

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2009

“The Raising of Jairus’ Daughter” - Edwin Long (1889)

Good Shepherd School

Opening in September 2009

Open House next Wednesday, July 1st at 7pm



The Good Shepherd School is pleased to introduce our new Director, Beth Tanner! Beth is a Charlestown resident with an MS in Early Education and 20 years of experience. Beth has spent the last nine years in Greenwich, Connecticut working as the Director of Early Childhood Education at Family Centers. **Please come to the Open House Wednesday July 1, 2009 at 7:00pm at our new school site 20 Winthrop Street, Charlestown to meet Beth and learn more about the school!**

The Good Shepherd School is a Bilingual Independent Catholic school committed to comprehensive, developmentally appropriate programs that strengthen the school-family partnership and enrich the lives and learning experiences of the children. We believe that a safe, supportive, nurturing environment is essential to help all children realize their potential. We follow the developmentally appropriate practices subscribed to by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and provide an educational, enriching atmosphere in which preschool age children can grow and develop. Our program is designed to provide a variety of experiences and activities that will arouse curiosity, encourage exploration and help develop warm friendships with people of all ages and abilities. We welcome all children, and do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, cultural heritage, marital status, political beliefs, place of origin, disability or sexual orientation.

The Good Shepherd School (GSS) is accepting applications for September 2009. The GSS classrooms are for children ages 2.9 to 5 years old and will host approximately 15 children each. GSS is open year-round and offers extended day programs. Financial aid is available.

For more information, please contact Good Shepherd School, Admissions, 20 Winthrop Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts 02129, (617) 242-8800 or good_shep_preschool@yahoo.com.



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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider
Caroline Christian, lector

Sunday | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Gariepy, CSC, presider
Mary Burns, lector

Sunday | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider
Michele Maniscalco & Greg Moffatt, lectors

Sunday | 11:00 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider
Robert Ortega & James Paradis, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 28 | 9:30 a.m.

*Deceased Members of the Cooney, Quigley,
and Perelomov Families.*

Sunday, June 28 | 11:00 a.m.

E. Michael Egan, Memorial

Friday, July 3 | 7:30 a.m.

Isabel James, Memorial



TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15

Mark 5:21–43

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 2:2–5

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Mark 6:1–6

*He took the child by the hand and said to
her, "Talitha koum," which means,
"Little girl, I say to you, arise!"*

(Mark 5:41)

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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Isabel James**, who died last week. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated this Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Josephine Parker, Robert Caruso, John Saulenas, Charley Stanton, K. Champoux, Mary Cassidy, Jim Hayes, Sergio Bru, Patricia Hoggard, Jennifer Serpico, Christine St. Pierre, Joan Barbary, Jessica Coviello, Patricia Dunshee, Harold Williamson, Jessica Riviaccio, Stephanie Brown, Earl Chilcote, Terris Reddick, Ellen Nora Toombs, Mark Bohan, Colonel Robert C. Tashjian, Roseanne Borgioli, Rosemary Messina, Kim Murray, Father Jim Field, Rosanne Sullivan, David Walsh, Heather LoRe, Gene Tippens, Thomas E. Fredette, Sr., Rudy Kikel, Penny Twomey, Amy Sweetland, Herbert Simmons, Peggy Furey, Janice Mascia, Winnie Dyer, Jane Cox, Pamela D'Ambra, Sue Lucas, Suki Coughlin, Lydia Siebert, Dominic Nigro, Roberta Keenan, Bridget Mooney, Ginny L'Abbe, Annette Kulas, Sam Gowan, Bill Brown, Sr., Hazel Donnelly, Mary Jane Duggan, Blayne Gumm, Rhea Richard, Donna Claveau, Pil-Yun Son, Helen Fritz, Cynthia Adams, Mary Yanez, Dorothy L'Abbe, Domingos Verissimo, Wanda Ponte, Dr. Anandjiwala, Terri Ruggieri, and Fred Maglero.**

Baptisms - Welcome Erin and Ryan!

