

# St. Cecilia's Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2018

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS on TODAY'S READINGS: Considering today's first reading, we see how Eli helped young Samuel to discern his vocation by giving him the guidance he needed. He taught Samuel how to respond to his vocation. And Samuel became the great prophet that God wanted him to be. So how do we help each other to become the saints that God wants each of us to be? Our presence here today is a sign that we're on the right path, but it is possible that, by our sinfulness and selfishness, we can become an obstacle to someone else's vocation. We can get in the way of a child's vocation, perhaps, if we act in such a way as to deter him or her from religious life or give the child a bad example. So, let us thank God for calling us into existence. Let us thank God for giving us the gift of faith. Let us thank God for all those who passed on the faith to us through their good example: There were many martyrs who willingly gave their lives so that we might know God and his Son, Jesus the Christ. There were many priests, many religious sisters and brothers, many people who lived contemplative lives of prayer, and many, many, many faithful mothers and fathers who taught their children to hear God's voice by teaching them to pray. We thank God for calling each one of them, and for calling us!

## NEXT WEEK: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THIS WEEK

MONDAY, Jan. 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Parish Office will be Closed)

TUESDAY, Jan. 16

9:00 am - French - Collins Center

10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center

11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center

1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center

3:00 pm - Informative Cruise Presentation - Collins Center

7:00 pm - Young Lady's Institute - Green Room

7:30 pm - Baptismal Preparation - Collins Center

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17

7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, Jan. 18

10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center

10:00 am - Bridge/Bridge Lessons - Collins Center

10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons (Full) - Collins Center  
1:00 pm - Knitting & Crochet - Collins Center  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room  
7:30 pm - Chinese Bible Sharing - Collin Center

FRIDAY, Jan. 19

10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center  
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center  
1:30 pm - Homebound Mass - Collins Center

SATURDAY, Jan. 20

10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Convent  
4:30 pm - Vespers & Benediction - Our Lady's Chapel

**PLEASE NOTE: THE RECTORY OFFICE and the COLLINS CENTER WILL BE CLOSED on MONDAY, JANUARY 15th in OBSERVANCE of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**

### **9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS**

**Today** the Men of St. Cecilia will host Coffee & Donuts.

**Next Sunday** the Indonesian Prayer Group will host Coffee & Donuts.

### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia's !

We welcome all who are visiting our Church this Christmas season, and we are delighted that you are here to share our joy at the birth of our Lord! If you would like more information about the Catholic faith, we invite you to join our Inquiry group which will start in February. Come, and bring a friend!

For information:

Call Betty McCunniff at 415-664-8481.

### **ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of one or two people to assist with the upkeep of the sacred linens used during Masses. The ministry involves laundering and ironing purificators, baptismal towels, finger towels and few other items. The schedule is flexible but requires a weekly commitment.

Call Tina Celi at 415-753-8322 if you are interested.

### **Go Deeper: A fresh encounter with the love of God**

A series of recollections on deepening God's love and mercy through the flame of the Holy Spirit.

Conducted by the nuns of Daughters of Carmel.

Free Registration. Please bring your own lunch.

**When:** (Three Saturdays)

Jan. 20, Feb. 3 & Feb. 10 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm

**Where:** 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

**To Register:** Email - daughtersofcarmell@gmail.com or call 650-329-8518.

### **SCHOOL OPEN-HOUSE SCHEDULE**

St. Cecilia School will conduct several Open Houses for prospective parents. If you know of someone looking to begin Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, please let the family know of our Open House.

Presentation & Tour

Tuesday, Jan. 30 (1st grade - 6th grade)

Applications for Grades 1 – 6 are currently available

### **WALK for LIFE—WEST COAST on January 27**

Join Saint Cecilia's contingent at the Walk for Life!

We'll take the L Taraval streetcar downtown to Civic Center.

The Rally begins at 12:30PM in Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk down Market Street begins at 1:30PM.

Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people.

Visit: [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)

or call 415-658-1793.

### **COLLINS CENTER NEWS**

#### **Princess Cruise Presentation:**

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to the Collins Center on Tuesday, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. We will have an informal presentation on the 2018 cruise season being offered by Princess Cruises.

The presentation will feature Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean, coastal cruises and crossing the Atlantic.

**S**t. Cecilia's has paid for a membership in

**Formed.org** for you? Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) on a web browser, and click on "Register" (lower right of page). Enter our Parish Access Code: **RZDPQZ** along with your email, create a password (to log-in, later), and enjoy your Catholic faith with films and articles.

### **ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 3, 10 AM, at the Cathedral. All couples celebrating "5 year anniversaries" (5 years, 10, 15... 35, 40) or over 40 years, in 2018, are invited to celebrate with us. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the principal celebrant.

