

St. Mary-St. Catherine

Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

September 16, 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.

Two Become One

There are many young men and women in our Parish and others from outside of the Parish who wish to celebrate their marriage vows in beautiful Saint Mary's Church. They notify us of this interest through the website* so that we know the specifics of their plans. Then I meet with them and begin their time of preparation.

Marriage preparation with these couples is one of the many joys of my life as a parish priest.

As we come to know each other, I ask them to explain to me how they met and, even more, to account the journey that has brought them to this moment of planning their marriage. Most often as they begin their story, always unique and beautiful, I tease details out of them and invite them to wonder how it all came to be. Wonder is the verb I ask them to use – not analyze, explain, critique or anything else. In my experience it is only by wondering that a couple can come to discover the truth about their relationship.

In the end, every story comes around to each person becoming amazed, humbled, delighted and awed



by discovering in oneself and in the other, the love they have for one another. And when asked to explain how that came to be – it is not possible to offer an adequate response unless one takes the time to "wonder". The truth is found in John's gospel, "God is Love". And this God is the source and giver of

love to others. Love of its very nature is always generative and God's love is seen and known in all creation and in each of us – we are the fruit of God's love.

When seen this way, a couple comes to realize that it is God who is acting in this astonishing story of theirs and it is beautiful. The response to such a realization of being gifted is always gratitude – which of itself – forms a perfect prayer to God. I maintain that this prayer of thanks can become the mantra for married life, keeping God at the center of their marriage, freeing each of fear and worry and locating the miracle of the relationship on the work of God.

All of this may sound like a Pollyanna, sacrosanct view of married love, yet how else do we, any of us, explain love? Truth is, we cannot. And for that reason alone we write poems, paint pictures,



Be a part of one of our choirs this Fall!

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

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 Sauceda

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

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Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemize O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.R.

Fr. Clemente Yeboah

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

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create masterpieces of sculpture and art, glass and tapestry, choreographic dances, compose music and lyrics, write stories and more. Yet no work has or ever can describe and explain love. Because God is Love and God is above explanation.

This is not to say we cannot get close to God. For we have been given the most startling of all gifts in Jesus Christ, the God-Man born of Mary, who is the fullest expression of God the Father's Love for humankind. It is in Him, through and because of Him that we get an authentic glimpse of God's plan for humanity – God's dream, if you will, for you and me and all of us: that we live in Love and choose each day to receive this gift from God in order to be complete ourselves and, as importantly, to give that very love away to another.

So it is that the love of husband and wife enables the two to become one, in

mind, heart and body; each selflessly giving to the other to achieve a climax of completeness – what a paradox!

It seems to me all of us are searching to know this experience of love, the love that is fulfilled and fulfilling only when given away. This yearning leads to many seeking love in physical and sexual activity alone – believing it to be found there. Ironically it is impossible to "make love", however, for God is Love. Many have learned this at a price.

And so we return to the beginning: God is Love, we are the work of God's love and our destiny is realized when we accept this love as the singular force in life and give it away!

Fr. Ronan

*Couples interested in celebrating their marriage in our Parish can find information at our website:
www.stmaryscatherine.org

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1st Class and Parent Meeting

MONDAY,

OCTOBER 1 @ 6:30 pm

Applications can be found at the back of the Church, on-line, 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!



September 16 ~

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel today, Jesus asks this question: "*Who do you say that I am?*" "And Peter answered, 'You are the Christ'". Can you answer this question along with Peter and really mean it?

Take some quiet time to reflect on your answer. If you really believe that Jesus is the Christ, how can you not share this good news with others? Share your story.

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 CUARTO DOMINGO

del Tiempo Ordinario

Un joven llamó al pastor para decirle que quería hacerse miembro de la parroquia. Pero que no tenía intención de ir a misa todos los domingos ni asistir a las clases de Biblia ni ser lector ni visitar a los enfermos ni...

El pastor le alabó el deseo de hacerse miembro de la parroquia, pero le dijo que la iglesia que buscaba se encontraba a las afueras de la ciudad. El joven anotó la dirección y colgó. Cuando llegó a la dirección que el pastor le había dado encontró una iglesia abandonada y algunos edificios tapiados y listos para ser destruidos.

Cuando Jesús invita a seguirle, a afiliarse a su iglesia, invita a ponerse en camino, a peregrinar. No invita a ser sus huéspedes en un hotel maravilloso en el mar Caribe. El evangelio de hoy es una parada a lo largo del camino con Jesús. En esa conversación Jesús nos pregunta: ¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo? Mi madre dice... Mi padre siempre me dijo... Según este libro, según el periódico... Repetir lo que los otros dicen es muy barato. A Jesús no le interesan nuestros conocimientos teológicos. Se puede ser una enciclopedia y estar vacío. Tú puedes conocer todas las respuestas que otros han dado, pero no tener tu respuesta. Y como Pedro podemos dar la verdadera respuesta, pero sin contenido.

