



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

January 27, 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.

MEETING HOUSE HILL

When I was born, my family lived in a section of the city of Boston called Meeting House Hill in Dorchester. This area of three family homes, neighborhood stores, bakeries, bar rooms, and some broad avenues sits between Fields Corner and Uphams Corner. At the top of my street was the beautiful Ronan Park. The park was a haven for the kids in the neighborhood for all sports as well as sledding in the winter. This was my world.

Cardinal Cushing was Archbishop of Boston and I went to St. Peter's Grammar School. The topic of "the missions" was often spoken about and visiting missionaries came to the school and the parish from time to time. We were all taken with the idea of far off places. But more than that, I learned at an early age that we were connected to people in far off places. We learned that many of them were poor and had little to eat or wear. In turn, we were well off no matter our situation.

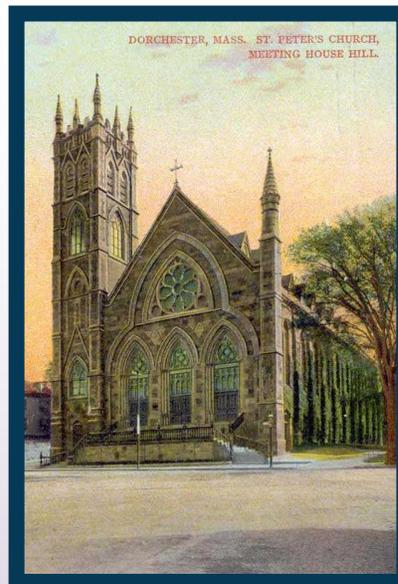
I left Meeting House Hill a long time ago – but the lessons I learned there have shaped me for a life time. Now I understand that to be a Catholic is to be involved with the world. In fact, it is not possible to say CATHOLIC and

not mean others outside of where I live and work. This Church of ours, founded by Jesus Christ, is a community always seeking to reach out and always on the move. The Great Commandment that Jesus gave to his followers was "*Go forth to all the nations and preach the Good News...*"

I guess, looking back, it is no surprise that after I became a priest, I later became a missionary to Latin America – a member of the St. James Society. This is the group of diocesan priests from all over the English speaking world formed by

Cardinal Cushing when I was a boy. We were to go to the poorest regions of Latin America and work in the poorest areas. And so I went first as a seminarian to Peru and spent a summer in Andahuaylas – high in the Andes. I went back to Peru again and again. In 1987, five years after being ordained, I asked for permission to go and stay. Cardinal Law gave me permission and asked me to delay my departure for one year. In the spring of 1988, I joined up and was sent to Ecuador.

Though I returned to Boston in November 2000, I continue to be actively involved in Ecuador. I cannot help but be involved in the world beyond Charlestown. I know I am a better person for this and I think a better



Inside: About Adult Confirmation Classes ...

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

Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

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Dianne Ludy

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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Fr. Clemente Yeboah

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

Vice Chair Finance Council

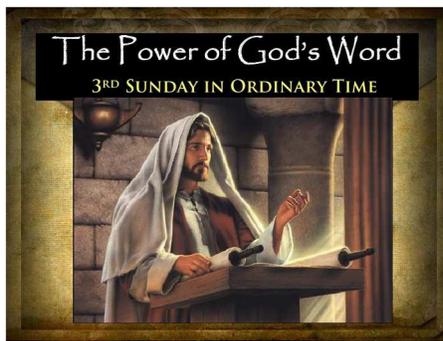
Nancy Higgins

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priest as well. The Gospel of Jesus Christ points me over and over to place the needs of the poor as the primary focus of my life. The poor are everywhere and we all know that. They are the weak, the sick, the elderly, and the young as well as the unborn and the voiceless in our world.

I can never go back to Meeting House Hill – what a great place to grow up. But growing up means we see a bigger world and hear a call to look beyond our neighborhoods. Whether we stay home or not means little – that we live and pray and act as citizens of the world means everything.

