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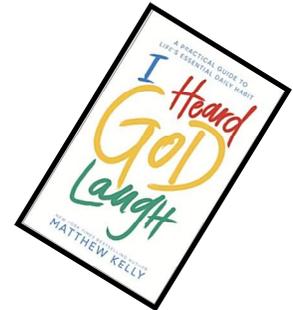
Year of the Eucharist Extended

We are currently celebrating the Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston. In our parish, we have two hours of Eucharistic Adoration five days a week. However, due to Covid-19, many of our planned events have been postponed. This has been the case for parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Consequently, Cardinal O'Malley has extended the Year of the Eucharist observance until the Feast of Corpus Christi in June of 2022.

St. Cecilia Parish is in the process of rescheduling the Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles which we will host in our Family Center. Beginning in the fall, we will record witness videos, which are short testimonies of individuals in our parish about the importance of the Eucharist in their lives. We also plan to present a set of talks on the history, teachings and celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There will also be some special additions to some of the parish social events. The Archdiocese will also host events, including a Eucharistic Congress to close out the year.

Meanwhile, we can continue our observance by participating in Eucharistic Adoration, improving our prayer lives and attending sessions of the online speakers series presented by the Archdiocese of Boston. You can find out about these talks plus many other Year of the Eucharist resources at www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist. You can regularly check our Web site which documents our plans and includes educational material. Go to www.saintceciliaparish.org/celebrating-year-eucharist.

Devotion to the Eucharist is strong at St. Cecilia Parish, but we all have room to grow. We also want to use this special period of time to invite those we know who have fallen away from the practice of the faith to renew their faith and help us build up our parish family. An important goal of the Year of the Eucharist is for St. Cecilia Parish to emerge stronger and rejuvenated. The Eucharist . the real presence of Christ . has the power to do that. Submitted by Joel Farrell



“Where’s The Book?”

It was good to hear that question at the Christmas Masses. After all, we had promised our annual Christmas Gift to our parishioners, I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly.

Unfortunately, the COVID situation in our state and our town deteriorated after Thanksgiving. The Archdiocese of Boston, and common sense said that there was really no way to distribute the books without putting someone at unnecessary risk.

We have the books, and we will distribute them as soon as it is safe to do so. We appreciate your patience, knowing that you will find the spiritual lessons in this book are well worth the wait.

Welcome to St. Cecilia Parish!



Miss Nayara DeOliveira

John & Marilyn Palmer

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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Will this ever end? Are we to wear masks as the new normal? When can we get back to our young people going to school each day?+ Yes, it all does sound rather typical of what we are hearing on a daily basis. The vaccines are near but yet so far. It can all grow very discouraging. A further question might well be: When are we going to get back to our parish, now somewhat prohibiting with cordoned-off pews a maximum of twenty-five percent of capacity?+

We as followers of Jesus Christ are people of hope and trust. We trust that the Lord will be ever true to His promises and know therefore that there will be an end to covid and that we will rejoice in being together as a worshipping community. As Christians, we can never allow ourselves to be trapped by anything. In the best and worst of times, the Lord has promised to be at our sides. That is not just some poetical notion that has made it into print. Rather the Lord has promised: I am with you always to the consummation of the world.+ Our trust and hope are in Him Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Our trust is in the Son of God Who came to earth so that we might know that He Who is love wants us to be with Him for all eternity. John 3:16 reminds us: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone Who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.+ St. John Paul II offered this reflection in 1982.

Left alone to face the difficult challenges of life today, you feel conscious of your own inadequacy and afraid of what the future may hold for you. But what I say to you is this: Place your lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept you and bless you, and He will make use of your lives in a way that exceeds your greatest expectation.+

Since our collections have fallen off and our grand annual has not reached our expectations, I asked Nick Pettinella (Chairman of our Finance Council) to pen a few words to you concerning our present financial situation. Nick wrote the following:

We are thankful that that the parish finances for fiscal 2012 were close to the budget over that same period. Our parishioners continue to support the parish financially as best they can especially during this Covid public health crisis. **However, during the first few weeks of January 2012 the offertory declined significantly from budget. We are hopeful that this trend is temporary. Should this decline during the early weeks of 2012 continue it will negatively affect the funding necessary to pay for day-to-day expenses of the parish.** Parishioners are encouraged to make their offertory donation on a regular weekly basis including any missed donations as their finances permit. Your generosity and continued support of the parish is deeply appreciated.+

Please respond to Nick's plea so that we can avoid weightier problems at the end of our fiscal year.

