



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

November 11, 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.

MY FATHER TOLD ME

I was not a terrific student in school. One of the subjects I disliked more than others was algebra. I get sweaty palms thinking about trying to solve those problems and taking those tests and quizzes!

My Dad knew this and so he would tell me, "*Jim, do your best and God will take care of the rest*". This seemed like a good piece of advice and one that could be freeing – in a way. Problem was, I had to figure out exactly, what was my BEST. As I thought about this formula, it came to me that if I did not succeed in algebra (or whatever else I was trying to do or master) it must mean that I didn't do my best and, therefore, God was not pitching in to take care of "*the rest*".

Well, I got to the other side of algebra and years passed. Yet there was for some time a lingering residue about "doing my best" and God's proportional response. In time, I came to believe the formula my loving Dad gave me was flawed. God's kindness, mercy and love are not ever proportional and/or conditional on my performance, because God is Love and God always wants what's best for us.

Re-visiting my Dad's formula holds a lesson for all of us as we consider the successes and setbacks of our lives.



Truth is, sometimes we try our very best and fall flat on our faces and at other times, we succeed. There are times when success or failure is independent of our efforts and depends on many other variables. God is not managing how the game is playing out. Rather God is continuously present in every moment of every day, a loving

constant in our lives, accompanying us through it all. We choose whether or not to be present to God.

In Judaism, the presence of God to the Jews was understood as the Covenant God established through Abraham. Down through the ages, God exhorted the Israelites to be faithful to this Covenant relationship of love and fidelity. Jesus, the human face of God, completes and fulfills that ancient Covenant and establishes the New Covenant in and through His own life, death, resurrection and promise to be with us always.

In Baptism, we are brought into a profound relationship with Jesus. At God's ongoing initiative, we are invited into an intimacy with Jesus in Word and Sacrament. Accepting that invitation opens us to the world of the God Who is Love and who directly and through a community of earthly players supports us through the vicissitudes

Inside: Catholic TV Novena Info

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

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James Santosuoso

Social Ministry Director

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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

Fr. Clemente Yeboah

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

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tudes of life.

There are those who intellectually accept the truth that God is Love, yet believe somehow that Love is not freely and unconditionally for them. They believe and promote the notion of my Dad's formula: God's Love for me is proportional to my personal behavior and performance. That is not true! No one can change God Who is Love and Who constantly beckons us to receive that Love. As the Latin saying goes, "Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit" - "Invoked or not invoked, God is present." We need only choose to be present to God.

It behooves us to do our best in all we undertake, knowing our best may vary depending on certain life circumstances and is not decided by God. How blessed are we to have a God who is present to us always and graces our lives each day. Accept this Truth of God who is Love, and be filled with the graces of this relationship like no other.

Fr. Ronan



November 11 ~ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have two different stories of widows who gave everything they had. When Jesus spoke about the widow at the treasury, he said "she contributed all she had. . . ." Time, talent, and treasure are pillars of stewardship. Do you use your time to help others? Do you put your talent at the service of the parish or community? Do you freely make sacrifices, not giving what is left-over at the end of the week? Do you willingly share the greatest gift – your witness to God's love? This week find a way to share your time, talent, treasure - and your story.



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



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born as Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850 in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy. Frances became dedicated to living a life for religious work from a young age and received a convent education at a school ran by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. She graduated with high honors and a teaching certificate

On March 31, 1889, Frances arrived in New York City along with six other sisters ready to begin her new journey. However, right from the beginning she encountered many disappointments and hardships. Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals, within 35 years dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants. Her institutions were spread out in places all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and in Eight years later, on December 22, 1917, Frances passed at the age of 67, due to complications from dysentery at the Columbus Hospital, one of her own hospitals, in Chicago, Illinois. 1909, Frances became a naturalized citizen of the United States and Illinois. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI and canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946, making her the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her feast day is celebrated on November 13 and she is the patron saint of immigrants

November Dates for Religious Education

11/18 - Sunday class 9am; Mass at 10:30 Students bring Harvest on Vine bags during Offertory

11/19 - Monday Confirmation classes 6:30-8pm

11/6 - Tuesday classes 4-5:15pm

11/20 - Tuesday classes 4-5:15pm

11/11, 11/12, 11/13 - NO CLASS VETERAN'S DAY

11/25, 11/26, 11/27 - NO CLASS THANKSGIVING

12/10 - Monday Confirmation classes 6:30-8pm



On November 6th, the Catholic TV Network announced a six-month journey of prayer and reflection called *Together We Rebuild*. Inspired by God's exhortation to Saint Francis to "rebuild my Church," Catholic TV will be offering multimedia programming focused on penance and prayer from now until Easter. *Together We Rebuild* will include the offering of every Mass at Catholic TV for victims and the renewal of the Church, novenas, prayer services, personal testimonies from across the country, specific monthly rebuilding themes, content and social media initiatives and much more.

