

# ANNUAL SILVER AND GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap, Celebrant  
October 6, 2019 at 3:00 PM  
Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston

**Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap., invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to join him for the annual celebration on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 3 PM. Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross located at 1400 Washington Street in Boston.**

**Mass will include a special blessing from Cardinal Sean for all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. A formal invitation (including general information and directions) will be mailed two weeks prior to the Mass to the home of the anniversary couple.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- 1. How is this Mass different than other Masses?** During Mass, anniversary couples will be invited to stand in their pews, face one another, and hold hands as they are given a special blessing by Cardinal Seán.
- 2. Will our names be in the program or announced?** Couples who register by September 6, 2019 will have their names printed in the program. This list will be distributed with the worship aid and Mass materials. Unfortunately, due to the number of couples renewing their vows, names will not be announced. You may still register up until October 1, however, your names will not appear in the program. You will still be able to renew your wedding vows, and fully participate in the Mass.
- 3. Where will I get the materials for the Mass?** The materials for the Mass will be distributed at the front entrance of the church. If you enter the church from either of the side doors, please make your way to the front entrance to pick up materials.
- 4. May family and friends come with us?** We encourage family and friends to attend and celebrate with you; they do not need to register.
- 5. Is there reserved seating for anniversary couples?** Anniversary couples and guests are invited to sit together and may sit anywhere they prefer but there is no reserved seating for the general public. We will hold several seats near the altar for those who might be in a wheelchair, use a walker or need an ASL interpreter.
- 6. How will the photos be taken?** Group photos (by year of anniversary) will be taken with Cardinal Seán after Mass has ended. Anniversary couples are asked to remain in their pew after the recessional and announcements will be made as to when to come forward for the group photos.
- 7. Will we be able to purchase the group photos?** Complimentary photos can be viewed and downloaded at [bostoncatholicphotos.com](http://bostoncatholicphotos.com). Information will be provided on the Mass program and in the mailed invitation.
- 8. Can a family or friend take a photo with our camera?** Yes, however, please advise family and friends to *remain behind the professional photographer* so the professional photos may be taken.
- 9. When should we arrive?** You should arrive no earlier than 2:15PM since the Cathedral is in use up until that time. *We ask for all to honor this request as it becomes very crowded in the lobby entrance and is not safe for our guests when crowds are exiting prior services. Thank you!*
- 10. Where should we park?** See second page for list of Cathedral of the Holy Cross weekend parking options as well as directions by car and public transportation. We recommend dropping off guests who are not able to walk distances.
- 11. Is the church handicap accessible?** Yes, the church is handicap accessible.
- 12. Will there be a reception following Mass?** Unfortunately, due to ongoing events, there is not a reception following the Mass.
- 13. Someone in my party is hearing impaired, will an interpreter be provided?** Please email Emily Elliott ([eelliott@rcab.org](mailto:eelliott@rcab.org)) to arrange for an interpreter. We will remain in touch with you to let you know when one has been arranged and where to sit.

## CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS

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### ■ By Car

#### FROM POINTS WEST

Take Route I90 (Mass Pike) East to Exit 22 (Stuart Street); Turn right onto Dartmouth Street; Continue to West Dedham Street; Turn left onto Washington Street and the Cathedral will be on your right.

#### FROM POINTS SOUTH

Take Route I93 North to Exit 18 (Frontage Road) towards Massachusetts Avenue; Turn left on to General Pulaski Skyway (2nd left); Turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue; Turn right onto Washington Street and the Cathedral will be on your right.

#### FROM POINTS NORTH

Take Route I93 South to Exit 20B to Albany Street (same exit as Mass Pike); Stay left onto Albany Street; turn right onto East Berkeley Street; turn left onto Washington Street and the Cathedral will be on your left.

### ■ Parking Information

Please visit our Church to worship, patronize our local businesses and experience the South End Neighborhood. The City of Boston offers all visitors metered parking Monday through Saturday and free parking on Sundays at its public meters. We recommend reading all municipal signage as the City reserves some spaces for resident parking and places other restrictions depending on special events and weather. Visitors to the Cathedral may also park in following lots:

Parking in the rectory lot directly behind the Cathedral is reserved for residents of the rectory only. *Any cars not belonging to rectory residents may have to be removed and towed.*

#### 1 May through 31 October

Weekend Parking is available at the following lots:

540 Harrison Avenue: \$10/day (cash only)

500 Harrison Avenue: No parking

324 Albany Street: \$10/day (cash only)

274 Albany Street: \$10/day (cash only)

Rates are subject to change.

#### 1 November through 30 April

Weekend Parking is available at the following lots:

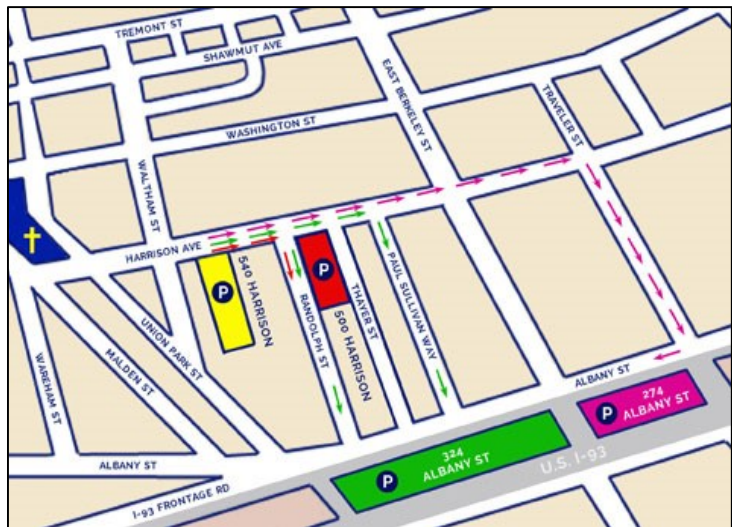
540 Harrison Avenue: \$10/day (cash only)

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324 Albany Street: \$2.50/hour with a max of \$20 per 24 hours (credit/debit card only)

274 Albany Street: \$2.50/hour with a max of \$20 per 24 hours (credit/debit card only)

At the discretion of the parking management co., any lot may become unavailable due to snow. Rates subject to change.



### ■ Via Public Transportation

#### SILVER LINE (SL4)

- Exit at Union Park Street Station; Walk west down Washington Street and the Cathedral is about a one-quarter mile walk.

#### ORANGE LINE

- Exit at Back Bay Station; Walk south down Dartmouth Street; Continue south on West Dedham Street and the Cathedral is about a half-mile walk.