



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

September 29, 2019

AN AGE OLD QUESTION

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 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.

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 His call to stewardship and embrace lives of service and compassion.



Almost 40 years ago, Rabbi Harold Kushner published a book with a captivating title: *“When Bad Things Happen to Good People?”* Everyone can relate to that question that has become part of common parlance. Rabbi Kushner wrote his reflection, almost as a meditation, after his young

son was diagnosed with a fatal disease. Like millions of others, I read his book and it contains a wisdom and a compassion that has been a source of solace for many over these years. The question is, in fact, haunting and one that as a parish priest I have heard all too many times. Doubtless, you, too, have posed the question in one way or another.

It seems to me that one of the first responses many of us has when something bad happens is, *“What did I do to deserve this?”* Somehow, we want to connect our behavior with what happens to us; and often that is the case, but not always. In fact, the very nature of the question rather implies that bad things should happen to bad people and good things to good people. When we cannot find the “bad” we have done that seems to merit the suffering, many feel a sense of unfairness and anger toward someone, often God. Of course, we always want someone to blame for our suffering.

Yet, each of us knows that life is not fair and suffering is a part of life. Your mother suffered to give you birth; your father suffered to care for you and both parents suffered to raise you. The beginning of suffering is in the very nature of our broken human condition. A Christian traces this brokenness to The Garden and original sin. That original sin was placing human interest and will over God's and ever since, we struggle with the consequences of that choice.

As I consider my own journey, now in its 74th year, it seems to me that we spend our entire life learning to let go. This begins when we have to let go of the safety and comfort of our mother's womb and the “letting go” of our self-interest and selfishness continues from infancy into childhood through adulthood and finally arriving at our senior years. All along the way, we have to learn to “let go”

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) PROGRAM

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

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and that is hard and often painful. The process means we live into the truth of our mortality; life is oh so brief and our destiny is not to be found here on earth.

For me this "letting go" about which I speak frees me to find and embrace what gives my life meaning and direction – a relationship with God. There is nothing more meaningful, more fulfilling and more capable to make whole my broken human condition. For this relationship brings me to Christ, the source of all that is Love. Living in a relationship with Christ leads me to others offering the hope and joy, the suffering and sorrow we know together. In the gift of these relationships of family, friendship and community, we find the authentic experience of love, learning to let go and to embrace – almost in practice for our final letting go and embrace.

Fr. Ronan

Twenty-sixth Sunday - Ordinary Time September 28/29, 2019



In today's Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?



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 sexto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Nuestra vida terrena está llena de divisiones de todo tipo. Los seres humanos hemos dividido el planeta que Dios nos ha dado. Hemos creado fronteras, levantado muros, colocado banderas... todo ello para ser y sentirnos diferentes. Esta división es la que crea conflictos entre nosotros mismos y en nuestra relación diaria con el mundo. Dios nos ha dado un solo mundo para una única humanidad; nosotros en nombre de la diversidad, de la justicia o de lo que sea, nos hemos encargado una y

otra vez de marcar las diferencias. Los primeros cristianos y los Santos Padres encararon este tema y nos dejaron vidas ejemplares y páginas magníficas sobre el derecho de los pobres y la justicia que emana del Evangelio.

En las relaciones humanas hemos hecho lo mismo. Nos hemos inventado las castas y los escalafones sociales para dejar bien claro que no somos iguales; que "yo valgo más que tú..." ¿Qué nos dice Jesús sobre estas artificiales diferencias? ¿Qué nos propone para recomponer la unidad que a lo largo de los siglos hemos fragmentado? El Evangelio nos trae una parábola donde se destaca una de estas diferencias sociales. Nos habla de un pobre y de un rico, ambos en esta vida y en la otra. Los judíos pensaban que la prosperidad material era una señal más que evidente de la bendición de Dios. Los pobres eran unos malditos. No tenían nada, ni siquiera —según ellos— ni la bendición de Dios.

El mensaje de Jesús se predica especialmente a los pobres y en ellos tiene su profunda resonancia. No es que se descarte a los ricos del camino de la salvación ya que Jesús no les censura su riqueza sino la falta de compasión hacia los pobres. La falta de compasión sea en un rico o en un pobre es muestra de un rechazo hacia el amor de Dios. La compasión es uno de los ciertos caminos para llegar a la salvación. Lázaro aparece como un hombre mísero en todos los aspectos de su vida: no tenía salud, ni comida, ni casa, ni amigos, ni abrigo alguno. Sólo tenía la esperanza de que algo sobrante saciara su indigencia. En nuestras sociedades hay muchas personas que viven esta misma realidad. La pobreza se ha cebado con ellos. El drama de la pobreza no es solamente las necesidades de todo tipo sino que en el pobre incluso se llega al extremo de la indigencia, cuando se da cuenta de que por sí mismo no sabe salir de su pobreza. No hay mayor pobreza que no saber salir de ella.

