



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

August 18, 2018

Singing to the Lord

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.

There is one phrase I have heard too much from people when I tell them I direct choirs. That phrase is “I don’t sing”. Really? You don’t sing in the shower? You don’t sing in the car when your favorite song comes on? I find that very hard to believe!

The next thing I hear is “I can’t sing”. Often times I respond to this by saying, “Oh okay” and I allow the conversation to move on to something else; but inside I want to ask you, “Why can’t you sing?” My professors in music studies had the opposite perspective. He said, “You can sing great with the



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still strongly agree with this. The voice is like a muscle. You have to give it a workout until it is strong, or in this case, begins to sound lovely.

Singing is referenced constantly in scripture readings. There are endless reasons for singing, both in the Old Testament and New Testament. We sing to the Lord for creation, for His blessings, for His glory, and many other reasons given in scripture and likely even more reasons we can come up with in our personal lives. It is one of the most wonderful ways of expressing our love of God, and our joy at receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Bring on the singing, no matter how bad you think you sound, and believe me you likely don’t sound as bad as you think! Sing at home, sing in your car, and sing your joy to God.

With September around the corner, we are getting ready to start up our choirs at St Mary’s Church. If you or someone you know sings, or would like to sing, or plays an instrument, please contact me at daniel_sauceda@bostonconservatory.edu and we’ll help you get started in participating as little or as much as you would like!

Daniel Saucedo, Music Director

Religious Education Starting Sept. 16

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 stmarystcatherine.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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life continues in today's gospel. It is a teaching we need to hear over and over. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." Jesus is inviting us to receive his body and blood at Mass in Holy Communion.

Savor Jesus' words as you receive Communion today. Is there someone you know who isn't here this week? Pray for strength to invite that person to come to Mass and Holy Communion next week.



Religious Education

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is now open!

Please Register: Forms can be found at the back of the Church or on the web site. Please return them filled out to the Parish Center. The first class will be a Family Event on Sunday, September 16.

See our parish website for grades K-8



PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



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@stmarystcatherine.org.

**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 vigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario. Por un par de semanas, han continuado nuestras lecturas sobre todo, los evangelios, diciéndonos que Jesús es el pan de vida. Esto es simplemente para recordarnos la importancia de la Santa Eucaristía en nuestra vida cristiana. Por lo tanto, la Iglesia nos enseña que: *“La Eucaristía significa y realiza la comunión de vida con Dios y la unidad del Pueblo de Dios por lo que la Iglesia es ella misma.”* (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 1325). Eucaristía significa acción de gracias. Así que, lleno del Espíritu Santo, damos gracias a Dios por invitarnos a compartir su sabiduría en el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo.

En nuestra primera lectura de hoy, Dios que es sabiduría nos invita a su banquete. Sin embargo, sólo aquellos que son humildes tendrán ventaja a esta invitación. Los que pretenden ser sabios ya no pueden entender el misterio y la eficacia del banquete que Dios ha preparado para nosotros. Sólo aquellos que se humillan así mismos, entenderán este banquete donde Cristo es el dador y el regalo; el sacerdote y el cordero para el sacrificio.

En el evangelio cuando Cristo dijo: *“Yo soy el pan de vida bajado del cielo, quien come de este pan vivirá para siempre...”* Por esta razón, los judíos se enojaron. La razón es que, estaban llenos de orgullo y sabiduría mundana. Tenían ojos pero no podían ver realmente. Se negaron a ser tontos para ser sabios en los caminos de Dios. Por esto, se cierra el banquete del cuerpo y sangre de Cristo. A veces algunos de nosotros se comportan como los judíos. Esto es asumiendo que podemos analizar y entender el misterio del cuerpo y sangre de Cristo con nuestra limitada comprensión humana y la sabiduría de este mundo. Diciendo como los judíos: *“¿Cómo podría él darnos su cuerpo a comer y su sangre a beber?”*

Por lo tanto, Pablo nos advierte hoy: *“Tenga cuidado de portarse no como insensatos sino como prudentes...traten de entender cuál es la voluntad de Dios... Den continuamente gracias a Dios padre por todas las cosas.”* Solo gente prudente y reflexiva ve a Cristo en la Santa Eucaristía. Ellos son los que no tienen duda de que Cristo es el pan de vida. Ellos son los que responden a la invitación de Dios para tener vida y real sabiduría aunque siendo ignorantes y estúpidos. Es en la voluntad de Dios que tenemos vida en plenitud. Esta plenitud de la vida está en Cristo, el pan de vida.

Queridos amigos, debemos prestar atención a este llamado sonoro de Dios. Darnos cuenta de nuestra necesidad e ignorancia. Humillémonos en lugar de permanecer obstinados como los judíos y vengan para el banquete del cuerpo y sangre de Cristo. Dejemos de dudar de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Por el contrario, hagamos esfuerzos para ser reconciliados a Cristo el pan de vida.

