



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

August 18, 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.

“WE WERE MADE FOR THESE TIMES!”

**Christ has no
body but yours,
no hands, no feet
on earth but
yours.**

- TERESA OF AVILA

We are in the midst of troubling and desperate times. Given this distressing reality, what stance shall we take? Shall we spend ourselves railing about the state of affairs? Shall we resign ourselves to what we fear is inevitable? These are not viable options.

One commentator I read the other day, Clarissa Pinkola Estes, writes this is precisely NOT the time to lose hope. Ms. Estes posits, rather remarkably, “We were made for these times”. In fact, we stand at a moment where we may choose despair and hopelessness, that turning

inward into darkness and helplessness, or we may choose to stand up and do the right. One’s capacity may seem insignificant and in fact puny in the face of all that needs to be addressed. But that is an illusion.

No right thing is ever insignificant and lacking meaning and value. No, never. It is natural to shrink in front of the immensity of the issues and question, “What difference can I make?” That question has been asked before – and answered. When Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked the value of her carrying one dying man into her shelter when there were thousands of others lying on the streets, she responded, “God does not call us to do great things, rather little things with great love”. The woman brings the issue into focus.

If we allow ourselves to be duped by how insignificant our capabilities are, we can be crippled into inaction. How convenient for the forces of evil. Your grandparents likely heard the prophetic words: “It is better to light a penny candle than to curse the darkness”. Each of us can do something that will make a difference. And just imagine what could happen if we were to work together.

Each of us has a choice on what kind of neighborhood, parish, Church, nation, world we want to help create. It is not ours to look to the left or right, in front or behind to find who can speak up or act. That privilege and responsibility belongs to each and all of us – without exception. And when our words and actions flow from our faith and Gospel values, always steeped in charity for others and our deep belief in God’s love and presence, there is no limit to the possibilities.

These are hard times. But you and I were born into these times and for a reason. It falls to us to make them better times in every corner of our individual and collective worlds. Ms. Estes says it well: “There will always be times when you feel discouraged

Inside: Info for North End Feast of St. Anthony

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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Dianne Ludy

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Fr. Pat Universal

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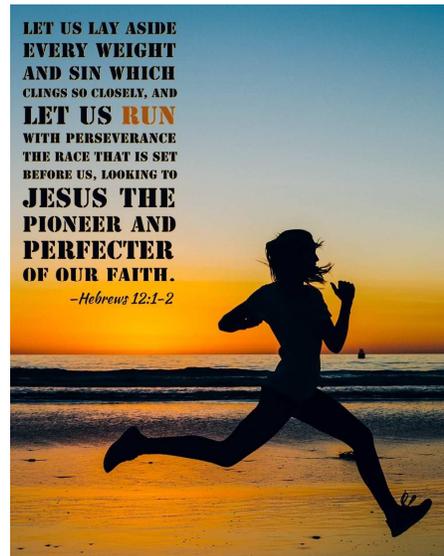
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...but I do not keep a chair for it; I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate. The reason is this: In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, Who you serve and Who sent you here..."

God is asking each of us to make a difference... to roll up our sleeves and work diligently to make real the dream, the vision that God has for us - "that all may be one" - whether or not we will see it in our lifetime. How shall we respond? What shall be our legacy for future generations?

- Fr. Ronan



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of August 17/18, 2019

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the

race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running



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

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Por la fe nos reunimos los domingos para celebrar la eucaristía. Por la fe formamos el pueblo de Dios, la iglesia, esta asamblea de hijos e hijas de Dios. Por la fe vemos en el vecino a un hermano y por la fe vivimos nuestra vida como regalo de Dios. El autor de la carta a los Hebreos en el capítulo 11

que proclamábamos el domingo pasado definía la fe como "esfuerzo por conseguir lo que esperamos, convencimiento respecto de lo que no vemos". Y preguntábamos: ¿se ha hecho un chequeo para ver si su fe está enferma? ¿Contiene muchos grados de magia y de haraganería?

Hoy, en el capítulo 12, nos da unos consejos que todos deberíamos seguir: 1º. Nos recuerda que yo no soy el primero en creer, yo no estoy sólo en la fe, yo no puedo vivir la fe en solitario, "una nube de testigos nos envuelve". Sí, hermanos, en esta aventura de la fe nadie viaja solo. Por la fe, miles de creyentes derramaron su sangre. Por la fe, miles de creyentes lo dejaron todo y consagraron su vida al servicio del evangelio. La historia de la iglesia sólo se entiende y se explica por la fe de esa nube de testigos que nos han precedido. En esta aventura de la fe nadie viaja solo. Y la prueba la tenemos aquí y ahora. Aquí estamos rodeados de hermanos que creen y juntos hacemos este viaje.

