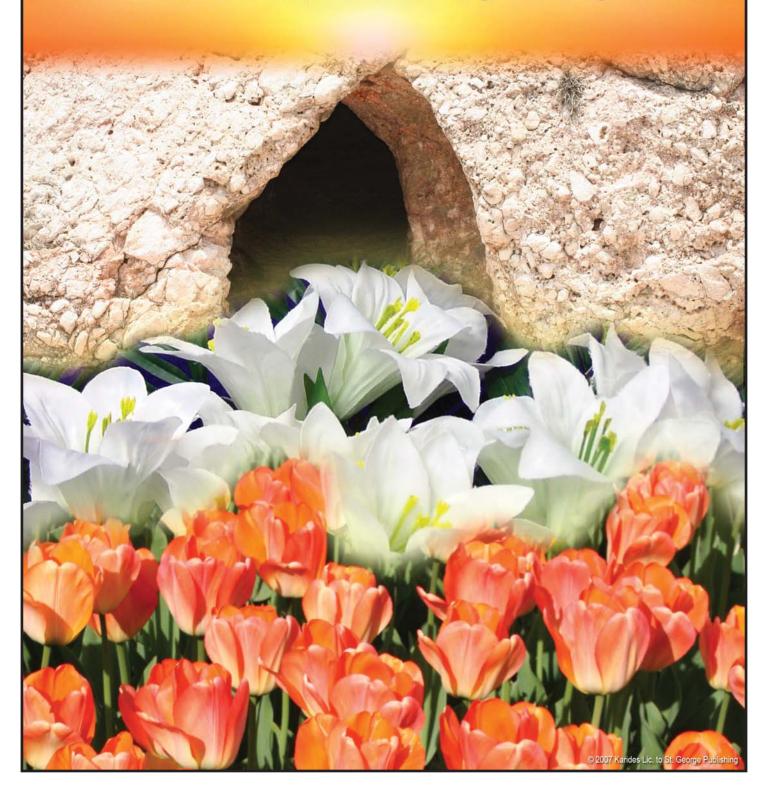
The Parish of Saint Cecilia April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday of The Resuvrection of The Lord

# Alleluia! He is Risen!



# Prayer to Saint 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.

Please join us saying the Rosary every Saturday after the 9am Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima for World Peace and for families



# Fr. Cornell and the Parish Staff wish everyone a blessed and happy Easter!

Going out of town? Stay connected and keep God in your travel plans. Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass time schedules.



# Thank you to everyone for the beautiful donations of Easter Flowers!

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### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**PPC** 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m. FIA Group Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Finance 2nd Thursday 7:15 p.m. Stewardship 1st Sunday 12:15 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: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA (Hymn to Joy)

Hymnal #169

Glory to God: Hymnal #865

Responsorial Psalm: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE

LORD (C. Walker); Hymnal #573

SEQUENCE: CHRISTIANS, TO THE PASCHAL VICTIM;

Hymnal #36

Baptism Renewal/Rite of Sprinkling:

COME TO THE RIVER; Hymnal #651

Offertory: 9:00am SING A NEW SONG; Hymnal #550

11:00am YE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

(o Filii et Filiae); Hymnal #170

Holy: Hymnal #868, Save Us, Savior: Hymnal #871, Amen: Hymnal #872, Lamb of God: Hymnal # 873

Communion: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; Hymnal #326

ROLL AWAY THE STONE; Hymnal #174

Sending Forth: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

(Easter Hymn); Hymnal #176



Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday: NO MORNING MASS

NO 4:30pm MASS

Flower donations due by 9:30am Blessing of the Food /Noon/ Church Confessions 3:30pm to 4:15pm Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday: Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

On Holy Saturday parishioners should enter the Church in silence.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday April 16