May you enjoy a blessed Lent and may we all enjoy with complete confidence the prospect of a return to normalcy. As always, you are in my daily prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Carrell



Pope Francis' Prayer To St. Joseph

At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis added this prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

A View From The Pews

I have been thinking about a book I read several months ago as I watch the challenges that our country has faced in these last few weeks. I am trying to understand how we got to this point and what seemingly small changes in our social interactions may have influenced these events I want to know how I need to comport myself as a Catholic in this changing and challenging world. I believe that our faith calls us to understand and play a positive role in our world from a social justice perspective.

I was introduced to this wonderful little book, Choosing Civility, the Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct by P. M. Forni the cofounder of the Johns Hopkins Civility Project. In fact, I was asked to lead a discussion group for several of the rules along with some others in my workplace. It is not a new book and has been used in many settings to discuss our feelings about how we want to be treated and how we want to treat other people. The basic idea behind this book is that what we are all looking for is a big picture happiness. Since we live in communion with others, improving our relationships by our words and actions will make us happier.

The rules cover many topics from Rule 9: *respecting even a subtle "no" when given* to Rule 20: *being a considerate guest*. I would like to focus on only three of the rules as they seem to convey important parts of our behavior or words, that seem especially hard for me to master consistently. Listening is Rule 4. The book summarizes that what prevents us from doing a good job of listening is that instead of focusing on other people, we focus on ourselves and our own needs. Another thing that I love about this book is the clear instructions for how to improve on the particular rule. The book suggests two things. First, plan to be a good listener by reminding yourself that this is the time to just listen and second, even if you have opinions about what is being said, only express them if you have a clear sense that the person expects and wants you to do so.

When you notice that someone wants the pepper and you give them the salt and the pepper because you think well, maybe he or she also wants the salt. This is paying attention. It is simple, has no other agenda, and may even happen without notice. Rule 1 is Pay attention. Edward M. Hallowell says, "A human moment occurs anytime two or more people are together, paying attention to one another." I feel like children are good at this. I think I will watch the children in my life to learn how to pay better attention.

Rule 12 is *be agreeable*. We all know people who are agreeable to the point that you wonder if they have strong views about anything and we all know people who are chronically at ease with their own inflexibility. Now this is a great turn of phrase if you ask me, *at ease with their own inflexibility*. So the advice for working toward greater success for this rule is simply *at least make an effort to harmonize our plans with those of others whenever we have no compelling reason not to do so*. The book goes on to say, *be agreeing once in a blue moon and begrudgingly doesn't make you an agreeable person*.

By selecting these three, I hope to introduce you to this book and its complete contents. I also want to be clear that many of these other rules are also hard for me to master consistently. Hopefully, you can see yourself in the good and bad examples of each of these rules. We are all human and feel the challenges of social interactions all the time, maybe uniquely in this time where the rules are less obvious than when we see each other face to face.

We still live in community with others and improving our relationships by our words and actions will likely make us happier. And by doing that we are paying attention, listening to each other and modifying our view of the needs of others and how we play a positive role in other peoples lives. This feels like a logical way to think about social justice, close at hand and in the broader context. It helps me answer the questions I have about how I want to comport myself as a Catholic, thinking about social justice in these changing and challenging times.

Anonymous



Adoration Schedule

During this special Year of the Eucharist, St. Cecilia is having Eucharistic Adoration for a period each day, 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 whole two hours. Our weekly schedule is as follows:

- Sunday 12:00 pm-2:00 pm, except on the last Sunday of the month or when baptisms are held, when it will start at 1:15pm
- 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

Come by the church, any afternoon, to visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Bring a prayer book, your Rosary beads, a spiritual read, or just yourself.