El Evangelio es una invitación a salir de la pobreza en todas las formas que aplastan al ser humano. No vale aquello de "tú sufres en esta vida que en la otra serás feliz..." Mas bien nos tenemos que mover en "...porque tuve hambre y me diste de comer..." Para los cristianos el tema de los pobres es central. Sentirse pobre es reconocer que Dios tiene en nuestra vida la totalidad de nuestra salvación. No confío en lo que he podido acumular, no me fío de lo que he podido aprender. Todo es para ponerlo al servicio de los más menesterosos para llegar juntos a unas sociedades más justas y humanas. Los seres humanos de todas las épocas siempre hemos tenido un déficit de humanidad, de ahí que el Evangelio nunca pierda actualidad.

Otro asunto no menos importante es la actitud que tenemos los cristianos para con los más pobres. Veamos algunos tipos de cristianos y cómo se sitúan ante este tema: Cristianos de "la otra vida": los pobres lo pasarán bien en la otra vida; por eso da igual las desigualdades que tengamos en esta... El Evangelio es un mensaje personal que no tiene por qué repercutir en el exterior... Si yo me salvo para qué me voy a complicar la vida... Son alérgicos a los pobres.

Cristianos "de ruina y devastación": en algunos la pobreza ya no se ha vuelto un enemigo a combatir sino una obsesión, en ocasiones enfermiza obsesión. Condenan todo y a todos. Viven sin paz interior. Están todo el día atacando desde su estrechez mental a los otros que no piensan igual. El Evangelio es una revolución inalcanzable que sólo les produce amargura y enfrentamiento. Son alérgicos a los ricos.

Cristianos según las Bienaventuranzas: al lado de la complicidad personal de vida está la esperanza y la alegría. No condenan sino que invitan a unos y a otros a la salvación. Su vida es como la de Jesús: acoge a unos y a otros sin discriminación sino con amor. Todos están llamados a la conversión y a participar en el Reino.

Jesús no condena la riqueza en sí sino el uso que se hace de ella; condena el egoísmo que nos impide llegar a caminos de solidaridad. Zaqueo el rico se salva en su encuentro con Jesús y devuelve a los pobres con creces lo que de ellos tomó.

Quien está muy apegado a las riquezas (dinero, prestigio, seguridades de tipo intelectual, poder, el creerse que se tiene el monopolio del Evangelio...) no puede percibir el camino del Reino de Dios. Los pobres, los que son capaces de desprenderse de sus distintas riquezas y ponerlas al servicio de los demás, son los que están más disponibles a aceptar y vivir la fe.



Catholic Social Teaching:

Do Justice. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly with God.

Saturday, October 5th, 8am – 3:00pm, Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd, Boston 02125. Registration Fee \$25 including lunch. Plenty of free parking. Come join us to deepen your understanding of injustice and inequality in our community and to learn about local efforts to bring about change. Learn from our speakers, exhibitors and other parishioners about ways they are promoting Catholic Social Teaching in their parishes/collaboratives, local communities, workplaces and families.

FEATURING: Remarks by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. J. Bryan, Hehir, Cabinet Secretary Health and Human Services, Keynote Address by Janine Carreiro, Co-Director Massachusetts Communities Action Network, extended networking with wide range of Exhibitors, Small Group Faith-Sharing, Workshops on core principles of Catholic Social Justice, and NEW: Inaugural Social Justice Awards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and TO REGISTER, go to: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/justice/> or contact Suzanne Graul at socialjustice@rcab.org or (617)746-5738



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



III Jonathan Hope & Jillian Ricciardelli



III Taylor Parent & Timothy Beinert



I Thomas Galeazzi & Karina Polanco

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH and Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



GROWING IN FAITH WITH THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) PROGRAM

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?)

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

Orientation is on Monday, October 7, at 7PM at the Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street. To find out how you may participate in the RCIA process, please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND at (617) 242 -4664 or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make **your decision**. **There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish.**

We look forward to welcoming you!



**Save
The
Date**

**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

October 6, 2019

@ 9:30 AM

**Thompson Square
Charlestown**

**This Sunday!
Sunday, September 29,
2019
Annual
Block Party**



right after the
10:30 Mass on
the Solely 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.



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, visit our website for events and resources. You may also register on line at: stmaryscatherine.org



**HARVEST ON VINE
FUNDRAISERS
Save the Dates!**

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Comedy Night with Tony V. and Steve Sweeney
Celebrating 25 Years of cable show "Charlestown
Live"

Proceeds benefit Harvest on Vine Food Pantry

Catered by Best Restaurants in town

Tickets \$35.00

7:00 PM at the K of C Hall

For more information contact:

Cookie Giordano

kathy.gio46@gmail.com

Sunday, November 10, 2019 (Patriots bye week)

Seasons Restaurant, Nahant Golf Club

1 Willow Road, Nahant, MA

Tickets: \$50

John Moore, owner of the recently closed 'Navy
Yard Bistro' will be once again hosting a fundraiser
for our Harvest on Vine Food Pantry
at the Nahant Golf Club.

