St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena
Roman Catholic Parish
Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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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 our lives of service and compassion.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

My Dear Friends in Christ:

Each October during Respect Life Month, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launches a new cycle of the Respect Life Program – a year round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and help cultivate respect for human life.

As Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do to build a culture of life on a daily basis. Your efforts on behalf of the unborn, the dying, the elderly, the imprisoned, the poor, and so many others have a profound impact, both now and in the life to come.

This year's theme, *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life,* is particularly suited for the times in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. Our sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel of Life can contribute to the redemption of this current culture of death.

During the 2019-2020 Respect Life Program cycle, we also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, written by St. John Paul II. The Church's teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. As

Evangelium vitae highlights, "together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love" (EV6).

We bishops need your help. While there may be opportunities for decisive political action, we know that to build a true culture of life, we must seek to change hearts and minds. And your witness is essential.

It is the vocation of the laity to go out to be leaven in the world, a light in the darkness. Your daily activities take you to places I cannot go; they bring you to those I will never meet. May you allow Christ to renew and strengthen you, that He may work through you in each moment of every day.

Block Party Pics

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

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Be assured of my prayers for you and for our common efforts to bring about a world in which every life is cherished. And so together may we *"hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Heb 6:18-19).*

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas
Chairman, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Committee on Pro-Life Activities

How to Build a Culture of Life

Read full version at respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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 SÉPTIMO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Alejandro Solzhenitsyn, enviado a un campo de concentración, fue obligado a trabajar hasta el agotamiento. Sin descanso y mal alimentado, siempre vigilado e incomunicado creyó que todos le habían olvidado incluso Dios.
Pensó en suicidarse, pero recordaba las enseñanzas de la Biblia y no se atrevía. Decidió escaparse y así serían otros los que lo matarían. El día de la fuga cuando echó a correr un prisionero que nunca había visto antes se plantó delante de él.

Le miró a los ojos y vio más amor en esos ojos del que jamás había visto en los ojos de otro ser humano. El extraño prisionero se agachó y con una ramita trazó la señal de la cruz en el suelo de la Rusia comunista. Cuando vio la cruz supo que Dios no le había olvidado. Supo que Dios estaba con él en el pozo de la desesperación. Pocos días después Solzhenitsyn estaba en Suiza. Era un hombre libre. Vio la cruz dibujada en la tierra y supo que Dios no le había olvidado. Vio la cruz y ésta encendió la fe en su corazón.

Vio la cruz y recordó la fidelidad de Dios, que su amor es eterno.

Nosotros vemos nuestra sociedad cada día más secularizada, más empeñada en apagar la luz de la fe y en ridiculizar la cruz, la religión y a los que aún creen. Los nuevos ateos son cada día más vociferantes. Publican libros, están presentes en las ondas y, salidos del armario, se arman de valor y predican su increencia a los cuatro puntos cardinales. El pecado que Israel cometió, nosotros también, fue el del olvido. El pueblo de Dios olvidó las muchas bendiciones de su Dios y los años de felicidad guiados por él. Olvidó lo pequeños y los grandes gestos que Dios hizo para liberarlos de sus enemigos. Olvidó que Dios nunca olvida sus promesas.

Olvidar es vivir en el exilio.

Nosotros vivimos en un exilio dorado, pero sin Dios. Y en este mundo nuevo, obra de los hombres solos, a veces, recordamos al Dios ausente, al Dios que guarda silencio. Lo recordamos porque a pesar de tanto progreso, tanto saber y tanto poder nos topamos con unas barreras infranqueables. Hay guerras que no acabamos de ganar. Hay hambres que no queremos aliviar. Hay odios que no sabemos curar. Hay injusticias que se agrandan y son más las puertas que se cierran que las que se abren. ¿Será que no tenemos fe? Los apóstoles pedían a Jesús más fe. ¿Cuál es el trabajo que tenemos que hacer? Creer en Jesucristo. Ojalá la pidiéramos nosotros también. Ojalá, nosotros, los siervos inútiles, creyéramos en el Señor que nos contrata.

Aunque lo urgente no es más fe. Lo urgente es practicar la que ya tenemos, experimentarla y dedicarle más tiempo. "El justo vivirá por la fe". Practicar la fe es "actuar con justicia, amar con compasión y caminar con humildad ante Dios". Para hacer estas cosas, ustedes y yo, tenemos más que suficiente. A veces nos excusamos mirando al pasado y lo idealizamos. Antes todo era más sencillo, más tranquilo y aparentemente había más respeto a la religión y las iglesias estaban más llenas. Todo eso tenía que pasar, era un espejismo.

Lo esencial no era la fe practicada con los pies, las manos, la cartera, el tiempo, la vida de cada día, en el amor a Dios y al prójimo. Un pasado cristiano pero sin creyentes.

La fe es una relación con Jesús, una identificación con su vida y su mensaje. "Yo creo en el sol incluso cuando no brilla. Yo creo en el amor incluso cuando no lo siento. Yo creo en Dios incluso cuando guarda silencio". Así rezaba una pared en un sótano de Colonia después de la II guerra mundial. Pablo recomienda a Timoteo y a todos los creyentes a "avivar el don de Dios" que se nos dio en el bautismo. Avivar la fe cara del compromiso cristiano es el fin de todas nuestras celebraciones. No nos reunimos como pueblo de Dios los domingos para cumplir con la ley sino para que el Señor despierte nuestra fe y produzca frutos.

October 7, 2019
The Feast of the Holy Rosary
All are welcome to join in a celebration to Our Lady at 6pm in the Chapel!
We will begin with the Angelus and then, pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries in her honor!
Please, invite your family and friends, too!
Ave Maria!

