Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 February 2015
Jesus and Simon’s Mother-in-Law
Meister des Hitda-Evangelis (c. 1020)
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Chris Orrell, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Thomas Gariepy, CSC, celebrant
James Paradis, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.
Very Rev. James Flavin, celebrant
Will Kelly, Pearse Martin,
& Allegra Rollo, lectors

Sunday | 11:15 a.m.
Very Rev. James Flavin, celebrant
Lauren Miner, Mark Richburg,
& Cynthia Wanner, lectors

Sunday | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Nikko Mendoza & Jim English, lectors

TODAY’S READINGS

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 8 | 11:15 a.m.
William Bertrand, Memorial

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

"Is there anyone sick among you?"

This question, found in the New Testament Letter of James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the Church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to call the parish office to ask for prayer and the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with serious illness. This sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but rather as a powerful instrument of God’s healing presence.

On February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church observes World Day of the Sick. This celebration is a reminder to pray for all those who are sick and to recognize and honor those who work in healthcare and those who serve as caregivers.

At Saint Cecilia we will observe this day next Sunday, February 15 at the nine-thirty and eleven-fifteen liturgies with a communal Anointing of the Sick and a blessing of healthcare workers and caregivers. If you would like to take part in this special celebration, be sure to attend one of these liturgies.
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased
Al Petruccelli died on January 24. Pray for the happy repose of his soul and for the consolation of his daughter Jessica. May his 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 Lups, Michael Claveau, Max Tubman, David Worster, Derek Schall, Susan Noll, Jennifer Murdock, Julie Downey, 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, Mark Anderson, Matty Goddard, Stephanie Merenda, Carlo Pagani, Shea Hammond, Bill Downing, Skyler Stevenson, Rob Morrissy, Nimet Yousif, Rev. Robert Quinn, CSP, Boris Chermak, Dennis Heaphy, Mary Vanez, Roberta Meumann, Silvia Basagni, Brian Donnelly, Peter Webster, Liam Doyle, John Farris, Karen Thoresen, Theresa Wier, Yousef Jeribian, Lena Bryant, Silvana Franco, Bill Ahern, Michael Steffen, Paul Daley, and Kenny Borum.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia!
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Mary Bovenzi of Jamaica Plain and Diane Ferry of Brookline. 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.

World Marriage Day
Today the Church celebrates World Marriage Day. Pray that all married couples will be blessed with the wisdom to see, affirm, and appreciate the gift they are to one another. Pray also for couples struggling with their marriage, that they might find the strength to work through their difficulties and recommit themselves to one another.

Thank You
The second collection on January 17 and 18 was designated for Catholic Charities, St. Mary’s Women and Children’s Center, Inc. and St. Ann’s Home and School. Due to your generosity, we were able to collect $2,115 to support the work of these agencies. The second collection of the weekend of January 24 and 25 was designated to support the Church in Latin America and you donated $1,767 for that. Thank you very much!

2015 — Year of Consecrated Life
Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life. This special year began on November 30 (the First Sunday of Advent) and will end on February 2, 2016, the World Day for Consecrated Life. The Holy Father’s own words show us his intent: that for the Church to grow it needs the “witness associated with attitudes which are uncommon: generosity, detachment, sacrifice, self-forgetfulness in order to care for others….This is the witness, the ‘martyrdom of religious life.’ Religious should be men and women who are able to wake up the world.”

World Day for Consecrated Life
In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration occurs on the Sunday following the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2). Today we pray for all those who have consecrated their lives to Christ in the religious life by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We pray in a special way for Sr. Ann Marie Cook, SND of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; Bro. Jerry Dowsky, FMS of the Marist Brothers; Bro. Savio McNiece, SA of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement; Sr. Mary Ann Hinsdale IHM of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and Bro. John Doyle, CFX of the Xavierian Brothers—all members of our parish. We pray also for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and the Society of Jesus, whose members assist us by being celebrants at our weekend liturgies. May all men and women in consecrated life continue to live their lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ and respond with generosity of heart to the gift of their vocation. At this morning’s 11:15 liturgy we are honored to welcome men and women religious from the Archdiocese who will be with us to celebrate this special day. In particular, we welcome the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston and the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Sr. Ann Marie Cook, SND will speak following communion and we invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall for coffee hour following Mass.

The Catholic Appeal
This week, many of you will receive a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2015 Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Appeal sustains over 50 ministries serving our parish and many people throughout the Archdiocese. Please respond to Cardinal Seán’s request to help our parish. You may mail your pledge or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!
BRING YOUR PALMS TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

How time flies! Ash Wednesday is but a week and a half away! You are invited to bring last year’s palms to church with you next weekend and leave them in the baskets designated for their collection in the narthex. We will burn these palms to make ashes to be imposed on Ash Wednesday.

COMMONWEAL READERS DISCUSSION GROUP

Immigration is the next subject for the CWL Discussion Group, which will be meeting on Sunday, February 15, at 1:00. We will be sharing reactions to the article in the January 9, 2015 issue of Commonweal, which focused on attempts of a Catholic religious Sister to help people at the Texas-Mexico border. Come join us. Members of the Saint Cecilia community are always welcome to listen in. We meet on the third Sunday of each month in Classroom 4 in the Parish Pastoral Center.

