



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

September 2, 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.



## Having Enough to Eat

St. Mary – St. Catherine of Siena Parish social-ministry office has been serving Charlestown residents for fifteen years. In August, more than 300 families visited **Harvest on Vine** emergency food pantry, where we distributed roughly 20 thousand pounds of food. Because of generous benefactors, we are able to offer fresh produce at each distribution. In July, a combined total of two thousand pounds of potatoes, carrots, bananas, corn on the cob, bok choy, peppers, apples, and onions were given out. We are fortunate that we have so many dedicated volunteers and generous donors who support our mission.



Many of our new clients come to Charlestown from homeless shelters, literally with the clothes on their back, and their needs are great. The parish's St. Vincent De Paul Society has been working with our new neighbors, providing them with furniture, beds, household wares, sheets, pillows, and blankets. We also help them with soap, toilet paper, shampoo, and detergent.

Our social-ministry committee is collaborating with the Boston chapter of the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a national program that offers homeless people retreats in the Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We are studying the possibility of applying this approach to families living in poverty. The

retreats lay a foundation of hope, a spiritual way of life, which can lead to a long-lasting transformation. The spiritual exercises—a series of meditations, prayers, and mental exercises, help people discern God's will for their lives and grow closer to Him as a result. The program begins with a weekend retreat, followed by a daylong follow-up session, and then ongoing support sessions. Although we don't serve the homeless, the Boston ISP director will adapt the program for us. More to come. All are welcome to participate.

The social-ministry committee is collaborating with Charlestown New Health to establish a walking program, possibly at Thomas M. Menino Park. The walking program will be open to all and will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors better and to enjoy the beautiful harbor views. Not to mention the health benefits.

### Youth movement...

The neighborly compassion that made Charlestown famous has been passed down to the next generation. Charlestown youngsters have initiated food drives and fundraisers to support Harvest on Vine. Students at the Harvard-Kent school collected and delivered more than 700 boxes of breakfast cereal, an amount that carried us for three distributions, feeding hundreds of families. A brother and sister on Ruth-



### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

*Labor day signals the end of summer and time for the kids to go back to school. Seems it all went by so quickly ... summer, that is. We pray that all of you have a wonderful and safe holiday weekend.*

## 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/](http://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.S.R.

Fr. Clemente Yeboah

### Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

### Deacons

Dan Burns

### Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

### Vice Chair Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

### Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

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erford Avenue raised \$100 from their lemonade stand and donated the money to the food pantry. The funds will be used immediately to buy food for our next distribution. Seven years ago, a then four-year-old girl, under the guidance of her parents, started an annual backpack program, buying and filling backpacks with school supplies for children going back to school. Last spring, on her own, she also led a food drive at her school, collecting dozens of bags of groceries for the pantry. The girl scouts led a similar drive at the Warren Prescott.

The children at Good Shepherd School host food drives twice a year, and the religious education students fill decorated shopping bags with food for Thanksgiving and Easter.

This spirit of charity has been passed down, all because of the leadership in this community.

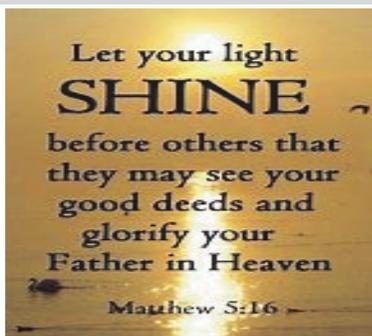
We also are grateful to the local organizations and businesses that support us. A special thank you to St. Francis De Sales Parish, who hosts Hungry Sunday, a monthly food drive. We at St. Mary-St. Catherine are most grateful for this support.

Harvest on Vine is registered as an emergency food pantry, but for most of our families, all of whom live far below the poverty line, the state of emergency never ends. Food insecurity is a constant for our neighbors. Harvest on Vine is hoping to alleviate that fear, but it's not enough. Our goal is not just to eliminate food insecurity, rather to promote food security, so that every family in our community knows they will always have enough to eat.

Harvest on Vine is a success story and that success flows from many generous resources. Yet the most powerful of them all is the daily prayer of this Faith Community for the needs of those who struggle with hunger and poverty.