Spend 15 minutes, an hour, or more, however much you are moved to do.

He is waiting... These days, what better use for some of your time?

(Check the bulletin for any schedule changes)

Pope Francis Proclaims “Year of St. Joseph”



Excerpted from Vatican News, December 8, 2020

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (‘With a Father’s Heart’), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a Year of Saint Joseph from today to December 8, 2021. In his Letter, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father—a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

*Note: Quotations in this article are taken from *Patris Corde*.*”

A beloved, tender, obedient father: Saint Joseph, in fact, concretely expressed his fatherhood by making an offering of himself in love—a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home, writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI. And because of his role at the crossroads between the Old and New Testament, St Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. In him, Jesus saw the tender love of God, the one that helps us accept our weakness, because it is through—and despite our fears, our frailties, and our weakness—that most divine designs are realized.

Welcoming the will of God: At the same time, Joseph is an accepting Father, because he accepted Mary unconditionally—an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident. But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, setting aside his own ideas and reconciling himself with his own history. Joseph’s spiritual path is not one that explains, but accepts—which does not mean that he is resigned. Instead, he is courageously and firmly proactive, because with the Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude, and full of hope, he is able to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments. In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: Do not be afraid! because faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad, and makes us aware that God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Joseph did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it. For this reason, he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception and to show special concern for the weak.

A creatively courageous father, example of love: *Patris corde* highlights the creative courage of St. Joseph, which emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. The carpenter of Nazareth, explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence. He had to deal with the concrete problems his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants. In this sense, St. Joseph is the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty. As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot be other than the Guardian of the Church, of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is the child whom Joseph continues to protect. From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, we must learn to love the Church and the poor.

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work: A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family, St Joseph also teaches us the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour. This aspect of Joseph’s character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become a burning social issue—even in countries with a certain level of well-being. There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron, the Pope writes.

Work, he says, is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. Those who work, he explains, are cooperating with God Himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. Pope Francis

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Feeling Disconnected Due To COVID-19?

Keep up with your friends in The Facebook Ashland Catholic Group

1. Go to www.facebook.com (Create a new account if needed)
2. Click on the “magnifying glass” and type in “Ashland MA Catholic Group”
3. Once you’ve found the group, you can request to join it: in addition to putting you in touch with other local Catholics, St. Cecilia Parish 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is streamed live to the Group.

Heard on Esty Street...

The Religious Education has had a challenging year so far. While striving to hold in-person classes for all of the young people enrolled, our program leaders have to adhere to guidelines from both the Health Department and the Archdiocese of Boston. The result has been that there have been some classes taken at home by students. These at-home classes range from learning with parents to the on-line video learning used by the ninth and tenth graders in the Confirmation program. When classes are held at the Family Center, all students and teachers need to follow strict social distancing and maintain a six-foot space between each other.

In December, the tenth grade class held their pre-Confirmation retreat, but this year it was a three-hour virtual retreat, held online. Similar to years past, the retreat was conducted by a group of young adult ministers and included small group discussions, music and ample opportunities to pray.

Looking forward, First Penance is scheduled to take place in March and First Holy Communion will be after Easter as always. We'll know Catholic speaker Jason Evert had been scheduled to visit St Cecilia to present his Chastity Project to our older students and students from other parishes. Due to the pandemic, that in-person talk will not take place, but it is hoped that an online seminar may take its place. Confirmation is scheduled to take place on May 2.

Please continue to pray for our Religious Education directors, teachers and students as they work to come closer to God during these unusual times.

Regarding the Blessing of Throats

A general blessing of throats is always allowed, and the general form can be used at Parish Masses.

Parishioners are reminded that the efficacy of the blessing lies in the intention of the priest or deacon, and not on the proximity of the priest or deacon to the recipient of the blessing.

Regarding Ash Wednesday

1. Parishes should not follow the usual practice of imposing ashes by thumb on the foreheads of parishioners.
2. Parishioners are reminded that their own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday, and that the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. They should be reminded that receiving ashes is not required. They can still enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.
3. Ashes can still be distributed, as long as there is no direct contact. There are at least two possible ways of doing this (and perhaps others):
 - a. To sprinkle ashes on top of the head, with no contact.
 - b. Ashes could be put on the forehead using a cotton swab (Q-tip) The swab should be thrown away after each use, both parties must be wearing masks.

