



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

January 20, 2019

**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.

## What Makes You Happy?

Kind of an interesting question, it became configured to Christ's will. don't you think? I wonder if each of us would answer in different ways. Would the answer of a child be different from that of a teenager or an adult? How about the response of an 80-year-old person – would it be very different from that of a 30 something? I wonder how my answer to this question has changed over the years. I mean there was a time when my graduate education and career were uppermost in my mind. Another chapter, when my social life had high priority.



Is the "happiness" thing a sliding scale, changing from day to day or week to week? I ask the question because these past weeks the readings at Mass have provoked me to wonder why I am happy and what causes my happiness. For example, on Friday this week (1/25) we celebrate the feast of the conversion of Saint Paul. The reflections around the feast of St. Paul detail that after Paul's conversion, his whole life became one of service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His own will was so impacted by love of Christ that

it became configured to Christ's will. This harmony of wills fueled by love explained Paul's amazing and ever present Joy, even in the midst of suffering of all kinds. Paul would go on to write that his life included times of wealth and of poverty, times of hunger and of abundance, times of success and of failure, and he had come to regard everything as having little value other than his relationship with Christ.

Perhaps it is, therefore, that the only common denominator in life that brings happiness to any person at any stage is the presence of love. Not a love that is very self-serving, rather a mature love that is more other-centered. Again, Paul wrote elegantly of this as well: *If I achieve everything that this world has to offer, without love, I gain nothing.* He concluded his marvelous treatise on love as follows: *When I was a child I used to talk like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways aside ... There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of*

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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 [stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/](http://stmaryscatherine.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

*Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmaryscatherine.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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*these is love.* (1 Corinthians 13).

Each day of our lives, there is something in front of me that promises happiness. More often than not, it includes everything from a laxative to a Cadillac. Sure, there is stuff that can be pleasing and meet needs and desires. But true happiness, well that is something more.

The whole world is searching for happiness – frenetically it seems. St. Paul found the answer and it is offered to us every day.

Fr. Ronan



## January 20 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Do whatever he tells you.” These are the words of Mary at the end of today’s gospel! Mary is saying these words to us too - to you and me. What is He telling us to do? The psalm gives us one response - “Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all nations.” St. Paul also reminds us that we have been given special gifts. Do you recognize the special gifts that the Spirit has given to you? Pray for the grace to use your gifts to proclaim his marvelous deeds - to family, neighbors, friends, co-workers.

### ***St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish Call to Stewardship***

Gratefully acknowledging that God gives us all, we each willingly offer our unique gifts to one another and all creation in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.



### ***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**

## II Domingo DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



A la primera, desde el mero inicio de su ministerio publico, Jesús se dirige a transformarnos. El primer “signo” que el evangelio de san Juan nos muestra es ese canijo vino, algo diluido que se termina rápidamente en las bodas de Cana. Observa la transformación que se da:

De alguna manera, existen ¡SEIS TINAJAS DE PIEDRA reposando a las afueras de la pequeña casa! Esto es gracioso, y también una broma interna para los lectores judeo-cristianos del primer siglo. Um. ¿En que otra parte hemos visto esa clase de tinajas enormes? Justo a la entrada del Templo, en donde los hombres hacían el ritual de lavado para su propia purificación externa y poder así ingresar al templo. Ahora bien, esas mismas tinajas han sido transportadas desde el Templo hasta la pequeña vivienda en donde la fiesta matrimonial está en su pleno auge.

Una broma similar sería si alguien dijera, “Asistimos a la cena de unos amigos católicos, ¡y los vitrales de la Capilla Sixtina estaban en su sala!” Es la manera en que Juan dice, “Observen la transformación que Jesús realizará.” La madre de Jesús les dio instrucciones a los sirvientes, y Jesús a su vez, dio instrucciones al mundo creado (el cuál fue creado por él), y el agua de las tinajas se transformaron en el mejor vino de la fiesta.

Y por supuesto que existen innumerables transformaciones por venir: la solitaria mujer Samaritana que encuentra a Jesús en el pozo y se convierte en la primera discípula de su aldea; el hombre ciego de nacimiento a quien es devuelta la vista para hacernos ver lo ciego que estamos; el difunto Lázaro cuya tumba es abierta.

