



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

August 4, 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.

Lost & Found

Supposedly, it goes with aging – forgetting where something is – not remembering where you last saw/used or placed an item. While I resist that as an exclusive characteristic of someone over 60, I have to admit some truth to the theorem. Losing one's keys seems the most annoying, perhaps only bested by misplacing a cell phone.

Most of us can identify with the emotion of discovering something is lost – seems like it happens just when we need it ...! And can you recall how you feel when the object is found, especially if the search has gone on for a bit and others have been helping? The relief is huge.

But there are other kinds of losses we all know about: jobs, homes, friendships, money, health, agility, independence, even freedom that may not be resolved as we may hope. Truth is, life includes many moments when we face loss, and some are devastating. Sometimes our losses big and small can nurture self-pity which can lead to magnify the loss in our lives.

One common response to certain types of loss is, “Why?” We search for answers and we often seek to find out whom or what is to blame for the loss. And often enough, the answer is elusive and our anger is directed to God: “Why did God let this happen to ME?” This course may cause us to turn away from the very One who seeks to comfort, sustain, and direct us in times of trial.

So how do we live with loss? The movement of life is only in one direction – there is no going back. The pain of loss and change can break us or can open us to a new way of being. Instead of asking “Why”, in faith, one can ask “What”: “What does God want me to do now? What can I do to move forward? What can I learn from this loss?”

I recall being at a very low point in my life, struggling with change and loss. I wandered into a bookstore and was browsing around. There was a display of book marks, little plastic strips printed with a quote or saying. One read, “The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God will not sustain you”. I bought that book mark and took great comfort in that truth. I needed to accept the loss and changes and seek to move forward, to learn, to grow, to adapt, and to trust.

Marion Howard once wrote: “Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night”. God gives to each of us whatever we need to live through the losses of our lives. When we believe that, actually trust that truth, then the loss can yield something to be found.

Maybe Charles Schultz was right when he said: “Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use”. Indeed, we need to try out the other gears – they are there to be used and when we do, we may find a speed that really works very well for us.

Friends, the God who made us, who knows us better than we know ourselves, and whose love for us is constant and unconditional, will never abandon us. As we go forward with the losses and the finds of our lives, look around. There is some new insight and experience awaiting us - and God is behind us all the way.

Fr. Ronan

Restoration Project Update

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

Katie O'Reilly (Interim)

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.

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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About Us

Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena is an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic Parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love. Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we build a vibrant Parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship. With gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us, we respond to God's call to stewardship and embrace lives of service and compassion.

Parish Mission Statement

To make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to embrace their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

Hacer discipulos activos de Jesucristo creando una comunidad acogedora, rica en espiritualidad que mueva a las personas a abrazar sus talentos dados por Dios y a ponerlos al servicio de los dem`as y de la creacion.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6



Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. (Mt 17:1-9)

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

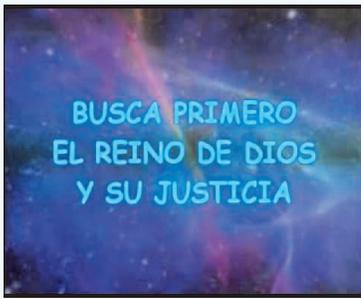
**Parish Center
& Eucharistic Chapel**
46 Winthrop Street 617-242-4664

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



La primera lectura de hoy comienza proclamando: "¡Vanidad de vanidades, todo es vanidad!" Según los expertos, este libro fue escrito por el rey Salomón, un hombre que pudo disfrutar de todo lo que un ser humano puede aspirar y soñar. Aunque sus argumentos suenan algo sombríos, pues en ningún momento habla de la esperanza en una vida eterna donde todo cambiará, sino que se reduce a argumentos humanos, propios de filósofos existencialistas, la realidad es que la vida en la tierra no aparece como nada halagüeño. Y es que sin la esperanza en la vida eterna feliz que nos promete Dios en su Hijo Jesucristo, nada de esta vida podría tener sentido.