NEWS!

If you did not receive the new PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER, please go to the parish website, scroll to the bottom of the home page and sign up! It only takes a second and you will enjoy the new online!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Thomas Galeazzi & Karina Polanco

BAPTISED
September 29

Charlotte Ann Maloney

2019 Block Party

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October 6 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us of our responsibility as disciples saying, "Stir into a flame the gift of God that you have…" When we feel that we do not have the courage to speak about Christ to others, Paul also reminds us that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love…" When the disciples were worried about their mission they turned to Jesus and asked for an increase of faith. How about us? Will we take God's word to heart and share it with courage?

Registration is now OPEN for the annual -

Witness to Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC. January 23-25, 2020. This is a great opportunity for parish groups to go on pilgrimage together, pray, and March for Life! Please visit bostoncatholic.org/witnesstolife for more details.

Fontbonne Fall Open House

Sunday, October 20th at 11:00 AM
Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 PM

We invite potential families and their daughters to join us for a special two-hour Open House focusing on the elements and benefits of Early College. Learn about our excellent academic program, commitment to service, and extensive co-curricular offerings (athletics, art, drama, and a wide variety of clubs and activities). Hear firsthand from Fontbonne students and faculty about the Fontbonne experience. Tour the campus with our student ambassadors, and drop into informational sessions with each department. Fontbonne has something for every young woman.

Contact the Fontbonne Admissions Office for more information: 617.615.3014 or Admsions@FontbonneBoston.org.

Fontbonne is an all-girls Catholic high school,grades 9-12, conveniently located in Milton. It is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston.

October: 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal – "This is Our Church"

Gifts of our time, talent and treasure to our Parish and our Archdiocese are an important part of our commitment to stewardship of God's gifts. Those who have contributed to the 2019 Catholic Appeal are expressing their gratitude for God's gifts to them and are providing critical resources necessary to continue the ministries and services of the Archdiocese. 51 ministries serving 288 parishes. This is our Church.

Those who made a pledge to the Catholic Appeal are reminded that the last pledge billing will be mailed in early December. Please be sure to pay your balance in full before the end of the year. If you wish to make a payment towards your pledge online, visit-www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you

On behalf of Cardinal Seán and the many beneficiaries of the Catholic Appeal, thank you for completing your pledge payments. Every gift is important and appreciated. Remember that when our Parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of the additional funds received are returned for use in our Paris

Columbkille

Looking for a high-quality preschool or a thriving elementary and middle school? Saint Columbkille Partnership School, in Brighton, MA, partners with Boston College to provide a superior preschool through grade 8 education grounded in the Catholic values of love, respect, and high expectations. Prospective families are invited to join us at our Fall Open Houses on at 8:30 AM on Thursday October 3, and Wednesday November 6, 2019. We encourage you to register ahead by visiting our website STCPS.org or calling 617-254-3110

Monday, October 14 we celebrate the holiday, Columbus Day.

The office will be closed.

The 6:00 PM Mass on October 13th will be celebrated in the chapel and on the 14th Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the chapel.

There is no Religious Education or Confirmation on Sunday the 13th and no Religious Education class on Tuesday, the 16th.

Heart to Heart Women's Group

WOMEN'S FAITH-SHARING GROUP

The women's group is resuming on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:30pm at the Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street. We will resume our study of Luke's Gospel. The group welcomes new participants. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture your soul and make new friends. Please call Sr. Nancy if you want to learn more, or just come on the 9th!

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.

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 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

- **Rosary said before Daily Mass**

Monday 10/07
8:00 AM

Tuesday 10/08
8:00 AM

Wednesday - 10/09
8:00 AM Parish Prayer Guild

Thursday 10/03

Friday 10/10
8:00 AM

5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 10/11
4:00 PM + Kitty & Dennis Sullivan

Sunday 10/12
8:00 AM The Dacey Family
10:30 AM + Lawrence Mahoney

6PM Mass in the Chapel
6:00 PM Parishioners Intentions

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 6: Monthly
October 20: Holy Father's Missionary Efforts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 06 – Blessing of the animals (today) 9:30 AM @ Thompson Sq.

Oct 06 - CYAC after the 6:00 PM Mass (today)

Oct 07 – Rosary in chapel @ 6:00 PM

Oct 07 - RCIA @ 7:00 PM - Parish Center

Oct 09 - Women's Group @ 6:30 PM

Oct 22 – Senior Luncheon @ 11:30 AM

Oct 24 – Harvest on Vine Fundraiser kathy.gio46@gmail.com

Nov 10 – Harvest on Vine Fundraiser donna.lecam@gmail.com

Rel Ed. Classes
Oct 06 – 9:00 AM
Oct 13 – no class
Oct 20 – 9:00 AM
Oct 22 – 4:00 PM
Oct 27 – 9:00 AM
Oct 29 – 4:00 PM

Confirmation Classes
Oct 06 – 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Oct 20 – 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Oct 27 – 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Need more info? Please call the office at 617-242-4664 or email dludy@stmarystcatherine.org with any questions. Check the web site for updated events.

ATTENDANCE

Sat	**09/28**	**4:00 PM -**	**74**
Sun	**09/29**	**8:00 AM -**	**83**
Sun	**09/29**	**10:30 AM -**	**235**
Sun	**09/29**	**6:00 PM -**	**72**
TOTAL:			**464**

Parish Giving

Weekend of 09/29/2019
Parishioners contributed:
$ 7,992.17
To the Weekly Collection
and
$585.07 to the Pilot Collection
and
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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