



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

September 1, 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.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND



For as long as I can remember that phrase, “Labor Day Weekend” contained within it more emotion than I ever cared to face. Of all of the transitions that happen within the course of a calendar year, none seems as profound, as challenging and frankly as sad as this one. Summer is over. OK, I have said it, even though I

don't really accept it. There are still some weeks of beautiful weather ahead; everyone knows sailing and the best swimming are in September. And on and on, I try to push back to the sorry truth, summer is over.

I am certain I am not alone in this reaction to Labor Day. While parents of school age children secretly or otherwise rejoice that summer is ending and their children will return to school in a matter of days, most of us lament that the beauty and the loveliness of the summertime is ending.

In 1894 the U.S. Congress established Labor Day as a federal holiday to be celebrated on the first Monday in September. Today the weekend is embraced as a final fling of summertime for young and old. Family reunions, cookouts, parades and other kinds of social gatherings mark this weekend. The Sunday before Labor Day is called Labor Sunday. On this day it is recommended one reflect on the spiritual and educational aspects of work and the labor movement.

We all earn our daily bread by our work, in one way or another. Some of us are blessed with work that is more a vocation and it is deeply fulfilling and meaningful. Yet I think many do not find their jobs pleasant and enjoyable. Rather their work can be drudgery. The large numbers of workers who daily labor at one or two minimum wage jobs are an example. Over the brief history of workers in our country, it has been the labor movement that has brought relief for workers who had known abuse and exploitation. Many of us recall the stories of our parents and grandparents about the struggles of the immigrant workers in our cities. Those struggles continue for many immigrants today.

The Catholic Church has long been a committed friend of the worker. From early on the Church supported labor unions and the rights of workers to organize. Catholic Social Teaching would hold the following: *The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living: it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.* While the unions of today face many

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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

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challenges they are nonetheless the hope of many workers for a decent wage and fair and safe working conditions. For all of these reasons and more, we gratefully celebrate Labor Day, 2019.

Underlying the rights of workers is our belief in the dignity of each person, as a child of God. This dignity pervades all that we are and do and infuses all the seasons of our lives with an awareness of God's plan that all people have what they need to live with dignity and hope. Clearly we have a lot of work to do to make that dream a reality.

Fr. Ronan



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy," rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't

reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay 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

VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

En un vuelo de British Airways, una señora blanca y rica se encontró sentada junto a un hombre negro. Ésta llamó a la azafata para exponerle sus quejas y su disgusto. “Me han sentado junto a este negro y no puedo viajar así. Búsqüeme otro asiento”. “Cálmese señora”, le dijo la azafata, “el avión está lleno, pero miraré a ver si queda algún asiento libre”. Minutos más tarde, la azafata sonriente volvió con la buena noticia. “Señora, sólo queda un asiento en primera clase”. “Hacer un cambio de asiento es algo extraordinario, pero dadas las circunstancias, el capitán ha concluido que sería una grave desconsideración hacia el pasajero tener que volar junto a una persona tan desagradable”. Y dirigiéndose hacia el hombre negro le dijo: “Señor, recoja sus cosas y sígame, tengo un asiento preparado para usted en primera clase”. El resto de los pasajeros respondió con una fuerte ovación.

En algunas iglesias de Nueva York aún se pueden leer los nombres de la gente importante: Cornelius Vanderbilt, el hombre más rico de su tiempo, John Rockefeller, el hombre que desde su primer sueldo hasta el final de su vida siempre dio el diezmo a su iglesia. Éstos compraban su banco en las primeras filas y en su ausencia nadie los ocupaba. Las listas humanas y el protocolo de los hombres no se parecen en nada a las listas de Dios. El primer banco de nuestras iglesias está siempre vacío, excepto el día en que, por razones ajenas al culto, acuden las autoridades civiles y militares que, con mucha solemnidad y todo derecho, ocupan el primer banco.

Dios, asombro y alegría, no mide la categoría de las personas por los cargos que ostentamos, por los títulos conseguidos o por la riqueza acumulada. En las iglesias, en torno a la mesa de Jesús, todos somos ilegales, porque todos somos pecadores, todos los bautizados tenemos la misma dignidad porque todos ostentamos el único título de hijos de Dios. Todos somos miembros de la misma familia de Dios. La sociedad de ahí afuera es muy imperfecta. Aquí adentro todos somos importantes pero yo no soy más importante que el que está a mi lado o el que está detrás o delante. Todos participamos de la misma mesa y recibimos al mismo Jesús. Todos invitados como en la parábola: “amigo, sube más arriba”.