There are some Novena booklets at the back of the Church that Catholic TV has provided. The novena begins on Sunday, November 11. Please take one. The novena will culminate on November 19 with a 12-hour Day of Penance and Prayer broadcast LIVE at the Catholic TV Chapel of the Holy Cross. For the novena and more information visit CatholicTV.org/together-we-rebuild. Our web site also has a link to Catholic TV.



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/transformedinelove; 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

Save the Date:

The next Welcoming Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center (46 Winthrop St). If you're interested in being a greeter at future masses or if you have ideas for the Welcoming Committee to consider for 2019, please join our next meeting! If you're unable to attend, or have suggestions for how to make our parish a more welcoming community, please reach out to welcomingcommittee@stmaryscatherine.org

Archdiocesan Justice Convocation, Saturday November 17, 8 AM- 1:30 PM, Boston College High School. Come join us to renew your commitment to eradicating the root causes of injustice and inequality. Topics include immigration, worker rights, environmental justice, homelessness, global and local poverty, prison reform, and racial justice. We will focus on concrete ACTIONS that you and your parish can take to give witness to Gospel Justice. For details and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/RCAB-Justice-2018>



El mar Muerto es símbolo de la muerte, de lo antiguo. Es el mundo de los fariseos de los que nos habla Jesús: "Tengan cuidado con los maestros de la ley..."

Los fariseos de ayer y los de hoy son y somos los que cuidan sólo las apariencias, lo externo, los que sólo piensan en sí mismos. La religión se convierte en show, en negocio, en fama y en poder. Es el mar Muerto porque Dios cuenta poco. El agua de este mar no riega a nadie, está simplemente estancada. Y los cristianos estamos llamados a ser mares abiertos, abiertos a Dios y a los hermanos. "Amarás a Dios y amarás a tu hermano."

El mar de Galilea es símbolo de vida, de lo nuevo, de la nueva Alianza, de la donación. Es el mar de Jesús. En el mar de Galilea Jesús predica, llama a sus discípulos, camina sobre las aguas, es el mar de la pesca milagrosa. El mar de Jesús es el mar del amor. "Jesús sentado frente al alcancía del templo, miraba cómo la gente echaban dinero para el tesoro". Estamos al final del evangelio de Marcos y al final de la vida de Jesús. Y Jesús mira y observa el comportamiento de los hombres. ¿Qué vio Jesús en aquella visita al templo de Jerusalén? Los ricos daban grandes limosnas, el dinero que les sobraba. Y vio una pobre viuda que echó el poco dinero que tenía para vivir ese día.

Jesús, además de observar la conducta de las personas, dio una enseñanza, una catequesis a sus discípulos.

El amor sale del corazón limpio, no de la bolsa. La limosna sale del corazón generoso, no del bolsillo. La pobre viuda con sus dos reales dio más que los ricos con sus cheques. La pobre viuda confiaba en el Dios de los pobres, Él era su riqueza, su Visa Oro y su tesoro. La pobre viuda dio a Dios todo, como expresión de su vida puesta en las manos de Dios. Y Jesús la alabó y la puso como ejemplo. Los ricos, aquel día, se ganaron sólo el aplauso de los hombres, no el de Jesús.

Érase una vez un billete de cincuenta euros, éste le contaba sus aventuras a una moneda de cincuenta céntimos. Le decía: yo he ido a las carreras de caballos y al golf, he ido al fútbol y a los mejores restaurantes, sabes, me lo paso pipa. La moneda de cincuenta céntimos le escuchaba con envidia y le dijo: yo no he ido a ninguno de esos sitios de los que me hablas, pero no he faltado ningún domingo a misa.

Un domingo un niño miraba a su madre que echaba en el cestillo de la colecta una moneda de cinco céntimos. Cuando volvían a casa la madre criticaba el aburrido sermón del cura. El niño le contestó: ¿qué más puedes pedir por cinco céntimos?