Tom MacDonald  
Director, Parish Social Ministry

*Thank you to all our parishioners who continually fill the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the doors of the Church, and provide for Harvest on Vine by dropping off food at the Church, Parish Center, and the Harvest on Vine office in the basement of the Rectory on Vine Street. Thank you to our Social Ministry team and other volunteers who are dedicated in putting it all together to assist our neighbors in need. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Tom at 617-580-8305, or [tmacdonald@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:tmacdonald@stmarystcatherine.org).*



## September 2 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading today Saint James reminds us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." The message is clear – we must take the word to heart and act on it in our lives this week. We've heard God's word and been nourished by the Eucharist. So now, with whom will you share it?

**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 617-580-8305

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

## VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Un joven párroco se encontró con su congregación dividida. Durante la plegaria eucarística la mitad de los feligreses permanecían de pie y la otra mitad de rodillas. Cada grupo insistía en que su tradición era la verdadera. Para solucionar, de una vez por todas, el gran conflicto, el joven párroco, con un miembro de los arrodillados y otro de los de pie, fueron a visitar al Obispo.

Sr. Obispo, ¿no es verdad que la tradición de arrodillarse durante la plegaria eucarística ha sido siempre la correcta? No, esa no fue siempre la tradición, contestó el Obispo. Entonces, estar de pie fue y es la tradición correcta, dijo el miembro de los de pie. No, contestó el Obispo, esa no fue la tradición. Sr. Obispo, dijo el joven párroco, lo que tenemos es el caos; la mitad arrodillados y la otra mitad de pie. Ahora sí, dijo el Obispo, esa fue siempre la tradición.

En las cosas y en las tradiciones de los hombres siempre habrá discusiones y pequeñas guerras. Nosotros hemos heredado múltiples tradiciones. Todas son hermosas y buenas, pero...

No podemos olvidar que todas esas tradiciones son medios para un fin. Nuestra Eucaristía, nuestra presencia aquí, esta liturgia que juntos celebramos es un medio, sólo un medio. Lo importante, hermanos, es el fin. Y el fin es dar honor y gloria a nuestro Dios y el fin es formar la iglesia de Cristo y el fin es vivir juntos el amor y compartirlo con los hermanos. Somos una sola familia, unida en lo esencial que es buscar la salvación para todos y con diferentes opiniones en lo no esencial, en las formas, en los medios. El fin siempre será caminar juntos hacia Dios.

El evangelio de Jesús, hoy, es buena noticia para nosotros. No viene a imponernos ni viejas ni nuevas tradiciones. No viene a enseñarnos a guardar las apariencias. No viene a dividirnos en arrodillados y de pie, ni a enfrentar grupo contra grupo, lengua contra lengua, no viene a enseñarnos nuevas formas de educación. Jesús viene a recordarnos lo esencial, nuestro verdadero fin. Jesús viene a recordarnos que lo importante no es lo que dicen los labios, sino lo que dice el corazón, la música del corazón. Jesús disfrutará más con la música de tu corazón que con la de tus labios.

¿Qué música hay en tu corazón? La música del odio, de la avaricia, del sexo, del adulterio, de la pereza... Esas son las tradiciones que hacen de la comunidad un caos, un infierno, un lugar en el que Dios no está. "Todas esas maldades salen del corazón y manchan al hombre" y hacen que nuestro culto a Dios sea también vacío y malo. La buena noticia es que Jesús viene a purificar nuestros corazones para que de ellos brote el amor, el perdón, la felicidad, la generosidad, la alabanza, la justicia... Todo eso también debe salir del corazón y hacernos a todos buenos.

El reto es dejarnos purificar para ser música que agrade a Dios y sirva para el goce y bien de los hermanos.

### ***SPIRITUAL HELP FOR CATHOLIC GRIEVING PARENTS***

***THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS - SERVING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF PARENTS  
WHOSE CHILDREN OF ANY AGE HAVE DIED BY ANY CAUSE - NO MATTER HOW LONG AGO.***

Upcoming retreats.

September 8, 2018 St. Anthony Shrine, Boston (Diane Monaghan 617-542-8057)

September 22, 2018 St. Patrick Parish, Stoneham (Patrice Fitzpatrick 781-438-0200)

November 2-4, 2018 Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury (Diane Monaghan 617-542-8057)

December 8, 2018 St. Albert-St. Francis Collaborative, Weymouth (Patty Canova 781-337-1299 )

See [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) for more details

# 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 Intentions*



*"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" -  
Pope Benedict XVI*

*"Heaven is a city on a hill, hence we cannot coast into it; we have to climb" - Bishop Fulton Sheen*

*"I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13*



## 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](mailto: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

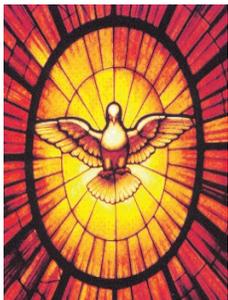
September 23 @ 9 am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

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](mailto:kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org)

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**



### **1st Class and Parent Meeting**

**MONDAY,**

**OCTOBER 1 @ 6:30 pm**

Applications can be found at the back of the Church and the Parish Center for both the 9th and 10th grades.

