



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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stmarystcatherine.org

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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 Beautiful Gate



The readings at daily Mass in this wonderful season reflect a variety of stories of the early Christian community coming to grips with the astonishing news that Jesus Christ is alive! The Risen Christ appears to His disciples in various places and gently He urges them not to be afraid and to prepare to go forth.

Our Church was born from very humble beginnings. That small group of frightened men hiding in the upper room for fear they might be called upon to share the same fate as Jesus, eventually became emboldened and courageous.

In fact, one scene that jumps out at me is described in the Acts of the Apostles (3:1-9) when Peter and John are going up to the temple at the 3 o'clock hour for prayer. As they approach the Beautiful Gate, they encounter a crippled man who daily sits there begging. The man looks to Peter and John for some money and Peter addresses him, *"Look at me. Neither silver nor gold have I, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk."* Peter gives the fellow a hand, literally, and the fellow gets up, jumps and dances and praises the Lord!

I wonder sometimes if I am like that man sitting at the Beautiful Gate. I wonder if you are like him as well and maybe even the entire Parish and Church are too. I mean, we sit each day looking for whatever we think we need to go forward in life: money, health, relationships, success in whatever form. And maybe we are even a bit crippled because we think we are lacking in that something. Our focus is on getting that THING and we think ourselves disabled until we do.

Perhaps in our daily prayers, we are inclined to ask God for all that STUFF that we think we must have in order to no longer be crippled. Just like the man sitting at the Beautiful Gate, when God calls us, we look intently at Him expecting that we are going to get our STUFF. In fact, God's response may be that we should listen to Peter: *"Hey, look at me! I don't have that stuff, but what I do have, I freely give you. In the name of Jesus Christ, GET UP – GET GOING!"*

The Easter message is one for all of us to cherish as we listen to the Alleluias and Hosannas, and sit by the Beautiful Gate.

Fr. Ronan

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Business Manager

James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

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Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

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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



April 28 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



We hear today of Jesus' gift to us and his commission: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He was speaking to his apostles, who were fearfully gathered behind a locked door, but his message extends to each of us, here and now. We are the ones Jesus spoke of when he said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe." We are to be his instruments of mercy and peace. Bring that mercy and peace to your family, neighborhood, school and workplace this week. Notice the difference it makes to others!

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

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Hoy celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Si Vds. han escuchado cuidadosamente a las oraciones y lecturas, se daran cuenta porque el Segundo Domingo de Pascua tiene tal titulo. La oracion colecta habla del "Dios de la misericordia." En el salmo repetimos tres veces "es eterna su misericordia." Ademas de mencionar la palabra, nuestras lecturas presentan la misericordia en accion. Antes de explicar las lecciones biblicas, tenemos que preguntarnos: "Que significa "misericordia?"

La palabra misericordia tiene dos partes: cordia, que significa corazon y miseri, que refiere al sufrimiento. Misericordia es tener un corazon para los que sufren o, mas precisamente, un corazon dispuesto de sufrir para otros. Las lecturas de hoy revelan aquel tipo de corazon en Cristo y sus seguidores.

Cuando Jesus se les aparecio a sus discipulos aquel primera pascua, les dice, "La paz este con ustedes." Como se puede imaginar, el saludo significa mas que "buenos dias." Jesus, de hecho, desea comunicarles algo de valor enorme. La paz que Jesus gana por nosotros le costo su propia sangre, su vida. Lo que esa paz involucra, le dice claramente: "Reciban al Espiritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedaran perdonados." A sus apóstoles Jesus comunica el Espiritu Santo con el poder de liberar a los hombres de sus pecados. Esa libertad o absolucion viene por medio del Sacramento de Reconciliacion.

De los Hechos de los Apostoles vemos la misericordia en accion. Los primeros cristianos estaban tan llenos del Espiritu Santo que "nadie consideraba suyo lo que tenia." Al contrario, "se distribuia segun lo que necesitaba cada uno." No fue Carlos Marx que invento el principio, "de cada cual segun su capacidad ya cada cual segun se necesidad." Marx lo saco del Nuevo Testamento, pero hizo el error de pensar que podia suceder por coaccion politica. Sus seguidores crearon un infierno humano, pero su fracaso no debe causarnos rechazar el ideal. Una parte de la misericordia es proveer a todo ser humano con acceso a las bendiciones de este mundo.

