



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

February 10, 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.

## COMMITMENT



**“BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE AND YOU WILL  
SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.”**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

On a beautiful spring evening some years ago, I enjoyed meeting my nephew for dinner over in the downtown area. As the evening went on, he asked me a question - actually he struggled to ask a question. He wanted to know my thoughts about *commitment*. Looking back on that conversation, I recall how overwhelmed this great young man felt by the very concept of making a commitment. I understood his point – I think. In younger years, having wondered seriously about making a commitment to married life, and having accepted the invitation to commit to life as a priest, I had some idea about what my nephew was asking. To make a commitment is hard, and more, it is frightening.

I'm not speaking about a commitment like taking a job or choosing a home or brand of car. I'm talking about real, life changing and ongoing commitments, like marriage, having a family, religious life and priesthood. The more we truly understand the nature and significance of this type of act, the more daunting it seems. Everyone tries to make the best choice possible, with prayer, research, consultation, etc. However, it seems to me, that the biggest commitments are ultimately decided not on a cerebral level, but rather from the “gut.” It is the inner self that informs us, draws us, and brings us to a place of peace about the big choices.

Every week I have the pleasure of meeting at great length with couples preparing for marriage. I seek to draw out of each person how it is he/she has come to this choice. More often than not, individuals cannot find the words to accurately explain their decision. That is to say, every explanation they give seems inadequate. For example, to say: “*She's my best friend*” is a beautiful thing – but so not enough to describe a reason for a marriage commitment. Something more is called for.

Vocation is the word that describes – quite literally – one's “calling”. To be a

## Inside: Our Lady of Lourdes

## 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/](http://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

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cabinet maker or a scientist, a teacher or mechanic and to really feel at peace and fulfilled in your chosen field would accurately describe a vocation. And how about marriage - is a person "called" to marriage? I believe one is called, and not only to married life but also to other life options. If this is true, who is doing the calling?

In truth, it is God who calls each of us – who has a plan for everyone, and we are fulfilled only when we hear and respond to that plan. Not long ago I heard the vocation question framed this way: *God calls each person to BE in that place where the person's deepest joy encounters the world's greatest hunger.* At so many levels and in so many ways, I believe this is how God manages our being called to the place and way in life that completes us. And the response to the call requires a **commitment**.

Many men and women find their vocation in married life. Marriage is a gift from God to women, men, children and society. For me, the key word in the above phrase is "gift". No one can simply choose a life partner or religious life or priesthood on his/her own – it is a gift. And therefore living it out calls for one to live with a grateful heart and also a heart trusting that all that is needed to go forward, God will always freely give.

Fr. Ronan

NB: Next weekend all married couples will be invited to restate their vows to each other as we celebrate World Marriage Day at all of our Masses.

### ***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**



## February 10 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus invites the disciples who have been fishing all night to “put out into the deep. . .” Despite their fatigue, they do as Jesus asks because they have faith in him. He not only rewards them with a large catch of fish, but he instructs them to be fishers of men (and women). Today Jesus invites us to take a leap of faith, to take to heart his words that we are to reach out to others and draw them to Christ. To whom will you reach out to in faith?

### V Domingo DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



La principal preocupación que tiene la Iglesia y en concreto la parroquia es que CADA UNO DE USTEDES SE ENCUENTRE CON DIOS. Dicho con otras palabras: que reconozcan a título personal la soberanía y la bondad de Dios. Lo que en verdad se pretende es que cada uno reciba ese regalo que aporta tan cantidad de riqueza que ELEVA NUESTRA HUMANIDAD Y NUESTRA VIDA PERSONAL. Es fundamental que reconozcamos que la vida humana fracasa si no contamos con Dios, con su presencia, con su misericordia, con su gracia y sus promesas de vida eterna. Y cuando uno se ha ido dando cuenta de las grandes ventajas que supone el contar con Dios; CUANDO UNO EMPIEZA ‘A ABRIR LOS OJOS’ Y RECONOCE LO QUE DIOS LE ESTÁ APORTANDO SERÁ CUANDO REALMENTE DESCUBRA EL GRAN

REGALO DE SER CRISTIANO Y DE PERTENECER A LA IGLESIA. Si una persona no cree en Dios o no está dispuesto a ser coherente con la persona de Jesucristo es inútil que queramos convencerles de los valores de la Iglesia, ya que se quedarán con los trapos sucios, y con las imágenes caricaturescas que bien se encargan de difundir los medios de comunicación laicistas y descarados.