¿Quiere tomar unas vitaminas de fe? Hable, dialogue, ore y reúnanse con los testigos de la fe. Como dice la carta a los Hebreos "fijémonos en estos innumerables testigos". 2º. Nos manda: "dejar todo lo que nos estorba, liberarnos del pecado que nos ata para correr la carrera". Sí, hermanos, en esta carrera de la vida hay que correr sin el peso de la culpa, sin el peso del pecado, sin el peso de los vicios, sin el peso del yo contaminado del hombre viejo, dejar todo lo que estorba. 3º. "Fija la mirada en Jesús, autor y consumidor de nuestra fe". Yo no sé cuanto peso muerto podrá botar, cuantos malos hábitos podrá romper, de cuantas pequeñas esclavitudes se podrá liberar, cuantas caídas en el pecado va a evitar esta semana, pero, yo le aseguro, que si fija la mirada en Jesús, todo será más fácil.

La mirada de Jesús sana nuestra enfermedad, fortalece nuestro espíritu y nos pone en el camino de la fe. Jesús es el Señor de la división. El Jesús al que tenemos que mirar no es un Jesús dulce, blando, que se acomoda a todos los tamaños y gustos, una talla sirve para todos. Al Jesús que tenemos que mirar es exigente, celoso y provocador. "Fuego vine a traer a la tierra y lo quiero ver arder". Fuego, el fuego del Espíritu, para quemar todo lo que nos estorba. El fuego para liberarnos de todo lo que nos ata a la basura de este mundo. El fuego del Espíritu para quemar nuestros pecados y para correr la carrera de la fe. "Fuego vine a traer" y quiero que el Espíritu arda y brille en el corazón de todo creyente. No peques. El pecado es el extintor que apaga el fuego del Espíritu.

"Un bautismo tengo que recibir". Baño de agua en el Jordán y baño de sangre en el Calvario. El Reino de Dios viene a nosotros a través del sufrimiento, del fuego y de la sangre. El que está cerca de Jesús está cerca del fuego, cerca del sufrimiento e invitado al martirio del maestro. Jesús es el Señor de la división para los que creen y los que no creen, para los que viven según el Espíritu y los que viven el espíritu del mundo, para los bautizados sólo con agua y para los bautizados con agua y sangre. Jesús dulce. Jesús espada que corta. Jesús fuego que purifica. Jesús bautismo de muerte. Jesús Señor de la división, ayúdanos a permanecer en ti, a fijar nuestra mirada siempre en ti.



100th Feast of Saint Anthony North End, Boston August 22 -25, 2019 Schedule of the Blessed Relics of St. Anthony from the Basilica of St. Antonio, Padua, Italy.

8/22

5:00 pm - Feast & Procession of Santa Lucia (continues to Fri. afternoon)

8/23

7:00 pm

Opening ceremonies

Opening Procession

8:30 pm- 11:00 pm

Public veneration of the Relics

8/24

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Public viewing & veneration of Relics

5:00 pm

Outdoor celebration of the Eucharist

6:00 pm

Procession to return Relics to St. Leonard Church

6:15 pm - 11:00 pm

Public Veneration of Relics

8/25

10:30 am

Mass in Italian - St. Leonard Church

12:00 pm

Grand Procession of St. Anthony (beginning on Endicott St.)

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Public Veneration - St. Leonard Church

10:30 pm

Closing Ceremonies & Candlelit procession (Endicott St.)



**POPE ST. JOHN XXIII
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38th Annual Lawn Party to benefit seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts is hosting its 38th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the Seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

For tickets: <http://www.psj.s.edu/lawn-party> or call 781-810-1923.