Jesús observaba la conducta de los hombres, mira pero no juzga. Hoy, también, nos observa a nosotros, mira nuestro bolsillo y nuestro corazón. ¿Está apegado a las cosas, es avaricioso, le da a Dios las sobras o los primeros frutos? A Dios no le interesa la cantidad, sí le interesa nuestras prioridades, el orden en que damos. Damos después de haber satisfecho nuestros gustos y caprichos o ¿podemos sacrificarnos?

¿Cuáles son mis criterios a la hora de hacer mi ofrenda a Dios? ¿Es Dios el primero o el último de mi lista?

Dios te quiere a ti. No quiere tus cosas. Dios te mira a ti que estás hoy en su casa.

Dios quiere que te fíes de él, que le des gracias a él, que te abras a su amor y sólo entonces brotará libremente tu ofrenda. Tu ofrenda no será obligación maldita sino don agradecido y gozoso al dueño de todo. No serán las sobras sino los primeros frutos de tu sudor.

Las dos viudas de la Palabra de Dios están ahí como enseñanza para nosotros: pobres pero generosas, solas pero con Dios, y agradecidas lo dan todo. Madre Teresa de Calcuta decía: "Si das lo que no necesitas, eso no es dar".

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to two upcoming prayer experiences:

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

"Three Ways to Heal the Heart: Gratitude, Forgiveness and Living into the Present Moment"

Monday, December 3, 2018, 6:30 -8:00 PM

"Advent Evening: Setting the Tone for this Holy Season"

To register call 781-227-4730 or e-mail: spiritualministries@CSJBoston.org

A \$25 donation is suggested.

Encuentro Juvenil, a Hispanic Youth Event, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:30PM to 8:30PM at Sacred Hearts Parish in Malden. Please email Sr. Elsa Narvaez at narvae_e@rcab.org for more information.

Fiat, a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church, invites you to their next meeting on November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA. The topic will be "Prayer". For more information, contact S. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025. Check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen



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



SAVE THE DATE

*Thanksgiving Concert
Featuring the
Charlestown
Community Choir
November 17, 2018
@ 7:00 PM*



Veterans Day Prayer By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the

continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Monday, November 12th. Mass on that day will be at 9AM in the Chapel.



St Vincent de Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for contributions put in the poor boxes at the back of the Church and contributions that have been mailed in to the Parish Center. These contributions have enabled us to help 5 families in our Parish this past month with financial assistance, beds, bureaus, kitchen sets and other needs of those who have called us for assistance, totaling \$2,274 in aid. There is a dedicated team of Parishioners who visit these families to assist and assess the family's needs. As winter approaches, the calls are becoming more frequent. We pray you continue to keep St Vincent de Paul in mind so that our Parish will be able to answer the calls of the poor in our community.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have contributed to our Grand Annual Collection. Because of your generosity, to date, parishioners have contributed \$27,930.



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 11/10

4:00 PM + HELENA RODRIGUES

SUNDAY 11/11

8:00 AM + BRUCE WILSON

**10:30 AM + JANE STOCKMAN
CUCHURAL**

6:00 PM

MONDAY 11/12

**9:00 AM - VETERANS DAY - OFFICE
CLOSED**

TUESDAY 11/13

8:00 AM BEATRIZ GAMARRA

WEDNESDAY 11/14

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/15

**8:00 AM OUR COUNTRY, OUR
CHURCH AND OUR FAMILY**

FRIDAY 11/16

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 11/17

4:00 PM + MARY DEVLIN

SUNDAY 11/18

**8:00 AM + FRANCES, JOE & JEFF
BURTON**

10:30 AM + CHRISTINA RYAN

6:00 PM



Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church is
lit for

Jane Stockman
Cuchural

Sanctuary Lamp
in St Catherine
Siena Chapel is

Lit for
Colin Lane

Attendance

Sat 11/03 4:00 PM - 65

Sun 11/04 8:00 AM - 116

Sun 11/05 10:30 AM - 192

Sun 11/06 6:00 PM - 219

TOTAL 592

Upcoming Collections

November 11, 2018

Campaign for Human Development

November 18, 2018

Retired Religious Sisters

December 9, 2018

Monthly



Weekend of 11/04

Parishioners contributed \$7,359.12
to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed \$2,068.07
to the Monthly Collection

Al Saints collection - \$457.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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involved contact us at 617-242-4664
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***We a part of one of our
choirs***

