologians of all kinds argued with him. People of many religions debated him. But Fr. Keating stayed with his truth, God is present if we are present to the silence. “Silence” he says, “is God’s first language.”

Recently, as a retreat leader of silent retreats and frequent contributor to the Huffington Post, I tried contacting Fr. Keating to hear his experience after so many years of silence and meditation. I reached one of his assistants Bonnie J. Shimizu. Her heart was so full of gratitude for her many years under Fr. Keating's guidance, I quickly understood why and how so many hundreds and thousands have found their lives changed by Centering Prayer and specially by Father Keating. Father Keating held up the flag of silence and many came, sat with him, and listened. Bonnie shared that people of all traditions, all walks of life have found inner treasure. Centering Prayer by Fr. Keating is straight forward and clear. “Don’t try to get rid of experience but be present. The Divine is in the silence. This is enough,” His words have been held close for many to spend sometime away from the busy waters of daily life and go into the safe harbor of silence. Go into the harbor of inner quiet and God’s presence. In the great silence, Fr. Keating has called his students to drop anchor and be present.

Bonnie shared that after 91 years, Fr. Keating recently out of the hospital is resting in much needed peace and quiet. We all wish him well in his healing and private retreat. Bonnie shared that Fr. Keating has said that moving into silence is about “a being to being communion with the Divine beyond all words, thoughts, and feelings.” As we celebrate his life, his great spirit, may he have this communion now.

Just the titles of Fr. Keating’s books share so much of his life journey, his purpose. Finding Grace at the Center, Heart of the World, Open Mind, Open Heart, Awakenings, Invitation To Love, these titles and many more can be found on amazon. In addition to his books, many of his talks are available to everyone on you tube.

Out of the silence Father Keating found so many words, so much voice calling us to come back, come home, listen, and be in the perfect stillness. His prayer groups have spread across the country and are now in many countries. It is incredible how one soul speaking for silence can reach out and touch so many. In our noisy world, the life of Father Keating could not have come at a better time.

Now that he less on the world's stage, lets hope the silence he has stood for and shared with so many continues to be honored, listened to. May retreats into silence become more and more normal in our plugged in world of so much distraction. May his words be close
to us including this repeated theme: “Silence leads to transformation into a state of being that underlies everything else and is called Divine Union.”

For many Father Keating represents the best of what religion has to give. Silence with one word to guide and carry us into great quietude is what spirituality is all about. Those who have known Father Keating may your hearts dwell in ever deeper stillness. May the fresh communion with life, compassion, humility, humor and love you find in the silence spread into the world. May you be a light to the many who seek more of a contemplative life. Let’s celebrate Father Keating! In our commitment to ever greater time in the depth of silence may we calm an anxious world with the presence, beauty and grace we find within.

Bruce Davis is the author of newly released book: The Love Letters: Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Meet Pope Francis. He also is a spiritual director and leads contemplative retreats at Silent Stay Retreat Home & Hermitage in California, Assisi, Italy, Germany, and Bali, Indonesia.

WHOLE BODY PRAYER

AN INVITATION TO PRAY WITH HEART, MIND, AND BODY THROUGH BREATH AND MOVEMENT

Join us for a gentle yoga practice inspired by the readings of the week and share an embodied experience of the Word. We will practice a sequence of seated and standing yoga poses in a slow, rhythmic flow, moving with attention to breath and alignment; and finish with restorative postures that offer a meditative space for prayer and reflection. No previous yoga experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing, & bring a water bottle and your own mat (other props provided). Classes are held on Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in classroom CL5. The next class will be on January 17. Please email fellow parishioner and yoga teacher, Lara Gómez, at wbprayer.sc@gmail.com to reserve your spot, as space is limited. Drop-ins are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. A donation of $5 per class will be collected.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Evidence shows a bereavement group can help facilitate the process of healing. “Stepping Stones” support group meetings at Beacon Hospice Care Center (The Schrafft’s Center, 529 Main Street - Suite 101, Charlestown) are free of charge. Register with Nancy Duffy at 617-242-8370. Dates are 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, & 3/24.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restroom alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in a building that is wide open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.

WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE

Please keep in mind the Women’s Lunch Place’s need for donations of travel-size toiletries, particularly if your business travel includes hotel stays. Individual size shampoo, conditioner, and soap are always needed. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant (none of which can typically be found in a hotel room!) are also always in demand. Donated toiletries need to be unused, of course, and there is a plastic bin in the narthex for donations.

CATHOLICS UNITE FOR WORKERS’ RIGHTS

Massachusetts Interfaith Worker Justice invites lay persons, religious, and clergy to an assembly for Catholics on Saturday morning, February 7 from 10-2 at Saint Monica-Saint Augustine Parish, 331 Old Colony Avenue, South Boston. This assembly is free.

We are leading a multi-faith movement for economic justice in our workplaces and communities. Pope Francis calls the Catholic Church to the forefront of social action for workers’ rights. Aided by the Holy Spirit, we hear the cry of workers, especially immigrants, women, and people of color. We are empowering Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston to be leaders in our faith-based organization. Join us as we praise God, share our stories, celebrate worker victories, and take practical steps to build our organization.

To register, go to laborguild.com/shop or contact Brother Anthony Zuba, OFM Cap., at either (857) 615-3356, anthonyzuba@gmail.com.

This event is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Central Region; Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice; The Labor Guild; and MassCOSH.
Joining Our Community
We’re happy that you’re with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston but also have parishioners from as far afield as Marlborough, Newburyport, and Stow. Please introduce yourself to a staff member, drop in for coffee on Sunday, or fill out a new parishioner form in the narthex.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address
18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115
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E-mail | info@stceciliaboston.org
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Rev. Thomas Garlepy, CSC
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ
Rev. George Winchester, SJ

Schedule for Liturgy
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord’s Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation
Available at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine (617-266-5999 x221), St. Francis Chapel in Prudential Center (617-437-7117), and St. Anthony Shrine (617-542-6440). Please call for scheduled times.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of eucharist and confirmation. For more information, please contact Scott MacDonald.

Small Group Adult Faith Formation
Drop in for an hour of reflection/discussion on the week’s scripture readings. Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Pastoral Center Café, and at 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. in classroom CL3. For more information, please contact stceciliasmallgroups@gmail.com.

Baptism for Infants
Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe.

Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the parish office.

Marriage
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the parish office at least six months in advance.

Care of the Sick
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the parish office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Order of Christian Funerals
The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team
The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God’s Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com) or Letizia Howland (L_howland@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and parish office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease
If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church
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Access for the Disabled
The church is accessible by elevator.

Sunday Parking
Reduced-rate parking is available on Sundays at the Prudential Center parking garage and at the Hilton Boston Back Bay. Be sure to have a greeter validate your parking ticket before returning to your car.

Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry
Saint Cecilia Rainbow Ministry is a GLBTQ community at Saint Cecilia. For more information, contact stceciliarainbowministry@gmail.com.

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