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### ***Eucharistic Adoration***

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel each **Friday beginning Friday, January 25, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.**

In the midst of the busy days we all know; in the down times and in moments when our hearts seek peace and consolation – spend time before the Most Blessed Sacrament – in quiet with the Lord Jesus.



### **Blessing of the Throats at all Masses on the week- end of February 3- St. Blaise**

According to the *Acts*, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently,

Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.



### **Reflection & Prayer to End Human Trafficking**

**January 11 – February 8, 2019**

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in southern Sudan in 1869. As a young girl, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was treated brutally by her captors as she was sold and resold. She did not remember her name so Bakhita, which means “fortunate one,” was the name given to her by her kidnappers.

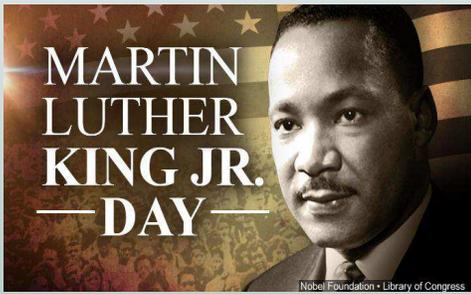
#### ***Daily Prayer***

God of hope and peace, touch our hearts and energize our ongoing efforts in abolishing this heinous crime against humanity so that every victim is freed and every survivor’s life renewed. You blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen the women, men and children who are in search of freedom.

We ask for transformation of heart for those who inflict pain, anguish and grief on our vulnerable sisters and brothers. Give us generosity to stand in solidarity with others so that together we heal the hearts and lives of all Your people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-3737-888**

February 8 - Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita



On Monday, January 21st we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Since 1986, three years after President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law, every third Monday in January is designated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday that celebrates Dr. King's life and work. In 1994, Congress named Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a national day of service, and since then Americans have often celebrated the day through acts of service.

People throughout the United States will spend time on this day putting into action Dr. King's teachings and philosophy of non-violence by volunteering in various social service venues such as food pantries, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens, and in developing various types of educational programs.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed that "everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Let us thank God for the leadership and vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. who incorporated Gospel values in the non-violent struggle for equality, justice, freedom and peace for all human beings. Let us open our hearts and reflect on his words:

"I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love." (Martin Luther King, Jr., in *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Volume IV: Symbol of the Movement, January 1957-December 1958*. Edited by Clayborne Carson, Susan Carson, Adrienne Clay, Virginia Shadron and Kieran Taylor. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000).)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

Classes Begin on Saturday, February 2, 10:00 to 11:30



Full adult membership in the Roman Catholic Church is achieved with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Most Catholics born into our faith receive Baptism as infants and Eucharist in the second grade. Confirmation is often received in the tenth grade.

Due to circumstances of all kinds, a significant number of adults have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

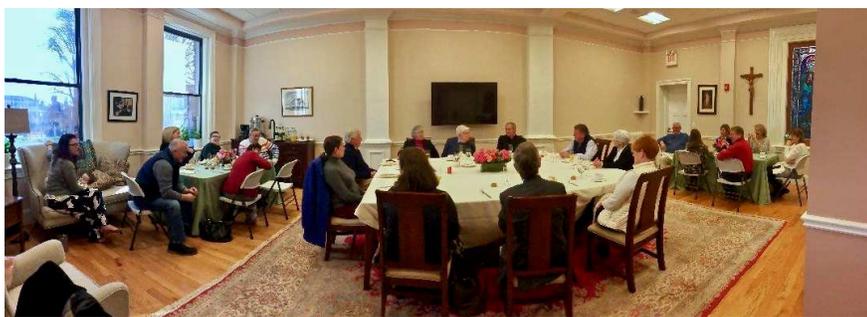
Maybe... It's Time:

To deepen your relationship with God who loves and cares about you.

To re-engage your world again as a Catholic more informed about your faith and its impact in your life.

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

Candidates 18 years of age or older will attend seven 90-minute classes. Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND at 617-242-4664 or [ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org) for additional details and to register for the program.