We celebrate baptism today at 9:30 for **Erin Abigail**, daughter of Zach and Megan Bourque; at the 11:00 liturgy we celebrate baptism for **Ryan Dale**, son of Tim and Justine Kelley.

Our Newest Parishioner

We extend a warm welcome to **Kathryn (Ehrhardt) Mathews**, who recently registered in the parish. We're happy to have you with us, Kathryn!

Year for Priests

In March, Pope Benedict XVI announced a special "Year for Priests," that commenced on June 19. This coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint John Vianney (the Curé of Ars). Saint John Vianney was an exemplary parish priest in the village of Ars, a remote town not far from Lyon, France and is the patron saint of all priests. During this year, the Church invites us to pray that all priests will recommit themselves to being heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace in the world. Remember to pray for all of the priests who minister to us at Saint Cecilia.



Graduation Milestones

Congratulations to **Olivia Postma-Kiley**, who graduated from the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. Olivia will be attending the Josiah Quincy Upper School in the fall. Congratulations also to **Katherine DiSanto**, who graduated from The Winsor School and will be attending Boston College in the fall.

Happy Birthday to His Eminence!

In addition to tomorrow being the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, it is also Cardinal Seán's birthday! Remember the Cardinal and his intentions in your prayer. *Ad multos, multos annos*, Cardinal Seán!

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tomorrow's solemnity celebrates the Church's apostolic foundation by commemorating the martyrdom of the two great apostles, Peter and Paul. Peter, the Galilean fisherman selected as the Church's founder, was Bishop of Jerusalem and Antioch before moving to



Rome. Paul is the convert from Judaism who evangelized in Europe and Asia Minor and wrote the fourteen canonical epistles. These two great preachers and missionaries suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Nero. Both were martyred in Rome approximately thirty-seven years after Christ's death and resurrection.

Peter was crucified at the Circus of Nero, near the ancient hill Vaticanus, outside early Rome. The Circus was the site of the first organized, state-sponsored martyrdoms of Christians in the year 65. Tradition says that Peter asked to be hung on the cross upside down because he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner as Christ. The early Christians immediately took Peter's body and buried it in the cemetery at the foot of the hill Vaticanus (Vatican Hill). Saint Peter's Basilica was built over this cemetery and the remains of Saint Peter rest beneath the main altar of the basilica. Excavations between 1939 and 1950 unearthed both the tomb and the relics of the apostle.

Paul, because he was a Roman citizen, was not subjected to the cruelty of crucifixion. He was beheaded outside the city of Rome. After he was martyred, his body was carried south of the city and was buried on the site of the present Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls.

The *Depositio Martyrum* of A.D. 258 is the earliest extant listing of local martyrs. In this early document, we see the commemoration of both saints on June 29. Their joint witness represents the apostolic foundation of the Church of Rome.

Please join us for First Vespers this evening at six o'clock to commemorate the solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul and the conclusion of the Pauline Year.

THESE MEN,
CONQUERING ALL
HUMAN FRAILTY,
SHED THEIR BLOOD
AND HELPED THE CHURCH
TO GROW.
BY SHARING THE CUP
OF THE LORD'S SUFFERING,
THEY BECAME THE
FRIENDS OF GOD.

INTROIT FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF
SS. PETER & PAUL



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SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Join us tomorrow evening, Monday, June 29 as we gather for food, drinks, conversation, and a presentation on the topic, “Gay Marriage—5th Anniversary” at the Harp & Bard Pub, 1099 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester (three blocks from the Savin Hill Red Line T station—Ashmont Line).

The evening’s presenters will be Rabbi Devon Lerner and Charles Martel. Rabbi Lerner served



as the Executive Director of the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry (RCFM) in Massachusetts. During her four years with the RCFM, she helped increase the number of Massachusetts clergy voicing their support of marriage equality from 400 to over 1,000. Lerner

has spent many years working on interfaith relations and is the author of *Celebrating Interfaith Marriages*. Rabbi Lerner was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1979 and has served congregations in Atlanta, Richmond, and Boston.

