

St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

October 28, 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.

Is there more than one call? By Sr. Joan Chittister, SB

Newspapers are full of stories about people whose lives change, it seems, in midair. Sometimes the reversals are drastic. More often they seem more subtle than startling. But whatever the nature of the change, it is always determinative. Even in your life and mine. Hurricane Carter, for instance, was a young man whose rise out of a New Jersey ghetto to the level of contender for the 1964 title of middleweight champion of the world was meteoric. Three years later he was convicted of murder and sentenced to three life terms in prison for a crime he did not commit. It was twenty-one years later before the sentence was finally overturned.

He once “boxed to make a living,” he says, but since his release from prison he has been fighting for the release of others whose cases are tenuous but ignored, because “innocent people in prison rarely have anyone in their corner.”

Carter was a fighter who used his physical abilities to overcome the racism of his time. Now he uses his moral and spiritual gifts to fight for the rights of others.



Did Carter have one call or two? Or was Carter’s one great life-changing call simply a result of doing differently what he had been doing in the first place? Struggling for just recognition first for himself and then,

later, for others whose place in life left them essentially invisible and powerless. So what difference does it make just because he found himself and his place in life late and slowly? The point is that life is about living into the one great moment of insight, awareness, realization that changes us so that we can do what we are meant to do to change it for others, as well.

Prison, Hurricane Carter wrote, is what helped him realize that his destiny could lie in lacing up his gloves to fight for others.

Is there more than one call? Probably not, though there are certainly variations of it along the way embedded in everything we do. But without a doubt, each of the byways on the road is a small step on the way to do it. As Emerson taught, life is a “progress,” a passage through time, “not a station,” never a stopping place. It is a progression of events that leads to insight, to self-



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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

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Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.

Fr. Clemente Yeboah

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Fr. Pat Universal

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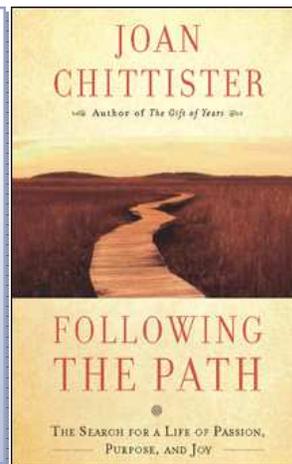
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knowledge, to the direction of the home within. One experience at a time, we begin to understand who we really are and what happiness really is for us. Then, what the poet Emerson wrote becomes glaringly clear: Life, he said, "is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

—from *Following the Path: The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose and Joy* by Joan Chittister (Image)

Ed. Note: Rubin "Hurricane" Carter died in April 2014, two years after Sister Joan's book was published.



October 28 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jesus asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" The answer seems obvious and the question unnecessary. But it really is a great question and one Jesus is asking you today.

Bartimaeus asked for sight, believing that Jesus would heal him. What do you want Jesus to do for you? Ask him. . . Put your trust in him, and just as he did with Bartimaeus, Jesus will answer you!

Our Stewardship Prayer

by 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

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



Parish Music Series

Five Free Concerts at St. Mary's Church, Charlestown



Thanksgiving With Charlestown Community Chorus: Nov.17 at 7:00

Christmas Concert with Copley Singers: December 9 at 3:30

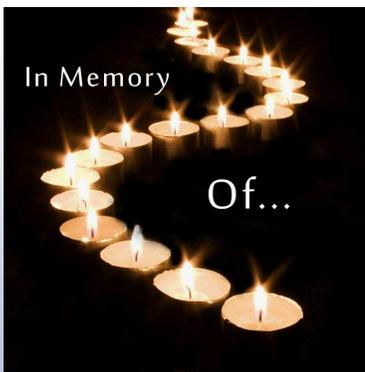
Palm Sunday Concert/Meditation: April 14 at 3:00

Civil War Memorial Concert: April 28 at 1:00

CC Chorus Celebrates Mothers in Song: May 11 at 7:00



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In Memory

Of...

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 4th at 6PM

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance on November 4 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



El pasaje del Evangelio relata la curación del ciego de Jericó, Bartimeo... Bartimeo es alguien que no deja escapar la ocasión. Oyó que pasaba Jesús, entendió que era la oportunidad de su vida y actuó con rapidez. La reacción de los presentes («le gritaban para que se callara») pone en evidencia la inconfesada pretensión de los «acomodados» de todos los tiempos: que la miseria permanezca oculta, que no se muestre, que no perturbe la vista y los sueños de quien está bien.

El término «ciego» se ha cargado de tantos sentidos negativos que es justo reservarlo, como se tiende a hacer hoy, a la ceguera moral de la ignorancia y de la insensibilidad. Bartimeo no es ciego; es sólo in-

vidente. Con el corazón ve mejor que muchos otros de su entorno, porque tiene la fe y alimenta la esperanza. Más aún, es esta visión interior de la fe la que le ayuda a recuperar también la exterior de las cosas. «Tu fe te ha salvado», le dice Jesús.

