



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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stmarystcatherine.org

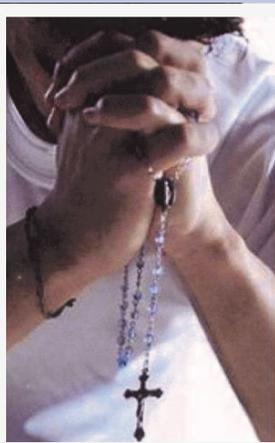
March 10, 2019

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.

WHEN THE GOIN' GETS TOUGH – THE TOUGH ...



It's an old saying and we have all heard it at one time or another. The implication seems clear: when one faces hard times, one shouldn't cave, whine or falter, rather dig in and get to it! It is easy to like the statement, or at least what it implies. I think I apply it to myself often enough. And yet, there are times when I realize that nothing is as simple as it seems. For example the statement "cut and run" hardly describes the reality of opposing the war in Syria.

Maybe this mind set is really more a veneer than the real thing. For after confronting a challenge and getting a sense of its difficulty, more often than not, I confess that it is too tough for me, and I cannot handle it alone. I need God's help. Praying when we are in trouble seems as natural as breathing. I think everyone does it. You know the old saying, "There are no atheists in foxholes". And we don't need to be in a foxhole to find prayer our response.

This is the first Sunday of Lent. We find Jesus in the desert and being tempted strongly. His response is to point to His Father and remember who He is and from whence comes His strength.

Each of us, on our own journey in life, faces challenges and temptations. True enough, we have to "dig in" and struggle when the going gets tough. Yet the real response of the Christian is not only to dig in, but also to realize a few other things. First, we are not alone in our struggle. We are members of a community, the Church, and we make our journey together with lots of others. We can and should count on others for their prayers and support. Second, Sacred Scripture offers us countless lessons about the kindness, mercy and unconditional love of God for each and all of us. Encountering this reservoir of strength and energy is as far away as choosing to pray.

So, the old saying, when the goin' gets tough, the tough get goin', should be changed to something like, When the goin' gets tough, the tough get prayin. May our journey together this Lent be a time when prayer and closeness to the Lord grows and grows.

Fr. Ronan

INSIDE: Father Ronan in Ecuador

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

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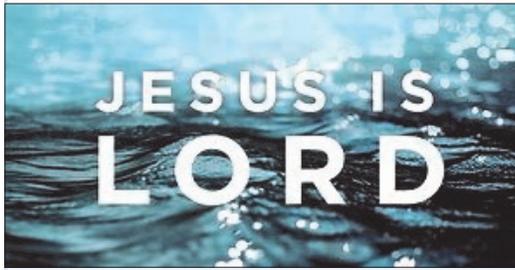
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March 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a good time to reorder our lives and to focus our attention on the essentials of our faith. In the second reading today, St. Paul challenges us to make these

words come alive: "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Does your way of life profess that Jesus is Lord? Do you believe in the Resurrection? This Lent take some time in prayer asking that your faith be strengthened.



The month of March dedicated to St. Joseph.

We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* (*On the Devotion to St. Joseph*) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents."

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



Fr. Ronan in Ecuador

This weekend Fr. Ronan is leading a group of men on a pilgrimage/retreat to Rostro de Cristo (The Face of Christ) in Guayaquil, Ecuador. During this first week of Lent, the men will spend time in prayer and reflection on the presence of the Face of Christ in the two communities of Rostro de Cristo. The Pastor will return to Charlestown on Thursday, March 14. If you would like to learn more about this mission, please see the web-site: rostrodecristo.org.

Make Us Turn to You

Make us turn to you, God of love and compassion.

Bring us home to you to be with you forever.

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Verses

1. We have turned away from you;
we have failed in what we do;
we are asking for forgiveness, we are asking you for mercy.
2. As we try to find the way,
when we have no words to say,
as we seek the path of holiness we need you close beside us.
3. In the things we've failed to do,
and the wrongs that we've been through,
our inadequacies haunt us and we know our need of healing

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Congratulations to Our First Communion Class who received the Sacrament of First Penance! Then enjoyed a little snack!



NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SISTERS WEEK

March 8 through March 14, is National Catholic Sister's Week. It was established in 2014 to honor women religious and to encourage those women who are considering a vocation in religious life. Check out the web site: nationalcatholicsistersweek.org. AND by the way, *Happy National Catholic Sister's Week to you, Sister Nancy, our Parish Pastoral Associate and to you, Sister Kathleen, guitar player extraordinaire! Thank you for all you do!*



CUARESMA

TIEMPO DE CONVERSIÓN

El miércoles de ceniza mencione la encuesta de Cuaresma del año pasado. Usare los resultados como base para Cuaresma de este año. Los resultados muestran noticias maravillosas, buenas y malas. La noticia maravillosa es: 41 por ciento dicen, "Mi relacion con Jesucristo es la relacion mas importante de mi vida." Otros 40% dicen, "He encontrado personalmente a Jesus y estoy creciendo como discipulo." Cuatro de cada cinco feligreses han encontrado a Jesus personalmente. Quieren crecer como dicipulos y hacerlo la rela-

cion mas importante. Es noticia maravillosa.

Junto con esa noticia maravillosa hay buena y mala. La buena es que 61% tiene un tiempo individual de oracion cada dia. La mala es que los otros 39% tiene tiempo de oracion solamente una vez por semana o por mes - o menos. Eso no es bueno. Y cuando se pregunta sobre devociones especificas es peor. Devociones incluyen lectura de Escritura, Liturgia de Horas, rosario, oracion ante Jesus en el Santisimo. Solamente 23% dicen que practican devociones diarias. Significa que mas de 3 de cada cuatro no lo hacen. Podemos hacer mejor. Tu y yo necesitamos practica diaria de oracion si vamos a conectarnos con Jesus y crecer en nuestra relacion con el.

Hoy escuchamos de Jesus ir al desierto por 40 dias. Por que el desierto? En el Antiguo Testamento Dios lleva a su pueblo al desierto para cortejarlos. Es un tiempo de noviazgo. Te acuerdas la maravilla de encontrar esa persona especial? Quieres pasar todo momento posible con ella. Asi Dios desea para nuestra relacion con el. Oracion significa bloquear tiempo para Dios.

Nota que en el desierto Jesus ayuna. Une ayuno con oracion. Si vas a rezar hay que ayunar. Comenzar con el requisito de abstenerse de carne los dias vienes: nada de hamburguesa, pollo, tocino, etc. Considerar el sacrificio de otra comida favorita y remplazarla con verduras y fruto. Tendras mas energia para orar.

Algunos dicen que no tienen tiempo para rezar un rosario, leer un Salmo, visitar al Santisimo o meditar sobre una lectura biblica. Pero la misma persona tiene tiempo para un programa favorito de television, juego de video, Facebook - todas cosas buenas. A veces tenemos que ayunar de cosas buenas para cumplir primeras cosas. Por eso tenemos la Cuaresma.

Es significativo que el Primer Domingo de la Cuaresma cae en el Dia de San Valentin. Durante la Cuaresma vamos al desierto para recordar el primer amor. Acuerdense lo que dijo San Pablo. Amor es paciente. No busca venganza. Amor perdura. Amor es mas que emociones. Amor es decision y un don de Dios. Por oracion pedimos el don de amor.

La proxima semana vemos lo que sucede como resultado de oracion. Otra vez veremos resultados de la encuesta - con noticias buenas y malas. Por hoy el mensaje es: Si quieres un relacion con Jesus y si quieres que esa relacion sea la mas importante, hay que rezar. Para mantener y crecer la relacion con Jesus, rezar. Puede requerir ayuno pero hacer un tiempo diario de oracion. Por el Espiritu Jesus te llevara al Padre. Como nos dice hoy: "Adoraras al Senor, tu Dios, y a el solo serviras." Amen.