Charles Martel served on the Board of the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry for ten years as a lay Roman Catholic. He also coordinated the efforts of Roman Catholics for the Freedom to Marry in Massachusetts, as part of RCFM. Charles is a clinical social worker who has a private practice in Boston. He is an active member of Saint Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill.

6:00 – Dinner on one’s own and pre-program conversation

7:00–9:00 – Program

“SNAP OUT OF IT!”

What better way to wait out the current financial crisis than with a free film series drawn from the American Film Institute’s “100 Years...100 Laughs” list of the best American comedic films. Our first selection will be 1987’s *Moonstruck*. Directed by Norman Jewison, the movie won Oscars for Cher (Best Actress), Boston University alum Olympia Dukakis (Best Supporting Actress) and John Patrick Shanley (Best Screenplay). *Moonstruck* is set in Manhattan and Brooklyn where, under the magic of the full moon, an Italian-American family tries to sort out their romantic entanglements and find happiness. The movie runs 102 minutes and is rated PG. It will be shown in our air-conditioned Parish Hall on Monday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.



SUMMER!

Now that summer has officially begun and vacations are upon us, please remember that even if you are away from Saint Cecilia you can read the bulletin on-line at www.stceciliaboston.org. This is a good way to keep up with what is happening in the parish.

If you’re traveling and not certain where to go for Mass and at what time, visit www.masstimes.org, an easy to navigate, international website that can help you quickly find a church where you can attend Mass.

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SPENDING THE SUMMER IN BOSTON?

We hope the summer months afford you time for rest and renewal. Perhaps the economic downturn will bring you a “stay-cation.” That’s not so bad when you live in a part of the world that is so beautiful and rich in culture. Check out the City of Boston Summer Events Brochure 2009 and the Boston City Calendar at www.cityofboston.gov. This brochure includes information on many free events throughout the city—jazz, swing, blues, and oldies concerts, Sail Boston, folk dance, Free Friday Flix, Harborfest, the French Film Festival, Shakespeare Under the Stars, Bastille Day celebration, festivals, North End processions and street fairs, art events, and more! This brochure is a handy way to keep informed of all the wonderful summer events our city has to offer!



REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

On Thursday, July 23, an orchestra and choir from France will be performing the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony at Saint Cecilia with our organist, Richard Clark. Richard is in need of a live video feed from the front of the church to the choir loft so he can watch the conductor, allowing the organ to be in synch with the orchestra over such a great distance. If you have the technology and know-how, please e-mail Richard at stceciliamusic@aol.com. Thank you so much!

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



On August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine will commence perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week). Saint Clement has been named one of six designated locations in the diocese to pray for the sanctification of priests and vocations to the priesthood. Saint Clement will be the only perpetual Adoration site in the city of Boston. Adorers are needed at all times of the day and night. Please prayerfully consider committing to spending one hour a week with the Lord. For more information please contact Tim Van Damm at timvandamm@gmail.com or visit www.stclements shrine.org or call Rich McKinney at (617) 536-4141. We also have sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

PINE STREET INN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENT

On Wednesday, July 1 at 6:00 p.m., Pine Street Inn is hosting an event to help you kick off your July 4th festivities. Learn more about the Inn, find out about the Young Professionals’ Advisory Board, sign up for volunteer service, and meet others with similar interests. Rsvp directly to eric.monty@pinestreetinn.org.

PROPHETIC DYING

“God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.” Wisdom 1:13

By JOHN KAVANAUGH, SJ

Saint Paul’s message of grace is about Mev Puleo. I first met her when she was a college student—vivacious, intelligent, and wonderfully on fire. There was a splendor to her joy. Energy sparked her writings, her talk, her photographic genius. Later, in the hope that others might see her work, I proposed a book called *Faces of Poverty, Faces of Christ*—my words, her pictures worth a thousand words.