Me detengo aquí en la explicación del Evangelio porque me apremia desarrollar un tema presente en la segunda lectura de este domingo, relativa a la figura y al papel del sacerdote. Del sacerdote se dice ante todo que es «tomado de entre los hombres». No es, por lo tanto, un ser desarraigado o caído del cielo, sino un ser humano que tiene a sus espaldas una familia y una historia como todos los demás. «Tomado de entre los hombres» significa también que el sacerdote está hecho de la misma pasta que cualquier otra criatura humana: con los deseos, los afectos, las luchas, las dudas y las debilidades de todos. La Escritura ve en esto un beneficio para los demás hombres, no un motivo de escándalo. De esta forma, de hecho, estará más preparado para tener compasión, estando también él revestido de debilidad.

Tomado de entre los hombres, el sacerdote es además «constituido para los hombres», esto es, devuelto a ellos, puesto a su servicio. Un servicio que afecta a la dimensión más profunda del hombre, su destino eterno. San Pablo resume el ministerio sacerdotal con una frase: «Que nos tengan los hombres por servidores de Cristo y administradores de los misterios de Dios» (1 Co 4,1). Esto no significa que el sacerdote se desinterese de las necesidades también humanas de la gente, sino que se ocupa también de éstas con un espíritu diferente al de los sociólogos o políticos. Frecuentemente la parroquia es el punto más fuerte de agregación, incluso social, en la vida de un pueblo o de un barrio.

La que hemos trazado es una visión positiva de la figura del sacerdote. No siempre, lo sabemos, es así. De vez en cuando las crónicas nos recuerdan que existe también otra realidad, hecha de debilidad e infidelidad... De ella la Iglesia no puede hacer más que pedir perdón. Pero hay una verdad que hay que recordar para cierto consuelo de la gente. Como hombre, el sacerdote puede errar, pero los gestos que realiza como sacerdote, en el altar o en el confesionario, no resultan por ello inválidos o ineficaces. El pueblo no es privado de la gracia de Dios a causa de la indignidad del sacerdote. Es Cristo quien bautiza, celebra, perdona; el [sacerdote] es sólo el instrumento.

Me gusta recordar, al respecto, las palabras que pronuncia antes de morir el «cura rural» de Bernanos: «Todo es gracia». Hasta la miseria de su alcoholismo le parece gracia, porque le ha hecho más misericordioso hacia la gente. A Dios no le importa tanto que sus representantes en la tierra sean perfectos, cuanto que sean



NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints' Day, All Saint's Day is a holy day of obligation and there are 2 Masses:

8:00 AM and 6:30 PM - both in the St. Catherine Siena Chapel.

All Saints Day, officially the **Solemnity of All Saints** and also called **All Hallows** or **Hallowmas**, often shortened to **All Saints**, is a solemnity celebrated on 1 November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honor of all the saints, known and unknown.

In Western Christian theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. In the Roman Catholic

Church, the next day, November 2, All Souls' Day, specifically commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living). Other Christian traditions define, remember and respond to the saints in different ways.



Harvest on Vine

FALL FUNDRAISER

NOV. 18, 2017

FROM 1-3 PM

AT THE NAVY YARD BISTRO, CHARLESTOWN

A FUNDRAISER FOR HARVEST ON VINE WILL BE HELD AT THE NAVY YARD BISTRO ON NOV. 18TH FROM 1PM-3PM. COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS KNOWING THAT YOUR DONATION WILL HELP FEED YOUR MORE UNFORTUNATE NEIGHBORS THIS SEASON. A DELICIOUS MEAL AND A VARIETY OF WINES WILL BE ENJOYED BY ALL. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER ON WINTHROP STREET. LAST YEAR WAS A SELL OUT SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

MINIMUM DONATION \$50



Transformed in Love Marriage Prep

Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018-2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove; 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.



ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. We are looking for children who have received their First Holy Communion and are in the third grade or older to minister in our parish. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Center, 617-242-4664, and speak with Sr. Nancy.

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.



Celebrating Mass 9.30.18



Blessing Rosaries in Mary's Peace Garden 9.30.18



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.



Resquiescat in Pace
Francis Solomon Yahoub



Sanctuary Lamp in Church is Lit for Nora & Frank Butler

Attendance

Sat 10/20	4:00 PM -	72
Sun 10/21	8:00 AM -	63
Sun 10/21	10:30 AM -	161
Sun 10/21	6:00 PM -	60
TOTAL		356

Upcoming Collections

- November 1, 2018**
All Saint's Day
- November 4, 2018**
Monthly collection
- November 11, 2018**
Campaign for Human Development
- November 18, 2018**
Retired Religious Sisters



Weekend of 10/21

Parishioners contributed \$3,566.62 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed \$808.07 to the Second Collection.

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 and check out the web site!

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 10/27

4:00 PM + NORA & FRANK BUTLER

SUNDAY 10/28

8:00 AM
10:30 AM + ROSE & MARIO FABIANO
6:00 PM

ROSARY IS SAID BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 10/29

8:00 AM + RICHARD LOTHARIUS

TUESDAY 10/30

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

WEDNESDAY 10/31

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/01 ALL SAINTS DAY

8:00 AM Chapel
6:30 PM Chapel

FRIDAY 11/02

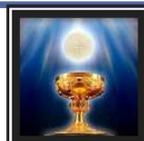
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SATURDAY 11/03

4:00 PM + WALTER & IRENE BUTLER

SUNDAY 11/04

8:00 AM + ELIZABETH O'BRIEN
10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN
6:00 PM + MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Be a part of one of our choirs

