

St. Mary-St. Catherine

Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

July 1, 2018

Welcome! To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

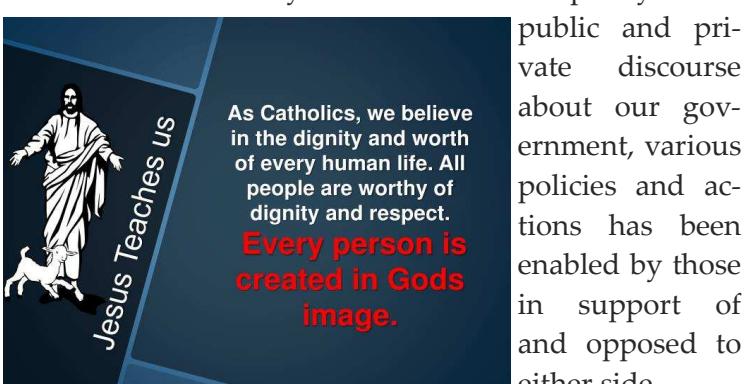
Mission Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena is an urban, Roman Catholic Parish formed in 2006 from two historic Charlestown parishes. We are an intentionally inclusive community welcoming all of the many people who make up our diverse neighborhood. Because our lives are nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant Parish that develops and strengthens our faith and worship. With a goal of being community-oriented in the Spirit of the Gospel, we are involved in the local and global issues of our times. We are therefore dedicated to service, action, and compassion.

Misión St. Mary's-St. Catherine of Siena es una parroquia urbana, Católica Romana, formada en 2006 de la unión de dos parroquias históricas de Charlestown. Somos una comunidad intencionalmente inclusiva que acoge a toda clase de personas que constituyen nuestro diverso vecindario. Porque nuestras vidas están alimentadas por la Eucaristía, nuestra intención es establecer una parroquia vibrante que desarrolle y fortifique nuestra fe y nuestro culto. Con la meta de estar orientados hacia la comunidad en el Espíritu del Evangelio, estamos comprometidos en los asuntos locales y globales de nuestros tiempos. Estamos, por lo tanto, dedicados al servicio, a la acción y a la compasión.

It's On Us

This is a wonderful week for our about it to acknowledge what I see Nation – a week wherein we re-member our story as a people and the courage and fierce commitment of our forebears

who stood firm in the face of overwhelming odds – for the price of freedom. As young a nation as we are, nevertheless we have accom-



As Catholics, we believe in the dignity and worth of every human life. All people are worthy of dignity and respect.
Every person is created in God's image.

public and private discourse about our government, various policies and actions has been enabled by those in support of and opposed to either side.

plished much and realize there is yet much more to be realized for us about how we wish to speak and act to achieve our claim as a great nation among the world of nations.

We all have choices to make yet much more to be realized for us about how we wish to speak and act to achieve our claim as a great nation among the world of nations.

This particular Independence Day finds many of us bewildered and disappointed at the current state of our national government

I wish to change the current level of discourse, I think it begins with me and you.

I believe we should hold our elected leaders to a high bar of ethics and/or partisan stance, the lack of civility in the common square has declined, deteriorated to a level we would find unacceptable among children in a schoolyard.

I believe we should hold our elected leaders to a high bar of ethics and moral behavior – and when they fall short, we must replace them. I also believe we must hold ourselves to an equally high standard of ethical and moral behavior

This is not news to any one reading this column and I write about it

and when we fall short, choose to correct ourselves.

not to pile on to criticisms of our present administration. I write and every person is the bedrock of



Happy Fourth of July!



Mass Schedule

Saturday – St. Mary Church

4:00 p.m.

Sunday – St. Mary Church

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (*in Chapel during Summer months*)

Daily Mass Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine**

of Siena Chapel (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

Holidays 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

Reconciliation 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

Baptism Visit stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/ for our 2017 schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

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James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

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Fr. Ken Chemize O.C.D.

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Fr. Pat Universal

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Dan Burns

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

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Shawn Burke

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Judeo-Christian beliefs. The founders of our great nation chiseled this truth into the essential proclamations of our Declaration of Independence.

As a Nation, on this Independence Day, we all have work to do to fulfill the courage of that proclamation.

Fr. Ronan



WE KNOW...

that with the arrival of summer, you'll be going on vacation.

We will miss you!!! But don't miss Mass!!!

AND... send us pictures of you at Mass somewhere for our bulletin to:
dludy@stmaryscatherine.org

Visit Masstimes.org for churches wherever you go!

