



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

April 7, 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.

LOOK FOR SIGNS

As I have come to know myself over the years, I know that when I think of someone or something intermittently over a period of time, that is a sign that I need to stop what I am doing, pick up the phone, open the email or get a card and a stamp – whatever seems right - and make contact. I am surprised at how often this happens. And when I follow through, invariably the re-connecting is significant in some way. So I guess the point is, it seems important to listen to one's inner promptings. Come to think of it, the "prompting" may not be inner; it can be outer, as well!



Not long ago a friend mentioned a book to me that she thought I would find interesting. A week or two passed and I received something in the mail from another source – speaking about the value of this book. Walking down the street the other day, a parishioner stopped me to speak enthusiastically about the same book. Now I know I have to go out and buy that book!

All of us have similar experiences – signs of one sort or another that point us to some issue, person or place. Do you suppose such experiences can be chalked up to happenstance, serendipity? Perhaps once in a while; but I am more inclined to think that God's loving Spirit moves through our lives and pokes us – sometimes in the most unlikely ways and places. God has a plan! The plan is totally unique for each of us in our own lives and, yet, the plan has the same end for all of us. God

wants for each of us an ever deeper more intimate relationship.

There is a wonderful theological teaching: Grace works through nature. God is always at work in our world and lives – and signs of God's Spirit appear in countless ways. The popular word for trying to figure out where God is working is "discernment". To discern is a process of reflection, or pondering and, sometimes, of conversation with a trusted advisor in order to identify God's hand in some moment or event. A person seeks to discern God's will – what does God want for me, in this place, at this time ... Now this is not an exact science, for everything has to be filtered through our own eyes and experiences, our own thoughts, desires, hopes and fears.

Prayer and trust are at the foundation of discernment. Praying for God's help is the first part; expecting God's response is the second part. Discernment requires both movements. I find the first part – praying for God's guidance - to be easy. However, once the prayer is made, having a child-like confidence that God hears the prayer and from that moment on, the matter is in God's hands and I can trust that – ahh – that is another matter!

Finally it seems to me that God is eager to give us signs: signs of love, caring, forgiveness, direction and of God's very presence in the world and in our lives. Look for the signs – be amazed.

Fr. Ronan

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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 stmaryscatherine.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

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James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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Fr. Pat Universal

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Nancy Higgins

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stmaryscatherine](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatherine)



**Don't Forget -Time to
Clean the Church for
Easter!**

**SATURDAY,
April 13 from
8:30 am to 10:00 am**

All are invited to come and help out. Coffee & Pastries will be ready for you when you arrive.

There is a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM this Saturday so 10:00 is a hard stop for all volunteers.



April 7 ~

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our first reading from Isaiah the Lord tells us, "see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" As disciples of Christ, speaking about our faith and the importance of prayer and sacraments is a new experience.

While it can be difficult and takes practice,

it is worth the effort. Saint Paul's goal and the goal he encourages the Philippians to adopt should be our goal as well: "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus". How willing are you to pursue a goal of living a life rooted in Christ Jesus?



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

Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy

1. Come, you sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus, Son of God, will save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior;
O there are ten thousand charms.
2. Come, you thirsty, come, and wel
come,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior;
O there are ten thousand charms.
3. Come, you weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior;
O there are ten thousand charms.

The Cross of Jesus

1. Come, O God, renew your people,
We who long to see your face.
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble;
Fill our lives with truth and grace.
Only you can win our freedom;
Only you can bring us peace.
Only in the cross of Jesus
Will the captives find release.
2. Deep within create a new heart;
Melt away the winter chill.
Help us now to make a new start,
Help us now to know your will.
Washed in waters of forgiveness,
Cleansed in waters of new birth,
Lead us to the cross of Jesus,
Bringing life to all the earth.
3. In the darkness that surrounds us
We have lost you from our sight.
Even though your love has found us,
We embrace the powers of night.
Scatter now our deepest darkness.
Guide our hearts into the light.
Join us to the cross of Jesus,
Help us set our living right.

