

St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

September 23, 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.

TEENS 2018



One Dad said to me, *"You know, Father, I've decided that you have to pick your battles and try to figure out where the non-negotiables are"*. He was speaking about daily life at home with two teenagers and it was clear to

me that, at times, it can be a struggle. I suppose he could be speaking for any parent of teen and pre-teen children.

Aiding children to navigate through their age-appropriate developmental tasks of establishing their own identity separate from that of their parents; identifying meaningful moral standards, values, and belief systems; learning to set priorities, parameters, and boundaries; helping them to grow and understand consequences for their actions; guiding them in their ability to develop internal and external resources to make good choices and so much more are worrisome responsibilities of every parent, and anxiety provoking undertakings for their adolescent children. As if the tasks at hand were not already daunting, the culture, loud and at times toxic, makes the teen years even more challenging.

Adolescence, while exciting and beautiful in so many ways, at times, can

also be excruciatingly difficult. Every child yearns to belong, to be accepted and loved, especially in the rapid growth and development years when self-knowledge is limited, and feelings of awkwardness and uncertainty are normative. There is one enduring

element of a teen's development that can not only add stability but also nourish self-esteem, give a much-needed moral compass and aid immeasurably in a child's development – faith.

Developing/deepening an age-appropriate relationship with God - a God who loves them unconditionally; endows them with dignity; calls them to live a purpose-filled life; assists them in their ability to chart their course in life, and anchors them in bedrock values provides needed support not only to the teen and to the entire family. Life may still be rocky at times, but we're never alone, and we can receive what we need to regain level ground.

Many Catholic teens received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist in their childhood years as parents sought to give them a foundation in their faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in adoles-

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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

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Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie 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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cence. When adolescents enter the 9th grade, they are eligible to choose to begin the two year program (one year if the teen is enrolled in a Catholic High School) in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Confirmation classes begin with an information session for parents and students on Monday, October 1st, at 6:30pm at the Parish Center on 46 Winthrop Street. We invite and look forward to welcoming all high school students and their parents.

These are not easy days to be a teen in our city; while the opportunities are numerous, the challenges are as well. Preparing for and receiving Confirmation is one sure path that can strengthen a teenager's awareness of God's unconditional love, to develop the capacity to make good choices, belong more completely to a community, and add much needed purpose to daily life.

Fr. Ronan

There is a Way to a Better You And it Begins with God

An Invitation and A Gift

Receive the marvelous gift of the Holy Spirit with Confirmation Classes at St. Mary's - St Catherine of Siena Parish.

Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Holy Wonder, equipping young adults for the complexities of life.

If your teenager has yet to be confirmed, come join us for an information session for parents and children.

Monday October 1, 2018
6:30 P.M.

Parish Center
46 Winthrop Street
Charlestown MA 02129
617-242-4664
www.stmarystcatherine.org



A Prayer from the Welcoming Committee

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.

**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



St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul - Feast Day is September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. .

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France

*Saint Vincent de Paul built a network of missions and confraternities for those in need beginning in the 1600s. This foundation for a global charity system now operates in 142 countries. In the United States, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of 12 million people annually. Vincentians come from all walks of life and work for a noble purpose. In their work to address the needs of the poor, both spiritually and materially, they see the face of Christ. **Saint Mary—Saint Catherine of Siena Parish** has always been a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission. Due to your support, so far this year, the St Vincent de Paul conference of our parish has helped over forty families with their various needs. Thank you for your help and please continue to remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church. They 100% go to help those in need!*



Save the date!