La lectura de Hechos, entonces, llama nuestra atencion a las obras corporales de misericordia: dar comida a los hambrientos, ropa a los desnudos, techo a los sin casa, etc. La Carta de San Juan, por otro lado, enfoca en lo que se llaman las obras espirituales de misericordia: convertir el pecador, dar consejos al que duda y aguantar males con paciencia. Al hacer tales cosas cumplimos los mandamientos de Cristo y ayudamos en extender su victoria. "todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence el mundo. Y nuestra fe es la que nos ha dado la victoria sobre el mundo."

Al final de las cuentas misericordia resulta no tanto del esfuerzo humano sino el don gratutito de Dios. Shakespeare dijo que la misericordia cae como la lluvia suave desde el cielo. Durante este tiempo de Pascua, pedimos a Dios que abra nuestros corazones para que recibamos su misericordia - su Espiritu Santo

Catholic Young Adults in Charlestown (CYAC)

Our community enjoys a growing number of young adults many of whom are active in our Parish. Over the years, we have enjoyed different initiatives responding to the interests of our young adult community. Lately and once again, we are interested in formalizing a plan to serve this community within the Parish.

Next Sunday evening April 28, after the 6 o'clock Mass, young adults are invited to come together for some refreshments and a conversation about specifics and interests for activities this springtime and going forward. Hope you can plan to join us!

Fr. Ronan

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

On behalf our our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, thank you for your generous support of last week's Easater Collection. Like us, Boston priests are troubled by the current events taking place in the Church, but they still answer the call and are there for us. Thank you for being there for them. **You can learn more about the ways in which Boston priests continue to answer the call every day at clergytrust.org**



Thank you to the many people who decorated the Church for Easter this year. The Church looks beautiful! It is very much appreciated that you took time out of your busy day to help arrange the flowers throughout the Altar and in front of Our Lady.



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: stmarystcatherine.org

HOLY WEEK - Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil

Holy Thursday - Washing of the Feet



Good Friday



Megan Kelly—Received into the Catholic Church



Easter Vigil - lighting the fire



Will Shoch— Received into the Catholic Church



Easter 4.21.2019

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday Concert



Palm Sunday





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 04/27
4:00 PM + MAZIE & CHARLES
BELLINO
& MARGARET NICE

SUNDAY 04/28
8:00 AM INTENTION OF
PARISHIONERS
10:30 AM CONFIRMATION
6:00 PM + MICHAEL WALSH

MONDAY 04/29
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 04/30
8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 05/01
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 05/02
8:00 AM

FRIDAY 05/03
8:00 AM

SATURDAY 05/04
4:00 PM + KATHRYN T. MOCCIA
& EUGENE A. MOCCIA

SUNDAY 05/05
8:00 AM + PATRICIA & JACK RING
10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF PARISH-
IONERS
6:00 PM



**Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church**

Is lit for
Filomena &
Giuseppe Grossi

***St. Mary-St. Catherine of
Siena Parish
Call to Stewardship***

Gratefully acknowledging that
God gives us all, we each will-
ingly offer our unique gifts to
one another and all creation in
the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

ATTENDANCE

THU 04/18	7:00 PM -	72
FRI 04/19	7:00 PM -	82
SAT 04/20	8:00 PM -	110
SUN 04/21	8:00 AM -	304
SUN 04/21	10:30 AM -	656
TOTAL:		1,224

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- Apr 28 Home Missions
- May 05 Parish Insurance

Cursillo

Crash course in Christianity
Interested in a Cursillo retreat?
Nancy Higgins is our coordinator.
Please call the Parish Center if you
are interested in learning more at
617-242-4664



Weekend of 04/21/19

Parishioners contributed
\$9,637.14 to the Clergy
Retirement benefit collection
And
\$446.07 to the Good Friday
collection

Thank you for your continued
support!

PARISH MINISTRIES

FAITH FORMATION

- BAPTISM TEAM
- RELIGIOUS ED K - 8
- RCIA
- ADULT CONFIRMATION
- CONFIRMATION
- CENTERING PRAYER
- FAITH SHARING
- CURSILLO

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- LECTORS
- ALTAR SERVERS
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- USHERS
- ALTAR SOCIETY
- GREETERS
- ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY
- ARIMATHEA SOCIETY
- CANA SOCIETY

OTHER MINISTRIES

- PRISON MINISTRY
- ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING
- PRAYER FOR PEACE
- CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

PARISH COUNCILS

- FINANCE COUNCIL
- PASTORAL COUNCIL
- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

- HARVEST ON VINE
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIAL GROUPS

- COFFEE HOUR
- PLAYGROUP

*To learn more and/or become
involved contact us at
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the web site!*

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