4. Call us forth to walk in Justice.
Rescue us from sin and grave.
Through the power of your Spirit
Breathe in us the breath that saves.
Strengthen us in our communion,
One in Word and cup and bread.
Here within the cross of Jesus,
All who hunger will be fed

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Cristo perdona. *Yo tampoco te condeno. Anda, y en adelante no peques más.* Cristo perdona, y su perdón es verdadero. Dios le ha dado el poder de perdonar los pecados. El Padre y él son una misma cosa. *Lo que él hace es porque lo que ha visto hacer al Padre.* Esta es su misión: llevar al Padre a los hombres, reconciliarlos con Él. Perdona, y perdona con todo corazón. El perdón es la expresión de la reconciliación. Los hombres -apóstoles, ministros del Señor- han recibido de él el poder de perdonar los pecados en su nombre. Hoy todavía ejercen aquéllos el poder de perdonar. Su perdón es válido y real. En efecto, llega hasta el trono de Dios, en virtud de la muerte de su Hijo. Conviene meditar sobre este consolador misterio. El que sea sacerdote para perdonar en Cristo con misericordia. Al fin y al cabo, él también es pecador. Cuidado con la excesiva severidad. No sería cristiano. Para el laico, para aprovechar la gracia sublime que se le

concede de reconciliarse con Dios bien y pronto. También le ha concedido Dios a Cristo el juicio. El juicio, sin embargo, lo relega a un segundo tiempo. Los hombres pecamos, inmisericordes, de justicieros; Cristo no.

Cristo perdona los pecados a los que se arrepienten. Es necesario el arrepentimiento. No se trata de una gracia que nos haga más pecadores, sino mejores cristianos. El arrepentimiento incluye voluntad de no pecar: Anda, y en adelante no peques más. Es un buen punto de consideración. Merece la pena detenerse en ello. No abusemos de la gracia. Puede que nos suceda algo peor. La misericordia vence de todos modos a la justicia.

Cristo, nuestra meta. El tema nos lo ofrece la segunda lectura. El perdón que nos viene de Dios es el comienzo. Por el perdón entramos en amistad con Dios, con Cristo. Es el comienzo; hay que caminar adelante. El arrepentimiento es un mentís claro y decidido a todo aquello que nos separaba de Dios. Todo lo que conduce al pecado es basura y nada, es tiempo perdido. En las palabras de Pablo hay algo más. Todo lo que no nos una a Cristo hay que despreciarlo. Urge correr. Fuera títulos tontos y orgullosos. Nuestra gloria es la cruz de Cristo y nuestra fuerza su resurrección. Los misterios de Cristo deben ser vida en nosotros. La perfección es poseer a Cristo y ser poseídos por él. ¡Cuánta vanidad en nuestras acciones y en nuestros planes! Pablo nos invita a correr. Es una lástima que, hechos para volar, andemos como patos endebles y miopes. El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a una reconsideración de nuestra vocación: la perfección en Cristo. Buen tema éste.

El salmo responsorial nos enseña a orar. Ya tenemos la salvación inicial, el perdón; pero no el término, la posesión de Cristo. Hay que pedir la continuación de la bendición de Dios. Nuestro trabajo siembra para recoger, mediante la bendición divina, el premio eterno. Pasamos de Babilonia a Jerusalén. Estamos en camino. Pidamos a Dios nos otorgue su protección: sombra en el calor, brisa en la sequedad, agua en la sed, poder sobre las bestias. Las oraciones dirigen nuestra atención hacia el misterio de la muerte de Cristo. De él nos viene el perdón.

Señor, Dios nuestro; tu Hijo Jesús entregó su vida por nosotros, para que tengamos vida, la vida en plenitud; desde los hondo gritamos a ti escucha nuestro voz. Por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.