VALENTINE’S DAY BOOK DRIVE

Now in its eighth year, Saint Cecilia Parish will be holding a Valentine’s Day book drive to benefit the children at RFK Children’s Action Corps in grades 1 through 12. Books will be collected at all liturgies next weekend. Although brand new books are preferred, they will also take used books in excellent condition. If you are away that weekend, books can also be dropped off earlier or you can place your order online using Amazon Smile (https://smile.amazon.com). A list of requested books is available at the back of the church. Magazine subscriptions are also on the list. Books can also be delivered to:

Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps
11 Beacon Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02108

Contact Letitia Howland at lhowland@rfkchildren.org for more information. You can also speak with Letitia or Mark Lippolt after the liturgies at the donation tables.

WOMEN’S READING GROUP

Come find a contemplative spot in your Sunday with the Women’s Spiritual Reading Group. Today, February 8, we will be discussing Kathleen Norris’ The Cloister Walk. We will meet in Classroom 5. Please e-mail your RSVP to katherinesepulv@gmail.com.

SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults ages 20-40 exploring their faith through fellowship and service

Theology on Tapas: The Four F’s of Good Relationships
Tuesday, February 10 I 5:30 to 8:30 p.m
Saint Cecilia Parish Hall

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. Respectfully, it’s a 21+ event. Join us starting at 5:30 p.m. to create Valentine’s Day cards for senior citizens! RSVP to scyoungadults@gmail.com.

Ice Skating in Jamaica Plain
Saturday, February 14 I 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Kelly Ice Skating Rink near Stony Brook T Station

Need Valentine’s Day plans? Join us for a winter skating social—no date needed. RSVP to scyoungadults@gmail.com.

Boston University Hockey Game
Friday, February 20 I 7pm
Boston University Agganis Arena

Join Young Adults and root for the Boston University Terriers (or Notre Dame if you like Leprechauns) on February 20 for one of the last home games of the season! Tickets are $18. E-mail rossina0814@gmail.com to RSVP.

Volunteer at Saturday’s Bread
Saturdays: Feb. 28; Mar. 14; April 18; May 9
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Church of St. John the Evangelist (35 Bowdoin Street)

Help prepare and serve meals to those in need. Only five slots available each week. E-mail kevin.morris.90@gmail.com if interested.

Corsages & Cummerbunds: A Winter Formal
Saturday, February 28 I 8:00 to 11:00 p.m
Westin Hotel Back Bay

Join us for our first-ever Young Adults winter formal with food, DJ, dancing, and lots of fun. Tickets are $35. Purchase tickets online at www.scya.eventbrite.com. E-mail scyoungadults@gmail.com with further questions you may have about the dance. Tickets available for a limited time!
SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AT NATIVITY PREP

The annual Nativity Spirit Service Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 12. As you will recall, Father John and Saint Cecilia Parish were the honorees two years ago. Our engagement with the students at Nativity Prep in Jamaica Plain continues with a tutoring and meals program. If you would like to join fellow parishioners at the Spirit dinner (tickets are $200 each) or support the school in other ways, please contact Susan Donnelly at susan_donnelly@harvard.edu or Mark Lippolt at mlippolt@hammondre.com.

PILGRIMAGE ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Pilgrim, verb: the journey to a distant sacred goal

A pilgrimage is a journey both outwards to hallowed places and inwards to spiritual growth. Join Nancy Nee Hanifin for a series of presentations on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. In 2010 she walked the 500 miles across Spain to the tomb of Saint James. On her return she founded the Boston Chapter of the American Pilgrims on the Camino, mentoring aspiring pilgrims from across New England. The meetings will cover the history of the Camino, traditions and practical planning for a possible facilitated 10-14 day pilgrimage in spring or fall of 2015. The Camino can be seen as an extended moving retreat, offering tremendous opportunities for meditative walking, reflection and introspection. It also offers the opportunity to commune with people from all over the world on a similar journey. It allows one the opportunity to listen to God more attentively without the day to day distractions of modern life, all the while surrounded by some of the most beautiful of God’s creations, the Spanish countryside. A pilgrimage journey is the most graphic reminder we can have that our life, as a whole, is a pilgrimage. Each of us is on a journey with God, and a journey to God. Meetings will be held Tuesday, February 10th; Wednesday, February 25th; and Wednesday, March 4th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Each meeting will last about an hour and have a different focus—feel free to attend any or all of the evenings. For more details and to RSVP, please e-mail Nancy at nancyneehanifin@gmail.com. In the event of another snow storm, please also e-mail to confirm.

TRIDUUM MUSIC INVITATION!

