

# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

October 14, 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.

## Autumn Stress



It seems like this autumn has been intense and stressful for many of the people with whom I have been speaking. Maybe this time of year is always like that – not certain. Yet I am another exposed nerve in this October sure I see and sense the anger, angst time. and maybe fear of many.

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Young adults with whom I speak do not know what a 40-50 hour workweek looks like; it is more like 50-70. And am I imagining it or is the terrible traffic making everyone more edgy and exasperated, consequently causing drivers to be less patient and more careless?

I have not been in a conversation in these past weeks that has not referenced the wrenching case of the confirmation hearings for Judge Kavanaugh. All of social media and print media, as well as radio and television have focused on the issues until America seems exhausted and drained.

Last week, I met with most of the priest pastors in the city, and we spoke about our respective parishes and faith communities. Obviously, this moment in the Church is yet always like that – not certain. Yet I am another exposed nerve in this October sure I see and sense the anger, angst time. and maybe fear of many.

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For me, these meetings and gatherings are always very powerful and enriching.

Today these individuals, having lived in an intentional Christian Community in one of the most impoverished regions of South America, continue to live their faith and are agents of light and hope in these times. They are examples for me and perhaps for you too, of how one can grow through challenging life experiences by embracing more completely one's faith in Jesus Christ.

For my brother priests and ministers in the city and beyond, for the

*Little Sisters of the Poor are here this 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/](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 Sauceda

### 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.p.

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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young veterans of Rostro de Cristo, and for all of us in our parishes and communities in Charlestown, these stressful days can bring us clarity about what truly matters. For there is a platform on which I stand, as do many others, which is uncontaminated by the stresses and worries of these days, yet at the same time, inspires how we live in the midst of all of it. The platform is our faith. God is bigger than anyone can ever imagine; more merciful; more compassionate; more loving; more accepting and resourceful.

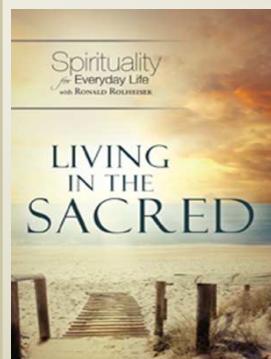
Take a deep breath; enjoy the beauty of autumn in New England, and be assured, deep down, God is Good.

Fr. Ronan



## 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. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**



THIS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 13 AND 14 come and discover more about our Faith Sharing Ministry. Participants will be available at the back of the Church to share their experience and answer any questions or concerns

you may have. This fall we will reflect on:

Exploring discipleship & developing deeper spirituality with ... **LIVING THE SACRED**

Take a spiritual journey on staying true to commitments as disciples of Christ with the spiritual guidance of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI.

**JOIN A SMALL REFLECTION GROUP THIS FALL** to deepen your faith and meet new friends.

*Living in the Sacred* is about how we stay true to our commitments as disciples of Christ.

Based on best-selling author Ronald Rolheiser, OMI's books *The Shattered Lantern*, *The Holy Longing*, and *Sacred Fire*, the *Spirituality for Everyday Life with Ronald Rolheiser Series* explores the phases of discipleship and how to live as Christ's disciples in today's world.

**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 OCTAVO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

En este vigésimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario celebramos a Cristo la palabra y sabiduría de Dios que está vivo y activo. Nos alegramos porque a pesar de que no tenemos nada, lo que podríamos llamar nuestro, disponiendo de Cristo, poseemos todas las cosas. La primera y la segunda lectura de este domingo, lleva marcas de personificaciones que se refieren directamente a Dios. Mientras que la primera lectura habla de la sabiduría como Dios, la segunda se refiere a la palabra como su poder irresistible que conquista y transforma nuestros corazones.

Nuestra primera lectura hoy Personaliza la sabiduría y le atribuye las cualidades más altas. La sabiduría es Dios mismo de quien emanan todas las cosas buenas. Por lo tanto, nada puede compararse con ella. Nada tiene valor sin ella y todas las cosas creadas sólo participan de su belleza y esplendor. Por lo tanto, debemos buscarla más que cualquier otra cosa. Como San Agustín, “*nuestro corazón no debe descansar hasta que esté unido con esta preciosa sabiduría.*”

