

St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

May 26, 2019

MEMORIAL DAY

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.

While Memorial Day has its origin as honoring war veterans, many citizens choose the day to remember their deceased loved ones as well. The birthplace of Memorial Day is Waterloo, NY. There on May 5, 1866 local veterans remembered those who served and lost their lives in the Civil War. Shops were closed, flags were



flown at half-mast and flowers were placed on the graves of the deceased veterans.

From that time, and especially in 1888 when a major observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery, until the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May.

As a child, one early memory of this important day of remembrance was getting into our old Chevy wagon and going over into Forest Hills, Hyde Park and those neighborhoods where there are several cemeteries. On the way we would stop and purchase flowers, baskets, ivy and the like. The whole experience was unusual for me as family members explained that a deceased grandparent or other relative was buried here and on this day we place flowers at the graveside to honor and remember. I had never met any of these deceased and so the occasion offered family a chance to tell me something of their story. Looking back over the years, I can see that the simple experience of going to the cemetery and remembering brought into the present the reality of that person's life and often a recollection of the blessings that one brought to our family.

There are so many Americans who have served in the military. And for we who have, this day has a special meaning. We recall those with whom we have served and/or those in the same branches of the service who served in the same places, bases, ships, planes ... who lost their lives in service.

Ascension Thursday this week

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

Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

Director of Music and Organist

Daniel Saucedo

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmaryscatherine.org")

Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

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

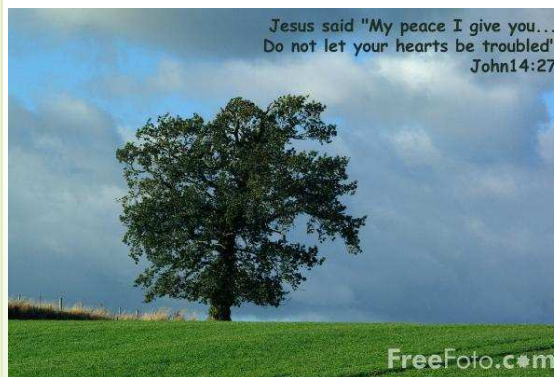
Nancy Higgins

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And on this day, everyone is caught up, once again, in the tragedy of war. How many great leaders of nations, religions and armies have made impassioned pleas to end war and not to go to war? And yet our human condition is such that at times we are unable to resolve the intractable issues of world conflicts without going to war.

This Memorial Day, as is at times the case, falls in the Easter Season. The centrality of the *empty tomb* and belief in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead frees us to see the grave as not the end of the story of a life. And so we remember how fragile is this sweet experience called life. And we ask our merciful God to receive our beloved dead to a place of eternal peace and to bless us, the living, with courage to create an ever more just world. For the words of Pope Paul VI in the late 60's remain prophetic and wise, "If you want peace, work for justice".

Fr. Ronan



May 26 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

In our first reading, we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were doing something that had never been before, building a community of believers in Jesus Christ, Son of God. There were bound to be misunderstandings and differences of opinion. Even today, as the

Church of Boston focuses on strengthening evangelization efforts and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ people are hesitant to put their faith into action. Jesus' words in today's Gospel sustained the early Church, and they must sustain us also: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Rely on the Holy Spirit – the Advocate – who is still with us.



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

Dear One and All,

It is exactly a year ago since I had admission to pursue LLM in Banking & Finance Law at BU. Through a diligent search at the Archdiocesan website on the internet, I came into contact with the address of St. Mary & St. Catherine of Siena Parish. I then wrote to Fr. Jim requesting for a place to lodge whilst pursuing my studies at BU.

I saw Fr. Jim as an angel sent from God and his 'YES' response to my request as divine providence. Though I requested for an accommodation, he gave me a 'Home'. As a person who holds onto the old age faith that "feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it", I have therefore chosen this medium to shout out my deepest gratitude to you all for your assistance and love when I needed it the most.

My commencement / graduation was on May 19, 2019. Unfortunately, I would have to go back to my home country, Ghana. As I leave Charlestown on May 27, I leave with mixed fillings. On one hand, I am indeed thrilled for a successful completion of my program at BU. On the other hand, I hate kissing goodbye to the wonderful people of St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

May God richly bless you all and keep you safe until we meet again.

United in prayer.
Fr. Clement



Go therefore
and make
disciples
of all the
nations

**ASCENSION THURSDAY
HOLY DAY MASSES IN CHAPEL
On
THURSDAY AT 8AM AND 7PM**

Scripture passages describe the Ascension of the Risen Jesus into heaven in the sight of his disciples forty days after he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Before he ascended, he told his disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Through our baptism, we, too, are disciples of Jesus and are entrusted with this great commission to make Jesus' presence and teachings known. May we be filled with the zeal of the first disciples, believing that Jesus is with us always and empowers us to give witness to our faith by the way we live our lives.

Daniel Leaving

There is a general sadness among parishioners hearing the news that Daniel Saucedo will be leaving after seven years as Director of Music/Organist. Daniel's wonderful contributions to the music and liturgy of our community have been deeply appreciated. In gratitude for his generous sharing of his gifts, the parish finance and pastoral councils, have recommended we make a financial gift to Daniel.

