



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

March 24, 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 Power of Prayer

One of the most common requests a priest receives in the course of a day is for prayers. The request can happen anywhere: on a bus, at Whole Foods in St. and in the back of the church.

Sometimes the request comes with an explanation that indicates a family problem, a sickness, or a personal struggle. At other times, there is no explanation, merely a look of sadness or stress in the eyes of the person. In whatever circumstance, I always receive the request seriously and take it to heart.



Over the years, my understanding of prayer for another has evolved. Frankly, I have probably forgotten the exact theological teaching on the matter and simply know in my heart that prayer undertaken in earnest for another is powerful. You see, it is first of all an act of faith. Faith in the power of God to heal, comfort, console, and accompany another in the struggle of life.

Nothing is more powerful than belief in God. Prayer for another is an act

of belief in the omnipotence of God and the capacity of God to reach into one's life and affect the heart, the spirit.

We believe that God can do all things and acting on this belief frees God to act. Over

and again Jesus insisted on faith.

He explained that it was the faith of a person that brought about miracles he achieved. "Your faith has saved you", He would proclaim

Not long ago, a young woman who had asked for prayer came to me to explain that her cancer had been cured, although the prognosis several months earlier had been dim. She stated emphatically that it was prayer that had brought about this healing. I do not doubt her. At the same time, I recognize there is enormous mystery in these matters and rarely are things the *black and white* some might like them to be.

My faith does not insist that all turns out according to my wishes or intentions. Rather, my faith in prayer takes the person and presents the person lovingly to God with a firm belief

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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 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

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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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that God's love for the person will bring circumstances to a good end.

In Lent, the Church urges us to embark upon a routine of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are the cornerstones of our Lenten journey. Prayer has many expressions and a prayer of petition for another is one of them. At its root, it is an expression of my personal faith. So for me, an excellent place to begin this prayer is in the powerful petition of the Centurion from scripture: "*Lord I believe, help my unbelief*".

Fr. Ronan



March 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel presents a story of God's patience as he grants the gardener another chance to make the fig tree productive. Ours is a God of mercy and patience, who is always willing to give us second chances. Is there someone you care about who may have forgotten,

or be unaware, that God is offering a second chance to come to Him? Pray for the words to share this message.



Strategies for Youth Evangelization

Come and connect with some of the leading organizations offering quality resources for ministry to middle and high school-aged teens. Representatives from LifeTeen, Alpha, YoungLife, NET Ministries, Hunger for Justice, Abide and more will all be present to showcase their materials! Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9AM – 3PM at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Cost is \$10. For more information or to register [visit, http://bit.ly/ye33019](http://bit.ly/ye33019).



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**

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

PSALM 136

LENTEN PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AT 7PM

As we enter into the days before Holy Week, set an hour aside and come to our Lenten evening of prayer. In a serene and reflective atmosphere, we will pray together as a community of faith, contemplating God's love, mercy, and action in our lives. The evening will conclude with an opportunity for individual confession.

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.

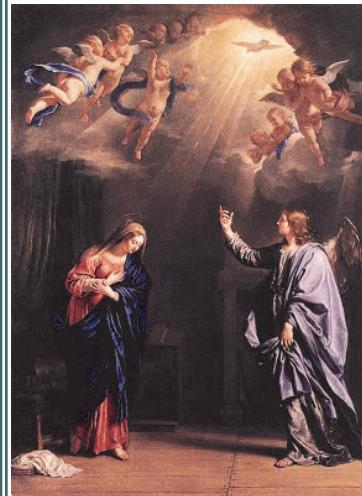
3. In the things we've failed to do,
and the wrongs that we've been through,
our inadequacies haunt us and we know our need of
healing

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Each of us is an innkeeper
who decides
if there is room
for Jesus!

Neal A Maxwell



March 25 - Feast Day of The Annunciation of Our Lord

³⁰ But the angel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High"

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. (Luke)

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.



SAVE THE DATE HARVEST ON VINE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 6:30 PM,
HARVEST ON VINE FUNDRAISER,**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL IN CHARLESTOWN

**TICKETS ON SALE - CALL MARIBETH @ 617-750-1937
OR MARIBETHMACDONALD@YAHOO.COM**



SAVE THE DATE PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

APRIL 14, 3:00 PM,

**PALM SUNDAY CONCERT , AT THE CHURCH,
55 WARREN STREET, CHARLESTOWN
ADMISSION IS FREE**

Meg Kelly and Will Schoch with their sponsors, sent forth from our Parish to the Rite of Election where they were presented to Cardinal Sean O'Malley.



**Above, Sending Forth from our Church.
Below, at the Rite of Election**

They will be received into the Catholic Church through our Parish at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep them in prayer.



LENT SCHEDULE

Centering Prayer

Mondays 7PM Parish Center

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Confessions - Light is on for you

Wednesday Nights from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
3:45 on Saturdays and by appointment

Lenten Prayer and Reconciliation Service

Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday

Saturday Mass - Palm Sunday Vigil- 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Palm Sunday Concert @ 3:00 PM

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM

Monday

Daily Mass - 8:00 AM

Tuesday

Daily Mass - 8:00 AM Chapel

Wednesday —

Daily Mass 8:00 AM Chapel

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer — 8:00AM Chapel
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00PM Church

Good Friday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Chapel
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM Church
Passion of Our Lord – 7:00 PM Church

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer — 9:00 AM Church
Easter Vigil Resurrection of Our Lord – 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord Masses:
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
No 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

Tercer domingo de cuaresma

Cualquiera que haya escuchado la Palabra proclamada hoy se da cuenta que a Dios se le quiere sin pretenderlo. Se hace querer. Llega Dios, con todo lo que significa a nuestra vida y nos descubre quién somos. Es entonces cuando uno se para y se hace esta sencilla reflexión: «¡Pero qué despistado he estado durante todo este tiempo que me he perdido tantos momentos de encuentro con el Señor!».

