



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

November 18, 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.

GRACIAS!



Some years ago the popular spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen took a leave from his position at Yale Divinity School and went to Peru for a year. Nouwen worked and lived among the poor in the outskirts of Lima. Upon his return, he wrote a best selling book entitled, GRACIAS. He titled the book "Thank You" for he found the sentiment of gratitude so prevalent among the poor that he was both

astonished and edified by them. Fr. Nouwen witnessed the poverty and sufferings of the Peruvian people while, at the same time, their sense of gratitude for everything.

The word "gracias" permeated not only their life style but also their view of life and God. Often the "gracias" was spoken as "Gracias a Dios". The simplest act was completed with a prayer of thanks to God. Fr. Nouwen laid bare the irony that those who have little are often very grateful while those who have much more are often less grateful. Naturally, one would think the reverse would be true. In fact, the irony is often carried even to the extremes: sometimes those who have abundance want more and feel entitled to more and those with very little are grateful and content.

This week, we North Americans celebrate one of the most cherished of our national holidays, Thanksgiving. Surely we are a blessed people and it has been my experience that most Americans embrace this holiday with a deeply sincere sense of gratitude. Our gratitude is felt at many levels: to family, loved ones, our nation, and most importantly, to God. All of us agree that the day is so important. And, like you, I recall memories of childhood celebrations that I cherish of families coming together and, at a table laden with abundance, pausing in a formal and beautiful way to thank God for all blessings.

Our reality is that the day comes and goes and the busyness of life can so distract us that our sense of gratitude can become dulled. We can fall into the trap of forgetting and not acknowledging God's blessings in our life. The worries and challenges can draw us away from the truth that we are first and foremost God's

Happy Thanksgiving

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

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Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

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Fr. Clemente Yeboah

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

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most precious children and blessed beyond measure. When I re-capture this truth, suddenly everything is reordered. I see things in a new light and priorities are re-established. My sense of the rightness of seeing God as the giver of so much is both freeing and humbling.

Next Thursday, we will gather with our loved ones and, even in the midst of the worries and challenges of these times, we know we have so much for which to be grateful. I will spend this beautiful day with the Rostro de Cristo community in Guayaquil, Ecuador. There with 13 North American volunteer missionaries, we will have Mass together and dinner. This year 24 students and 4 faculty from St. John Paul High School in Hyannis will be on retreat with us. Turkey is hard to find in the tropics, so we will likely have chicken! But the sentiments will be as profound as ever, as we echo *Gracias – Thanks be to God* for all we have and especially for the love that surrounds us and gives us hope.

Fr. Ronan



November 18 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are nearing the end of the Liturgical Year when the readings call us to think about the 'end times'. Even though we don't know when death will come, it is not a time to be comfortable and complacent because "of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Therefore, the time to be intentional about following Jesus is NOW, don't wait.

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

TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

En la universidad de Chicago hay un gran reloj conocido como el reloj del fin del mundo. Las 12, medianoche, es la hora del final. Es la hora del Apocalipsis, la hora de los enemigos descritos en visiones codificadas pero que encarnan seres reales y acontecimientos actuales. Hora de mirar de la tierra al cielo y del cielo a la tierra para juzgar los acontecimientos desde la perspectiva de Dios hasta que el tiempo desemboque en la eternidad.

Es un recordatorio para la humanidad. Los hombres son los que pueden acelerar este reloj y hacer que den las doce antes de tiempo.

El reloj del Apocalipsis es un reloj sin cara, sin agujas, mudo, sin horas, sin minutos, pero como todos los relojes es símbolo del tiempo más allá del tiempo. Los relojes que llevamos en la muñeca son los que nos dicen el presente, los que marcan la rutina de cada día: hora de levantarse, hora del trabajo, hora de las comidas, hora de...todo previsto y programado. Pero no me negarán que en este trajinar, obedientes al reloj, son muchas las cosas que nos sobrevienen que no habíamos previsto. Suceden sin más: los accidentes, las enfermedades, las nuevas amistades, los abrazos no esperados, los fracasos, la naturaleza desatada...

El evangelio de este domingo nos habla en lenguaje amenazador del final. Este pequeño Apocalipsis de Marcos es un texto incómodo para todos. Predicar sobre el final, además de ser difícil, es imposible, se nos antoja innecesario. No nos dice nada, solo nos ofrece poesía, visiones y sueños. "El día y la hora nadie lo sabe, ni los ángeles del cielo ni el Hijo, sólo el Padre".

Como ignoramos el cómo y el cuándo del principio de la creación, nos desentendemos de su final por la sencilla razón de que todos sabemos que nuestro final está más cerca que el final del mundo. El domingo pasado decíamos que frente a los 613 mandamientos de la Ley de Moisés había que priorizar. Hoy, frente a un final que como las aguas del río mueren en el mar, tenemos que planificar. Planificar la vida no según el reloj humano sino según el reloj de Dios. Planificar la vida no según "primero lo primero" sino según "lo último lo primero". Lo último es la muerte, el último es Dios. "El cielo y la tierra pasarán pero mis palabras no pasarán".