Fr. Ronan



Re-read today's Gospel. Put yourself in the scene: you're in the synagogue, perhaps your family is beside you. Jesus, the carpenter's son, gets up to read – He is the lector. The carpenter's son reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah about the promise of the Messiah. When he finishes, he looks at the people gathered and says: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." What do you think about this? Do you believe that Jesus is your Messiah, the One sent by God? Pray that your belief in Jesus Christ will be strengthened.

January 27 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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**

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Érase una vez un seguidor de San Francisco de Asís que le pedía: "Francisco, enséñame a predicar". Y San Francisco le llevaba a visitar a los enfermos, a ayudar a los niños, y a dar comida a los pobres. Juntos recorrían las calles de Asís haciendo el bien a todos. El discípulo le preguntaba, ¿pero cuándo me vas a enseñar a predicar? Francisco le contestaba: "hermano, ya estamos predicando".

Predicando con el ejemplo, con la vida. Nuestra manera de vivir es nuestra predicación. No hace falta tener un micrófono o subir al púlpito para predicar. Todos somos predicadores. Nuestra presencia en la

iglesia predica nuestra fe, nuestro amor a Jesús y nuestro deseo de vivir como él vivió.

Cuando usted viene a reunirse con los hermanos en la iglesia, está predicando. Cuando usted se queda en la cama el domingo, está predicando. Cuando dice: qué frío hace hoy. Me quedo en casa. Está predicando. Cada vez que voy al dentista me hace siempre la misma pregunta: "¿Con anestesia o sin anestesia?" A veces, le contesto: hoy, sin anestesia.

La predicación en la iglesia debiera ser siempre sin anestesia. Sin anestesia se siente más la aguja y el torno, pero no estás ocho horas con las mandíbulas dormidas. Es más hermoso y práctico un sermón que vemos que un sermón que oímos. Es más eficaz un sermón que camina que un sermón que se grita. ¿Por qué? Porque el ojo es mejor alumno que el oído y el ejemplo es más claro que el consejo.

Ambos son necesarios: el sermón que camina y el sermón que se grita, el sermón que nos entra por los ojos y el que nos entra por los oídos. Y esta es la historia de Jesús de Nazaret. San Lucas, 4, 14-21, nos dice que Jesús volvió a su pueblo, Nazaret, lleno del Espíritu, enseñaba en la sinagoga y aquel día abrió el libro e hizo la lectura del profeta Isaías. Todos tenían los ojos fijos en él. Terminada la lectura dijo: "Hoy se cumplen estas profecías que acaban de escuchar".

Jesús no vino a leer la Biblia. Vino a cumplirla. Jesús no vino a predicar cosas lindas. Vino a hacer cosas lindas. Jesús no vino a enseñarnos el camino del cielo. Vino a hacer con nosotros el camino hacia el cielo. Jesús no vino a predicar el infierno. Vino a abrir las puertas del cielo a todos. Jesús vino a "proclamar el año de la gracia del Señor". Amnistía para todos. Libertad para los cautivos. Buenas noticias para los pobres.

Jesús es fantástico pero no porque fuera el mejor predicador, los había más sabios, es fantástico porque su palabra se cumplía, y se cumple, porque vivía lo que decía. Es fantástico por sus obras. Los charlatanes, los políticos, los predicadores, todos nosotros, hacemos promesas y profecías, contamos visiones, ofrecemos la luna, estamos llenos de buenos deseos y qué pobres son nuestras obras. Nosotros hacemos juramentos de amor eterno y no duran porque confundimos el amor con el placer.

Jesús vino a amarnos a todos y su amor dura porque se cumplió y consumó en la cruz. Jesús comenzó su ministerio diciendo el primer día "hoy se cumple esta escritura" y pudo decir el último día: "Todo está cumplido". Tal vez le quedaban muchas cosas por predicar y muchos cuentos que contar, pero todo estaba hecho y "todo lo hizo bien". De ninguno de nosotros se podrá decir semejante cosa. El reto es no predicar más y mejor sino obrar más y mejor. "Ejemplo les he dado, hagan ustedes lo mismo".