When “Back to School” means “Back to the Family Dinner Table”

August brings us face to face with one of life's realities: summer vacation has to end. Children may groan and parents may breathe a sigh of relief, but one thing is certain. The beginning of school brings a return to routine, and this translates into less eating on the run and more scheduled meals around the family dinner table. It's not always possible for the whole family to eat together, but making it a priority at least some nights of the week can pay big dividends for the Christian steward trying to raise a family of faith. Here are a few dinner table tips:

- **Everyone should know certain nights are family dinner nights. Look closely at everyone's schedule, make a plan, and then hold family nights sacred.**
- **Whether frozen pizza or prime rib, set the table nicely and sit down. Maybe light a dinner candle or pull out the cloth napkins now and then. Pick up a special dessert once in a while.**
- **Parents and kids often hit the dinner hour fatigued. Make an effort to relax. Start off with a smile and laughter, even when you'd rather hit the couch.**
- **If you haven't already, begin the family custom of praying before meals in a spontaneous way. What was I most thankful for today? Where did I see a situation that calls for prayer? Let everyone take a brief turn. It may lead to a great conversation after the “amen.”**
- **Resist scolding or criticizing a child at dinner. Never demand to know why the math paper wasn't turned in, or why the kid will not get out of bed on time. Save it for a private discussion later. Allow the dinner table to be a place of welcome and support.**
- **Share the ups and downs of your own day. Listen respectfully to their exploits and complaints.**
- **As you review the day's events, don't forget God. Just as you are interested in what your children are reading in literature class or library hour, express an interest in what's being taught in religion class or in weekly faith formation.**
- **Set the rule that everyone remains seated until all are finished. Then the meal is complete.**
- **But the work's not done. Divide the duties of setting the table, clearing, washing dishes, even cooking so that everyone has a role to play and the work goes quickly.**
- **Bring back the custom of an “after dinner” prayer, brief and blessed.**



PRAYER for August

Father,

As we prepare for the transitions of August; of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to emerge, and

traffic patterns getting heavier, help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.

Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still, so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.

Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us; tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase. In this month of August while a measure of summer's stillness remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son's ways, and through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our every day words and deeds.

*We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.*





BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**III Daniel Hallstrom
and
Lauren Crossen**



RICIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about the Catholic faith and perhaps become Catholic.



Adult Confirmation Classes are for those who are 18 years of age and older who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel each Friday; from 5:30 to 6:30

In the midst of the busy days we all know; in the down times and in moments when our hearts seek peace and consolation – spend time before the Most Blessed Sacrament – in quiet with the Lord Jesus.



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

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-- WANTED -- EDITOR & GRAPHIC DESIGNER FOR PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER

and various ads and publications

The Parish is eager to create an online newsletter for communicating with parishioners. We are also in need of a designer for various pieces to use within our parish and local community.

If you or someone you know have special talents in pulling together creative, smart, and effective tools such as these – we would dearly like to hear from you and/or your ideas!!

Fr. Ronan
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Queenship of Mary - August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.



REGISTRATION 2019/2020

Religious Education Register your child for Religious Education! Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena. Please visit our website at www.stmarystcatherine.org to register children Kindergarten through High School (Confirmation) Kick-off is September 15, 2019!



Please pray for those serving in our
Armed Forces and their families:

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 08/17
4:00 PM + MARK GORMAN

SUNDAY 08/18
8:00 AM + CELIA & BILL HAFEY
10:30 AM + DAVID LATTA &
MEAGHAN BRADY
6:00 PM + DOROTHY SULLIVAN

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 08/19
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/20
8:00 + BARBARA DEFLUMERE

WEDNESDAY - 08/21
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 08/22

FRIDAY 08/23
8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 08/24
4:00 PM + EMMA MAHONEY

SUNDAY 08/25
8:00 AM + CATHERINE NOONAN
10:30 AM + MARION BURR &
SHIRLY DUBE
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

• **6:00 PM MASSES IN CHAPEL -
SOLEY STREET SIDE**



**Sanctuary Lamp in
St Mary Church**

**Is lit for
Assunta Caranfa
and**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the
St. Catherine Siena Chapel
Is lit for
Robert Brady**



**Resquiescat in
Pace**

Phillip J. Campbell

ATTENDANCE

SAT 08/10 4:00 PM -	66
SUN 08/11 8:00 AM -	63
SUN 08/11 10:30 AM -	106
SUN 08/11 6:00 PM -	37
TOTAL:	272

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 18 Monthly
September 8 Monthly



Weekend of 08/11/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$3,085.00
To the Weekly Collection
And
\$2,438.14
To the Mission Appeal
**Thank you for your
continued support**

PARISH MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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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

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

PARISH COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCIL
PASTORAL COUNCIL
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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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the web site!**

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