"¿Quién decís que soy?" No, no me digas esas definiciones que aprendiste de pequeño. No es cuestión de palabras, palabra hablada, sino de la palabra vivida. Una confesión plena de fe en Jesús se hace sólo con acciones, en tus acciones. Las palabras expresan deseos, opiniones, sentimientos... las acciones expresan la verdad de nuestras vidas, las acciones expresan nuestras convicciones y éstas tienen un precio.

"¿Quién decís que soy?" No te preocupes si no sabes contestar. El viaje con Jesús dura toda la vida y a lo largo de este peregrinar se nos va revelando, poco a poco, el significado de su persona y de su vida. Algunos piensan que el día en que aceptaron a Cristo y decidieron hacerse cristianos era el final del viaje. Ese fue el primer paso, muy importante, pero sólo un primer paso.

El viaje con Jesús es una relación permanente. No sigues un conjunto de verdades sino una persona. No estás casado con un príncipe rico, poderoso, guapo sino con un siervo de Dios sufriente y amante. Un viaje implica movimiento, de aquí allá, un proceso largo, estar dispuesto a crecer y a aceptar las sorpresas. Como en todos los viajes, hay días en los que te preguntarás si el viaje merece la pena. Te cansarás y encontrarás dificultades difíciles de resolver. No te sientas culpable. Simplemente sigue caminando.

La llamada al discipulado requiere disciplina para mantenerse fiel. El entusiasmo es pasajero. La mejor disciplina es estudiar la Palabra, la meditación, la oración, la Eucaristía dominical. Dios no está nunca lejos de nosotros. Nosotros estamos lejos de Él.



SAINT
JOSEPH
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Saint Joseph Prep in Boston, a co-ed Catholic, independent school for over 300 young people in grades 9-12, will hold an

Open House on Sunday, October 28 between 1-4 pm.

The school features an exceptional academic program, small class sizes and personal attention, individualized college counseling and SAT/ACT Prep, Chapel Speaking and Advisor Programs, extensive athletic opportunities, and state-of-the-art Science Labs and Learning Commons. The School is also offering a **five-session Test Prep** course for the Catholic High School Entrance Test (**HSPT**) for students who seek to maximize performance for admission and scholarship opportunities. Visit

www.saintjosephprep.org for more information.

Fontbonne Academy Open House

Thursday, October 18 at 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m.



Learn about the excellent academic program, our commitment to service, and our extensive co-curricular offerings (athletics, art, drama, and a wide variety of clubs and activities). Hear firsthand from Fontbonne students and faculty about the Fontbonne experience. Tour the campus with our student ambassadors, and drop into informational sessions with each department. Fontbonne has something Contact the Fontbonne Academy Admissions Office for more information:

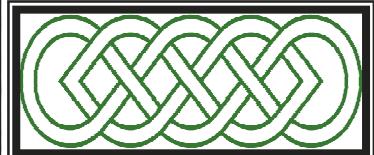
617.615.3014 or
admissions@fontbonneacademy.org.

Fontbonne Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school conveniently located in Milton. It is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston.
for every young woman



MARRIAGE BANNS

I. James Geygan & Erin McMillan



A Note from the Welcoming Committee

Friends,

Did you know we have a welcoming committee? We are dedicated to building a community that is inviting and welcoming to all with whom we live and worship. Please join us after Mass for refreshments and look for us as you arrive at Mass. We would like to meet you and we are here to help answer any questions you may have about life at St. Mary -St. Catherine of Siena Parish. We would also be grateful for any suggestions or ideas you may have to help strengthen our Parish family. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter at future Masses, please speak with one of the Welcoming Committee members. We can also be reached at welcomingcommittee@stmaryscatherine.org.



Please join us in the following prayer for our parish community which we will be praying at the end of mass each week:

Heavenly Father,

Instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Save the date!

**Blessing of the Animals and
Annual Block Party**
Sunday, September 30, 2018

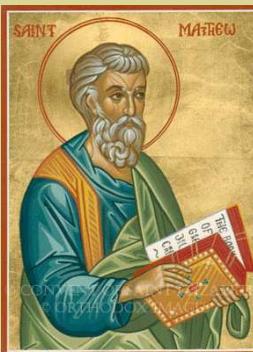


NEXT SENIORS

LUNCHEON
SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday,
September 19, 2018

Noon

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



Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Feast Day September 21

The story and history of Saint Matthew. Matthew was originally a tax-gatherer, in the service of the Romans who became one of the twelve Apostles and the author of the first Gospel. He was the son of Alphaeus born at Capernaum, a settlement on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, about a year after the birth of Jesus. Matthew was employed as a tax collector from which he gained knowledge of languages such as Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew. The Roman system for collecting taxes lent itself to fraud and corruption. Wealthy people would 'bid' on the right to collect taxes in their region and anything they collected over the Roman's demands was kept as profit. Tax Collectors were considered "unclean" because they had unacceptable forms of contact with gentile people (the Romans). They were also commonly regarded to be thieves because they were often fraudulent charging extortionist amounts due to the tax collection system. Matthew 9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus spreading Christianity after the crucifixion of Jesus. At the time of the persecution of Herod Agrippa I in 42 AD, Matthew left the country and travelled to Cypress and North Africa. He was put to death at Naddabar in Ethiopia with a halberd (a pike fitted with an axe head). The year of his death year is unknown pike fitted with an axe head). The year of his death is unknown.



