



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

February 3, 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.

THE PRAYER

After over 30 years of priesthood *make you to me?"* The children quickly and active ministry, I should not be ly conclude the answer is we are surprised, yet often am, at how the brother/sister to one another. Standing in our magnificent prayer, *The Our Father*, has a way in our magnificent church with these of comforting people. For example, when standing around a hospital bed when a member of the family is close to death – inviting people to join in this prayer – sort of changes everything. At one level, loved ones experience this action is not look like me, DOING something in an otherwise helpless situation. On another level, there is the comfort of the familiarity of the prayer and the very calling to mind of God as Father that touches people's hearts. And on yet another level, turning to prayer changes our entire disposition and takes us to a different place.



share the same history, language, traditions, culture, beliefs or even vote as I do or support the same baseball team that I do! And there are those who may not even know how to pray this prayer. Does that mean that they are NOT my brother or sister? These two simple opening words, *Our Father*, which Jesus taught us, are radical, in every possible way! They push back against age old prejudices, discriminations, and divisions and demonstrate that God sees us all as brothers and sisters. It is not a coincidence the prayer came from the lips of Jesus himself.

At times during the Family Mass, I invite children to join me in the sanctuary as we say *The Our Father*. Of course, the kids love it and as they are holding hands I ask them, *"If you and I have the same father what does that*

Blessing of the Throats this weekend

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

Katy Fleming

Director of Music and Organist

Daniel Saucedo

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmarystcatherine.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

Visit us at
stmarystcatherine.org
and
[facebook.com/
stmarystcatherine](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystcatherine)

There are so many deep and extraordinary truths buried in this prayer. Another phrase that I find both comforting and challenging is *"Thy will be done ..."* When I first pray these words, it is comforting in that it implies that God has a plan for me – and because I often do not seem to have a plan – I'm glad God does! And yet when I really think about this part of the prayer, it means that God's will is dominant, rather than my will. This is a big step and it may well give one pause! I think we usually say this part of the prayer easily, sort of sliding over the words and maybe not fully realizing it means each of us is asking God to help us put our own will off to the side and make His will the action plan of our lives. That is a big and very beautiful prayer – and its fulfillment will not happen overnight.

I love the part of *The Our Father* when we ask for forgiveness of our sins; that is a part I need to pray often. However Jesus has a contingency clause built into this petition - *"As we*

forgive those who trespass against us". This is a troubling condition! Forgiving another may be one of the most difficult tasks a person has to confront – most especially when the hurt seems to have been very serious and intentional. And yet there does not seem to be a way around this – God insists He is ready to forgive us, whatever, but when needed we need to take a forgiving step as well.

Arguably the most exquisite prayer in the entire Bible, *The Our Father* is both deeply comforting and powerfully challenging to all of us. At the same time our familiarity with the prayer may dull our appreciation for the richness and depth of Jesus' words.

In this beautiful late winter, perhaps refreshing our familiarity with *The Our Father* is a wonderful undertaking and certainly the perfect prayer.

Fr. Ronan



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

IV Domingo DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Dios, a través de estas lecturas, DESEA ILUMINAR NUESTRA CONCIENCIA. Para Dios el hecho que TODOS PIENSEN IGUAL sobre un tema determinado o que el sentir común sea compartido por todos en asuntos serios o no tan serios, ES ALGO QUE A ÉL NO LE CONDICIONA. En cambio a nosotros sí nos condiciona, ¡y mucho! Puede surgir un problema en el pueblo, y siempre habrá personas interesadas que intenten ‘llevar el agua a su molino’; otras simplemente por amistad o por temor les darán la razón; otras personas sencillamente guardarán silencio; y muy pocas actuarán como en conciencia consideren que deben de actuar. Esto sucedió en tiempos de Jesús y sigue siendo igual de actual ahora mismo. Me pueden preguntar y ahora ¿por qué nos dice esto? ¿qué relación estas afirmaciones con la Palabra de Dios? Ahora lo intentaré iluminar.

