



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

July 8, 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.

LOST & FOUND

Supposedly it goes with aging – forgetting where something is – not remembering where you last saw/used or placed an item. While I resist that as an exclusive characteristic of someone over '60, I have to admit some truth to the theorem. Losing one's keys seems the most annoying, perhaps only bested by misplacing a cell phone.

Most of us can identify with the emotion of discovering something is lost – seems like it happens just when we need it ...! And can you recall how you feel when the object is found, especially if the search has gone on for a bit and others have been helping? The relief is huge.

But there are other kinds of losses we all know about: jobs, homes, friendships, money, health, agility, independence, even freedom that may not be resolved as we may hope. Truth is, life includes many moments when we face loss, and some are devastating. Sometimes our losses big and small can nurture a self pity and that can lead to magnify the loss in our lives.

One common response to certain types of loss is, "Why?" We search for answers and we often seek to find out whom or what is to blame for the loss.

And often enough the answer is elusive and our anger is directed to God: "Why did God let this happen to ME?" This course may cause us to turn away from the very One who seeks to comfort, sustain and direct us in times of trial.

So how do we live with loss? The movement of life is only in one direction – there is no going back. The pain of loss and change can break us or can open us to a new way of being. Instead of asking "Why", in faith, one can ask "What": "What does God want me to do now? What can I do to move forward? What can I learn from this loss?"



I recall being at a very low point in my life, struggling with change and loss. I wandered into a bookstore and was browsing around. There was a display of book marks, little plastic strips printed with a quote or saying. One read, "The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God will not sustain you". I bought that book mark and took great comfort in that truth. I needed to accept the loss and changes and seek to move forward, to learn, to grow, to adapt and to trust.

Marion Howard once wrote: "Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and

INSIDE: After Mass Coffee Time

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

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Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night". God gives to each of us whatever we need to live through the losses of our lives. When we believe that, actually trust that truth, then the loss can yield something to be found.

Maybe Charles Schultz is right when he says: "Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use". Indeed, we need to try out the other gears – they are there to be used and when we do, we may find a speed that really works very well for us.

Friends, the God who made us, who knows us better than we know ourselves and whose love for us is constant and unconditional will never abandon us. As we go forward with the losses and the finds of our life, look around. There is some new insight and experience awaiting, and God is behind us all the way.

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!

July 8 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We hear in today's gospel that Jesus returned to his hometown but he did not receive a warm reception. In fact, people questioned his authority and were unwilling to believe his teaching. St. Paul also refers to the trials and hardships he encountered in his preaching. Despite the rejection they experienced, neither St. Paul nor Jesus did not back away from their mission. Pray for the grace to persevere in the work of being a disciple.

**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



Cuando ya se había hecho popular y famoso por sus milagros y su enseñanza, Jesús volvió un día a su lugar de origen, Nazaret, y como de costumbre se puso a enseñar en la sinagoga. Pero esta vez no suscitó ningún entusiasmo, ningún ¡hosanna!. Más que escuchar cuanto decía y juzgarle según ello, la gente se puso a hacer consideraciones ajenas: «¿De dónde ha sacado esta sabiduría? No ha estudiado; le conocemos bien; es el carpintero, ¡el hijo de María!». «Y se escandalizaban de Él», o sea, encontraban un obstáculo para creerle en el hecho de que le conocían bien.

Jesús comentó amargamente: «Un profeta sólo en su patria, entre sus parientes y en su casa carece de prestigio». Esta frase se ha convertido en proverbial en la forma abreviada: *Nemo propheta in patria*, nadie es profeta en su tierra. Pero esto es sólo una curiosidad. El pasaje evangélico nos lanza también una advertencia implícita que podemos resumir así: ¡atentos a no cometer el mismo error que cometieron los nazarenos! En cierto sentido, Jesús vuelve a su patria cada vez que su Evangelio es anunciado en los países que fueron, en un tiempo, la cuna del cristianismo.

Nazaret para Jesús: «el lugar donde fue criado» (el cristianismo nació en Asia, pero creció en Europa, ¡un poco como Jesús había nacido en Belén, pero fue criado en Nazaret!). Hoy corren el mismo riesgo que los nazarenos: no reconocer a Jesús. La carta constitucional de la nueva Europa unida no es el único lugar del que Él es actualmente «expulsado»...