Sé que algunos de nosotros tienen muchas razones que parecen genuinas para mantenerse alejados de la Eucaristía. Sin embargo, la verdad es que, ninguna razón es lo suficientemente buena para no responder a la invitación de Dios a compartir su banquete de la vida y, la verdadera sabiduría. Ninguna razón es lo suficientemente buena para no aceptar la vida que Jesús nos ofrece a través de su cuerpo y su sangre. Todo lo que necesitamos es hacer esfuerzos, eliminando todos los obstáculos que bloquean nuestros ojos espirituales, mentes y formas. Es decir, esos obstáculos que nos impiden recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo. Si usted todavía duda, no dude más. Si usted ha pecado, busque la reconciliación con Cristo mediante el Sacramento de la Confesión. Una vez más hoy, el salmista nos invita: *“Gustad y ved que el Señor es bueno,”* porque realmente es el pan de vida que nos fortalece cada día.

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.





ST ROSE OF LIMA - FEAST DAY - AUGUST 23

Saint Rose of Lima, T.O.S.D. (April 20, 1586 – August 24, 1617), was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in Lima, Peru, who became known for both her life of severe asceticism and her care of the needy of the city through her own private efforts. A lay member of the Dominican Order, she has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church, being the first person born in the Americas to be canonized as a saint. As a saint, Rose of Lima has been designated as a co-patroness of the Philippines along with Saint Pudentiana; both saints were both moved to second-class patronage in September 1942, by Pope Pius XII, but Rose remains the primary patroness of Peru and the indigenous natives of Latin America. Her image is featured on the highest denomination banknote of Peru.

Historians remember St. Rose of Lima for her piety and chastity. Born to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally beautiful. Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose," a name that remains with her to this day. According to legend, a servant had a vision where her face turned into a rose. At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose. As a young girl—in emulation of the noted Dominican tertiary, St. Catherine of Siena—she began to fast three times a week and performed severe penances in secret. When she was admired for her beauty, Rose cut off her hair and smeared pepper on her face, upset that men were beginning to take notice of her. She rejected all suitors against the objections of her friends and her family. Despite the censure of her parents, she spent many hours contemplating the Blessed Sacrament, which she received daily, an extremely rare practice in that period. She was determined to take a vow of virginity, which was opposed by her parents, who wished her to marry. Finally, out of frustration, her father gave her a room to herself in the family home.

St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. She quit eating meat altogether, an extreme dietary restriction for that time. When she turned 20, she was permitted to join the Third Order of St. Dominic. She continued a life of extreme prayer, fasting and penance. She was known to wear a heavy silver crown, with spikes that could pierce her flesh. The spikes reminded her of the Crown of Thorns.

St. Rose died in on August 25, 1617, at the age of 31. According to legend, she accurately predicted the date of her death. Her funeral was a major event attended by all the city's authorities. Pope Clement IX beatified her in 1667 and Pope Clement X recognized her as a saint, canonizing her in 1671. Her feast day is August 23 around the world, although some countries, like Peru, celebrate her on August 30.

St. Rose is the patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and people who



Queenship of Mary - August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my

Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen enthroned above
O Maria
Hail Mother of mercy and of love
O Maria

(Refrain)
Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us,
ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn,
Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina

Our life and sweetness here below,
O Maria
Our hope in sorrow and in woe
O Maria

And when our life breath leaves us
O Maria
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus
O Maria

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I. Kevin Cole & Rachel Murray

GROWING IN FAITH WITH THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

- 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?

For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org



10th Annual Dinner Celebration of the Priesthood

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT TRUST

Our parish would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the tenth annual Celebration of the Priesthood dinner on **Tuesday, September 18** at the Seaport World Trade Center. Academy Award-nominated actor Mark Wahlberg is this year's keynote speaker and will describe the transformative role of parish priests in his life. All the event proceeds support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston that provides exceptional health and personal care services to all our priests. This essential support enables priests to live their life-long vocation in the services of others.



Each year, nearly 1,600 people from across the Archdiocese attend this special event. Please consider joining our parish in support of all our priests. Call the office or stop by to purchase a ticket (\$350 per person).

RESERVE NOW – PARISH TABLE SEATS ARE LIMITED!



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 08/18

4:00 PM + DAVID LATTA, JR.
& + MEAGHAN BRADY

SUNDAY 08/19

8:00 AM + CELIA & BILL HAFEY
10:30 AM
6:00 PM + SHARON K. McLAUGHLIN
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+ THOMAS McLAUGHLIN, SR.

ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 08/20

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/21

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 08/22

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 08/23

8:00 AM

Friday 08/24

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY 08/25

4:00 PM + MARION BURR

Sunday 08/26

8:00 AM + CATHERINE & DANIEL NOONAN
10:30 AM + GERALD A. WALL
6:00 PM + EMMA MAHONEY

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 Jack & Mary Sheehan

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp is Lit for Assunta Caranfa

Attendance

Sat 08/11	4:00 PM -	103
Sun 08/12	8:00 AM -	53
Sun 08/12	10:30 AM -	126
Sun 08/12	6:00 PM -	63
TOTAL		345

Upcoming Collections

August 19, 2018

Monthly

September 2, 2018

Catholic University



Weekend of 08/12

Parishioners contributed \$4,888.05 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

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Thank you for your continued support!

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