La planificación del cristiano no es la rutina del hacer más cosas sino del vivir confiado y gozoso en la presencia de Dios, el vivir con la seguridad de que es Dios quien tiene la llave del final y de que todos tenemos un final feliz.



SAINT CECILIA - FEAST DAY November 22: In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity. During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God and before the consummation of her nuptials, she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he traveled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and was baptized by Pope Urbanus.

Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily. His brother was also Baptized and both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods. Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat. When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths. The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand. Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints.

BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 11, 2018



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR
FAMILIES WHO WERE HERE LAST
SUNDAY FOR BAPTISMS!

NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

- * Leila MacEachern Brett
- * Audrey Wheeler Gorman
- * Aiden Roderick Murray
- * Vivienne Elle Rist
- * Ada Mae Sayer
- * Conrad Richard Shane
- * Lucie Catherine Stanley

BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 11, 2018 Cont.



MARRIAGE BANNS

I. Michael Hughes & Kathryn Flannery



Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM in the Chapel to thank God for all of our many blessings. We wish you a happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Creator of the Universe, Giver of every good gift, we pause on this Thanksgiving Day to express our gratitude for Your constant love and care for us, and for Your continued graces and blessings.

We thank you for the countless ways in which you nurture our lives, guiding us, comforting us, challenging us, strengthening us as we walk our path of life on earth and seek to deepen our faith in You.

We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, for His teachings and example who, with the many people You place in our lives, show us how to be Your faithful disciples.

We thank you for the gift of our family, friends and faith community, those in heaven and those on earth, and for the many ways they fill our hearts. Today and every day, Loving God, may we, with every heartbeat and in every circumstance, cultivate a spirit of gratitude to You. And may we ever be Your trustworthy stewards on earth. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Away in South America

Fr. Ronan will leave the Parish this Tuesday, November 20 and travel to Guayaquil, Ecuador to be with the *Rostro de Cristo* community. This is a group of lay missionaries Fr. Ronan founded while he was a member of the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle serving in Ecuador. He will spend Thanksgiving in Ecuador and return to the United States Saturday, November 24. If you would like to learn more about this program, please go to the website: rostrodecristo.org.

**Inspiring
HOPE**
Campaign for the
Future of Our Catholic Faith

Inspiring Hope at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish continues to gain momentum as we reach out to every family to challenge them to a call to stewardship. To date, we have had tremendous success - \$325,500 has been committed from only 18 gifts! This is 65% towards our goal of \$500,000 goal. This overwhelming response is the result of the support of generous parishioners like you. This support will help St. Mary-St. Catherine by allowing us to:

Remove peeling paint, prime, and repaint the interior surfaces of the church

Clean and repair the 12 angels that decorate our rare hammerbeam ceiling

Restore the Stations of the Cross relief sculptures

Share a portion of what we raise to aid Catholic causes beyond our own parish

Over the next few days and weeks, Campaign Ambassadors will be contacting parishioners to ask for their support and participation in this critical campaign. We hope that when you are called upon to contribute to this effort, you will lend your generous support.



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

SUNDAY 11/18

**8:00 AM + FRANCES, JOE & JEFF
BURTON**
10:30 AM + CHRISTINA RYAN
6:00 PM

MONDAY 11/19

8:00 AM - BEATRIZ GAMARRA

TUESDAY 11/20

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 11/21

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/22 CHAPEL

9:00 AM THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY 11/23

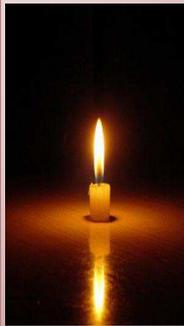
9:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED
OUR COUNTRY, OUR
CHURCH AND OUR FAMILY

SATURDAY 11/24

4:00 PM + MARY ELIZABETH CORR

SUNDAY 11/25

**8:00 AM + EDWARD & MARGARET
WALSH, WILLIAM & MILDRED
WALSH, THOMAS MOLES,
MICHELLE MOLES, MARY
MCGOWAN**
**10:30 AM + MARIE, JOHN & NANCY
MOUGHAN**
6:00 PM + ROSE BOYLE



Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church is
lit for
Guy Macarrone

Sanctuary Lamp
in St Catherine
Siena Chapel is
Lit for
Colin Lane

Attendance

Sat 11/10	4:00 PM -	76
Sun 11/11	8:00 AM -	74
Sun 11/11	10:30 AM -	157
Sun 11/11	6:00 PM -	70
TOTAL		377

Upcoming Collections

November 18, 2018
Retired Religious Sisters

December 8, 2018
Immaculate Conception

December 9, 2018
Monthly



Weekend of 11/12

Parishioners contributed \$6,100.55
to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed \$1,116.00
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
- ARIMATEA 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

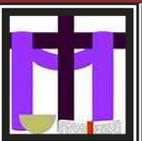
SOCIAL MINISTRIES

- HARVEST ON VINE
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIAL GROUPS

- COFFEE HOUR
- BOOK CLUB
- PLAYGROUP

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involved contact us at 617-242-4664
and check out the web site!
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**Be a part of one of our
choirs**