Hoy nos hemos leído una página triste donde Jesús es rechazado en su pueblo, en Nazaret. Sus vecinos le dicen a la cara: «¿No es este el hijo de José?», que en ese contexto es tanto como decirle: «A éste le conocemos de sobra, ahora nos viene dando lecciones a nosotros, no te creemos, dedícate a la carpintería y déjanos de dar esas lecciones sobre la Ley de Dios». Y Jesús, con el ánimo de que se crean en su persona, les deja bien en claro que están cerrados al anuncio del Reino de Dios, que corazones están bien precintados con candados. Y es más, JESÚS LES INTERPELA COMENTÁNDOLES QUE EL HECHO DE QUE TODOS PIENSEN IGUAL NO SIGNIFICA QUE LA RESPONSABILIDAD PERSONAL SE DILUYA O DISMINUYA. Les voy a poner un ejemplo: Supongan ustedes que la responsabilidad fuese una gran tarta de chocolate y nata redonda y cada cual se come una porción de mencionada tarta, como si esa porción fuese el tanto por cierto de responsabilidad que uno debe de asumir. De tal modo que si son muchos los comensales de esa tarta, poca responsabilidad tocaría a cada uno. Pues hermanos, ES JUSTAMENTE TODO LO CONTRARIO. Cada cual es responsable al cien por cien, totalmente, de sus decisiones. Si todos piensan igual y todos actúan igual, cada uno es responsable de toda la tarta de responsabilidad con sus consecuencias ya sean positivas o negativas.

Por eso mismo Jesús alaba públicamente a esa viuda de Sarepta de la región de Sidón (1 Re 17, 7-15) y a Naamán el Sirio. Gran hambre había en el país ocasionada por la sequía en tiempos de esa viuda de Sarepta. Ella era una mujer que sufría la más absoluta pobreza, y encima tenía a su cargo un niño. La desgracia se había cebado en esa mujer. Elías, enviado por Dios, va a casa de esta mujer y la pide agua y pan. Esta pobre viuda, que carecía de todo, cumple con un deber sagrado para todo israelita: dar hospitalidad, acoger en su casa a los huéspedes. De este modo se priva de lo suyo y de su hijo para dárselo a ese huésped. Muchos vecinos de ese pueblo, con toda seguridad estarían, a poco, mucho mejor económicamente hablando que esta señora. Ella podía haber hecho como todos diciendo a Elías....: «¡Mira, vete, no te puedo hospedar, porque apenas tengo para mí como para encima dárselo a uno que viene de fuera!», y haberse quedado ‘tan fresca’, ya que todos negaban la hospitalidad al huésped y era algo que era normal, justificado por la penuria y escasez que se padecía en todas las casas. Dense cuenta cómo Jesucristo la alaba públicamente porque dio público testimonio de su fe en Dios amando como Dios la ama. Y le amó compartiendo su poco pan con al hambriento. La señal del cristiano no es el éxito, sino la persecución. Todo por Cristo, así daremos testimonio de Él. Así sea.



February 3 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In speaking to the prophet Jeremiah, God reminds him “before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations, I appointed you.” What we are to proclaim is best described by St. Paul in the second reading when he speaks of what love needs to look like in our lives. Being patient, kind, not jealous, not rude, not quick tempered, hopeful, truthful – this is a tall order for each of us and yet there is no doubt that this is our task as disciples of Christ. As difficult as it may be to love in this manner, trust God’s grace at work in you.



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

Paulist Fathers Residence

Part-time Personal Chef Position

Hours: 14 hours per week, four meals per week, your call on which weekday evenings work best for your schedule (3:30 – 7:00pm) Meal served at 5:45pm
Creative Menu preparation in consultation with the priest-resident food buyer, taking into account some dietary needs among the seven (7) priests and occasional 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 Park Street MTBA station.

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
5 Park Street
Boston, MA 02108
Boston@Paulist.org

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.



Weekend of 2/2 -
2/3

Father Ronan will be out of the Parish this weekend to celebrate the Baptism of his friends' child. He looks forward to seeing you all at Mass next weekend.



February is dedicated to the Holy Family

Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.