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

And the greatest of these is love. - St. Paul

Saint Thomas Aquinas OP Italian: *Tommaso d'Aquino*, lit. "Thomas of Aquino"; 1225 – 7 March 1274) was an Italian Dominican friar, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church. He was an immensely influential philosopher, theologian, and jurist in the tradition of scholasticism, within which he is also known as the **Doctor Angelicus** and the **Doctor Communis**. The name *Aquinas* identifies his ancestral origins in the county of Aquino in present-day Lazio, Italy.

He was the foremost classical proponent of natural theology and the father of Thomism; of which he argued that reason is found in God. His influence on Western thought is considerable. Thomas embraced several ideas put forward by Aristotle—whom he called "the Philosopher"—and attempted to synthesize Aristotelian philosophy with the principles of Christianity. His best-known works are the *Disputed Questions on Truth* (1256–59), the *Summa contra Gentiles* (1259–65), and the *Summa Theologiae* (1265–74). His commentaries on Scripture and on Aristotle also form an important part of his body of work. Thomas is distinguished for his Eucharistic hymns, which form a part of the Church's liturgy.

The Catholic Church honors Thomas Aquinas as a saint and regards him as the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood, and indeed the highest expression of both natural reason and speculative theology.

Thomas Aquinas is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest theologians and philosophers.





Welcome William Jesus Mathieson Paz
Baptized Saturday January 19th.



Cardinal
Seán
O'Malley
and the
Vocation
Office of
the Archdi-

ocese of Boston are hosting two **vocation discernment retreats** on the weekend of **February 8-10, 2019**, and ask for your prayers for its spiritual success. One retreat will be at **Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, for men ages 30+**. The other retreat will be at **the Betania II Marian Retreat Center in Medway and St. John's Seminary, for men ages 18-30**. Will you pray that the right men attend the retreat and that they each come to see very clearly the call God has for them? If you know of someone who might benefit from attending the retreat or for more general information see <https://vocationsboston.org/events> or call **617-746-5949**



Fiat, a group for single women interested in learning more about a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church, cordially invites you to the next meeting on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA. The topic will be "Spiritual Direction." 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

February is Black History Month! To celebrate, the Secretariat for Evangelization & Discipleship and Black Catholic would like to invite you to join us for a Mass, Celebration and Day of Prayer for Families of African Descent. The

Mass will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 11:30AM at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Boston. Most Rev. J. Terry Steib, SVD retired bishop of Memphis will celebrate Mass. For more information email Lorna DesRoses at Lorna_Desroses@rcab.org or call 617-746-5810



"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."

– A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are February 23, March 23 and April 27. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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@stmaryscatherine.org for additional details and to register for the program.





WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Receive the Sacrament of Anointing on Saturday, February 9, 4PM Mass

The World Day of the Sick is customarily celebrated around the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is February 11, the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France. Since February 11 falls on a weekday, we will honor this day on February 9th at the 4PM Mass. During this Mass, we will administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, one of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church.

This sacrament used to be called “the Last Rites” or “Extreme Unction” because it was usually reserved for the dying person. But since 1972, the sacrament is available and recommended not just for the dying but for all Catholics who are “sick” in any way. And so, if someone is diagnosed with an illness, is struggling with addiction, depression, anxiety, is awaiting surgery, has a chronic condition, is suffering with chronic pain, or feels in need of healing, it is fitting to receive this sacrament.