Blessing of the Animals

Thompson Square

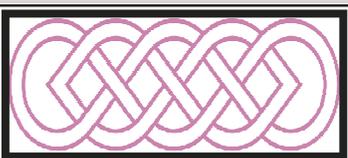
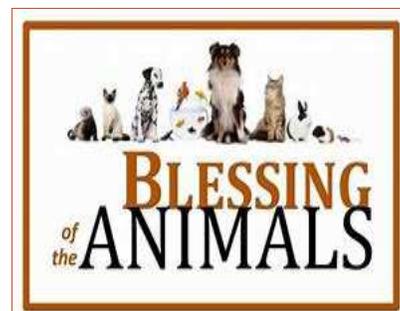
@ 9:30 AM

Annual Block Party

Sunday, September 30, 2018

After the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass

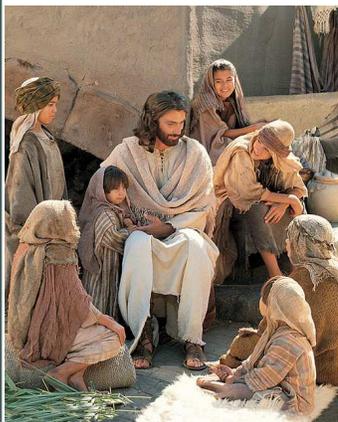
Soley Street Side



MARRIAGE BANNS

II. James Geygan & Erin McMillan





TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings this week explore what it means to live by the wisdom of God, where we recognize Christ Jesus not in ambition and worldly status, but rather in the helplessness of a little child.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes a little child in his arms, reminding the disciples that loving service has nothing to do with the kind of worldly 'greatness' they've just been arguing about, but rather with humility and powerlessness. Christ invites us, too, to put our own needs last, welcoming him in those who may outwardly have nothing to offer.

This week, let's ask for the wisdom to see Christ more clearly in all the 'little ones' we encounter, praying that in this way we might love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, day by day.

**The members of Saint Raphael Parish
invite you to attend the installation of their fifteenth Pastor**

Rev. Paul F. Coughlin

by Most Reverend Mark O'Connell

September 30, 2018

11:30 Mass

Saint Raphael Church

514 High Street Medford, MA

If you wish to honor Father on his special day,
a donation to one of the following would be his gift of choice:

St. Raphael Food Pantry

514 High St., Medford, MA 02155

Pierce Family Fragile X Foundation

12 Saltonstall Rd. Medford, MA 02155

Ryan Harrington Foundation

P.O. Box 45707, Somerville, MA 02145

Reception following in the Parish Center



En este vigésimo quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario, exaltamos a Jesucristo el hijo de Dios y la sabiduría que descendió del cielo para convertirse en siervo de los hombres. La Iglesia nos invita a escucharlo y seguir sus ejemplos de una vida abnegada y armoniosa.

Nuestra primera lectura de hoy tiene muchas facetas que se cumple en Cristo. Señala a Cristo el hijo de Dios, que se pondría a la muerte por gente celosa. Como un hombre justo, Jesús reprueba a los fariseos y condenó a los escribas como infractores de la ley. Él les reprochaba sus caminos impíos y ambiciones egoístas. Por esta razón, lo tomaron como ofensa. Él fue escarnecido, torturado y fue condenado a muerte como criminal. Como Cristo, muchas veces, estamos perseguidos por enemigos y criticados incluso nuestros amigos para hacer lo correcto. Sin embargo, debemos permanecer firmes porque Dios seguramente vendrá a nuestro rescate.

Nuestra segunda lectura y Evangelio este domingo nos ayudan a vivir nuestras vidas en armonía, sinceramente centrándose en las cosas que nos une a nosotros en lugar de las que nos dividen. Todos desean relaciones armoniosas, y aún muchas comunidades cristianas,

las familias y hogares se caracterizan por frecuentes conflictos. Por lo tanto, como los conflictos son inevitables en la vida, no debemos permitir que nos separen. Así, Santiago nos amonesta a no permitir que los conflictos y ambiciones egoístas destruyan nuestras relaciones, familias y comunidades. Él nos recuerda que la raíz de la mayoría de los conflictos son las ambiciones egoístas dentro de nosotros: *“¿De dónde vienen las luchas y los conflictos entre ustedes? ¿No es acaso de las malas pasiones, que siempre están en guerra dentro de ustedes? Ambicionan algo que no pueden alcanzar, y entonces combaten y hacen la guerra...”*

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús predice su muerte y resurrección, reprende a sus discípulos para discutir sobre quién era el mayor entre ellos y le señala a un niño como modelo para el discipulado. Como la iglesia que escribió Santiago, discípulos de Jesús estaban experimentando un conflicto de intereses y posición de liderazgo entre ellos. Incluso cuando Jesús habla claramente, no entendieron por qué hay un amplio margen entre sus ambiciones o expectativas y, las predicciones de Jesús. Por esto, temían incluso pedir aclaraciones.