Register at [www.anniversarymass.net](http://www.anniversarymass.net)

## **SAINT FINN BARR'S MARDI GRAS ZYDECO DANCE**

St. Finn Barr Church is having its annual Mardi Gras Zydeco Dance of Saturday, January 27, in Goode Hall, 415 Edna Street, San Francisco, from 8pm until Midnight. Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. Call 415-333-3627 or 415-760-1454 for tickets. Free dance lesson from 7pm until 8pm. Food is available for purchase.

## **PILGRIM REFLECTION:**

Our 8 high school pilgrims have returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, and we will share with you some of their reflections.

### **ASSISI REFLECTION** *by Joey Cuevas*



As we stepped off the train at Assisi, the brisk air sent chills throughout my body. I rubbed my eyes trying to wake myself up after the 2-hour train ride. When we gathered at the bus stop, waiting to venture up to upper Assisi, I caught my first glimpse of the sacred town on the hillside. For those who are familiar with the TV show Game of Thrones, I felt as if I had just arrived at King's Landing. For a city kid, there was something very surreal about the environment we were in. The country town was unusual and sleepy, but also tranquil and alluring. A sense of wonder came upon me, filling me peace and excitement for what was to come.

Our first destination was the church of St. Claire where the San Damiano cross which spoke to St. Francis is kept. As we sat down in the chapel where the cross was, I immediately fixated on it. It looked like the same cross I had carried down the aisle as an altar server at St. Cecilia, so there was nothing too unfamiliar about it. But for some reason, I found myself inspecting every aspect of it for quite some time. The most interesting part about this one was the way Jesus' head protruded from the cross, making it appear three dimensional. His head was also covered in a shimmering film resembling a halo. I could understand why St. Francis decided to make Assisi his home. Later, we visited his church where his remains lay. The church itself was slightly down the hillside; its polished beige stone shone bright against the verdant Roman countryside in the background. Although we didn't spend as much time as we wanted in the actual church due to the hour long wait to pass the security check, the few minutes I got spend in front of his tomb made it worth the wait. When we walked into the chapel where his remains lay, I felt a deep sense of belonging. The chapel was dimly lit and solemn music was playing. Whereas the other chapels we had gone to were extravagant in their decor with their gold wall trimmings and colorful mosaics, this one was simplistic with its stone walls and brick floors. I thought to myself, "This is the saint my city was named after and the saint I chose for my Confirmation name. This is home." I'll never forget that feeling. It was hard getting back on the train later that day, knowing that it'd be awhile before I'd return to Assisi. However, I hold so much gratitude and joy for being able to experience that at all.

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

**Antoine Franke & Maureen Reardon**

## **RECENT BAPTISM** **Maisy Marie Miller**

## Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend

**5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC:** Frances Peterson

**Prsider:** TBD

**Lectors:** Bob Barrett, Marlies Bruning

**Euch. Min:** Marlies Bruning, Garrett Scanlan, Kathleen McKeon, Kathie Wood

**Altar Servers:** Aidan McVeigh, Arianna Benton, Tyler Chan, Tori Dalton

**7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider:** Fr. Dandou

**Lectors:** Sharon Hupf, Pauline Susanto

**Euch. Min:** Sharon Hupf, Pauline Susanto, Irma Garcia, Roger Garcia

**Altar Servers:** Gavin Haskell, Will Haskell, Ella Parashis, Aidan Ring

**9:30 A.M. Family Mass:** Indonesian Prayer Group

**MUSIC:** Holy Spirit Music Ministry

**Prsider:** Fr. Taheny

**Euch. Min:** Conrad Chu, Sue Collins, George Ibarcena, MiMi Pratt, Serena Lee, Ann Sundby

**Altar Servers:** Maura Baglin, Maeve Kramer, Caeli Riordan, Natalie Stans

**11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC:** Adult Choir

**Prsider:** Fr. Summerhays

**Lectors:** Wendy Ho, Lisa Shek

**Euch. Min:** Wendy Ho, Lisa Shek, Benjamin Kim, Mary Mangan

**Altar Servers:** Frank Alioto, Bryant Odena, Jocelyn Jaber, Vincent Douglas

## This Week's Mass Intentions

**Monday, Jan. 15 MLK, Jr. Holiday**

7AM - Phylis Murphy

9AM - William Kreps

NO EVENING MASS - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**

7AM - Winifred Edwards

9AM - Kathy Edwards

5:30 - Ibrahim Vandermuellen

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**

7AM - Dec'd Members of McLaughlin Family

9AM - Marieta Laureta

5:30 - Sal Grady

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

7AM - Paudie & Michael Mannion

9AM - John Shanley

5:30 - John Shanley

**Friday, Jan. 19**

7AM - John Shanley

9AM - Nora McNally

5:30 - Catherine & John Ring

**Saturday, Jan. 20**

7AM - Jesusa Ronquillo, *Special Intention*

9AM - Cathy Dec

5PM - Soan Van Nguyen