La cercanía con Dios no es cuestión de lugar ni de geografía, es cercanía que sintoniza con Jesús, el que nos enseña a eliminar barreras y a valorar a todos, especialmente a los más desfavorecidos de la sociedad, los que nadie invita. Los no invitados son los preferidos de Jesús y debieran ser también los nuestros. Los judíos, los primeros invitados a la nueva fiesta inaugurada por Jesús, despreciaban a los extranjeros y no querían que se sentaran junto a ellos ni viajaran con ellos.

Jesús, en cuyo nombre nos reunimos, nuestro anfitrión, invita a todos a su mesa, a esta conversación dominical a esta tertulia de amigos entorno a la Palabra de Dios y las historias que Jesús nos cuenta para mostrarnos su corazón e infundirnos su espíritu. Hoy, Jesús, el hombre humilde, nos exige ser humildes. ¿Somos humildes ante Dios? Dios mira con agrado la humildad de sus siervos ¿Se lo ha preguntado alguna vez? No me diga que se sienta en el último banco por humildad. Se sienta ahí por miedo o para salir de la iglesia el primero. Jesús nos exhorta también a ser comunidades de acogida donde nadie se sienta extranjero, desconocido o no querido.

Senior Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
AT 11:30 AM

Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th 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@stmaryscatherine.org by Friday, August 9th. We hope to see you there!

Pictured below is Janet Meuse, Janice Roden and Noelle Delaney who have been hosting the Senior Luncheon and making it a success!



**Rosary for
Peace**
First Saturday
September 7
@ 9:00 AM

Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street
Please join us to pray the Rosary
Please, invite your family and
friends to join us.



Eucharistic Adoration Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel each Friday; from 5:30 to 6:30 – spend time before the Most Blessed Sacrament – in quiet with the Lord Jesus. Please enter Soley Street

side.



**Save the
date!**
Sunday,
September
29, 2019

Annual Block Party

right after the 10:30 Mass on the Soley Street side of the Church.

We're calling for volunteers to assist with setting up or those who have some grill skills as well as those who can help clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 617-242-4664. There will be lots of food and fun activities for the whole family! Please join us.

BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019



Theodore Edward Timothy Smith



Emma Kate Anderson



Cooper Jeffrey Middlemiss



Matthew Thomas Fitzsimmons



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.



LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

If you require a low gluten host for communion, please let the priest who is celebrating Mass know, and he will give you the consecrated low gluten host.

Whatever you do work at it with all your heart. As working for the Lord, Not for Men.
-Colossians 3:23



Happy Labor Day!

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@stmaryscatherine.org.





September is the month of the SEVEN SORROWS (DOLORS) OF MARY

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden

(1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th), and during the season of Lent.

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus



Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving God, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor

—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

AFTER THE 6

TO BE A YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC AROUND BOSTON THESE DAYS PRESENTS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES. TO HAVE A FORUM TO INFORMALLY CONNECT AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND CONVERSATIONS IS A GOOD THING! CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF CHARLESTOWN (CYAC) IS STARTING UP AGAIN THIS FALL. PLAN TO DROP IN AFTER THE 6 O'CLOCK MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8.

RISING THIRD GRADE FAMILIES:

Please join us ~

Thursday September 12 at 6pm at the Parish Center for our

First Annual COMMUNION RE-UNION!

We invite you to come back to continue to learn about Faith Formation and how to put Faith into action.

We will have a pizza dinner and discuss how the third grade curriculum involves service and continuing to build upon the foundation we created in Grades 1 and 2.

RSVP by emailing

ktfleming@stmarystcatherine.org or calling the office at 617-242-4664



2019/2020 High School Confirmation Program

(Grades 9 through 12) is now open for registration.

Classes will meet on Sunday evenings, following the 6pm Mass. The Confirmation Program is a 2 year program, beginning with students in the 9th grade.

Please see our website stmarystcatherine.org/education for registration link and schedule information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email ktfleming@stmarystcatherine.org or call the office at 617-242-4664 .

KICKOFF: Parent and Student meeting- September 15 following the 6pm Mass.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ... THANKYOU



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 08/31
4:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 09/01
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 09/02 LABOR DAY
9:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 09/03
8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 09/04
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 09/05

FRIDAY 09/06
8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 09/07
4:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 09/08
8:00 AM
10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

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



*Resquiescat in
Pace*

Robert Joseph Hickey

Donald Bradford Teixeira

Michelle Prendable Chandler



**BANNS OF
MARRIAGE**

**II John Kitchura
&
Christina Mule**

ATTENDANCE

SAT 08/24 4:00 PM - 78
SUN 08/25 8:00 AM - 70
SUN 08/25 10:30 AM - 105
SUN 08/25 6:00 PM - 65
TOTAL: 318

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 8 Monthly
September 15 Clergy Benefit Trust



Weekend of 08/25/2019
Parishioners contributed:
\$6,953.55
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

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involved contact us at
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