



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

October 20, 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 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.

## JUST THE WAY I AM



As I was walking to my car, parked on a side street in a small town on Long Island, my nephew ran excitedly alongside me. When we arrived at the car, parked a block or so away from the apartment of my brother and sister-in-law, I asked my nephew, "Chris, do you want to drive?" This hand-

some child stopped in his tracks and looked at me seriously as he said, "I can't drive, I am only five years old!" That scene took place a long time ago and I recall it fondly as a wonderful example of maturity. Maturity is nothing more than knowing who you are and accepting that truth.

It sounds so simple, yet for so many of us we are unsure about ourselves and often unaccepting of the person we believe we might be. What does it take to move us from doubt, uncertainty, and the insecurity of our own sense of self to a place of acceptance and peace? I am not sure if there is a magic formula but I am sure that the journey is a long and complicated one.

We are social beings. We define ourselves in relationships with others; how another speaks to us, sees us, cares for us, accepts us, and more are all fundamental in how we come to see our very selves. For example, there are numerous stories and studies of how a child performs in school to meet the expectation of the teacher. If a teacher, for whatever reason, has decided the child is slow and not too bright – too often the child's performance is just that. The opposite applies equally. I recall having a slow start in college and in my sophomore year, turning in a sociology paper to my professor. Later, the professor called me to his office, held out the paper to me and said, "Ronan, you can do better than this – here, do it." I walked out of that office fuming . . . and then went and wrote a better paper.

Research is stunning about the low image teenagers have of their bodies. Both boys and girls in amazing numbers think they are not handsome or pretty. In fact, most people do not even have a clear sense of acceptance of their own body until they are in their 20's. Whether it is one's body, personality, aptitude or overall general appearance, how we get to a healthy place of self acceptance is a challenge.

For the Christian, however, there is another essential part of the journey. We cele-

# Inside: Mass of Remembrance

## 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/](http://stmarystcatherine.org/sacraments/) for our 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

Matthew Arnold

### Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

*Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmarystcatherine.org")*

### Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

### 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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and  
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stmarystcatherine](https://facebook.com/stmarystcatherine)

brate that we are God's creation, made in the image and likeness of God. Furthermore, we celebrate that God loves us unequivocally and constantly. Our relationship with Jesus as friend is for many of us a deep source of strength and a fundamental aspect of our maturity. By that I mean, as I recognize myself as a man, with all kinds of strengths and weakness, hopes and dreams, failures and embarrassments, I also know that I am loved by God.

The life and teaching of Jesus continually has taught that God's love is neither dependent on my level of perfection nor impeded by my imperfections. God loves us because God is God and God is love. For young and old and everyone in between, maturity is saying "yes" to who and what I am and knowing that each of us is a work in progress. God is not yet finished with us – we are on that journey and maturity does not mean that our work is finished or we are perfected – it simply means accepting where I am today – and knowing that place is fine with God.

- Fr. Ronan



October 20 ~

**Twenty-ninth Sunday  
Ordinary Time**

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed. . .

proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient". Paul makes it very clear that the scriptures we hear are God's inspired word for us. Therefore, when we pray with the Scriptures, we can be confident that God shows us where and with whom we are to "proclaim the word." So as the familiar hymn proclaims, "Take the word of God with you as you go. Take the seeds of God's word and let them grow.

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.



### 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 NOVENO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy es el vigésimo noveno domingo del tiempo ordinario. Como Moisés, quien levantó su brazo en una oración incesante de intercesión a Dios para su pueblo, los brazos de Cristo están constantemente abiertos en oraciones en la cruz en intercesión por nosotros, los miembros de su nueva alianza. Por lo tanto, la Santa Madre Iglesia nos llama a unirse con Cristo en esta oración incesante sin desmayar.

En la primera lectura, Dios demostró a los israelitas que Él es responsable de su vida, historia y circunstancias. Por supuesto, su éxito dependía totalmente de Él. Moisés el gran profeta e intercesor hizo lo que sabía hacer mejor, interceder incesantemente por su pueblo. A través de su acción e intercesión, dio credibilidad a este dicho popular que: “La oración es la clave para el éxito”.

Por lo tanto, como las manos de Moisés estaban levantadas a Dios en oración, los soldados israelitas eran victoriosos en batalla. Esta lectura nos recuerda que nuestra victoria en la vida depende de Dios. También nos recuerda que la solución a nuestras batallas y luchas diarias tiene su dimensión física y espiritual.