7:30 p.m. The People of St. Cecilia Parish

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

April 17
World Peace
Families

11:00 a.m. The People of St. Cecilia Parish

Monday April 18

9:00 a.m. Peace in Ukraine

April 19 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Our Youth Wednesday April 20 9:00 a.m. **Our Country** Thursday April 21 9:00 a.m. The Church April 22 Friday 9:00 a.m. Jack Taylor Saturday April 23

9:00 a.m. For an increase of Vocations to

Priesthood and Religious Life

4:30 p.m. John Joseph Poplis

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

# 'In the Breaking of Bread'

By Archbishop William E. Lori

Sometimes it seems as if a cloud is hanging over our heads — not a specific problem or threat to our well-being, but rather a general feeling of sadness and anxiety that overshadows our culture. Especially as people become more divided and isolated, such melancholy makes it harder to face problems, whether in our personal lives, the Church or society.

This kind of despondency, common in many developed countries, often accompanies a decline in religious practice. While I can't cite a study to prove it, it seems more than coincidental that where belief in God and religious practice have waned, there is a corresponding rise in unhappiness and insecurity.

We live in an age in which many people reject a "given" nature to things, think that science has disproven the validity of religious faith and assert a radical right to self-determination. This worldview, however, is itself a source of anxiety. When faced with the idea of a godless universe and a finite horizon, we human beings instinctively feel as though we are trapped inside a box. We are made for more.

Even those who profess and practice the faith can be affected by this relativistic culture and succumb to a spiritual malady called "acedia" — a deep-seated state of interior sadness that results in spiritual and moral paralysis. It can turn the soul against all the means of healing and growth in virtue, and it can even lead to bitterness against God, the Church and those who carry forward its mission. We might imagine that Knights of Columbus, other practicing Catholics and those who minister in the Church's name are somehow immune to our culture and to acedia's temptations. It would be foolish to think so. Even the first disciples needed the grace of the crucified and risen Lord to help them out of their spiritual despondency.

Demoralized by Jesus' death, two disciples were making their way toward the village of Emmaus when the risen Lord joined them — though the disciples did not recognize Him. As they walked along, Jesus not only invited them to share their sadness with Him, but also helped them overcome it. For along the way, He opened the meaning of sacred Scripture, showing them how it pointed to His own Death and Resurrection. As a result, the disciples' hearts burned with joy, a joy that overflowed when they sat at table with Jesus and recognized Him "in the breaking of bread" — that is, in the Eucharist (cf. Lk 24:13-35).

We should not hesitate to share our burden of sadness with the Risen Lord and invite Him to walk with us. If we do so, He will open the saving message of Scripture, a message that leads us to the Eucharist, where we too can recognize Jesus "in the breaking of bread." Indeed, Word and sacrament are the two great antidotes to spiritual sadness, and as we see in the Emmaus episode, they are deeply bound together.

When we listen humbly, prayerfully and persistently to the Word of God, the causes of our sadness are unearthed and revealed. Room — indeed, hunger — is created in our hearts for the presence of Jesus. How blessed we are that the Word of God which illuminates our heart "sacramentally takes flesh in the event of the Eucharist" (Pope Benedict XVI, Verbum Domini, 55).

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised His disciples, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you" (Jn 14:18). On Easter Sunday, He stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19).

If ever we are tempted to despair, let us ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to open our hearts anew to the Crucified and Risen Lord. And as the Church solemnly celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, His triumph over sin and death, may we recognize His saving, Eucharistic Presence and rejoice.

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### **PARISH NEWS**



Please Join Us for Special Divine Mercy Prayers April 24th, 1:00pm in Saint Cecilia Parish during Eucharistic Adoration

### **Pastoral Reflections**

St. Peter reminds us today that Jesus Christ "...commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the One appointed by God". Who are the people you might speak openly to about your relationship with Christ? Pray for the courage to be like Peter and Mary Magdalen and tell your story—the story of how God has worked and continues to work in your life. This is not just good news; it is **The Good News of Jesus Christ**. Share it!

**Flea Market** Doing your spring cleaning? Why not put some treasures aside for the St. Cecilia Flea Market in September? We will begin accepting items in August Please make sure everything is clean and in working condition.