También, en lugar de reflexionar sobre lo que Cristo les estaba diciendo, estaban ocupados en pelearse sobre quién era el más grande. Sin embargo, siendo Dios, Jesús sabía sus ambiciones ocultas, prioridades y enfoque en sus reputaciones. Esto es lo que vemos a menudo en cualquier sociedad, iglesia, familia, o en cualquier lugar que se considera ambición mundana más que ambición espiritual. Allí vemos las luchas internas, chismes, indiferencia, enemistad, amenazas, mal trazado, odio y todo tipo de vicios que nuestra primera y segunda lecturas mencionaron hoy. Dondequiera que existan, no puede haber ningún progreso, prosperidad, armonía o paz.

Por lo tanto, mediante el uso de un niño como un ejemplo para nosotros hoy, Jesús simplemente nos está enseñando que tenemos que ser como niños para ser grandes. Por supuesto, esto no significa ser tonto o infantil. En cambio, significa que tenemos que vivir nuestras vidas en el humilde servicio a Dios y a uno con el otro, en lugar de estar preocupados por las ambiciones egoístas. Jesús también está alentando a que se centren más en nuestra vida interior. Es decir, el ser más puro, más inocente, más humilde, más servicial y de más confianza. Por lo tanto, ser grande es estar enfocado en algo distinto de uno mismo. Significa nuestra capacidad de acomodar, aceptar y trabajar en armonía con los demás igual que los niños están siempre dispuestos a hacer. Significa disposición para aceptar la verdad y, al reflexionar positivamente sobre ella. También significa estar listo para servir y ofrecer uno mismo por el bien de otros como hizo Cristo, en lugar de buscar ser servido por otros. <https://francicenjoku.wordpress.com/2015/09/18/homilia-para-el-vigesimo-quinto-domingo-del-tiempo-ordinario-ano-b/>

PARISH LIFE IN PICTURES



Father Ronan Kicks off 2018/2019 Religious Education Program



Standing - Religious Ed Teachers



Religious Education Kick-off



BAPTISM - Nathan James O'Donnell



BAPTISM - Theodore Lawrence Bixby



BAPTISM - James Robert Kirkpatrick



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 09/22

4:00 PM +WILLIAM POTTER

SUNDAY 09/23

8:00 AM +
10:30 AM + KELLIANN BURTON KARABELLO
6:00 PM

MONDAY 09/24

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 09/25

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 09/26

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 09/27

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 09/28

8:00 AM + PAUL KUCKOWSKI

SATURDAY 09/29

4:00 PM + JOHN, MARY, KATHLEEN & MICHAEL DEVLIN

SUNDAY 09/30

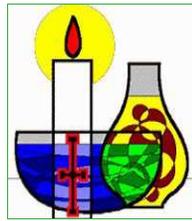
8:00 AM
10:30 AM + DANIEL & CATHERINE FARLEY-KENT
6:00 PM + WALTER & ANN NOONE

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



Be a part of one of our choirs this Fall!



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. McNamera

Attendance

Sat 09/15	4:00 PM -	73
Sun 09/16	8:00 AM -	85
Sun 09/16	10:30 AM -	182
Sun 09/16	6:00 PM -	54
TOTAL		394

Upcoming Collections

October 7, 2018

Monthly

October 21, 2018

Mission Sunday



Weekend of 09/15

Parishioners contributed \$7,455.62 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

And \$1,405.07 to the Clergy Benefit Collection

Thank you for your continued support!

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FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

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ALTAR SOCIETY

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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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