



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

August 26, 2018

Coming Home

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.

As we wind down summer, there is a rush to make sure that everything that was supposed to get done over these short few months actually got done. Did the kids finish their summer reading? Did I paint that room I was going to? Did my wife and I go to that great restaurant that we found years ago? Did I finish that book I was going to read? Did I even start it?

The amount that we try to cram into summer can be exhausting to just think about. But, next year, we will do the same thing again. Let’s plan as much as we can and try to squeeze it all in.

For me, September actually brings some relief. The kids get back into their normalcy. More people are getting back into their Monday to Friday routines. Sure, that means more cars and busses on the roads, but with the busyness, it forces you to also slow down a little bit because the traffic will not allow you to go any faster! For me it feels good to just come home.

Coming home gives me a sense of relief that I rarely get from anything else that I do. When you walk through the doors at home, there is a sigh – a breath of fresh air. There could be other



things going on at home that make it seem stressful, but you’re still home. Relax, take that breath – if only for a minute – and then dive into what needs to get done. Those minutes are few and far between.

Another one of those moments for me is when I walk through the doors of our beautiful Church. “I’m home” is what I say to myself. I believe this feeling is also the same for many other parishioners in our Parish. You can feel the warmth of the building, the love of other parishioners – and of course God’s love.

Just like our familial homes, there is also that other “stuff” that needs to get done at the Church. Paying the bills, taking care of the property, and fixing what needs to get fixed. The people of our Parish come together in remarkable ways when things need to get done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers from MGH will come and help clean the Church. Our religious education program will be starting soon, and many volunteers will come together and teach the children of Our Parish.

A few weeks ago, Fr. Ronan mentioned the “Building a place” project where a group of parishioners will



INSIDE: National Recovery Month

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

Fr. James J. Ronan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Business Manager

James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

Director of Music and Organist

Daniel Saucedo

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmarystcatherine.org")

Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.Sa.

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

Deacons

Dan Burns

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

Visit us at
stmarystcatherine.org
and
[facebook.com/
stmarystcatherine](https://facebook.com/stmarystcatherine)

come together, as they always do, and create a new home – a crèche, for our Peace Garden.

If you are interested in helping with any of these, or any of the ministries listed weekly in the bulletin on page 6, please let us know.

For those coming back from sum-

mer traveling, I hope you get the same feeling as I do when I walk through the doors of the Church. The sense of belonging is real. You truly are HOME in God's house – and he is welcoming you with open arms.

James Santosuosso
Business Manager



AUGUST 26 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some who heard Jesus' teaching returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. The demands of being a follower of Christ were too much for them. When you are tired and being a disciple of Jesus feels too hard, how will you respond to the question Jesus asks in today's gospel, "Do you also want to leave?" Pray for the grace to respond like Peter did, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We are convinced that you are the holy one of God."

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018

"That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others."



SEPTEMBER DEVOTION

September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or *Dolours*) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls in September. The Sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ.

**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



Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, (AD 331–387) She was an early Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in most Christian denominations for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

She was married early in life to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Tagaste. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent when the boy recovered.

But Monica's joy and relief at Augustine's recovery turned to anxiety as he misspent his renewed life being wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was finally sent to school at Madauros. He was 17 and studying rhetoric in Carthage when Patricius died.

Augustine had become a Manichaean at Carthage; when upon his return home he shared his views regarding Manichaeism, Monica drove him away from her table. However, she is said to have experienced a vision that convinced her to reconcile with him.

At this time she visited a certain (unnamed) holy bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, where he had gone secretly; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity after 17 years of resistance.

National Recovery Month

Prevention Works • Treatment is Effective • People Recover

september 2018

You Are Invited!

Annual Recovery Month Mass

September 9, 2018

Please join us in prayer for all those struggling with addiction, those in recovery, and all of their loved ones.

5:45: Lighting of Candles for those for whom you wish to pray

6:00: Mass

After Mass, inscription of your loved one's name in the Book of Intentionw



Family Faith Formation and Religious Education Grades K-8

The beginning of our new year of Faith Formation is quickly approaching! We will kick off our year for both Sunday and Tuesday classes on **Catechetical Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Parish Center followed by Mass at 10:30**. Please join us for light refreshments, an opening family activity, and a Meet the Teacher event followed by Mass during which students, parents and teachers will receive a special blessing. Please be sure to register your child as soon as possible to ensure they have a spot.

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15, followed by Mass at 10:30 for both Sunday and Tuesday students and families.

Tuesday afternoon classes are also available from 4-5:15 pm (no Kindergarten classes on Tuesdays).

Registration forms can be found at the back of the Church, in the Parish Office, and on our parish website. For any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Katy Fleming at kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2018

September 16 @ 9 am - Kick Off event at Parish Center; Mass for Sunday and Tuesday students and families

September 23 @9 am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

September 30 @9 am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

Volunteers for Faith Formation

We are always seeking more help with our Faith Formation Program. Please consider assisting with our program in any way that you are able. For more information, contact Katy Fleming at kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org.

VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Durante la segunda guerra mundial los nazis mataron a un grupo de judíos y los enterraron en una fosa común. Un muchacho de unos doce años estaba todavía vivo y poco a poco logró salir de la tumba poco profunda. Llamó a las puertas del vecindario pero al verlo cubierto de tierra, le cerraron las puertas. Una mujer estaba apunto de hacer lo mismo cuando el muchacho le dijo: "Señora, ¿no me reconoce? Soy ese Jesús que ustedes los cristianos dicen que aman. La mujer empezó a llorar y lo recibió en su casa. En ese momento hizo su mejor decisión por Jesús. Lo encontró llamando a su puerta y le abrió.