Please do not donate baby items, upholstered furniture, stuffed animals, linens and electronics.

**Altar Servers are needed!** Children grade 3 and over are needed to serve at weekend Masses. Please call the Rectory at 508-881-1107 or speak with Fr. Cornell if your child is interested in helping. Thank you.

### Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul at St Cecilia Parish have again been overwhelmed by the generosity of those who contributed to the special last weekend. We are humbled to be your partners as we fulfill our mission in helping Ashland residents who occasionally find it difficult to meet their basic needs because of financial setbacks. We are also grateful to those who continue to pray for us and those we serve. Your financial assistance and your prayers make it possible for us to assist them. If you would like to learn more about becoming part of this ministry, please call 508-665-8735.

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# **Help Deacon Mike Invite!**

A true story by Harry Hills... "Excuse me," said the young man, standing awkwardly at the open church door. "I'm here to pick up an Easter basket for my daughter. Am I in the right place?" "Well, we have baskets, but they're not Easter baskets for kids; they're food baskets," I explained. To make sure everyone was taken care of, we had handed out numbers to the recipients that matched the basket they were supposed to receive. Each one contained a full Easter dinner—a whole ham, potatoes, bread, vegetables and a pie—plus enough staples to help feed a family for a week. Why not come in I said. He looked disappointed. He shook his head, and peered over his shoulder. "I can't...my daughter is waiting for me in the car," he said. "I'm grateful for the food, but when I heard you were giving away baskets for Easter...well, I thought they would be Easter baskets for children," he continued. "I promised my daughter one." "I left her in the car because I wanted to surprise her." I felt bad, but there was nothing we could do. Our volunteers had put together food baskets, not Easter ones. We didn't have the means to make up anything else. The man handed me his number, and I walked over to where the baskets were waiting for pick up. A bulge in one of the baskets caught my eye. What is that? I wondered. Leaning in and looking more closely, I could see, unmistakably, an Easter basket-filled with an assortment of candy and Easter eggs—and tucked inside with the food. One of the volunteers must have added it by mistake! I thought. Then I looked at the man's number in my hand. Well, I'll be ... "Happy Easter," I said to the man, handing him the only food basket with an Easter basket inside—the very same basket with his number on it. "Someone knew just what you needed."

Happy Easter! Please invite someone to join us next week for Mass, and if for some reason you can not invite someone to join you, please keep the St. Cecilia Parish community in your prayers, that we may grow in faith, in holiness, and in numbers.

# Come on in the Church is Open!

The Church is open to all Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (unless maintenance is off the premises), Saturday 9:00 a.m. –5:30 p.m. and Sunday 7:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. (Please be aware that this schedule is not exclusively the case on all days).

# Year of the **Eucharist Adoration Schedule**

During this special year, St. Cecilia Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration six days a week every week. Some will include congregational prayers and other will focus on silent, individual prayer and reflection. You do not have to stay for the entire time. Our weekly schedule will be as follows:



Sunday: 12:15 pm-2:15 pm, (except when Baptisms are held, when it will start at 1:00pm) Monday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Thursday: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Friday: 9:45 am - 11:45 am Note: Adoration will start at 1:00pm on the last Sunday of each month

when we have the Sacrament of

Baptism.

For more information and the latest news about the Year of the Eucharist, please see the parish Website at www.saintceciliaparish.org/celebratingyear-eucharist.



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**Moving?** Please help keep our database up-to-date by calling the Rectory at 508-881-1107. Thank you!

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION &** YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of

John 20: 19-31

For Adults: When has faith in the Living Christ helped me overcome fear?

For Children: What could I do to help someone feel less

afraid?

# St. Cecilia & St. John Youth Group!

St. Cecilia Parish and St. John Parish are collaborating to form a new Youth Group for our young people in grades 6-12.