**MGH Charlestown Health Care Center
50th Anniversary Celebration**
73 High Street
Sept 28, 2018
4:00 - 7:00pm

Join us to celebrate the history of MGH Charlestown

Light refreshments and Swag Bag

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

Don't miss the chance to meet Doc McStuffins

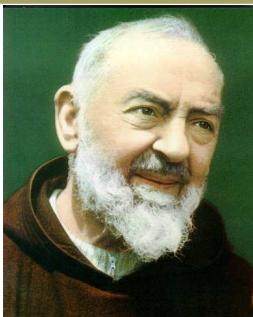


RICA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about the Catholic faith and perhaps become Catholic. For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664; email: nciro@stmarystcatherine.org



The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a bake sale on Friday, September 21 (10am – 4pm) and Saturday, September 22 (9am – 4pm)

To raise funds for Nicole O'Leary, a young woman who will be entering the Congregation this fall! Nicole recently graduated from college and is now joyfully accepting God's call for her to become a Little Sister. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to help pay off her student loans. Please stop by the Jeanne Jugan Residence (186 Highland Ave, Somerville, 02143) and buy some delicious treats while supporting religious vocations!



Mass, procession with relic of Padre Pio in North End on Sept 23

Bishop Peter J. Uglietto will celebrate Mass honoring St. Padre Pio in St. Leonard's Church in Boston at noon on Sept. 23. Those interested in attending the Mass are advised to be early.

Following the Mass, at 2 p.m., a two-and-a-half hour procession will wind through the streets of the North End with Franciscan Capuchin Friars from Italy carrying a vial of the saint's dried blood for public veneration. The Mass and the procession are sponsored by The Padre Pio Society of St. Leonard's parish. The processions will conclude at 4:30 p.m. back at St. Leonard's Church.

Be a part of one of our choirs this Fall!

We're looking to continue growing our wonderful choirs at the Masses as well as the Charlestown Community Choir. You can be a part of the strong musical tradition of our historic Parish! This Fall, come join one of our wonderful choirs. No experience necessary! Don't sing but play an instrument? We want you, too! Whether you would like to sing or play an instrument, or for more info about our programs, contact music director Daniel Saucedo at dsauceda@stmarystcatherine.org or (617) 277-5157.



Fall Mornings of Prayer, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Morning of Prayer at the Motherhouse, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA.

Kathryn O'Connell Cleary is the presenter for "Pearl of Great Price" on Thursday, **September 27** from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ is the presenter for "Three Ways to Heal the Heart" on Wednesday, **November 14**, from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon. Each morning begins with refreshments.

\$25 donation is suggested for each. To RSVP, call 781-227-4730; e-mail spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org.

The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 590 men who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. You may also make your gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** (message & data rates may apply) Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.



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 09/15

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 09/16

8:00 AM + JANET G. HIGGINS

10:30 AM + JOHN A. & JOSEPH RYAN

6:00 PM

MONDAY 09/17

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 09/18

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 09/19

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 09/20

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 09/21

8:00 AM + JOSEPH MARI,
+ MINNIE, TRANQUILLINO,
+ VINCENT CITRO,
+ FABIO LAUDADIO

SATURDAY 09/22

4:00 PM + WILLIAM POTTER

SUNDAY 09/23

8:00 AM

10:30 AM + KELIANN BURTON KARABELLO
6:00 PM



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL 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@stmaryscatherine.org.



Sanctuary Lamp in Church is Lit for John W. McNamara

Attendance

Sat 09/08	4:00 PM -	62
Sun 09/09	8:00 AM -	73
Sun 09/09	10:30 AM -	114
Sun 09/29	6:00 PM -	94
TOTAL		343

Upcoming Collections

September 16, 2018

Clergy Benefit Trust

October 7, 2018

Monthly

October 21, 2018

Mission Sunday



Weekend of 09/09

Parishioners contributed \$3,259.55 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

And \$2,492.00 to the Monthly Collection

Thank you for your continued support!

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ALTAR SOCIETY

GREETERS

ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY

ARIMATHEA SOCIETY

CANA SOCIETY

FAITH FORMATION

BAPTISM TEAM

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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

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BOOK CLUB

PLAYGROUP

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