¿Es que acaso los placeres de la carne pueden llenarnos de felicidad? Sabemos bien que no. El mismo Salomón disfrutó de un sinnúmero de mujeres, y no parece haber encontrado la verdadera satisfacción. Los que andan persiguiendo este tipo de placer siempre experimentan una especie de decepción, sobre todo si lo hacen a lo animal, sin verdadero amor de pareja. ¿Podríamos pensar, entonces, que la felicidad está en sentirnos cubiertos económicamente, de modo que poseamos mucho más de lo que necesitamos? Pero, ¿dónde cambian felicidad por dinero? Pues los muy ricos también experimentan el vacío, y sienten en lo más profundo de su ser esa ansia que no la satisface nada de esta vida. Y así podríamos seguir preguntando que si el poder, que si la sabiduría, y siempre encontraríamos la misma respuesta. De Salomón se dice que fue uno de los hombres más sabios que han existido. Y poder lo tuvo de sobra, aunque su reino fuera realmente pequeño.

La clave nos la da Jesús en el Evangelio: Tenemos que ser ricos para Dios. Aquel hombre que acumuló grandes cosechas que se traducirían en enormes cantidades de dinero, estaba de antemano disfrutando de lo que pensaba que sería su vida en adelante. Así que. "a darse la buena vida". Pero esa "buena vida" no existe en la tierra. Y esto por una razón muy sencilla: no somos dueños de nada, ni podemos disponer de la vida a nuestro antojo. Sí, es cierto que hay personas que se creen dueños de hacer lo que quieran, incluso hasta determinar la hora de su muerte, suicidándose, pero el problema es que, más allá, nos encontraremos con el verdadero Dueño de todo. El nos ha dado todo lo que necesitamos para ser felices también en la tierra, pues cuando nos conformamos con lo que tenemos y no ambicionamos lo que no podemos tener, podemos disfrutar de la relativa felicidad de la tierra, sabiendo que luego tendremos una eternidad para la plena y total felicidad en la Casa de Dios nuestro Padre.

Nadie puede asegurar al acostarse que va a ver la luz de un nuevo día. Pero el que se acuesta con su conciencia tranquila, sabiendo que, aunque con fallos, está haciendo todo lo posible por cumplir la voluntad de Dios, en medio de abundancia o estrecheces, puede dormir tranquilo, sabiendo que, pase lo que pase, Jesús está a su lado y el Espíritu Santo habita en él. De eso nos habla, precisamente, el apóstol Pablo en la segunda lectura, de su carta a los Colosenses. Nos dice que tenemos que buscar "los bienes de allá arriba", sin aspirar a los de la tierra. De ahí que debemos dar muerte a las ambiciones que constantemente nos está poniendo el diablo ante nuestros ojos, para no seguir engañados, pensando en que el cielo puede estar en la tierra.

No estamos en la tierra para sufrir, desde luego, aunque el sufrimiento a veces nos acompañe. Pero no podemos olvidarnos que aquí sólo estamos de paso, que nuestra vida no termina con la muerte, y que al otro lado es que vamos a recibir el premio de nuestros trabajos, por pura benevolencia y gracia de Dios. Por eso nuestro esfuerzo tiene que ir encaminado a una constante transformación, para dejar atrás el "hombre viejo" del pecado y revestirnos de Cristo, y así ser dignos de triunfar con El.

Cuando vemos que la vanidad es una atracción que pierde a tantos seres humanos, hemos de buscar el apoyo en el Señor. Para eso Jesús nos envió, desde el Padre, el Espíritu Santo. El es el que nos dará la fuerza que no tenemos, para resistir las tentaciones del Maligno, que como dice Jesús, es un mentiroso que nos engaña presentándonos un mundo irreal que es sólo un espejismo.

Así como los caminantes en el desierto, muertos de hambre y de sed, suelen sufrir de esas visiones que se llaman "espejismos", es decir, ven agua donde sólo hay tierra, así Satanás nos hace ver felicidad donde sólo hay un placer pasajero que dura unos momentos y nada más. No olvidemos lo que nos dice Jesús: "Busquen primero su Reino y su justicia, y todas esas cosas se les darán por añadidura" (Mateo 6,33).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic organization serving in over 90 countries in a multitude of languages



St. Mary's Church Restoration Project

The planning, research and preparations necessary to paint the interior of our beloved parish church are continuing and the committee of parishioners working with me has been meeting and deciding critical aspects of the process as we move forward. The following is an update of our progress and the immediate timeline.