If you choose 3 (b), you must bring your own Q-tip. If you choose either (a) or (b), you must phone Jill Morazzini beforehand, 508-881-1107 or email: secretary@saintceciliaparish.org. **Imposition on the forehead as usual is not permitted.** Times at which ashes could be available are: after 9:00am Mass, at 3:30pm, after 7:00pm Mass.

The above are regulations provided by the Archdiocese of Boston.

Looking back at Christmas, Looking Forward to Lent

Despite the on-going pandemic, the people of St. Cecilia Parish continue to come together to celebrate our faith at Mass. This was clearly demonstrated at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. The Boston Archdiocese has set clear guidelines for people to attend Mass safely following social distancing and cleaning practices. As attendance at Christmas Masses tend to be greater than at regular Sunday Mass, this posed a bit of a challenge. The parish responded.

An additional Mass was added at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve, giving parishioners a total of six Masses from which to choose between the two days. Additionally, the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 Mass on Christmas morning were live streamed for those who chose not to attend in person. Approximately two thirds of the pews in the church were roped off to prevent people from sitting less than six feet in front of, or behind each other. People were asked to contact Jill Morazzini at the rectory to register to attend a particular Mass and to let her know how many people there would be in each group. This allowed the number of attendees to be capped so that safe spacing could be maintained. A roster was created for each Mass, for use at check-in.

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Frequently Asked Questions About the Church...

A continuing series

Are the Covid-19 Vaccines acceptable for Catholics?

Yes, the church has no moral objection to these vaccines and considers vaccination against Covid-19 to be very important. The development of some vaccines use cells from aborted fetuses during an early step in the process. The Covid-19 vaccines did not. However, in one test, each used a cell taken from a baby aborted in 1972 as part verifying the vaccine. Concerning this test, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops made the following statement, quoted in The Pilot: "The vaccines' connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion." Given the gravity of the coronavirus pandemic and the lack of available alternatives, they said, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines are "sufficiently serious to justify their use."

Does that mean we should take the vaccine?

Yes, here is how Cardinal O'Malley answered that question: "I want to encourage all people to be vaccinated as the opportunity is presented, as an important action of care and concern for our loved ones, our communities and our nation. With the help of God and the excellent medical care provided at St. Elizabeth's and many other hospitals, we will make our way through and beyond the pandemic."

Is that the position of the church at large?

That is the Catholic position. In fact, Pope Francis has directed the Vatican to begin vaccination. As the US Conference of Catholic Bishops put it, receiving the Covid-19 vaccine is "an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

Submitted by Joel Farrell



St. Cecilia Parish Mission with Catholic TV's Fr. Dan O'Connell

Please join us at St. Cecilia Parish for our Parish Lenten Mission, March 8, 9 and 10, 7:00pm. Please wear masks and follow social distancing rules.

All are welcome to attend.

Easter Flower Donations

Please consider donating flowers for the altar.

Please bring flower donations to the Church on or before

Saturday, April 3rd by 9:30am.

Thank you for your donations, they are greatly appreciated.



Pope Francis Proclaims "Year of St. Joseph" (continued from page 1)

encourages everyone to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new normal from which no one is excluded. Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to review our priorities and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

A father "in the shadows," centered on Mary and Jesus: Fathers are not born, but made, says Pope Francis. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Unfortunately, in today's society, children often seem orphans, lacking fathers who are able to introduce them to life and reality. Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. This is the sense in which St. Joseph is described as a most chaste father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: to him, we never see frustration, but only trust, writes Pope Francis. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that needs fathers, and not tyrants. A society that rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.

True fathers, instead, refuse to live the lives of their children for them, and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes useless, when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a sign pointing to a greater fatherhood: that of the heavenly Father.