There is a facebook page to join:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/190066444806904

Please contact Heather Petruney 508-881-1531 or email re710@saintceciliaparish.org for more information and to join the group.

# **Youth Group Activities**

Save the Date!

Friday June 17th 5pm Youth Night in Boston (all expenses paid!)

### Upcoming Events

- First Communion: May 7th 11:00a.m. Join us for these beautiful celebrations as we welcome the First Communion Class to the table of Our Lord.
- ♦ May Procession: Sunday, May 8th we will honor Our Blessed Mother with a procession and the crowning of her statue following the 9am Mass. All are welcome.
- **REMINDER:** If you took the name of one of the members of our First Communion class, please remember to pray for them. First Communion will take place on May 7th. You may send a card to him/her through our Religious Education Office to let the children know that you have been praying for them.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

## **Knights of Columbus** A Nite At the Races

May 7 at St. John's Parish Hall Doors open at 6pm Admission \$10 10 Grand Prize gift drawings 10 Horse races to try you luck on ADULTS ONLY! No one under 18 allowed! **Tickets: Contact Joe Altman** 508-380-0163 joelatman@verizon.net

# **Eucharistic Congress on June 18 in** the Tsongas Center in Lowell

It will be the culmination of the Year of the Eucharist. It will feature a Mass with Cardinal O'Malley, speakers including Bishop Barron, music and a Eucharistic Procession. We hope to have a large group from St. Cecilia Parish attend this important event. Watch for more information in the bulletin and check the St. Cecilia Website and the

Ashland Catholic Facebook page for updates. You can check out the page for the event at www.boston.catholic.org/jesus-is-here. Tickets are \$39 until APRIL 14 and \$49 after that. Please register on the event page.



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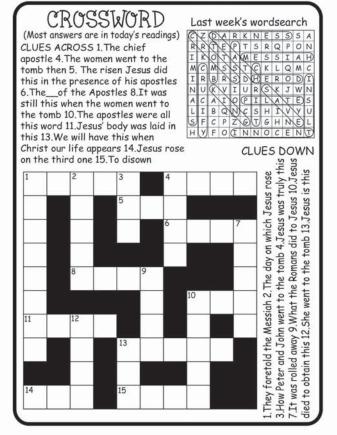


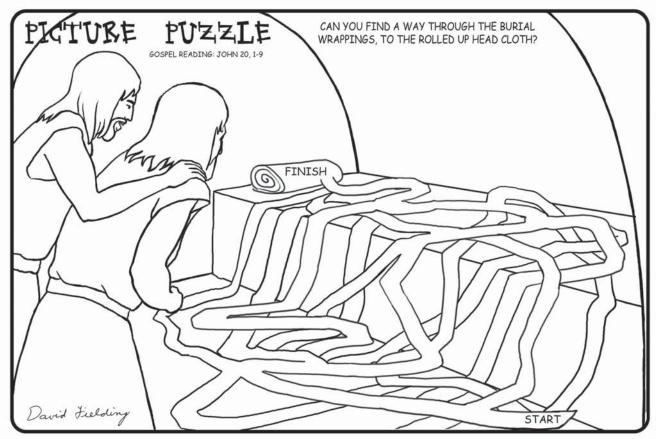


# TRUE or FALSE?

- 1. God raised Jesus on the third day.
- 2. The risen Jesus would not eat with the apostles.
- 3. Jesus commissioned the apostles to preach.
- 4. Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead.
- 5. Mary Magdalen went to the tomb at noon.
- 6. Mary Magdalen saw the burial cloths in the tomb.
- 7. Simon Peter ran to the tomb alone.
- 8. When the disciples got to the tomb, they found it hard to move the stone.
- 9. The piece of cloth which had covered Jesus' head was rolled up in a place by itself.
- 10. The burial wrappings for Jesus' body were lying on the ground.

1 true, 2 false, 3 true, 4 true, 5 false, ourt 1 and 2 false, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 101, ourt 6 false, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 101, our 101,





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