



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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stmarystcatherine.org

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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

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.

Pope Francis changes teaching on death penalty

The Vatican announced on Thursday, August 2, that Pope Francis approved changes to the compendium of Catholic teaching published under Pope John Paul II. “The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,” reads the Catechism of the Catholic Church now on the death penalty, with the addition that the Church “works with determination for its abolition worldwide.” This is a departure from what the document, approved under Pope John Paul II in 1992, says on the matter: “Assuming that the guilty party’s identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.” The former formula does stipulate that if non-lethal means are sufficient to protect people’s safety from the aggressor, then authority must limit itself to it, as these “are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity to the dignity of the human person.”

In 1997, the Catechism was changed to reflect John Paul’s 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*.

The addition said that the cases in which the execution of the offender is

an absolute necessity “are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.” As it’s been re-written, the Catechism now also says that “Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.” Yet today, “there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state.” “Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption,” reads the Catechism now, as it was approved by Francis.

It’s for this reason, and “in light of the Gospel,” that the Church teaches that the practice is now inadmissible.

Together with the revised number 2267 of the Catechism, the Vatican released a letter by Ladaria addressed to the bishops. In it, he explains the decision, saying it was Francis who on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism, had asked for the teaching on the death penalty to be reformulated to “better reflect



Feast of the Assumption of Mary

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.

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the development of the doctrine on this point." The pope's words came on Oct. 11, when Francis said that capital punishment "heavily wounds human dignity" and is an "inhuman measure." "It is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor," he said. According to Ladaria, the new formulation of the Catechism expresses "an authentic development of doctrine that is not in contradiction with the prior teachings of the Magisterium." He then explains that previous Church teaching with regards to the death penalty can be explained in a social context in which the penal sanctions were understood differently, and "had developed in an environment in which it was more difficult to guarantee that the criminal could not repeat his crime."

Marking down the development, Ladaria quotes from Francis's two immediate predecessors, first saying that John Paul II's document *Evangelium vitae* is key in this development of the doctrine. In it, the Polish pope enumerated the signs of hope for a new culture of life, including "a growing public opposition to the death penalty, even when such a penalty is seen as a kind of 'legitimate

defense' on the part of society." Criminals, the late pontiff wrote, shouldn't be "definitively" denied the chance to reform. It was this document, as Ladaria points out in his letter that led to the first change in the Catechism on this issue, saying the cases in which the death penalty is justified are, in reality, "practically non-existent."

Ladaria then goes on to say that John Paul's commitment to the abolition of the death penalty was then continued by Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, who recalled "the attention of society's leaders to the need to make every effort to eliminate the death penalty." He closes the 10-point letter saying that the new formulation wants to infuse energy towards a "decisive commitment to favor a mentality that recognizes the dignity of every human life and, in respectful dialogue with civil authorities, to encourage the creation of conditions that allow for the elimination of the death penalty where it is still in effect."

Excerpts from CRUX Inés San Martín Aug 2, 2018 ROME BUREAU CHIEF <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2018/08/02/pope-francis-changes-teaching-on-death-penalty-its-inadmissible/>



AUGUST 12 ~

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Elijah was ready to give up, "This is enough O Lord. Take my life...", but God would hear none of it: "Get up and eat..." In the beautiful Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that He is the Bread of Life "...whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." When tempted to give up and stop trying, remember that Jesus is here, each week, waiting to feed you with this Bread of Life. Get up and eat!

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



Hoy es el decimonoveno domingo del tiempo ordinario. Como el pan de vida, Jesús continúa atrayéndonos a sí mismo. Esto es para nutrirnos y fortalecernos en nuestro viaje, tal y como Dios llamó a Elías en el desierto para nutrirlo y animarlo. Muchas veces he oído decir: *"Padre, no hay razón para vivir; Estoy cansado de esta vida. Estoy solo en mi lucha. No creo que Dios todavía escuche mis oraciones, me siento morir."* Sé muy bien que esos momentos en la vida, que hacen que la mayoría de nosotros hagamos tales declaraciones no son fáciles en absoluto. Sin embargo, hablando de esta manera es un signo de casi aceptar la derrota y pérdida de la esperanza en la restauración y la Divina Providencia. La buena noticia hoy es, que hay esperanza en Jesús el pan de vida que nos atrae a sí mismo cada día para alimentarnos.