Submitted by Ray Zambuto

SAINT CECILIA PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday: Masses 9:00am and 7:00pm 3:30pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes Sign up instructions are in the bulletin
Wednesday, February 24	The Light is On For You+Confession/Church 6:30-8pm] Fr. Cornell will be hearing Confessions in the sacristy. Please go up to him. He will go into the sacristy with you.
Wednesday, March 3	The Light is On For You+Confession/Church 6:30-8pm Fr. Cornell will be hearing Confessions in the sacristy. Please go up to him. He will go into the sacristy with you.
Monday, March 8	7:00pm . Parish Mission with Fr. O'Connell . Church
Tuesday, March 9	7:00pm . Parish Mission with Fr. O'Connell . Church
Wednesday, March 10	7:00pm . Parish Mission with Fr. O'Connell - Church The Light is On For You+Confession/Church 6:30-8pm Fr. Cornell will be hearing Confessions in the sacristy. Please go up to him. He will go into the sacristy with you.
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Wednesday, March 24	The Light is On For You+Confession/Church 6:30-8pm Fr. Cornell will be hearing Confessions in the sacristy. Please go up to him. He will go into the sacristy with you.
Wednesday, March 31	The Light is On For You+Confession/Church 6:30-8pm Fr. Cornell will be hearing Confessions in the sacristy. Please go up to him. He will go into the sacristy with you.
Thursday, April 1	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm
Friday, April 2	Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Passion of Our Lord with Veneration of the Cross 7:30pm
Saturday, April 3	Flower donations due by 9:30am Blessing of Food-Noon-Church Confessions 3:30pm to 4:15pm 7:30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 4	Easter Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Confession Schedule

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:00pm

The Light is On For You+Confessions begin February 24th and will continue on March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Confession is always available on Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:15pm and by appointment. Please call the Rectory to schedule your Confession at 508-881-1107. All are welcome to attend.

Looking Back on Christmas, Looking forward to Lent (continued from page 7)

The Knights of Columbus acted as greeters at each Mass. They welcomed people as they entered the church, made sure that the information on the check-in rosters were correct and gave out information about where to sit. They also took attendees' temperatures and let them know where to sit. To maintain a good flow of air in the church, the windows were open, and the ceiling fans turned on. Then weather was mild for late December, so the church remained comfortable. The Knights, and other volunteers, thoroughly cleaned the church after each Mass. Even given the unusual circumstances, Christmas 2020 was the season of light, prayer and faith.

With Christmas behind us, we now look forward to Lent and Easter and the question of how worship at church will be conducted. As one might expect, things will be different from years past. The Archdiocese is not permitting the imposition of ashes on people's foreheads. There can be distribution of ashes as long as there is no direct contact. There is more specific information about Ash Wednesday elsewhere in this newsletter. Please remember that receiving ashes is not required. As this article is being written, it is unclear if the annual Parish Mission will be held. It is expected that Holy Week will be conducted in the same manner as Christmas with pre-registration required to attend and strict adherence to health guidelines at church. As we have seen over the past several months, the restrictions and requirements needed to deal with the pandemic change and sometimes change rapidly. To stay informed, please check the parish website or the bulletin for updates.

Submitted by Steve McMillan



Sacrament of The Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to have the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish office (508-881-1107) or speak with the priest.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance to Ashland residents who need a little help to get over a rough patch. If you or someone you know needs help with rent, a utility bill, etc, call us at:
(508) 665- 8735

or send email to: stvdpaulashland@aol.com
All contacts are held confidential

www.saintceciliaparish.org

Keep in touch with your Parish! For the latest parish news, information about the Faith, and ways to become part of our Catholic community in Ashland!

Come Join Our Parish Family

Are you looking to improve your spiritual life and connection with God?

We have an easy, pressure free way to learn about our Catholic faith and deepen your spiritual lives.

Have you left the Church and wish to come home but are not sure how?

- Do you belong to another religion and wish to convert?
 - Are you attending Mass in another town but looking for a friendly active faith community where you live?
- Please call Joel Farrell at 508-881-3738 if you answered yes to any of these questions. We want to talk!

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Our Faith in Action

is our quarterly invitation to all members of our community to learn more about St. Cecilia Parish and to take the opportunities available here to strengthen their relationship with God, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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