For more information, please call the Parish Center at 617-242-4664 or check the web site.

Scott Hahn, The Collaborative of Saint Mary's Church, and Sacred Heart, Lynn

Saturday, September 15, 2018

3 talks on the Creed, Sacraments and Evangelizing Catholics

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](mailto:ccarmody@lynncatholic.org)



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**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@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmarystcatherine.org)

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

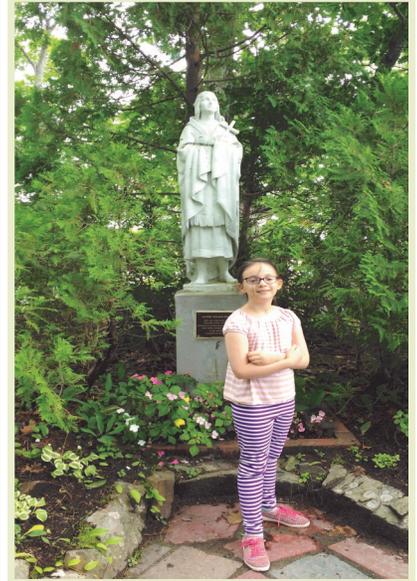


III. Kevin Cole & Rachel Murray

*During the weekend of September 8 and 9, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be speaking at all Masses.*



## Travel pics



Parishioner Fiala visiting the statue of St. Kateri

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been present in the United States for 150 years! This is an exciting anniversary for us. We are dedicated to caring for the elderly poor as did our foundress St. Jeanne Jugan. Are you or do you know someone who is 65 years of age or older with limited assets? Are you looking for sociability in a safe, warm, Catholic environment? At this time we have availability in our Rest Home. Come visit the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville and consider joining our family. For more information please contact Mary Segalla, SW at 617-776-4420 ext. 317.

Mother Maureen Weiss



### September 5 - Feast Day Of St. Theresa of Calcutta

The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Theresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. She continued teaching at St. Mary's and in 1944 became the school's principal. Mother Teresa's twenty years in Loreto were filled with profound happiness. Noted for her charity, unselfishness and courage, her capacity for hard work and a natural talent for organization, she lived out her consecration to Jesus

At the time of the Inspiration (1946), Jesus gave to Mother Teresa the name of the religious community He was asking her to begin: Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa "translated" this to "carriers of God's love." In this too, she was following Jesus's directions; He had invited her: "You come - go amongst them [the poor] - carry Me with you into them." Thus, she would exhort her religious family to be faithful to the mission entrusted to them: "Carry Him and His light into the homes of the poor, especially to the souls most in need. Spread the charity of His Heart wherever you go."

Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 19, 2003 and canonized on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis.

### September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.





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 09/01

4:00 PM

#### SUNDAY 09/02

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

#### MONDAY 09/03

9:00 AM - Labor Day - Office Closed

#### TUESDAY 09/04

8:00 AM

#### WEDNESDAY 09/05

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

#### THURSDAY 09/06

8:00 AM + Lucecita Martinez

#### FRIDAY 09/07

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

#### SATURDAY 09/08

4:00 PM

#### SUNDAY 09/09

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

### **SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

If you would like to schedule a Memorial Mass or light a Sanctuary Candle for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at 617-242-4664 or just drop by the office and we will be happy to help!

*Labor Day Prayer - May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*



**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](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org).

### **Attendance**

Sat 08/25	4:00 PM -	63
Sun 08/26	8:00 AM -	66
Sun 08/26	10:30 AM -	150
Sun 08/26	6:00 PM -	70
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>349</b>

### **Upcoming Collections**

September 2, 2018

Catholic University

September 9, 2018

Monthly



### **Weekend of 08/26**

Parishioners contributed \$4,419.17 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

**Corrected Amount Below For the Feast of the Assumption**

Parishioners contributed \$481.00 for the Collection

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

#### **PARISH COUNCILS**

FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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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

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