



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

May 5, 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.

It's How You Choose

The other day I was reading one of those emails that is sent by a friend because he found it inspiring. Am I the only person who is amazed at the volume of stuff that is circulating out there?

Anyway, I do not always choose to read Bill's emails – sometimes it's a time thing or a mood thing or a need to feel the tiny satisfaction of pressing the delete button. I read this one, though.

This one was about a man who was always positive – never did he seem to have a bad day or a lousy reaction to circumstances in his life. Now this always “up” attitude both amazed and bothered others! And finally, one friend approached the man and asked him how it is that he always is so unbothered by life's challenging moments ...The explanation given was thoughtful and insightful.

The man said he had arrived at a point in his life where he realized that everything is about choice. While one cannot control everything that happens, one does have a choice of how to respond. He decided that he would look for the positive in whatever happened and choose to focus on that. He explained that he knew there were a lot of problems and issues in his life and in

the world, and he was not ignoring them; rather he was choosing to live through them, finding the good that he is certain is within each moment.

It sounds so simple, maybe even naïve! And yet, as I have pondered the

story, I recognized that in myself. More often than not, I react to a moment without really, consciously choosing how I wish to react. And my reaction can draw me in a direction that is not positive for me or

others. It is that extra moment of conscious awareness to recognize what is happening and to deliberately choose how I wish to respond – yes, that for me is the element I often by-pass.

In a conversation with a group of young adults the other evening, we discussed the intensity of their lives, fast-paced and time pressured. It seems that there is less free time – many are scheduled into scripted lives and feel the tension and stress of very limited available time.

Family life seems no different: parents often speak of the hectic pace of daily life where children have so many activities and commitments that a typical calendar is crammed with appointments and “to-do's”, hanging on to the refrigerator door – by a thread.

I do not recall living at any other time or in any other place where I have



Mother's Day Concert

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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Social Ministry Director

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Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

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heard so often how busy people are. And so I wonder, why do we choose to live with such intensity? Or, do we even forget that we have that choice to make? One response to this is to say, "But there is so much that has to be done ..."! Yet again, who made that choice to put so much on the "gotta do all this stuff plate"?

There is a beautiful scene from the Old Testament where God tell Moses to go to the people and invite them to make a choice: "Today I set before you life and death – to whichever you stretch out your hand – you will have". Every new day, even before we put our feet on the floor, we have a choice of how we wish to live that day – in a life-giving way or not. No one else can make that choice for us– it is ours alone to make.

God is very clear on how we should live each day: choosing life. Of necessity, that means treating ourselves and others with respect, patience, kindness, humor and love. Indeed that is precisely how God treats me and you every day – maybe we should make the same choice.

Fr. Ronan



May 5 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

In the first reading, St. Paul is ordered "to stop teaching in that name." That is, he was to stop teaching about Jesus. But Paul gives a clear response, "We must obey God rather than men." Paul was willing to face trial and suffering rather than stop speaking about Jesus. The gospel presents us with the magnificent story of Jesus' love and mercy. Having denied Jesus three times, Jesus now gives Peter three opportunities to show his love. We can hear the strength of that love in each response, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Are you willing to speak with the same conviction we hear in Paul and Peter?

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



El encuentro de Jesús resucitado con sus discípulos junto al lago de Galilea está descrito con clara intención catequética. En el relato subyace el simbolismo central de la pesca en medio de mar. Su mensaje no puede ser más actual para los cristianos: sólo la presencia de Jesús resucitado puede dar eficacia al trabajo evangelizador de sus discípulos.

El relato nos describe, en primer lugar, el trabajo que los discípulos llevan a cabo en la oscuridad de la noche. Todo comienza con una decisión de Simón Pedro: «Me voy a pescar». Los demás discípulos se adhieren a él: «También nosotros nos vamos contigo». Están de nuevo juntos, pero falta Jesús. Salen a pescar, pero no se embarcan escuchando su llamada, sino siguiendo la iniciativa de Simón Pedro.

El narrador deja claro que este trabajo se realiza de noche y resulta infructuoso: «aquella noche no cogieron nada». La «noche» significa en el lenguaje del evangelista la ausencia de Jesús que es la Luz. Sin la presencia de Jesús resucitado, sin su aliento y su palabra orientadora, no hay evangelización fecunda. Con la llegada del amanecer, se hace presente Jesús. Desde la orilla, se comunica con los suyos por medio de su Palabra. Los discípulos no saben que es Jesús. Sólo lo reconocerán cuando, siguiendo dócilmente sus indicaciones, logren una captura sorprendente. Aquello sólo se puede deber a Jesús, el Profeta que un día los llamó a ser "pescadores de hombres".

La situación de no pocas parroquias y comunidades cristianas es crítica. Las fuerzas disminuyen. Los cristianos más comprometidos se multiplican para abarcar toda clase de tareas: siempre los mismos y los mismos para todo. ¿Hemos de seguir intensificando nuestros esfuerzos y buscando el rendimiento a cualquier precio, o hemos de detenernos a cuidar mejor la presencia viva del Resucitado en nuestro trabajo? Para difundir la Buena Noticia de Jesús y colaborar eficazmente en su proyecto, lo más importante no es "hacer muchas cosas", sino cuidar mejor la calidad humana y evangélica de lo que hacemos. Lo decisivo no es el activismo sino el testimonio de vida que podamos irradiar los cristianos.