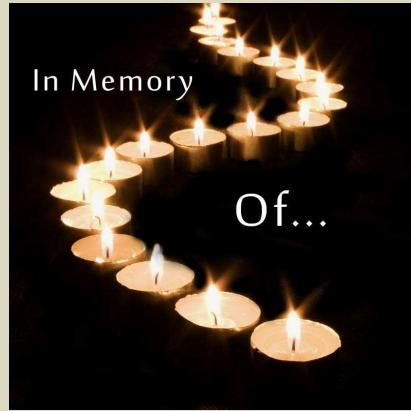
Describiendo “*la palabra de Dios como una espada de dos filos que atraviesa los huesos*”, Hebreos nos exalta sólo que la palabra de Dios es la máxima sabiduría y un poder irresistible. Conquista y transforma cada

corazón que la recibe. Como la plenitud de la sabiduría, la verdad de Dios es Poderosa, penetra y busca todo corazón. Saca los reales pensamientos y las intenciones de nuestro corazón a la luz y disipa todas las formas de oscuridad. Por lo tanto, cuando Dios a través del poder de su espíritu pone su palabra y su sabiduría en nosotros, Él poderosamente convence, convierte, transforma y nos consuela. La palabra de Dios humilla un corazón orgulloso; y hace de un espíritu perverso a ser mansos y obedientes.

El rico caballero en nuestro evangelio de hoy posiblemente vino a Cristo para desfilar sus esfuerzos y obtener algunas alabanzas a cambio. Así, comenzó halagando a Jesús (“*Maestro bueno*”). Por supuesto, Jesús valora su esfuerzo. Sin embargo, Cristo sabía que algo faltaba realmente en el hombre. Así como un médico experto y la sabiduría de Dios, Cristo buscó y le diagnosticaron sólo “*una cosa*”, adjunto a su riqueza. Era la “*mancha oscura*” o “*Talón de Aquiles*” de su vida. Según su testimonio, había hecho “*bien todas las cosas*. Sin embargo, debe permitir que la palabra y la sabiduría de Dios penetren y transforme su vida. Aunque la instrucción de Jesús era “*un duro y áspero*”, pero sabía que era el único obstáculo que tenía.

Hay importantes lecciones que aprender de las lecturas de hoy que incluye que: cada uno de nosotros tenga un oscuro punto desconocido para nosotros, que sólo la sabiduría de Dios nos podría ayudar a iluminar. A veces nosotros también hacemos “*todo bien*” pero, de algo aún podemos carecer. Por lo que la palabra de Dios debe condenar, convencer y transformarnos. Además, no siempre debemos asegurar nosotros mismos o estar seguros de que estamos corriendo una carrera perfecta. Cada día debemos pedirle a Dios la luz de su sabiduría sobre nuestra ignorancia. Su sabiduría nos ayudará a entender quiénes somos realmente. También nos ayuda a ser lo que Él realmente quiere que seamos. En este sentido, nuestro enfoque debe ser como el de Job, que ofreció el sacrificio diario no solo por los pecados desconocidos cometidos por sí mismo sino por los miembros de su familia (Job 1, 5).

También no debemos permitir que la riqueza se convierta en un obstáculo entre nosotros y Dios. Usando el ejemplo del camello y la aguja, Cristo trata de enseñarnos que el apego a la riqueza es la forma más fácil de perder el enfoque en Dios. Esto es porque el apego a la riqueza es una sobre carga en la medida en que el camino espiritual se convierte en muy difícil, o prácticamente imposible. Por lo tanto, *no debemos permitir que lo que poseemos en este mundo posea nuestra alma*. Por el contrario, debemos buscar la sabiduría y comprendiendo que proviene de Dios, para ser verdaderamente sabios en el trato con las cosas de este mundo sin perder nuestra amistad con Dios, la última sabiduría.



## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 4th at 6PM

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance on November 6 at 6PM. At this liturgy, the names of all persons for whom a Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the past year are included in the Litany of Remembrance and a candle is lighted for each one. We also remember and light a candle to represent all family, relatives and friends of our Parish Community who have gone to God, one for those who have died as a result of violence, and one for those who have no one to remember them.



## **MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING FOR PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS**

The Pro Life Office and Project Rachel will sponsor two *Masses of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss* during the month of November. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. The Masses will take place on **All Saints' Day, Thursday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m.** at Bethany Chapel in the Pastoral Center (66 Brooks Drive, Braintree) and **Tuesday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Patrick's Church in Natick (44 East Central Street, Rt. 135). The guest homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A light reception and opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will also be available after Mass. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com)

# More pics of the Block Party!



**MARRIAGE BANNS**  
II Christopher Gosselin  
& Rebecca Stanko



Balloon fun!