Saints this week:

Jul 1 - St. Martin of Vienne

Jul 3 - St. Mark

Jul 5 - St. Athanasius

Jul 7 - Bl. Peter of Rot

Jul 2 - Bl. Eugenia Joubert

Jul 4 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Jul 6 - St. Maria Goretti

July 1 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's gospel we hear of two people who approach Jesus for healing. However, they both turned to Jesus for healing as a last resort. There are people in our parish community who for a variety of reasons hesitate to go to Jesus in their need. Is there someone you know that needs a word of encouragement? Pray this week for the grace to extend yourself to this person so that he/she will put aside their fear or hesitation and turn to Jesus for help.

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

**Parish Center
& Eucharistic Chapel**
46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**

Saint Mary Church
55 Warren Street

Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren and Soley Street

Social Ministry Office
49 Vine Street **617-990-7314**

Good Shepherd School
20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**



En este decimotercero domingo del tiempo ordinario de la iglesia, celebramos al Señor que da la vida. Dios nos creó para vivir, y es su deseo e intención que nosotros prosperemos en salud de cuerpo y mente. Así que la "muerte" se opone totalmente a Dios el autor de la vida. Esto era porque Cristo aceptó la muerte y la pobreza para que nosotros mismos podamos vivir y ser rico.

Hoy nuestra primera lectura del libro de la sabiduría nos recuerda el buen deseo de Dios para nosotros. Este plan no ha disminuido en modo alguno. Nunca

se cansa de la restauración de nosotros y no se detendrá. Por eso nos dice que: "... Yo sé los planes que tengo para ti, planes de bienestar y no para dañarte, planes para darte esperanza y un futuro..." (Jer 29, 11). Como un padre amoroso, el plan de Dios para nosotros sigue siendo supremo. Esto no importa si estamos vivos o muertos. También nos dice a través de Juan: "Amado, deseo sobre todas las cosas que puedan prosperar y estar en salud, así como prospera tu alma" (3 Jn 1, 2). Sí, este es el deseo de Dios para nosotros. Por lo tanto, así como la muerte y la enfermedad física no es sino una corrupción física del cuerpo, la vida eterna en Cristo es la definitiva curación y restauración de la vida espiritual que reside en nuestras almas. Esto se logra simplemente mediante la fe en Cristo.

Por lo tanto, nada cambia esta intención o plan de Dios para nosotros. Incluso cuando nosotros lo rechazamos, este plan de vida, prosperidad y buena salud sigue siendo concreto. Esto es debido al pacto que hizo el Dios trinitario para crear a seres humanos a su imagen y semejanza. Por lo tanto, permanece sin cambios el plan de Dios para nosotros: es el plan de vida no de muerte, buena salud no enfermedad, paz no la guerra, unidad no división, amor no odio y muchas más cosas buenas. Todo lo que necesitamos hacer es continuar diciendo sí a éstos con nuestra fe. Es debido a este plan que Pablo nos recuerda hoy en nuestra segunda lectura que: "... El Señor Jesús fue rico, pero se hizo pobre por amor de nosotros, para hacernos ricos con su pobreza". Por lo tanto, este plan mueve constantemente a Dios hacer todo lo posible para darnos alivio de nuestra enfermedad, preocupaciones, debilidades e incluso a mantenernos seguros y vivos para la gloria de su nombre. La escritura nos dice que: "Él no escatimó a su propio hijo, sino lo entregó por todos nosotros."

El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta dos milagros de Jesús. Estos milagros son evidencias de la voluntad y plan de Dios para nosotros su pueblo. También demuestran que mientras Cristo desea que seamos liberados de todas las formas de cautiverios, igualmente desea que demostremos una fuerte fe para caminar en nuestros milagros. En ambos casos, vemos fe en acción. La mujer demostró su fe viva con su acción activa. Esperó durante doce años, y cuando llegó su oportunidad, ella lo tomó por fe. No era miedo o vergüenza de la multitud. Su acción y la reacción de Jesús, simplemente nos enseñan que venir y tocar a Cristo deben ser una acción muy deliberada motivada por una fe viva. Además, Jairo demostró su fe en nombre de su hija al invitar persistentemente a Cristo. Tanto Jairo y la mujer nunca se rindieron, en cambio, esperaron pacientemente hasta que se cumplió el plan de Dios para ellos.