There are three parts to this sacrament: the prayer of faith, the laying-on of hands and the anointing with oil. In the prayer of faith, the whole community prays to God for the person receiving the sacrament. The laying-on of hands on the person’s head is a sign of blessing, a prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and reminds us of the way in which Jesus healed: “and he laid hands on every one of them and healed them” (Luke 4:40b). Anointing the forehead and hands with oil symbolizes healing, strengthening and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to other settings, it has become a common practice to celebrate this sacrament during a designated Mass. The sacrament invites us to place our trust in God, to open ourselves to the Spirit’s presence and to acknowledge Jesus as the source of all strength for our journey. Please join us on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the 4PM Mass to receive the Sacrament of Anointing, if you wish, and/or to pray for those who will receive this Sacrament. *If you have a loved one who is homebound and wants to be anointed, please call the Parish Center at 617-242-6440.*

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.

Please enter Soley Street side.



Blessing of the Throats at all Masses on the weekend 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 fish-bone, 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.

Arimathean Society:

We are looking for volunteers to - Assist at all Funeral Masses with various responsibilities depending on the needs for each funeral liturgy. The Society is named after Joseph of Arimathea who asked for the body of Jesus to properly bury Him before the Sabbath.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Arimathea Society, please call the Parish Office at - 617-242-4664 to see if it will be a good fit.

Thank you.

Rosary for Peace

Feb 2nd @ 9:00 AM

At the

Parish Center

in the

Marilyn Doherty Room

All invited to participate.



February Religious Ed Schedule

Feb 3 – Religious Ed class

Feb 5 – Religious Ed class

Feb 10 – Religious Ed class

Feb 12 – Religious Ed class

Feb 17 – **no class**

Feb 19 – **no class**

Feb 24 – Lent Family Event

Feb 26 – no class – all families to attend family event on Feb 24

Note: Lent begins on March 6th, Ash Wednesday.

Celebration of World Marriage Day

◆ AT ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 16/17 - DURING WHICH COUPLES WILL BE INVITED TO RESTATE THEIR VOWS TO EACH OTHER.





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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Feb 3 Fuel collection

Feb 17 Monthly

MASS SCHEDULE

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 INTENTIONS OF ALL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY 01/28

8:00 AM + VINCENT TRANQUILLINO,
MINNIE CITRO, JOSEPH MARI &
FABIO LAUDADIO

TUESDAY 01/29

8:00 AM + REV EDWARD B.
STANFORD, OSA

WEDNESDAY 01/30

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 01/31

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 02/01

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 02/02

4:00 PM + MARGARET MOODY

SUNDAY 02/03 -BLESSING OF THROATS

8:00 AM

10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF ALL
PARISHIONERS

6:00 PM

Paulist Fathers Residence

Part-time Personal Chef Position

Hours: 14 hours per week, four meals per
week, your call on which weekday eve-
nings work best for your schedule (3:30 –
7:00pm) Meal served at 5:45pm

Creative Menu preparation in consulta-
tion with the priest-resident food buyer,
taking into account some dietary needs
among the seven (7) priests and occasion-
al guests (sometimes you'll cook for as
little as three to four persons)

Last minute food buying might be needed
Clean kitchen area, pots & other utensils
Occasional special meals for birthdays
and holidays

We are conveniently located close to the
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Salary – \$21.00+ per hour

Provide a resume, 2 references and proof
of enrollment in a culinary arts program
and/or cooking experience

Fr. Rick Walsh

Paulist Fathers

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Boston, MA 02108

Boston@Paulist.org

ATTENDANCE

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| SAT 01/19 | 4:00 PM - | 107 |
| SUN 01/20 | 8:00 AM - | 41 |
| SUN 01/20 | 10:30 AM - | 82 |
| SUN 01/20 | 6:00 PM - | 22 |
| TOTAL | | 252 |



Weekend of 01/20

Parishioners contributed \$4,769.07
to the Weekly Sunday Collection

Thank you for your continued
support!

Tax Season



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statement of your Par-
ish 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 busi-
ness days to process.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION

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FAITH SHARING

CURSILLO

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PRISON MINISTRY

ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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