No podemos quedarnos en la "epidermis de la fe". Son momentos de cuidar, antes que nada, lo esencial. Llenamos nuestras comunidades de palabras, textos y escritos, pero lo decisivo es que, entre nosotros, se escuche a Jesús. Hacemos muchas reuniones, pero la más importante es la que nos congrega cada domingo para celebrar la Cena del Señor. Sólo en él se alimenta nuestra fuerza evangelizadora.

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.

This Sunday evening May 5, 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



MAY – MONTH OF MARY

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May refers to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May". In May, a "May Crowning" is traditional within the Roman Catholic Church. And, our parish crowns Mary in the Peace Garden when the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated. This year it will be celebrated on May 19th, 10:30 Mass. The Rosary is prayed each week day morning before the 8:00 AM Mass. (starts around 7:30 AM) All parishioners are welcome to join in these devotions.

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May*



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

The Gallagher Scholarship

Rev. Henry Gallagher was born in Charlestown in 1910 and ordained in 1941. He served as spiritual director of St. Mary's conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society and arranged scholarships for Boston College High School students and seminarians.

Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a generous bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped students with tuition in a scholarship program for more than a decade.

Applicants must be registered members of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena or St. Francis de Sales parishes and provide the name of the school they will attend.

Applications are available on line at stmarystcatherine.org/forms or you may pick up an application at the Parish Center located at 46 Winthrop Street.



May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in response to the celebration of May Day by Communist workers. St. Joseph, who was given the title of Protector of the Universal Church in 1870, had the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus. He now cares for and watches over the Church and

exemplifies the dignity of human work.



Save the Date

Annual Golden and Silver Anniversary Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 3PM for the annual Anniversary Mass with renewal of vows at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Couples register for the event at

bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversariymass.

For more information, contact Emily Elliott at eelliott@rcab.org.



Cursillo

Is a crash course in Christianity. If you would like to know more about your faith, consider a Cursillo retreat.

Nancy Higgins is our parish coordinator.

Please call the Parish Center if you are interested in learning about Cursillo retreats at 617-242-4664

FYI

JESUS aCROSS the Border

Monthly Gathering - May 10, 2019
Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine
(150 Orient Avenue, Boston, MA)
7:30 PM - 12 AM
Social Event: Paint Night with JADO Young Adults

Transformed in Love Marriage

Prep is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2019-2020 dates, locations, and registration information, visit

www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove;

or contact

Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org



PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Because of your ongoing support, we were able to help several families with beds, bureaus for children and other necessities. We thank you very much for your donations to our Parish's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul. In doing so you are helping your neighbors in need.

Thank you!

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.

baptism

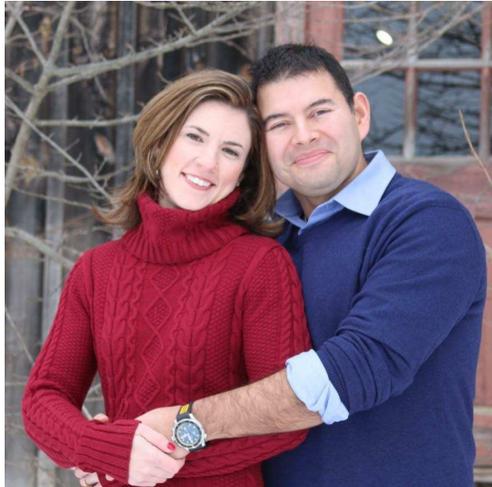


THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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@stmarystcatherine.org.

Banns of Marriage I



Christina Fichera & Jamie Franco

Pictures from Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage



Sabrina Murphy & Samuel Vercimak



St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Presents A
Mother's Day Concert
Featuring the
Charlestown Community Choir
Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
St. Mary Church, 55 Warren Street



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 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
PARISHIONERS**

6:00 PM

MONDAY 05/06

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 05/07

8:00 AM + BARRY MALOOF

WEDNESDAY - 05/08

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 05/09

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 05/10

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 05/11

**4:00 PM INTENTIONS OF
PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY 05/12 - MOTHER'S DAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM



Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church

Is lit for

Joseph J. Jansen



*Resquiescat
in Pace
William Joseph
Fleming, Jr.*

***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

SAT 04/27	4:00 PM -	83
SUN 04/28	8:00 AM -	97
SUN 04/28	10:30 AM -	267
SUN 04/28	6:00 PM -	74
TOTAL:		521

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- May 05 Parish Insurance
- May 19 Monthly
- May 26 Catholic Communications



Weekend of 04/28/19

Parishioners contributed
\$6,382.62 to the Weekly
collection
And
\$1,633.07 to the Home Missions
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
617-242-4664 and check out
the web site!*

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