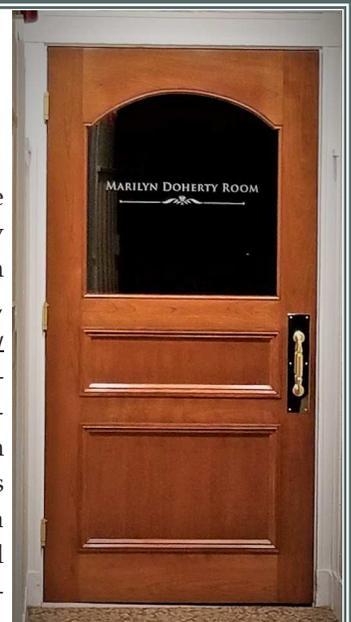


#### **Dedication –**

#### **Marilyn Doherty Room**

On Sunday, January 13, we dedicated a lovely restored room in the Parish Center, the Marilyn Doherty

Room. Marilyn is the late wife of Gerard Doherty who is a life-long member of the Parish. Marilyn and Gerard have been generous supporters of the Parish and of many various initiatives in The Town. The new Room is a beehive of activity for meetings and conversations for many groups in the Parish. It also contains a beautiful corner that can be opened to the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We are most thankful to Gerard Doherty for his support for this room in Marilyn's fond memory.





Welcome Cora See Sheehan Baptized 1.6.19



Welcome Tanner Levi Rogers Baptized 1.6.19



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
LEGAL PROTECTION  
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

January 22 is the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the day established by the Church of penance for abortion, has been formally named as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." On this day (or January 23rd when

January 22nd falls on a Sunday) your parish, school or religious formation program may celebrate the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. This Mass, found in our newly-translated Missal, may now be used on occasions to celebrate the dignity of human life.



As we've done in past years, we are taking up a collection of used hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the homeless men, women, and children in Boston. If you have extras that are not in use, please drop them in the box at the doors of the church. We assure you, they will be put to good use! The drive will end on the last Sunday of January – the 28th.

Thank you in advance for your donation.



**St. Joseph Spiritual Ministries**, supported by The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, invite you to an **Evening of Prayer: "Surrender to the Seasons"** on **Sunday, January 27 2018, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM**, at the Sis-

ters' of St. Joseph Chapel, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA. Presenters Joan Duffy, CSJ and Kathleen Short, CSJ will give attention to the deep connection between the seasons of nature and those of the human heart. Each season has its own spiritual gifts but together we will reflect on the invitation of winter to embrace Sabbath Time. Suggested donation is \$25. Register at: [spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org](mailto:spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org) or call 781-227-4730.



**Young Adult Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Dear friends, I am sending this to you as you may know about this project or have supported it in the past. I am leading a youth pilgrimage for young adults, ages 18-26 for two weeks in May 2019. They can be Catholic, Christian, Non-Christian or agnostic, atheist. "The trip is all things to all people." as St. Paul said. We travel to Jordan and Israel. We support the economy of our Christian brothers and sisters struggling to remain in the Middle East. You may have children, grandchildren, and know young people who may benefit from this experience. The cost is \$2990 but we have financial aid and accept whatever the young people can pay for their expenses. Please spread the word. It could change or even save the life of a young person. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or know of someone who might be interested in joining us. Hope you are well. Blessed Advent

Fr. Michael



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.

#### ATTENDANCE

SAT 01/12	4:00 PM -	73
SUN 01/13	8:00 AM -	64
SUN 01/13	10:30 AM -	177
SUN 01/13	6:00 PM -	64
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>378</b>

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY 01/19**

4:00 PM + TINO NOVELO

**SUNDAY 01/20**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

**MONDAY 01/21**

9:00 AM - MLK - OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY 01/22**

8:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY 01/23**

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

**THURSDAY 01/24**

8:00 AM

**FRIDAY 01/25**

8:00 AM

**SATURDAY 01/26**

4:00 PM + MARY, WALLACE & KATHY  
KILLORAN

**SUNDAY 01/27**

8:00 AM + JAMES FRANCIS MURPHY

10:30 AM + FRANCIS X. NORTON

6:00 PM



#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

#### 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.

*There are three things that last:  
faith, hope, and love.*

*And the greatest of these is love.*

*- St. Paul*



Weekend of 01/13 Parishioners contributed \$5,776.05 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed \$1,281.00 to the monthly collection

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Tax Season



Would you like a statement of your Parish contributions?

Please email

Dianne Ludy at  
dludy@stmaryscatherine.org

or call (617) 242-4664. Please include your full name and address with your request. Statements may take 3-5 business days to process.

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

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CANA SOCIETY

##### FAITH FORMATION

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RCIA

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION

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PRISON MINISTRY

ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

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