Parish Photographer, Kevin Broderick

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## SERVICE MINISTRY

Oftentimes we hear of persons in our community who are in need of a hand. For those who are in need of assistance in cleaning their apartment; help with newborn twins; shoveling snow; a ride to a medical appointment or shopping, a person reaching out to assist them makes all the difference in the world.

Would you be willing to help? If so, please call Dianne Ludy or email her (617-242-4664, dludy@stmarystcatherine.org) so that we can organize a Service Ministry group to reach out to those in our community who are in need.

***Hebrews 13:16 “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to god.”***



### St. Mary-St. Catherine Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry

*Dear volunteers and supporters,*

*Thank you for your incredible generosity in time and money. We need both to keep this mission going, and you give both. At the last distribution, on September 24, we emptied the shelves of 9,500 pounds of food. We fill the shelves because of you, and we are able to restock the shelves because of you. Your charity is going to those most in need, families that face food insecurity as part of their daily lives. I am grateful to each of you for making this happen.*

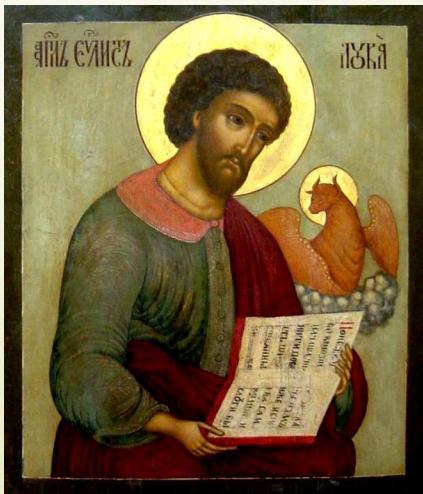
With gratitude,  
Tom MacDonald

### October 14 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich young man in today's gospel is like many of us. He knows about his faith and its teachings but



finds it difficult to let go of those things that stand in the way of being fully committed to following Jesus. What are those things in your life that hinder you from being a disciple of Jesus? Hear the words of Jesus, "all things are possible with God" and trust that God will help you to live as a committed disciple now!



**Luke the Evangelist** is one of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical Gospels. The early church fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author. Prominent figures in early Christianity such as Jerome and Eusebius later reaffirmed his authorship, although the fragile evidence of the identity of the author of the works has led to discussion in scholarly circles, both secular and religious.

The New Testament mentions Luke briefly a few times, and the Pauline Epistle to the Colossians refers to him as a physician (from Greek for 'one who heals'); thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of Paul. Christians since the faith's early years have regarded him as a saint. He is believed to have been a martyr, reportedly having been hanged from an olive tree, though some believe otherwise.

The Roman Catholic Church and other major denominations venerate him as **Saint**

**Luke the Evangelist** and as a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers; his **feast day** takes place on 18 October.



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 10/13

4:00 PM + KITTY & DENNIS SULLIVAN

#### SUNDAY 10/14

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

#### **ROSARY IS SAID BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES**

#### MONDAY 10/15

8:00 AM

#### TUESDAY 10/16

8:00 AM - OUR CHURCH, OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FAMILIES

#### WEDNESDAY 10/17

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

#### THURSDAY 10/18

8:00 AM

#### FRIDAY 10/19

8:00 AM

#### SATURDAY 10/20

4:00 PM + KATHRYN & TIMOTHY CALLAHAN

#### SUNDAY 10/21

8:00 AM + ROSEMARIE HOFF & NANCY CROON  
10:30 AM + JOHN, RITA, WILLIAM & CATHERINE FARLEY  
6:00 PM



### **CALLING ALL SENIORS! SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, October 17 at 11:30**

Please join us in the church hall for our season finale lunch and a movie



**Sanctuary Lamp  
in Church is  
Lit for  
Sedina, Giovanni,  
Gino & Ugo  
Galante**

### Attendance

Sat 10/06	4:00 PM -	53
Sun 10/07	8:00 AM -	57
Sun 10/07	10:30 AM -	144
Sun 10/07	6:00 PM -	91
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>345</b>

### Upcoming Collections

October 21, 2018

Mission Sunday

November 1, 2018

All Saint's Day



### **Weekend of 10/07**

Parishioners contributed \$7,571.62 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed \$1,428.07 to the Monthly Collection

Thank you for your continued support!

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

#### **PARISH COUNCILS**

FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

EUCARISTIC 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 check out the web site!**

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