Thank you for the tremendous response to the St. Vincent de Paul Collection. Due to your generosity, we collected \$2,028.00 on the weekend of January 6. Through the giving tree tags, an additional \$790.00 was collected.

This money will go directly to helping our neighbors in need.

Just this past week, St. Vincent de Paul helped a family replace furniture damaged by a leak, and helped another family remain in their apartment by assisting with rent.

St. Vincent de Paul is a group of 15 parishioners who offer support to those in Charlestown who are going through a difficult time. This would not be possible without you. Because of the ongoing assistance of parishioners through the years, St. Vincent de Paul has been able to help numerous families with rent, furniture, and spiritual guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Good Shepherd School
Presents**

**A TASTE OF
CHARLESTOWN**

**FEATURING CHARLESTOWN'S TOP
RESTAURANTS!**

**FOOD, CASH BAR, SILENT AUCTION & MORE.
\$75 REGULAR ADMISSION,
\$250 VIP PACKAGE FOR 2.
VISIT GSSCHARLESTOWN.ORG
FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS.**

Proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd School, a Charlestown neighborhood preschool dedicated to offering the best early childhood education to children in our community.

**4.27.19 @ 7PM
Parish Hall
46 Winthrop Street**

Celebration of World Marriage Day

◆ AT ALL MASSES THE WEEK-END OF

FEBRUARY 16/17 -

DURING WHICH COUPLES WILL BE INVITED TO RESTATE THEIR VOWS TO EACH OTHER.



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel each **Fridays**

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.

Save the date for the Archdiocese of Boston's 2nd Annual Intentional Discipleship conference, Saturday, March 2 at Fontbonne Academy. This year's theme, *Intentional Discipleship: CALLED* will feature keynote speakers Hosffman Ospino, Gina Bauer, and Scott Powell. Mass will be celebrated at 4PM by Bishop Robert Reed, followed by dinner and another keynote by Katie Prejean McGrady. For more information, visit disciplesinmission.com/conference.



FEBRUARY 2ND THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WHICH OCCURS FORTY DAYS AFTER THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND IS ALSO KNOWN AS CANDLEMAS DAY.

"IN OBEDIENCE TO THE OLD LAW, THE LORD JESUS, THE FIRST-BORN, WAS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER AND HIS FOSTER FATHER. THIS IS ANOTHER 'EPIPHANY' CELEBRATION INsofar AS THE CHRIST CHILD IS REVEALED AS THE MESSIAH THROUGH THE CANTICLE AND WORDS OF SIMEON AND THE TESTIMONY OF ANNA THE PROPHETESS.



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.

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



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
Elizabeth
"Betty"
Hennessy*

*And
Joan Marie Hansen*



Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church

Is lit for

Rose Woods

Sanctuary Lamp in
the St. Catherine
Siena Chapel is lit
for

Margaret Moody

MASS SCHEDULE

CANDLEMAS WEEKEND 2/2 - 2/3

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

SATURDAY 02/02

4:00 PM + MARGARET MOODY

SUNDAY 02/03

8:00 AM

**10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF ALL
PARISHIONERS**

6:00 PM

MONDAY 02/04

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 02/05

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 02/06

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 02/07

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 02/08

8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 02/09

4:00 PM MASS OF THE ANOINTING

SUNDAY 02/10

8:00 AM

**10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF ALL
PARISHIONERS**

6:00 PM + MARGARET BOYLE

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Feb 17 Monthly

Mar 03 Fuel

Mar 10 Monthly

Apr 07 Monthly



Weekend of 01/27/19

Parishioners contributed \$3,621.12 to
the Weekly Sunday Collection

Parishioners contributed #1,104.07 to the
Latin American Collection

Thank you for your continued support!

ATTENDANCE

SAT 01/26	4:00 PM -	75
SUN 01/27	8:00 AM -	70
SUN 01/27	10:30 AM -	163
SUN 01/27	6:00 PM -	85
TOTAL		393

PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EUCHARISTIC 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!*

stmarystcatherine.org