Considero que nuestra primera lectura de hoy es muy alentadora. De muchas maneras, es muy alentadora porque muchos de nosotros estamos en el mismo barco ahora como Elías. Por lo tanto, todos nos identificamos con el Profeta y su situación. Por desgracia, el mismo Elías que era valiente contra Acab en su palacio y en el Monte Carmelo; el mismo Elías que también fue testigo de Dios en la casa de la viuda, en los años de hambruna y en el fuego y la lluvia del cielo, de repente se convirtió en temeroso y desanimado. Sin embargo, cuando pensaba que toda esperanza estaba perdida, Dios intervino divinamente por la alimentación y el fortalecimiento para su viaje. ¿Qué aprendemos de Elías hoy? ¡Simple! Debemos aprender a descansar nuestras expectativas en la soberanía de Dios, confiando en su tiempo, Divina Providencia y protección. También, otra importante y alentadora lección aquí es, que fracaso no significa derrota, o el fin de nuestra vida y viaje.

En nuestra segunda lectura, Pablo nos recuerda que como hijos de Dios, cada uno de nosotros lleva una marca del Espíritu Santo. Este espíritu es nuestra guía, fuerza y compañía en el viaje de la vida. Por lo tanto, debemos confiar en él y caminar con Él. Llorando nos dificultará nuestro viaje. Si confiamos en Él y caminamos con Él, nos conducirá con seguridad a través de los ásperos caminos de la vida. Él nos conducirá a Cristo el pan de vida que nutre y nos fortalece en nuestro camino. Pablo nos dice cómo mantener esta relación con el Espíritu Santo. *"Nunca tengan rencor contra otro, o pierdan los estribos, levante su voz a nadie o se insulten mutuamente... perdonarnos unos a otros tan fácilmente como también Dios nos perdona en Cristo."*

Hoy, como lo fue para Elías, Jesús se enfrenta a sus propios obstáculos. Los fariseos no creyeron en Él. En cambio, buscaron medios de desacreditarlo a Él y su trabajo. Jesús no se rindió. Por el contrario permaneció enfocado. Demostró ser el pan de vida que Elías comió y fue restaurado. Por lo tanto, Él nos atrae a sí mismo cada día a través de la mesa eucarística para nutrir y fortalecer a nosotros para nuestro viaje. Él nos llena con su espíritu, que dirige y nos orienta en el camino correcto en nuestro viaje. Él es el pan de vida que satisface nuestra hambre espiritual. Hoy, Cristo está diciendo a nosotros como Él habló a Elías en el desierto, *"levantarse, comer, beber y continuar su viaje"* con una nueva esperanza, celo y un nuevo espíritu.

Finalmente, como lo fue para Elías hoy en día, su dolor está a punto de transformarse en alegría. Esa soledad en el desierto de tu vida está a punto de dispersarse por la multitud de ángeles que están dispuestos a asistir esa aparente derrota que está a punto de ser convertida en una gran victoria, porque: *"Al caer la tarde nos visita el llanto, pero la mañana es un grito de alegría"* (Ps 30, 5). No perder la esperanza. Por el contrario, pedir la gracia para continuar y lo encontrarás. Además, todo lo que necesitamos es simplemente: *"Gustar y ver que el Señor es bueno,"* porque realmente es el pan de vida que nos fortalece cada día.

Hope of the Nations:

A conference sponsored by Hope Conferences and the Archdiocese of Boston is returning on Sept. 15 to Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The program runs from 8:30AM-6:00PM, doors open at 8:00. "Hope, Healing and Deliverance" is this year's theme. Key-note speakers include Dr. Ralph Martin, noted author, speaker, and professor on topics related to the New Evangelization and Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization; and Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an author/speaker on evangelization, scripture, healing, and the spiritual life.

For registration and details, visit hopeconferences.com.

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.