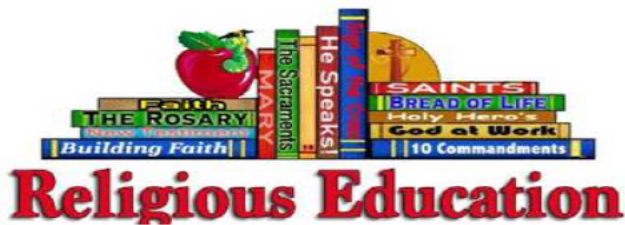
El episodio del Evangelio nos enseña algo importante. Jesús nos deja libres; propone, no impone sus dones. Aquel día, ante el rechazo de sus paisanos, Jesús no se abandonó a amenazas e invectivas. No dijo, indignado, como se cuenta que hizo Publio Escipión, el africano, dejando Roma: «Ingrata patria, ¡no tendrás mis huesos!». Sencillamente se marchó a otro lugar. Una vez no fue recibido en cierto pueblo; los discípulos indignados le propusieron hacer bajar fuego del cielo, pero Jesús se volvió y les reprendió (Lc 9, 54).

Así actúa también hoy. «Dios es tímido». Tiene mucho más respeto de nuestra libertad que la que tenemos nosotros mismos, los unos de la de los otros. Esto crea una gran responsabilidad. San Agustín decía: «Tengo miedo de Jesús que pasa» (*Timeo Jesum transeuntem*). Podría, en efecto, pasar sin que me percate, pasar sin que yo esté dispuesto a acogerle.

Su paso es siempre un paso de gracia. Marcos dice sintéticamente que, habiendo llegado a Nazaret en sábado, Jesús «se puso a enseñar en la sinagoga». Pero el Evangelio de Lucas especifica también qué enseñó y qué dijo aquel sábado. Dijo que había venido «para anunciar a los pobres la Buena Nueva, para proclamar la liberación a los cautivos y la vista a los ciegos; para dar la libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar un año de gracia del Señor» (Lucas 4, 18-19).

Lo que Jesús proclamaba en la sinagoga de Nazaret era, por lo tanto, el primer jubileo cristiano de la historia, el primer gran «año de gracia», del que todos los jubileos y «años santos» son una conmemoración. – Papa Francisco





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 Eu-

charist 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, please call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or

email ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org



PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY - EVANGELIZATION: PRIESTS AND THEIR PASTORAL MINISTRY



The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses from sin, therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for his Sacred Heart from which his blood poured out on the Cross. The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, most notably St. Catherine of Siena. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread greatly through the preaching of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, a 19th century priest and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and was later approved and recommended by the Holy See. The feast day of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is July 1st.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness

of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

Saints this week:

Jul 8 - St. Priscilla

Jul 9 - St. Gregorio Grassi

Jul 10 - Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz

Jul 11 - St. Benedict of Nursi

Jul 12 - St. Veronica

Jul 13 - St. Silas

Jul 14- St. Kateri Tekawitha

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!



Located at 20 Winthrop St in the lower level of St. Mary's Church. Good Shepherd School is a preschool for children ages 2 to 5 years old, running from September to June.

Our mission is to serve the diverse range of families that comprise our community by providing a Catholic education to children in a nurturing environment.

Applications for enrollment and financial aid are available throughout the entire year. Visit



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.



Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary

Mass – If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary Parish in Waltham at 4:00PM for the annual Anniversary Mass and renewal of vows. Couples can register at bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass or contact Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org or 617-746-5803.

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.

Just an FYI

Scott Hahn, Author of over 40 books, Founder and President of St. Paul Biblical Theology, given thousands of lectures and talks on biblical theology and is presently hold the Father Michael Scanlon chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at the Franciscan University in Steubenville.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Tickets - \$25.00 pp

Call 781-598-4907

Or email

Chris Carmody

ccarmody@lynncatholic.org



Wedding Banns



II. William Durette & Linda Rowe



I. Nathaniel Malo & Megan Russell



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 7/07

4:00 PM + GEORGE & MARIE OLSEN

SUNDAY 07/08

8:00 AM + ANDY MEYERS

+ WILLIAM LYMAN SINGER &
LISA MITCHERONE

10:30 AM + MICHAEL & BOB BURTON SR.

6:00 PM + KATE PACHECO &
THERESA GALLAGHER

ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 07/09

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 07/10

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 07/11

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 07/12

8:00 AM + Shirley Dube

Friday 07/13

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY 07/14

4:00 PM THE DACEY FAMILY &
MARY DACEY APPELYARD

Sunday 07/15

8:00 AM + ELIZABETH & JOHN JACKSON

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

**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.



**Sanctuary Lamp
in Church
Lit for
Susan Caranfa**



**Resquiescat
in Pace
Edward "Edgie"
O'Hearn, Jr.**

Attendance

Sat 06/30	4:00 PM -	60
Sun 07/01	8:00 AM -	64
Sun 07/02	10:30 AM -	103
Sun 07/03	6:00 PM -	57
TOTAL		284

Upcoming Collections

July 15, 2018

Monthly Offering

August 5, 2018

CRS (Catholic Relief Services)



Weekend of 7/01

Parishioners contributed \$6,722.69 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Thank you for your continued support!

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ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

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PLAYGROUP

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