El Salmo 112 pone palabras a esas acciones que Dios realiza con aquellos que se dejan: «Él perdona todas tus culpas, y cura todas tus enfermedades; Él resata tu vida de la fosa y te colma de gracia y de ternura». DIOS CONSTANTEMENTE SE ESTÁ ACERCANDO A TI, TRABAJA POR TI, TE ADVIERTE, TE CORRIGE Y TE ALIENTA.

Alguno de los presentes puede estar pensando: «Este cura nos habla de un Dios que llena de plenitud y que colma de esperanza la vida de las personas, y que incluso nos alienta cuando el desánimo hace acto de presencia. Sin embargo yo, aunque 'creo estar a bien con Dios' no consigo tener esa experiencia religiosa de encuentro con Él –la cual marque e ilumine– y al no tener esa experiencia religiosa de encuentro con Él únicamente me conformo con la práctica dominical e incluso estoy corriendo el riesgo de enfriarme espiritualmente». Por eso hermanos, la primera lectura tomada del libro del Éxodo es un regalo de Dios.

Nos cuenta la Sagrada Escritura que Moisés, movido por la curiosidad, se acercó a la zarza que ardía sin consumirse, y allí fue donde Dios se le presentó. Del mismo modo que los automóviles necesitan que el líquido de frenos, el aceite y el líquido de refrigeración del motor estén en unos determinados niveles para que el automóvil pueda funcionar, nosotros ¿cómo andamos del nivel de la curiosidad en las cosas de Dios?

Los padres y madres de familia pueden conocer cómo se encuentra el nivel de su curiosidad religiosa empleando particulares varillas de medir. Para ayudar voy a lanzar unas cuestiones al aire: ¿con cuanta frecuencia me ven mis hijos coger la Biblia y leerla?, durante el día ¿qué momentos de oración –aunque sea breve– tengo con mi esposa y con mis hijos?, ¿estoy sabiendo transmitir a mis hijos que esto de la fe es importante para mí acudiendo a recibir el perdón de Dios, preocupándome de mi formación cristiana y participando en la Eucaristía dominical?. Realmente podría ser un sin fin de preguntas, pero estas pueden ayudar a que cada cual se plante la suya para conocer el nivel de curiosidad que uno tiene en las cosas de Dios. Porque seamos claros hermanos, y entiéndanme esta comparación: La parroquia se puede asemejar a un consultorio de un médico de familia, allí vamos cuando la enfermedad nos aqueja y a la parroquia acudimos todos los domingos para que nuestra vida espiritual no enferme y si se puede fortalecer mucho mejor.

Sin embargo cuando la enfermedad requiere un tratamiento de un especialista acudimos a los médicos de esa especialidad para afrontar la dolencia. En la vida espiritual es exactamente igual: Cuando uno descubre que el amor de Dios es como 'un pozo sin fondo' y desea –movido por la curiosidad– adentrarse y enriquecerse en el trato más frecuente y exigente con Jesucristo precisa de una comunidad cristiana donde sentirse acompañado y acompañar.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston invite you to
"Our Sacred Story—God's Signature."

Join us for a Morning of Prayer

Friday, April 5, 2019, from 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

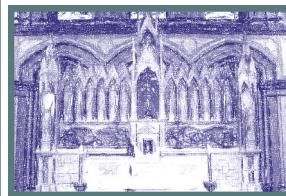
Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel

637 Cambridge Street, Brighton

Presenter: Jeanette Gaudet, MFIC

Come and hear Sr. Jeanette explore Pope Francis' statement: "The entire material universe speaks of God's boundless affection for us...everything is, as it were, a caress of God." (Laudato Si, 84)

Register at: spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org or
call 781-227-4730.



**WE EXTEND A WARM
WELCOME TO ALL
VISITORS AND THOSE WHO
ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH.**

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO SAINT
MARY -SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR EVENTS AND
RESOURCES. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER ON LINE.
AT:**

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"Come back to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12) - If you are suffering from the pain of a past abortion, this Lent could be the time for you to ask for and receive the healing love and mercy of God at a one-day Project Rachel post-abortion healing retreat. Retreats will be held on Saturday **March 23 and Saturday, April 27** at confidential locations. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Project Rachel is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston.



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 03/23

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 03/24

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

MONDAY 03/25

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

TUESDAY 03/26

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 03/27

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 03/28

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 03/29

**8:00 AM + MARTA SILVIA
MORELLES**

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

SATURDAY 03/30

4:00 PM + WARREN G. BUTLER

SUNDAY 03/31

8:00 AM

**10:30 AM + KATHLEEN HYDE
6:00 PM**

Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library is hosting

MOXIE AND A GOOD SENSE OF BALANCE - Nancy Drew and the power of the teenage girl.

Join the Friends and Charlestown's own Lynne Byall Benson Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 PM for a book signing and reception. It is free and open to all.



**Sanctuary Lamp
in
St Mary Church
Is lit for
Susan Caranfa**

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.

ATTENDANCE

WEEKEND

SAT 03/16	4:00 PM -	96
SUN 03/17	8:00 AM -	90
SUN 03/17	10:30 AM -	187
SUN 03/17	6:00 PM -	67
	TOTAL	440

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr 07 Monthly

Apr 14 Easter Collection

Apr 19 Holy Land Friday

Apr 21 Clergy Benefit Trust

Parish Giving

Weekend of 03/17/19

And contributed \$ 3,799.69 to the Weekly collection

Thank you for your continued support!

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HARVEST ON VINE

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