New singers and instrumentalists are invited to join us for the Easter Triduum during Holy Week: March 29 to April 5. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning on Thursday, February 19. For more information, please e-mail Richard Clark at RClark@stceciliamusic.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Rotary Club of Boston #7 seeks nominations for their 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award. The recipient will be awarded on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Artists for Humanity Epicenter in South Boston. The nomination deadline is March 15. If you know an activist or tireless crusader for a local charity, as we have so many amongst the Saint Cecilia community, submit your nominations and learn more about the award by visiting www.bostonrotary.org.
Every year the whole Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life on the Sunday following the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. So it is on this weekend that we mark this tradition in 2015. This is an important opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the vocation to the religious life—which is so important to the mission and vitality of the Church, especially here in the City of Boston—and to uphold those religious sisters, brothers, and priests who dedicate themselves to Christ in a special way through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

This year, however, the World Day for Consecrated Life is observed with particular solemnity, because—on the First Sunday of Advent just a few weeks ago—Pope Francis decreed a Year for Consecrated Life to last from then through the Feast of the Presentation in 2016, making this year’s celebration doubly significant.

In his letter to religious announcing this Year for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis wrote, “I am counting on you ‘to wake up the world,’ since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy…. Prophets receive from God the ability to scrutinize the times in which they live and to interpret events: they are like sentinels who keep watch in the night and sense the coming of the dawn (cf. Is 21:11-12). Prophets know God and they know the men and women who are their brothers and sisters. They are able to discern and denounce the evil of sin and injustice.” Throughout the Church’s history, it has been religious women and men who have so often gone out to the margins of society in search of those most in need of Christ’s mercy and loving embrace: the poor, the diseased, the elderly, the hated, the traumatized, and the ostracized.

Today, we are blessed to welcome many members of the religious communities living and working in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Boston to Saint Cecilia Parish on this special occasion. May our liturgy be a source of strength and enthusiasm for them, as well as a true act of thanksgiving for everything they do to make God’s Church prosper; may all of us, too, be filled with a newfound conviction to live faithfully to our own vocations in service to Church and to God’s holy people through the power of their witness. And in the days and weeks to come, please hold in earnest prayer all those living in consecrated life who have touched our lives and shaped the Church in the Boston as we know it: the sisters living in the projects of South Boston, Dorchester, and Roxbury; the Sisters of Saint Joseph educating in Brighton and the Christian Brothers forming young people in West Roxbury; the Franciscan, Oblate, and Paulist fathers administering our shrines Downtown; and all of those hidden from the world but praying ceaselessly on its behalf (just to name a few).

May God—through the power and working of the Holy Spirit, who calls each of us by name—continue to bless them and the people whom they so faithfully serve.

Daniel C. A. Froehlich serves as assistant to the Very Reverend James Flavin in the Central Region Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.

In response to our 2008 Chapter calls and the need to reform the US immigration system, we, the **Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur of the United States**, join the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in calling on the federal government to implement a comprehensive immigration reform that would:

- **Provide a path to legalization for the undocumented**: make it possible for hard-working immigrants who are already contributing to this country to come out of the shadows, regularize their status upon satisfaction of reasonable criteria and, over time, pursue an option to become lawful permanent residents and eventually United States citizens.

- **Provide a path to legal work for future immigrants by increasing the number of employment visas available**: create legal avenues for workers and their families who wish to migrate to the U.S. to enter our country and work in a safe, legal, and orderly manner with their rights fully protected.

- **Expedite family reunification by increasing the number of family-based visas available**: reform the family-based immigration system to significantly reduce waiting times for separated families who currently wait many years to be reunited.

- **Restore due process rights important for the protection of refugees and others**: legislate border protection policies consistent with humanitarian values and which treat all individuals with respect, while allowing the authorities to identify and prevent entry of terrorists and dangerous criminals.

- **Focus on the development of migration sending countries**: These policy recommendations are consistent with Catholic Social Teaching’s call for dignified treatment of migrants and the authentic development of all people. They derive from basic principles of Catholic migration teaching, and from Scripture.

> “You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for them as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.” Lv. 19:33-34.

> “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.” Mt. 25:35.

> “We work with others to transform unjust structures and systems as we participate in creating new ways of relating which enable all to experience more fully the goodness of God.” Constitutions #23.

> “We yearn to deepen our fundamental commitment to stand with our sisters and brothers who live in poverty and accompany them in their struggle….All these cries compel us to personal, corporate and collaborative action.” Chapter of 2008: Calls.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (SND-deN) was founded by Julie Billiart and Francoise Blin de Bourdon in France in 1804 in the midst of the religious, social, and political upheaval of the French Revolution.

St. Julie Billiart founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to make known God’s goodness, especially among the most abandoned people and those living in poverty.

Many structures in society contribute to engendering and maintaining poverty throughout the world. We work to change these oppressive structures and to help people obtain adequate means for life and human dignity: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, work and education. We believe that education in varied forms is the best means for changing structures and improving the lives of individuals, families, groups and nations. We commit ourselves to education for life.

Since the early nineteenth century, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have been on the move! We live and work among people of different cultures on five continents, in places as varied as Liverpool and Lima, Belmont and Boston, Hiroshima and Harare. What an experience of the many facets of God’s goodness and boundless creativity!
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PARISH RESOURCES

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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.

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 (oisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com) or Letitia 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
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 any one of our greeters before Mass.

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.

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.