PRAYER

Guide: Praying with Scripture

Enter His Gaze

Ask for Grace to be open

Read the Scripture a few times

Meditate on what bubbles up

Pray (or talk to the Lord) about your meditation

Contemplation - Be still and rest in His presence

Conclude with the Lord's prayer

FASTING

"Fasting gives birth to prophets and strengthens the powerful; fasting makes lawgivers wise. Fasting is a good safeguard for the soul, a steadfast companion for the body, a weapon for the valiant, and a gymnasium for athletes. Fasting repels temptations, anoints unto piety; it is the comrade of watchfulness and the artificer of chastity. In war it fights bravely, in peace it teaches stillness."

St. Basil the Great

ALMSGIVING

"Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

St. Francis of Assisi

CORRECTION: In last week's bulletin the picture put in for Siena was a duplicate for another baby that was baptized. We apologize for the error. Please see correct photo for Siena below.

BAPTISMS IN FEBRUARY

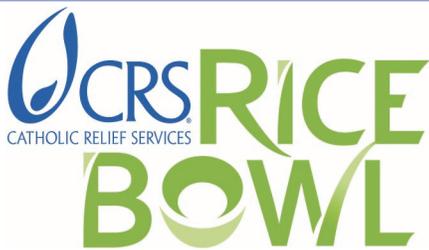


Siena Paige Troisi

2019 Winter Donations:

Thank you parishioners for the winter items collected a few weeks back. There were 47 hats/caps donated; 28 pairs of mittens/gloves; 23 scarves and 3 coats. They were distributed to the following agencies -

Crossroads Family Shelter, East Boston ; Boston Warm Soup Kitchen, Boston; St Francis House, Boston; Dennis McLaughlin House, Charlestown; Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Boston. Again, thank you to all who donated.



Please pick up a rice bowl and would like to, there are some at the back of the church. Please return the Rice bowls on Palm Sunday. Thank You!



Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in

the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available in the back of the Church or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank 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.

What to Give Up...

- Give up complaining... focus on Gratitude
- Give up pessimism ... become an Optimist
- Give up worry ... trust Divine Providence
- Give up bitterness ... turn to Forgiveness
- Give up hatred ... return Good for evil
- Give up negativism ... be Positive
- Give up anger ... be More Patient
- Give up pettiness ... become Mature
- Give up gloom ... enjoy the Beauty all around you
- Give up jealousy ... pray for Trust
- Give up gossiping ... control your Tongue
- Give up sin ... turn to Virtue
- Give up giving up ... Hang in there!

SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS – CHURCH
Saturdays at 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

And by appointment by calling the Parish Center at 617-242-4664

Confessions @ Parish Center

Wednesday evenings 6:30 PM through 8:00 PM during Lent:





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 03/09

**4:00 PM + JACK & BETTY
FITZPATRICK & JOHN
FITZPATRICK**

SUNDAY 03/10

**8:00 AM + THERESA, DONALD &
JOHN RING**

**10:30 AM
6:00 PM**

MONDAY 03/11

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

TUESDAY 03/12

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 03/13

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 03/14

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 03/15

**8:00 AM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE STANFORD-ROGAN
FAMILIES**

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 03/16

4:00 PM + LAWRENCE MAHONEY

SUNDAY 03/17

8:00 AM + COLLEN MARY BOWMAN

10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN

6:00 PM

Ministry to the Sick & 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.



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.

ATTENDANCE

SAT 03/02	4:00 PM -	81
SUN 03/03	8:00 AM -	79
SUN 03/03	10:30 AM -	153
SUN 03/03	6:00 PM -	59
TOTAL		372



Weekend of 03/03/19

Parishioners contributed
\$3,551.55 to the Weekly Sunday
Collection

And contributed \$1,576.07 to
the Fuel collection

Thank you for your continued
support!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Mar 10	Monthly
Apr 07	Monthly
Apr 14	Parish Easter

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CENTERING PRAYER

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PRISON MINISTRY

ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIAL GROUPS

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BOOK CLUB

PLAYGROUP



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