Our committee recently met with Lisa Howe, the representative from Building Conservation Associates, to review the current draft of the detailed specifications that will be used to solicit bids. Additionally, we received an update on their research & analysis of the interior of the church. We were pleased to find out that based on their background research they anticipate there will be minimal repair work necessary to prepare the surface for painting. While issues could well be discovered after the painting begins, it was, nevertheless, encouraging to hear that our church appears to be structurally sound.

The draft document setting forth the detailed specifications is just over 100 pages long, including 10 pages of CAD drawings. We are now performing a final review which may result in reducing the volume of detail - it's always easier to delete than to expand such documents. We expect to distribute the final document by August 5th requesting proposals from three qualified & experienced firms. Proposals will be due back by August 22nd. We will then review the bids during the last week of August with the goal of selecting a firm by August 31st. We hope to have project underway by Labor Day.

Parish Committee Members: Lee Eisman, Mike Frawley, Dennis Hanson, Nick Kraman, Megan Melvin, Fr. Ronan, James Santosuosso and Ryan Walsh.



August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person: and as the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses given to her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

The Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville Rhode Island invites all to join them on Friday, August 9th, for Theology on Fire! Theology on Fire is a Lecture series for Young Adults which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November. Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, adoration is held. Finally, the group closes the night by meeting in the Church hall for pizza and community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet young Catholics from across New England and to grow closer to Christ in community with them!

Starting time - 7:00 PM
Ending time - 10:00 PM
Address - 35 Dion Drive,
Nasonville RI, 02830



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY August 15th

This feast day is a day when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

Wednesday Vigil Mass 7pm
Thursday Mass 8:00am

Both Masses are in the Chapel



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**I Daniel Hallstrom
and
Lauren Crossen**

August 4 ~ Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“...rest, eat, drink, be merry!” Sounds appealing, right! But Paul is wise and kind to caution us as he cautioned the Colossians in the second reading to “Seek what is above... Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly” We are called to be in the world, but not of the world. In fact, our task is to sanctify the world around us. Difficult? Sure. But not impossible – remember, with God all things are possible. This week make a concerted effort to ‘seek what is above.’ Try to add just five minutes to your daily prayer time with God who is just waiting to hear from you.

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.

Please enter Soley Street side.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove; or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org



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 can register for the event at bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass19 or by visiting the Family Life Page at BostonCatholic.org. For more information, contact

Emily Elliott at eelliott@rcab.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Please join us on Tuesday, August 13th at 11:30 am in the church hall

for the upcoming monthly lunch and movie day.

So that we can purchase enough food, please RSVP to: Dianne Ludy at 617-242-4664 or dludy@stmarystcatherine.org by Friday, August 9th. We hope to see you there!



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!



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



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 08/03
4:00 PM + KITTY & DENNIS SULLIVAN

SUNDAY 08/04
8:00 AM
10:30 AM + ROBERT DEMATTIO
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 08/05
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/06
8:00

WEDNESDAY - 08/07
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 08/08
8:00 AM

FRIDAY 08/08
8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 08/09
4:00 PM + MARGARET & EMMETT
PULLMAN SR.,
HELEN IRVIN, RITA SULLIVAN
& ELEANOR CONNORS

SUNDAY 08/10
8:00 AM
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
6:00 PM

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



Sanctuary
Lamp in St
Mary
Church
Is lit
for
Rose Woods



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

Helen L.
Willard

ATTENDANCE

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|---------------|------------|------------|
| SAT 07/27 | 4:00 PM - | 70 |
| SUN 07/28 | 8:00 AM - | 62 |
| SUN 07/28 | 10:30 AM - | 118 |
| SUN 07/28 | 6:00 PM - | 64 |
| TOTAL: | | 314 |

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 4

CRS (Catholic Relief Services)



Weekend of 07/28/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$3,663.55
to the Weekly
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
617-242-4664 and check out
the web site!*

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