Finalmente, debemos aprender primero que el plan de Dios para nosotros es, prosperar tanto en cuerpo y alma, pero debemos ser pacientes y entrar a este plan con fe. En segundo lugar tenemos un papel que desempeñar en el plan de Dios hacia los demás. Por ello, Pablo nos dice hoy: "Siempre tienes de todo... así que esperamos que pongas más en esta obra de misericordia también." Así, mientras Cristo busca nuestro bienestar todos los días, también debemos constantemente buscar el bienestar de los demás. Alabemos al Señor diciendo: "Te alabaré, Señor, eternamente"

Religious Education

Early Registration 2018/2019

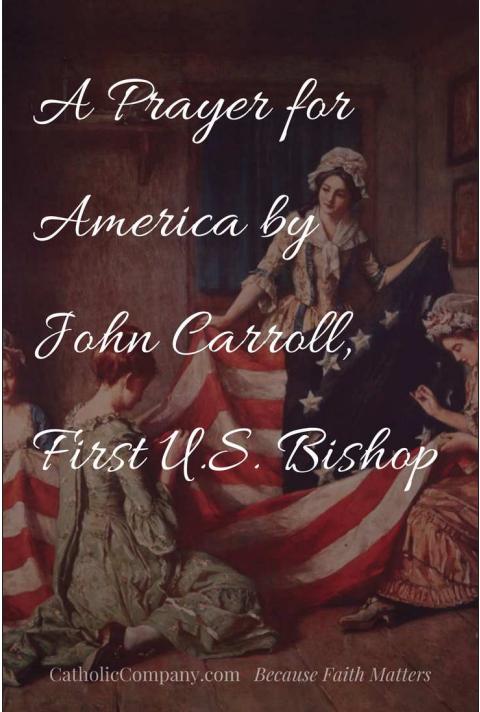
Early registration for this fall's religious education classes is now open! Forms can be found at the back of the Church in both Spanish and English. Please return them filled out to the Parish Center. We look forward to the first class which will be a Family Event on Sunday, September 16. Have a great summer!



RICA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about the Catholic faith and perhaps become Catholic.

For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or

email ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org



Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.



St. Thomas was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His feast day is celebrated July 3. He is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded. Thomas put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

MORE PICS - HARVEST ON VINE BBQ



Wedding Banns



I. William Durette & Linda Rowe



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE
POOR BOXES AT
THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH**



Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you are confined to home, either on a short or longer term basis, we want to do our best to help you feel connected to our community. Please let us know your situation by calling 617-242-4664. We are happy to come to your home for a friendly visit and to provide you with the Sacraments of Confession, Communion, or Anointing of the Sick. If you know of a person within the Parish who is confined to home, perhaps a relative, neighbor or friend, and would like us to visit, we welcome the opportunity to do so!



Transformed in Love Marriage Prep – Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/familylife or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

III. William Evan Price
& Alexandra Mendonca



Please pray for those serving in our Armed Forces and their families:

Gerald Byrnes Jr. (Marines)

Ralph Rizzo, Jr. (Marines)

Joseph Upton, Jr. (Marines)

Kenneth (Army)

Jackie Walsh (Army)

If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact the Parish at 617-242-4664.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 6/30

4:00 PM + MAGGIE URQUHART

SUNDAY 07/01

8:00 AM
10:30 AM
6:00 PM

ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 07/02

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 07/03

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 07/04 -OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM INDEPENDENCE DAY PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 07/05

8:00 AM

Friday 07/06

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY 07/07

4:00 PM + GEORGE & MARIE OLSEN

Sunday 07/08

8:00 AM + ANDY MYERS,
WILLIAM LYMAN SINGER
& LISA MITCHERONE

10:30 AM + MICHAEL & BOB BURTON, SR.

6:00 PM + KATE PACHECO &
THERESA GALLAGHER

Cereal Drive Harvest on Vine

The food pantry needs your help this summer! Please consider dropping off a box or two of cereal at the back of the church at weekend Masses. Thank you for all you do.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

is always a joyful event in our Parish. It's such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child. To learn more, please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email: ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org.



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

Doris Messenheimer

Attendance

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| Sat 06/23 | 4:00 PM - | 51 |
| Sun 06/24 | 8:00 AM - | 72 |
| Sun 06/24 | 10:30 AM - | 138 |
| Sun 06/24 | 6:00 PM - | 67 |
| TOTAL | | 328 |

Upcoming Collections

July 15, 2018

Monthly Offering

August 5, 2018

CRS (Catholic Relief Services)



Weekend of 6/24

Parishioners contributed \$6,340.62 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioner contributed \$1,082.00 for the second collection for Peter's Pence

Thank you for your continued support!

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ADULT CONFIRMATION

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CENTERING PRAYER

FAITH SHARING

CURSILLO

OTHER MINISTRIES

PRISON MINISTRY

ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HARVEST ON VINE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIAL GROUPS

COFFEE HOUR

BOOK CLUB

PLAYGROUP

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