Daniel will be moving to Arizona, closer to home and family. Our parish gift will help him in his move and to get settled in his new community.

Anyone who would like to contribute may do so in one of the following ways:

- *By cash or check payable to the Parish – indicating purpose in memo or envelope*
- *PayPal Button in footer of homepage of parish website*



**Rosary for
Peace
First
Saturday in
June**

**June 2, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
Parish Center
46 Winthrop Street
Please join us to pray the
Rosary
Please, invite your family and
friends to join us, too.
All are most welcome**



Calling All Seniors! SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, June 11th at 11:30

Please join us on Tuesday, June 11th at 11:30 am in the church hall for the first of several upcoming monthly lunch and a movie days.

So that we can purchase enough food, please RSVP to: Dianne Ludy at 617-242-4664 or dludy@stmaryscatherine.org by Friday, June 7th. We hope to see you there!

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As is our custom, on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the 10:30 a.m. Family Mass, we will select names of persons who have been nominated and have accepted nomination to be members of our Parish Pastoral Council. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, six (6) names will be selected by lot. The nomination process begins this weekend, May 18/19 Only registered parishioners may nominate or be nominated.

Nominees must also participate in the sacramental life of the Church and be 18 years of age or older. PPC members serve a full term of three (3) years and attend monthly meetings from September to June.

As a consultative body, the Parish Pastoral Council is responsible to the pastor, assisting and supporting him in his leadership role. It recognizes the varied gifts of the parish members and invites them to an active leadership role in the parish.

The Council is an important means by which the pastor will hear the voice of the parish. In deliberations and consultation with the pastor, the council helps to unite the pastor and parishioners. Together they discern the pastoral needs of the parish and ways in which those needs can be

addressed.

Once the nominations are in, the nominees will be contacted to see if they accept the nomination. If they do, their names will go into a "pot" for selection on Pentecost Sunday. Regardless of how many times people are nominated, their names are placed into the pot only once.

Please prayerfully consider possible candidates for the Council and submit their names no later than **Sunday June 2, to give us adequate time to contact the nominees** prior to selection on Pentecost Sunday.

You may nominate by filling out the 2019 Parish Council Nomination Form below and placing it in the Ballot Box at the entrance of the Church, mailing it to us or dropping it off at the Parish Center.

We thank departing members of the Council for their insight on serious issues and dedication to Parish initiatives. Our community is not complete without the guidance and support of such wonderful people.

Current PPC members are Cara Bradley, Shawn Burke (Vice-Chair), Deidre Carty, James Coviello, Rob Cronin, Len Dorrian, Michelle Duane, Renee Kessler, Ana Lotharius, Dianne Ludy, Cynthia Markey, Mary McCarthy, Deborah O'Shea, David Reed, Katie Signorelli, Brendan Sullivan, Rev. James Ronan and Sr. Nancy Citro.

Parish Council Nomination Form - 2019

Please submit this portion with your nomination (s) to the Parish Center as soon as possible. You may drop it in the ballot box at the entrance to Church, mail it, or drop it off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your consideration. Remember that (a) you and the nominee must both be registered parishioners, (b) the nominee must be a Catholic who is active in the Parish, (c) the nominee must participate in the sacramental life of the Church, and (d) be 18 years of age or older.

I, _____ of _____ nominate:

(Name) (Address)

1. _____

Name Address (optional) Phone

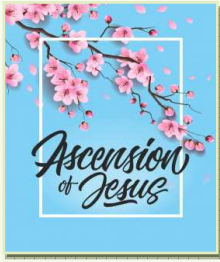
2. _____

Name Address Phone

3. _____

Name Address Phone

The Parish Office is located at 46 Winthrop Street. This form can also be faxed to (617) 242-0016 or emailed to: dludy@stmariystcatherine.org with the subject "PPC". If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call (617) 242-4664.



La Ascensión de Jesús no es una ascensión local, o sea, no es pasar de un espacio a otro. Es una intensificación de la presencia del Señor en nuestra realidad sabiendo que no nos abandona ni después de resucitado. Hoy la Palabra nos hace como un sencillo resumen de los grandes misterios de nuestra fe. Nos enuncia que el Mesías tenía que morir, que resucitaría al tercer día y que en su nombre hay que anunciar a todas las naciones que se conviertan a Dios. Nunca en tan pocas líneas se dijo tanto. Muerte y resurrección consiguieron el perdón de los pecados.

Jesús nombra "testigos" a sus amigos. La evangelización auténtica no es otra cosa que escuchar y ver a los testigos de Jesús, aquellos que pueden palpar hoy su presencia viva y vivificante en sus vidas. En nuestras parroquias hay muchos agentes de pastoral, pero necesitamos más testigos. Nuestras organizaciones pueden funcionar más o menos bien, pero sólo los testigos son capaces de interrogar con su vida a los demás para, desde ahí, acercarlos más a Dios. Los teóricos sobre Dios nunca han evangelizado.