NEXT SUNDAY IS THE PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

APRIL 14, 3:00 PM,

AT THE CHURCH,

55 WARREN STREET, CHARLESTOWN

ADMISSION IS FREE



SAVE THE DATE Civil War Memorial Band

April 28 , 2019

@ 1:00 PM

AT THE CHURCH

55 WARREN STREET, CHARLESTOWN

ADMISSION IS FREE

**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.



Please return all rice bowls by **Palm Sunday** either by bringing them to Mass or dropping them off at the Parish Center.

Also,



if you are donating to the Easter Flowers for the Church in memory of a loved one, please make sure we have the names by April 12th for the Easter Bulletin.

Call 617-242-4664 with any questions and/or help!

HARVEST ON VINE

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 6:30 PM,

HARVEST ON VINE FUNDRAISER,

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL IN CHARLESTOWN

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

TICKETS ON SALE - CALL MARIBETH @ 617-750-1937

OR MARIBETHMACDONALD@YAHOO.COM

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 appoint-
ment

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**



III Banns of Marriage

Christopher Bennet & Alesia Vaccari



I
Banns of
Marriage

Patrick
Crawford
&
Megan
Kelly

PHONE APPS FOR PRAYER



During this season of Lent, the Laudate phone app has made it easy for me to pray daily. Each morning I click on the app and I choose the daily prayer to read. If I have more time, I read the daily readings and then the reflections on the readings which give me a better incite to the meaning of God's word. I also find it convenient during our faith sharing session to access the Scripture readings on my phone or iPad using this app.



3 Minute Retreat

If you would love to have some prayer time but have no time this app is for you. It can work whether you're waiting for the coffee to brew or standing on the T.

With a one to two sentence intro, a snippet of scripture, a short prayer and a reflection question to carry into the day it is set to gentle music and a beautiful picture. It's amazing how it puts me in that prayerful place in just 3 minutes!



Baptized on Sunday, March 31st

Griffin James Ouellet

The **Catholic Company**
Because Faith Matters
about the lives of the saints.

The Catholic Company is a website that offers a daily meditation, the Mass readings of the day and a homily, saint of the day, daily scripture verses and also offers the Divine Office. The Divine Office has prayers and scripture for morning, noon, and evening. I have learned and grown so much in my Catholic faith. I especially enjoy learning

www.catholiccompany.com/morning-offering



The Good News Ministries is a website that makes the scriptures meaningful for everyday life, especially during this season of Lent. The meditation is present in a simple format that everyone can understand. I have received this daily for over 20 years and have come to a deeper love for Jesus Christ and His Word.

www.gnm.org



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 website for events and resources. You may also register on line at: stmaryscatherine.org



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 04/06

4:00 PM + JAMES C. DEVLIN

SUNDAY 04/07

8:00 AM

10:30 AM + THOMAS RYAN

6:00 PM + JOHN REEDER

MONDAY 04/08

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 04/09

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 04/10

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 04/11

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 04/12

8:00 AM + VINCENT CITRO

+TRANQUILLINO CITRO

+ MINNIE CITRO

+ JOSEPH MARI

+ FABIO LAUDADIO

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 04/13

4:00 PM PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

SUNDAY 04/14

8:00 AM PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM

6:00 PM



Resquiescat in Pace

James H "Jim" Rooney, Jr.

*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 an-
other and all creation in the Spir-
it of Jesus Christ.**



**CYAC
IS
COMING
BACK
Stay tuned**

ATTENDANCE

WEEKEND

SAT 03/30 4:00 PM - 73

SUN 03/31 8:00 AM - 74

SUN 03/31 10:30 AM - 167

SUN 03/31 6:00 PM - 66

TOTAL 380

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr 14 Easter Collection

Apr 19 Holy Land Friday

Apr 21 Clergy Benefit Trust

Parish Giving

Weekend of 03/31/19

And contributed \$ 5,257.54 to the
Weekly collection

Thank you for your continued
support!

PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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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

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involved contact us at
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the web site!*

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