For more information contact Peter and Donna
LeCam

donna.lecam@gmail.com



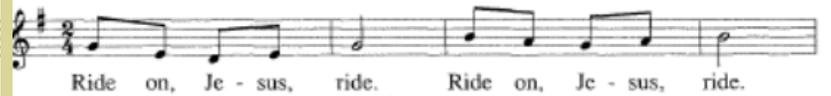
**St. Vincent de Paul -
Feast Day
September 27**

Saint Vincent de Paul built a network of missions and confraternities for those in need beginning in the 1600s. This foundation for a global charity system now operates in 142 countries. In the United States, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of 12 million people annually. Vincentians come from all walks of life and work for a noble purpose. In their work to address the needs of the poor, both spiritually and materially, they see the face of Christ.

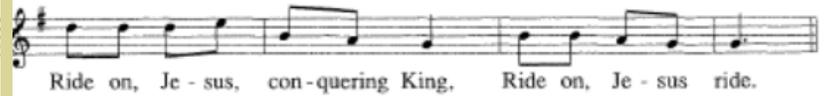
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Ride On, Jesus, Ride 497



Ride on, Je - sus, ride. Ride on, Je - sus, ride.



Ride on, Je - sus, con- quering King, Ride on, Je - sus ride.



1. King Je - sus rides on a milk white horse. Ride on, Je - sus,
2. My Je - sus lift - ed his throne a - bove. Ride on, Je - sus,
3. The chil - dren of Je - ru - sa - lem, Ride on, Je - sus,
4. ? "Bless - ings on the Ho - ly One!" Ride on, Je - sus,
5. ? Ride so hum - ble, ride so true, Ride on, Je - sus,
6. ? Ride to set your peo - ple free, Ride on, Je - sus,
7. ? Ride o - be - dient un - to death, Ride on, Je - sus,
8. ? Ride a - gain in the hearts of us, Ride on, Je - sus,
9. ? Now be - yond all time and space, Ride on, Je - sus,



- ride. The riv - er Jor - dan he did cross.
ride. ? See his mer - cy and his love.
ride. ? strewed their branch - es on his way.
ride. ? "Bless - ings on the Sav - ing One!"
ride. ? Ride to bring the world to you, Ride on, Je - sus,
ride. ? Ride the road to Cal - va - ry,
ride. ? Ride to break the chains of death,
ride. ? Ride a - gain in the hands of us,
ride. ? Now in ev - 'ry land and race,



ride. Ride on, Je - sus, con- quering King. Ride on, Je - sus ride.

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CYAC

Over the years as the demographics of "The Town" have evolved, our Parish is enjoying an increase in the number of young adults registering and participating in the life of the Parish. At different times we have had gatherings of the YA community that addressed interests, needs, hopes and plans. Some years ago, the group called itself CYAC (Catholic Young Adults of Charlestown).

I am writing to invite you to join me and others for an informal discussion about re-initiating CYAC this year. In the past, the group has met after the Sunday evening 6:00 o'clock Mass and over refreshments.

Please plan to join us on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT THE 6 O'CLOCK MASS AND GATHERING AFTERWARDS.**

I hope you can make it and, feel free to invite along anyone you like.

Fr. Ronan

ps - Pats play the Bills at 1:00!





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 09/28
4:00 PM + JOHN, MARY, KATHLEEN &
MICHAEL DEVLIN

SUNDAY 09/29
:00 AM
10:30 AM + VINCENT J. CARUSI
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 09/30
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 10/01
8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 10/02
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 10/03

FRIDAY 10/04
8:00 AM +MINNIE TRANQUILLINO,
VINCENT CITRO, JOSEPH MARI
& FABIO LAUDADIO

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 10/05
4:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 10/06
8:00 AM + PEG, ANNA, JOHN &
JAMES FINN
10:30 AM JOYCE WALLACE
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS



*Resquiescat in
Pace*

John Edward Hooley



**SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY**

OCTOBER 22 AT 11:30 AM
Please join us 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, October 18th.
We hope to see you there!

ATTENDANCE

SAT 09/21	4:00 PM -	63
SUN 09/22	8:00 AM -	73
SUN 09/22	10:30 AM -	143
SUN 09/22	6:00 PM -	95
TOTAL:		374

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 29: Boston Pilot
October 6: Monthly
October 20: Holy Father's
Missionary Efforts



Weekend of 09/22/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$ 5,645.57
To the Weekly Collection
and
\$1,387.07 to Hurrican Dorian-
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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