St. Maximilian Kolbe - Feast Day August 14:



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II. St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, after being allowed to enter the novitiate, and in 1911, he professed his first vows. At the age of 21, Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would also earn a doctorate in theology by the time he was 28.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary. In 1918, he was ordained a priest and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate). He also operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major religious publishing center. Kolbe also founded monasteries in both Japan and India. To this day, the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later. Kolbe refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution. After receiving permission to continue his religious publishing, Kolbe's monastery acted as a publishing house again and issued many anti-Nazi German publications. On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim to severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day.

Recognized as the Servant of God, Kolbe was beatified as a "Confessor of the Faith" on October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe not a confessor, but a martyr Kolbe's is often depicted in a prison uniform and with a needle being injected into an arm. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY - AUGUST 15 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN. THE CHURCH HOLDS THAT, AT THE END OF HER EARTHLY LIFE, OUR LADY'S BODY WAS ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN BEFORE IT COULD BEGIN TO DECAY. UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST CAN BE TRACED BACK TO ABOUT THE 6TH CENTURY. IT IS CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL MARIAN FEASTS BECAUSE IT COMMEMORATES MARY'S ENTRANCE INTO ETERNAL LIFE. ON NOV. 1, 1950, POPE PIUS XII DECLARED "THAT THE IMMACULATE MOTHER OF GOD, THE EVER VIRGIN MARY, HAVING COMPLETED THE COURSE OF HER EARTHLY LIFE, WAS ASSUMED BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVENLY GLORY." EXERCISING PAPAL INFALLIBILITY, POPE PIUS XII DECLARED THIS BELIEF AS A DOGMA OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

CATHOLICS ARE OBLIGED TO ATTEND MASS ON THIS DAY. WE WILL CELEBRATE MASS IN ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL ON TUESDAY, AUG. 14 AT 7PM AND WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15 AT 8:00 AM. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS

SPECIAL FEAST HONORING MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

Building a Place

Several years ago we refurbished and dedicated our simple and lovely *Mary's Peace Garden*, behind the church on Soley Street. It is in that garden that we have wanted a beautiful crèche, imagining the stable where the Baby Jesus was born.

This year is the year for us to build this crèche and also to repair and replace the images for the stable. This article is an invitation to any member of the parish who would like to work on this project. Whether you wish to saw wood, design with a pencil, hammer a nail or purchase the lumber and materials – everyone is welcome to help out on the project.

The starting point is to send an email expressing your interest and your proposal of how we should move forward to: buildingaplace@stmaryscatherine.org.

We will assemble all suggestions and call a design meeting in late August.

This year it will be so very special to have a beautiful crèche out in our neighborhood this Advent and Christmas time. I hope you will join me in whatever way you can in this project.



Religious Education

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is now open!

Please Register via the parish website for grades K-8



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 ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org.



Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?)

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Learn about the Catholic faith with RCIA

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey. Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them!

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

To find out how you may participate in the RCIA process, please contact Sister Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at (617) 242-4664 or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org.



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 08/11

4:00 PM + MARGARET & EMMETT PULLIAM
+ HELEN IRVING, RITA SULLIVAN
+ ELEANOR CONNOR

SUNDAY 08/12

8:00 AM
10:30 AM + ANNE & EDWARD BOYLE
6:00 PM

ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 08/13

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/14

8:00 AM
7:30 PM VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY—CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 08/15

8:00 AM ASSUMPTION OF MARY—CHAPEL

THURSDAY 08/16

8:00 AM

Friday 08/17

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY 08/18

4:00 PM + DAVID LATTA
& MEAGHAN BRADY

Sunday 08/19

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

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is confined to home, either on a short or longer term basis, as we want to do our best to help them feel connected to our community.

Please call us at 617-242-4664 if you, a relative or neighbor is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.



**Sanctuary Lamp
in Church
Lit for
Guy Macarone**

Attendance

Sat 08/04	4:00 PM -	88
Sun 08/05	8:00 AM -	73
Sun 08/05	10:30 AM -	131
Sun 08/05	6:00 PM -	64
TOTAL		356

Upcoming Collections

August 15, 2018

Assumption

August 19, 2018

Monthly



Weekend of 08/05

Parishioners contributed \$7,579.05 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

and

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To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or visit our website at stmarystcatherine.org