El Resucitado asciende desde el Monte de los Olivos (Hech 1,12), cercano a Betania. Allí estaba el huerto donde comenzó su agonía y comenzaron sus padecimientos. Nunca debemos de olvidarnos que el camino de la resurrección siempre pasa por los padecimientos y la muerte previa. Los discípulos no le vieron salir del sepulcro porque la resurrección podía probarse mediante la evidencia de contemplarlo vivo después de su muerte, pero tuvieron la experiencia de verlo ascender a los cielos. Se marchó bendiciéndolos. No se marchó enfadado por las traiciones y sus miedos sino con amor y dejándoles su bendición. "Mientras los bendecía se apartó de ellos y fue llevado al cielo". Comenzó a bendecirles estando todavía en la tierra, y así continuó bendiciéndoles hasta su entrada en el cielo. Dios nunca pone fin a sus bendiciones sobre nosotros.

En la escena no aparecen ni carros ni caballos de fuego, como los que se llevaron a Elías. Jesús conoce bien el camino del cielo.

Los discípulos después de adorarle se volvieron a Jerusalén muy contentos porque sabían que Jesús resucitado les abría el camino para la eternidad. Mirar la ascensión así es encontrarnos con Dios de manera cercana: Él está conmigo en el camino de la vida para mostrarme cuál es el sendero que me lleva definitivamente y por toda la eternidad a estar en su presencia. Me deja ver su muerte, me hace que experimente su resurrección y me enseña mi último punto de llegada: el cielo. Esto es lo que supone la Ascensión, esto es lo que celebramos hoy.

¿Dónde está Dios entonces, en el cielo o en la tierra? preguntará nuestro amigo alejado. La respuesta es bien sencilla: en el cielo y dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Es lo mismo que ocurre en la Misa: mientras la hostia está fuera de nosotros, le vemos, le adoramos; cuando la recibimos y comulgamos no la vemos más, ha desaparecido, se ha hecho parte de nosotros para estar ahora dentro de nosotros. Dios no está en los sucesos materiales que suceden en el mundo sino en el corazón de las personas que lo provocan.

La presencia de Dios está hoy en los acontecimientos, la Palabra, los sacramentos, en la Iglesia, en la comunidad, en los más pobres y débiles, en sus discípulos... Son numerosas sus presencias que el no creyente no percibe igual que no percibe el amor quien no lo siente. La Ascensión no es la ausencia de Dios sino la presencia intensificada de Dios en nuestra vida diaria. Todos los cristianos, seamos sacerdotes, religiosos o seculares, estamos llamados a ser testigos de la resurrección y ascensión de Jesús. Ser testigo es en este caso hablar con la vida de quien dio la vida y subió al cielo quedándose entre nosotros. ¡Ten los ojos bien abiertos porque en cualquier momento te puedes encontrar con Él por la calle y en tus adentros



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Most Loving and Faithful God,
You loved humankind into being and you bless us now with each precious moment of life. Our hearts are grateful for your loving faithfulness. Grateful, too, are we for the millions of loving acts that blossom from human hearts around us every day.

On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember those we love who are now enjoying the fullness of Your promise.

We especially remember with deepest gratitude and awe the extraordinary men and women who, out of love, followed in

the footsteps of your son, Jesus, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. Keep these fallen heroes in the light of your loving care.

Help us to be mindful of the wounded heroes in our midst who, with valorous hearts, risked their lives that we might prosper and that our children's futures might be secured.

Show your love and care on the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day. May they feel our love and support, and may they trust in You who are with them always. We ask you this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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 5/25
4:00 PM

SUNDAY 5/26
8:00 AM PM + MILDRED BANY
THE CANNIZZARO FAMILY
6:00 PM
10:30 AM

• **MAY DEVOTION - ROSARY SAID
BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 05/28
8:00 AM MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY 05/29
8:00 AM + LOLA CAMPBELL

WEDNESDAY - 05/22
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 05/30
ASCENSION THURSDAY
8:00 AM
7:00 PM

FRIDAY 05/31
8:00 AM
5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 06/01
4:00 PM + PATRICIA ROONEY

SUNDAY 06/02
8:00 AM + CATHERINE & PVT JOHN
NOONAN AND ALL WHO DIED ON
D-DAY
10:30 AM + EMMA MAHONEY
6:00 PM



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please visit:
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These cards are at the back of church for
those that give electronically. Feel free to
take one of these and place it in the offer-
tory basket during the collection.

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

SAT 05/18	4:00 PM -	80
SUN 05/19	8:00 AM -	82
SUN 05/19	10:30 AM -	541
SUN 05/19	6:00 PM -	51
TOTAL:		754

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 26 Catholic Communications
June 2 Seminary Offering
June 16 Monthly



Weekend of 05/19/2019

Parishioners contributed
\$5,941.55 to the Weekly
Collection
And contributed
\$1,633.00 to the Monthly
Collection

Thank you for your continued
support!

PARISH MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS
HARVEST ON VINE
PRISON MINISTRY
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

FAITH FORMATION & ENRICHMENT

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

PARISH COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCIL
PASTORAL COUNCIL
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

SOCIAL GROUPS

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN
CHARLESTOWN (CYAC)
COFFEE HOUR
PLAYGROUP

*To learn more and/or become
involved contact us at
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