Por lo tanto, si olvidamos a Dios en nuestras luchas diarias y confiamos sólo en el brazo de nuestra carne, no logramos nada. Así, todo lo que tenemos que hacer es ser firme en la oración. Además, debemos hacer lo que tenemos que hacer. En otras palabras, rezar y actuar. En todas las circunstancias de la vida, debemos estar constantemente en la presencia de Dios con nuestras mentes y corazones levantados a Él en oración. Como Moisés y el salmista, si continuamente levantamos nuestras manos y ojos a Dios en oración: “nuestro auxilio vendrá del Señor, que hizo el cielo y la tierra.” Esto es porque Él nunca falla.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo nos recuerda la importancia de las escrituras en nuestro camino cristiano de fe. Como la palabra de Dios inspirada, las Escrituras deben ser los principios rectores de nuestra vida cotidiana y por supuesto, nuestra vida de oración. Por lo tanto, debemos permanecer fiel a Dios en oración continua. También, debemos aprender a meditar en su palabra.

A la luz del tema general de hoy, *Lectio divina* se convierte en algo bien importante. Debemos orar con la palabra de Dios, y dejarla iluminar nuestras mentes. Esto es porque, a través del estudio constante y orante de la palabra inspirada de Dios, encontramos la fe, bien necesaria para preservar en la oración en la presencia de Dios.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús subraya la importancia de la oración continua. Lucas escribe: “Él dijo a sus discípulos una parábola sobre la necesidad de orar continuamente sin desmayar.” A través de su parábola, Jesús nos enseña a ser consistente y perseverar en la oración en todo momento. Por supuesto, habiendo sido un hombre de oración, sabía la importancia de la oración para sus discípulos. Será la clave de su éxito en su misión.

Lo mismo va para todos nosotros los cristianos. Si realmente queremos tener éxito, debemos hacer de la oración el fundamento de nuestra vida cristiana. Es una herramienta indispensable que todo cristiano necesita para tener éxito. La oración en cuestión aquí es, que nunca se rinde, y que busca fuerza de la palabra de Dios.

Por último, nunca debemos cansarnos de orar porque, Dios nunca está cansado de escucharnos. Él puede tomar tiempo para abrir la puerta como el juez en la parábola de hoy. Sin embargo, si no nos cansamos de orar, Dios no se cansará de escucharnos.

## Classes are starting for the Certificate in Catholic Theology: Faith

Seeking Understanding from The Institute for the New Evangelization (TINE) on November 16. Classes meet one Saturday per month for eight months at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Excellent formation opportunity for catechists, Catholic school teachers, parish volunteers, parents, and any disciple who is looking to learn more about the Catholic faith and grow in the journey of discipleship. Cost is \$395. Register at [bit.ly/tinecatholic](http://bit.ly/tinecatholic).

### 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!



The Little Sisters of the Poor

**FINAL  
CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR**

Raffles Galore  
Fun & Games  
Delicious Food  
Great Bargains  
Bake Sale

**Saturday, November 9th  
9:00am — 4:00pm**

Jeanne Jugan Residence  
186 Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02143



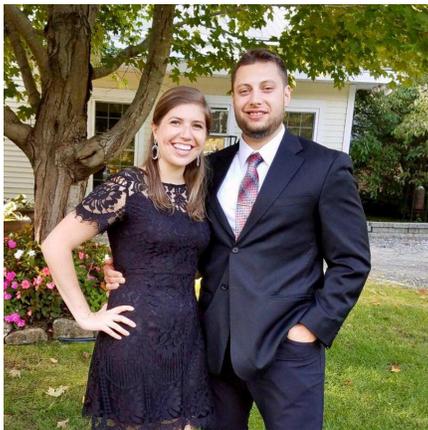
## BANNS OF MARRIAGE



II Paul Lazdowski & Katherine Reynolds



II  
Stephanie  
Hassler  
And  
Todd  
Fernald



I Matthew Caiazzo & Stephanie Malanga

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Build faith through love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 17-19, 2020 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

## SAINT JOSEPH PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Joseph Prep in Brighton, a co-ed Catholic, independent school for over 275 young people in grades 9-12, will hold an **Open House on Sunday, October 27 between 1-4 pm**. The school features an exceptional academic program, small class sizes and personal attention, individualized college counseling and SAT/ACT Prep, Chapel Speaking and Advisor Programs, extensive athletic opportunities, and state-of-the-art Science Labs and Learning Commons. Visit [www.saintjosephprep.org](http://www.saintjosephprep.org) for more information.

## BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL Grades 7-12 -- OPEN HOUSES

Be Bold! Visit us to learn more about our world-class, independent Jesuit, Catholic preparatory school for young men. We offer students dynamic, urban learning experiences, unique to Boston, and unparalleled opportunities to explore the world through a vast network of international destinations and schools. Go to [www.bchigh.edu](http://www.bchigh.edu) or reach out to Fr. Nolan directly regarding enrollment questions @ [pnolan@bchigh.edu](mailto:pnolan@bchigh.edu).