NOSOTROS SOMOS DISCÍPULOS DE JESUCRISTO. Y cuando uno empieza a caer en la cuenta del hecho de que Él es el único Maestro y que yo soy su discípulo las cosas se complican, pero para bien. Es entonces cuando uno se pone ‘colorado’, aparece el sonrojo en el rostro porque empezamos a reconocer que nuestra vida cristiana y las lechugas tienen algo en común: EL COLOR VERDE. ¡Que estamos muy verdes en el seguimiento del Maestro! Esto fue lo que le pasó al profeta Isaías. Isaías al empezar a entrar en contacto con las cosas divinas se fue percatando de su montaña personal de impureza y se siente indigno de recibir los dones divinos. Isaías se puso ‘colorado’ porque al encontrarse ante la presencia de Dios se sentía totalmente indigno. Sin embargo Dios desea contar con él para que anuncie el mensaje divino. El contacto con todo lo que es sagrado hace que el corazón se incline hacia lo que es santo.

San Pablo reconoce cómo el encuentro personal con Cristo resucitado le trastocó totalmente su existencia dándole un sentido que elevaba más allá de lo que él mismo podía haber soñado. Del mismo modo que le sucedió a Isaías, el propio Pablo en ese encuentro con Jesucristo siente cómo es sanado interiormente y el gozo se hace presente en su existencia. Es como si uno tuviese una ventana en su dormitorio con unas vistas preciosas y una claridad envidiable; y de repente alguien levantara un muro de hormigón a medio metro de la ventana dejándote la habitación a oscuras aunque el sol estuviese en lo más alto de su esplendor. Ese muro levantado de hormigón es el pecado que impide que los rayos solares de la gracia de Dios entren en la persona. Pues EL ENCUENTRO PERSONAL CON CRISTO RESUCITADO AYUDA A RECONOCER LA EXISTENCIA DE ESE MURO, porque todos lo tenemos, otra cosa es que nos hayamos percatado de su existencia. Y lo mejor de todo esto es que cuando uno reconoce que tiene ese muro desea derribarlo porque no desea verse privado, ni un segundo más, de la compañía de Dios en su vida. Simón Pedro es otro ejemplo precioso de cómo cuando uno conoce a Cristo y reconoce que Cristo sana amando intensamente, uno se rinde sin condiciones porque desea dar gracias a Dios de todo corazón con sus pensamientos, obras y palabras. Jesucristo quiere salir a tu encuentro; no te ocultes ante su presencia. Así sea.



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

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



# FEBRUARY



# Black History MONTH

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."* – Langston Hughes, Poet, Playwright

*"I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free."* - Rosa Parks, Civil Rights Activist

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, has been celebrated annually since 1915. It is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements by black Americans and their central role in United States History.

Black History month has been celebrated by every U.S. President during the month of February since 1976. Other countries in the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom also devote a month to celebrating black history.

During this month, make a point of researching the stories of a variety of African American men and women who have made extraordinary contributions to our society and to the Catholic Church throughout history.

*Merciful God, in this troubled world we live in, heal and renew us in these trying times. Inspire us to look beyond our own fears, self-absorption and indifference, and to listen to the voice of conscience within us that orients us towards truth, love and justice. May we learn to be a society free of embedded judgments and racism, and celebrate together our differences and our humanity. Amen.* Adapted Prayer written by Dianna Ortiz, O.S.U.



February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honour of the Marian apparitions that reportedly occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France. The first of these is the apparition of 11 February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous told her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a kilometre and a half (1 mi) from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on seventeen occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place.

She said the apparition asked her to dig in the ground and drink from the spring she found there. This made her dishevelled and some of her supporters were dismayed, but this act revealed the stream that soon became a focal point for pilgrimages. Although it was muddy at first, the stream became increasingly clean. As word spread, this water was given to medical patients of all kinds, and many reports of miraculous cures followed. Seven of these cures were confirmed as lacking any medical explanations by Professor

Verges in 1860. The first person with a "certified miracle" was a woman whose right hand had been deformed as a consequence of an accident

In 18 January 1862, Pope Pius IX authorized Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence to permit the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 3 July 1876, the same Pontiff officially granted a Canonical Coronation to the image that used to be in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica. The image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines and homes, often in garden landscapes. Soubirous was later canonized as a Catholic saint.