This was only a small part of her labors. Mev was a theologian, like her husband, Mark Chmiel, at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, and her photography graced journals and newspapers. She attends to the poor, especially of Central and South America. She reveals their faces. She records their voices.

But now it is Mev who is poor. She who was rich, as St. Paul writes, “in every respect, in faith and discourse, in knowledge, in total concern,” is powerless before the threat of death. Her brain hosts an incurable malignancy allowing only a 40 percent chance of living three short years. The poor now must speak for her.

The night before her surgery she was told that Gustavo Gutiérrez sent not only his prayers, but the prayers of all the poor. Thus we, too, are included, so poor before the mystery of life and death.

If God does not make death or rejoice in it, then why does God not cure her? The Book of Wisdom claims that God fashioned all things that they might have imperishable being. But we perish. All of us. And now Mev Puleo seems scheduled—far too soon.

Justice may be undying and love may be eternal, but she faces death.

So pray I must. Our world, our church, our people, her friends need her too much. Jairus said to Jesus: “My little daughter is critically ill. Please come so that she may get well and live.” Fate was reversed. Why will you not heal Mev? Is she not as worthy as Jairus’s child?

And so I concocted a plea for a miracle. I summoned advocates, her favorite inspirations—Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, and Sister Ann Manganaro. Her family would enlist medical means. All of us would besiege heaven.

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When I read the prayer to her over long-distance lines, she requested one change—the addition, “if it is according to your will.” And so it read:

“Good and gracious God of all the heavens and the earth. In Jesus Christ, our savior, our brother and your Son, you have revealed the healing power of your love and your will that death be overcome. We pray that, if it is according to your will, your glory shine forth in the miraculous healing of Mev Puleo’s incurable brain malignancy. With the intercession and solidarity of your servants Dorothy Day, Archbishop Oscar Romero, and Dr. Ann Manganaro. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Mev’s additional words were her reminder to me that Jesus said: “Fear is useless, what is needed is trust.” God wills that we not perish. In faith more supple than mine, she knows that even if we die to this world, we may trust God’s will that we live eternally.

Mev Puleo, a photojournalist who worked for justice on behalf of the poor of the world, died on January 12, 1996, at her home in St. Louis of a malignant brain tumor. She was 32.

*“When I was in my early teens,
a thought took hold of me:
Jesus didn’t die to save us from
suffering—he died to teach us how to
suffer...Sometimes I actually mean it. I’d rather
die young, having lived a life crammed with
meaning, than to die old, even in security,
but without meaning.”*

*Mev Puleo (1963–1996)
Photographer of the world’s
poor and forgotten*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Vespers for the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

TONIGHT—Sunday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.
This will commemorate the conclusion of the Pauline Year.

Spirituality in the Pub: “Gay Marriage—5th Anniversary”

TOMORROW—Monday, June 29, 6:00 p.m., Harp & Bard Pub. See page 6 for more information.

Young Neighbors in Action Trip to Cincinnati July 5—July 12.

“100 Years...100 Laughs” Film Series Showing of *Moonstruck*

Monday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. See page 6 for more information.

Haiti Film Series Showing of *The Agronomist* Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Shelter Meal Monday, July 27.

Parish Finance Council Meeting Monday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

“100 Years...100 Laughs” Film Series Showing of *Tootsie* Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Thomas A. Mahoney

Schedule for Liturgy

Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Weekdays | Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days | 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

By appointment at any time.

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.

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 either Ginny DiSanto (gin250boston@yahoo.com) or Peg Quilty (nursepeg@aol.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 vestibule 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

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

Parking

Reduced-rate parking (maximum of three hours) is available on Sundays at the Prudential Center parking garage as well as the Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel parking garage. Please bring your parking ticket to church for validation before returning to the garage.

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 gathering space. No matter what your background, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.