Un agricultor estaba ya cansado de trabajar una tierra que producía poco. Un año, la cosecha fue tan mala que decidió vender las fincas y se marchó a la ciudad.

El hombre que le compró el campo observó que había muchas piedrecitas blancas. Y como siempre había tenido curiosidad por la geología, cogió unas cuantas y se las llevó a un geólogo para que las analizara. Y resultó que las fincas encerraban un gran depósito de minerales necesarios para procesar el aluminio y otros metales. Así que lo revendió y se hizo rico.

Dos maneras de ver la misma realidad. Los ojos de la rutina, del simple mirón. Los ojos de la superación, de la fe.

¿Nosotros, cristianos del Pilar, con qué ojos vemos a Jesús? "El Espíritu es quien da vida; la carne no sirve para nada". Mirar con los ojos de la carne es mirar con los ojos del agricultor, del mirón, ya podemos abandonarlo todo y marcharnos a otro sitio. Mirar con los ojos curiosos del nuevo comprador es mirar con los ojos del Espíritu, de la fe, es quedarse con Jesús: "Tú solo tienes palabras de vida eterna".

Jesús no es un turista, se hizo ciudadano, para quedarse con nosotros. Jesús no es un mirón, vino a trabajar y transformar el campo, a sembrar la semilla de un mundo mejor. Desde entonces huele más a Dios. Jesús vino a tener intimidad con nosotros. Una intimidad que quiso expresar a través de su cuerpo y de su sangre.

La Eucaristía que celebramos desde la Última Cena del Señor es el centro de la vida cristiana, el tesoro a descubrir con los ojos de la fe. Y su pregunta, ¿también vosotros queréis marcharos?, se dirige a los que formamos esta comunidad. Josué, en la primera lectura, dice: "Yo y mi familia serviremos al Señor". Pedro, siempre entusiasmado, dijo: ¿A quién iremos? Sólo Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Y se quedó con Él. ¿Y nosotros?

Jesús no es una hermosa historia que nos contamos los domingos ni una opinión sobre algún personaje que me cae bien o mal.

La verdad se hace aceptándole y abrazándole y siguiéndole de todo corazón.

Un autor anónimo escribió estos versos:

Me llamas Señor y no me obedeces, Me llamas Luz y no me ves, Me llamas Camino y no lo andas, Me llamas Vida y no me deseas, Me llamas Sabio y no me sigues, Me llamas Justo y no me amas, Me llamas Rico y no me pides, Me llamas Bondad y no confías en mí, Me llamas Noble y no me sirves, Me llamas Poderoso y no me honras, Me llamas Justo y no me temes, Si te condeno, no me echas la culpa.

Hay muchas razones para abandonar a Jesús, tal vez, la principal sea que no queremos dejar a Dios trabajar en el campo de nuestra vida. Queremos ser protagonistas y le dejamos a un lado. Jesús nos pide serle fieles como él nos es siempre fiel



It takes All Of Us !

People of all ages rely on blood donations *from* people of all ages!
Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood to
recover from an accident, to battle illness, to have another chance.

The **ONLY** source of blood is from **YOU**, a fellow human being.
Please join us and give blood.

Blood Drive at MGH Health Center
September 6 from 830 am – 130 pm
Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/MGHcharles>



**NEXT SENIORS
LUNCHEON
SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday,
September 19, 2018**

RSVP to Dianne Ludy at 617-
242-4664 or email dludy@stmaryscatherine.org

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



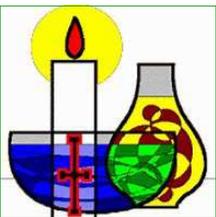
II. Kevin Cole & Rachel Murray



Parishioner Fresia at St. Adalbert Parish in Berea OH

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 boston-catholic.org/familylife or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.



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.

BAPTISMS



Penelope Ann Ludwig



Tucker Clark Hampton



Charles Albert Orvin



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 08/25

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

ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 08/27

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/28

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 08/29

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 08/30

8:00 AM + Bao Tran Doan

Friday 08/31

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY 09/01

4:00 PM

Sunday 09/02

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

MONDAY 09/03

LABOR DAY - MASS AT 9:00 AM AND OFFICE CLOSED

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 is Lit for Joseph F. Jansen



Resquiescat in Pace
Theresa Clare Doherty
Susan Adams-MacInnis
Stephen M. Humphrey

Attendance

Sat 08/11	4:00 PM -	56
Sun 08/12	8:00 AM -	71
Sun 08/12	10:30 AM -	110
Sun 08/12	6:00 PM -	66
TOTAL		303

Upcoming Collections

September 2, 2018

Catholic University

September 9, 2018

Monthly



Weekend of 08/19

Parishioners contributed \$4,638.07 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

And for Monthly Collection Parishioners Contributed \$1,433.00

Parishioners contributed \$166.00 for the Collection on the Feast of the Assumption

Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH COUNCILS

- FINANCE COUNCIL
- PASTORAL COUNCIL
- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE & WELCOMING COMMITTEE

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- LECTORS
- ALTAR SERVERS
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- USHERS
- ALTAR SOCIETY
- GREETERS
- ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY
- ARIMATHEA SOCIETY
- CANA SOCIETY

FAITH FORMATION

- BAPTISM TEAM
- RELIGIOUS ED K - 8
- RCIA
- ADULT CONFIRMATION
- CONFIRMATION
- 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

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