**CORRECTION:** The family event for the Religious Education Program will take place on March 3. It was previously reported that it would take place on Feb 24. There is no class on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Our next Family Event will be on March 3 at 9am at the Parish Center. This will be our Lent Family Event - we will have a family activity that will focus on preparing for the season of Lent. (Ash Wednesday is March 6.)*

**Tuesday 2/26 OPTIONAL Tuesday class for GRADE 2 STUDENTS ONLY (this is a First Reconciliation rehearsal class for those who would like to attend)**

**Thursday 2/28 5:30 pm FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS**



## Eucharistic Adoration

Please 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.**



## 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.



## Confession

**When are Confessions held at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena parish?**

Usually, Fr. Ronan is available in Church to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:30 and 3:45PM except on Holy Saturday. Periodically, we have a communal penance service after which a number of priests are available to hear individual confessions.

### Can I go to confession at times outside of the regular schedule?

Yes. Confessions are available by appointment by calling our Pastor, Fr. Ronan at the Parish Center at 617-242-4664.

### What do I need to do to make a good confession?

Take some time beforehand to review your life and identify any sins you have committed. Any serious sins you recall should be confessed with repentance and a sincere sorrow for sin. The priest will give you a penance, which is a prayer or act that allows you to show your repentance. There is a brief prayer, an act of contrition that expresses your sorrow for sin. The priest concludes by giving you pardon/absolution.



## HARVEST ON VINE

Thank you for your generosity and volunteering in January. We ran an extra food distribution for the furloughed workers of National Parks Service. The event went perfectly, thanks to you. We gave out roughly 4,000 pounds that day. The rangers and maintenance crew were grateful, and we were thankful to show our gratitude to them. The National Parks Service keep Charlestown's historical sites well-managed and spotless, notably the Navy Yard and Monument.

### February 2019:

Friday, 2/8, 4 PM, Pantry Set-up

Saturday, 2/9, 9:30 AM, Food Distribution

Friday, 2/22, 4 PM, Pantry Set-up

Tuesday, 2/26, 6:45 PM, Food Distribution

Tom MacDonald,

Social Ministry Director

## Save the date: HARVEST ON VINE

**Saturday, March 9**, following the distribution. We are holding an Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) meeting in my office. ISP is a national program that brings spirituality to homeless or recently homeless men and women. ISP was started 20 years ago by a Jesuit priest in Chicago and now operates in 30 cities. This will be the first ISP meeting in Charlestown, with the goal of making it a weekly meeting. All are welcome to attend. ISP has an excellent webpage if you want to learn more about the program.

**Thursday, April 25, 6:30 PM**, Harvest on Vine fundraiser, Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown







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 02/09**

**4:00 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**SUNDAY 02/10**

**8:00 AM**

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

**6:00 PM + MARGARET BOYLE**

**MONDAY 02/11**

**8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 02/12**

**8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 02/13**

**8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 02/14**

**8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 02/15**

**8:00 AM**

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION -  
ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 02/16**

**4:00 PM + BETTY HENNESSEY**

**SUNDAY 02/17**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM + TRACY SGRO**

**6:00 PM INTENTIONS OF ALL  
PARISHIONERS**



### **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.**



**Sanctuary Lamp  
in St Mary  
Church**

**Is lit for**

**Assunta**

**Caranfa**

### **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Feb 17 Monthly

Mar 03 Fuel

Mar 10 Monthly

Apr 07 Monthly

### **ATTENDANCE**

**SAT 02/02 4:00 PM - 160**

**SUN 02/03 8:00 AM - 76**

**SUN 02/03 10:30 AM - 165**

**SUN 02/03 6:00 PM - 15**

**TOTAL 416**



Weekend of 02/03/19

Parishioners contributed  
\$6,065.55 to the Weekly Sunday  
Collection

Parishioners contributed \$1,263.14  
to the Fuel Collection.

Thank you for your continued  
support!

### **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

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