**Saturday, October 26 -- 10:00am & Sunday, October 27 -- 11:00am**

### 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.



**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](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org).



### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. We are looking for children who have received their First Holy Communion and are in the third grade or older to minister in our parish.

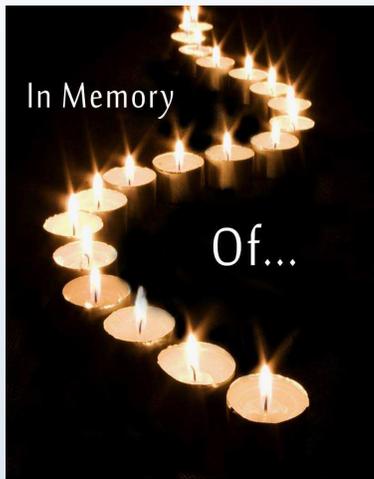
If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Center, 617-242-4664, and speak with Sr. Nancy.

### Rel Ed. Classes

- Oct 20 – 9:00 AM
- Oct 22 – 4:00 PM
- Oct 27 – 9:00 AM
- Oct 29 – 4:00 PM
- Nov 03 - 9:00 AM
- Nov 05 - 4:00PM
- Nov 10 - No class; Veterans Day
- Nov 12 -No class

### Confirmation Classes

- Oct 20 – 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
- Oct 27 – 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
- Nov 17 - 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM



**MASS**  
**OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**Sunday, November 3rd at 6PM**

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance on November 3 at 6PM. At his liturgy, the names of all persons for whom a Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the past year are included in the Litany of Remembrance and a candle is lighted for each one. We also remember and light a candle to represent all family, relatives and friends of our Parish Community who have gone to God, one for those who have died as a result of violence, one for those who have died from substance use, and one for those who have no one to remember them.

**FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Parishioners are encouraged to give electronically. Most people use this method to make other routine payments such as their monthly mortgage and car payment, and many parishioners are now contributing to the parish through their own online banking. By doing so, you assure continuity of income to the parish when you are not able to attend weekend liturgies because of illness, vacations, weather or other commitments.

These methods of giving may also be used for special second collections (i.e. other than the normal monthly parish collection). Simply enter St. Mary—St. Catherine’s as vendor/payee for your monthly commitment or the appropriate third party for special collections, both with the address information below. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish website also has a PayPal button where you can set up recurring donations using your credit card, or your own PayPal account.

Online banking is an easy and efficient way to contribute weekly! By doing this, you can still contribute to your Parish when you are away. The Parish relies on your contributions every week. Just as you would pay your electric and phone bills, please add St. Mary—St. Catherine of Siena to the list. You can do this by logging in to your online banking and adding St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena as “payee”, with 46 Winthrop Street, Charlestown, MA 02129 as our address.

If you have an envelope number, please enter that as the account number. If you do not, then select “I do not have an account with this payee”. Select recurring payment and fill out the necessary information for weekly or monthly contributions.

You could also click the PayPal button to the right and set up recurring payments through your own PayPal account, or by credit card. If you have any questions, contact James at (617) 242-4664

Other Ways to Give or Increase your Giving:

- MATCHING GIFTS THROUGH YOUR EMPLOYER
- GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES
- REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL
- USING YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM IRA DISTRIBUTION AS A GIFT TO THE PARISH
- CHARITABLE GIFT OR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- ONLINE GIVING

**ST. FRANCIS HOUSE, BOSTON, MA**



Matthew Farrenkopf, from St. Francis House, Boston, will be speaking at the 6PM Mass to our Young Adults (CYAC) and to our Confirmation students about volunteer opportunities on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in Massachusetts. Located in the heart of downtown Boston, they serve an average of 500 poor and homeless men and women a day, 365 days a year. Their basic, rehabilitative and housing services overlap and build on one another to provide their guests with continuous and comprehensive care.

St. Francis House rebuilds lives by providing refuge and pathways to stability for adults experiencing homelessness and poverty. They are a welcoming and inclusive community. Every day of the year, they enable individuals to meet their basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. They transform lives using a holistic approach to understanding and addressing behavioral health, housing, and employment needs. They are committed to helping those they serve achieve renewed lives of dignity and self-determination.

We look forward to welcoming Matthew and know that you will, too.



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 10/19**  
4:00 PM + KATHRYN & TIMOTHY  
CALLAHAN

**SUNDAY 10/20**  
8:00 AM + ROSEMARIE HOFF &  
NANCY KROON  
10:30 AM + MARY & JOSEPH RYAN  
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

**MONDAY 10/21**  
8:00 AM

**TUESDAY 10/22**  
8:00 AM PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL  
HEALING FOR RICH

**WEDNESDAY - 10/23**  
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

**THURSDAY 10/24**  
8:00 AM END TO ABORTION & RESPECT  
FOR LIFE

**FRIDAY 10/25**  
8:00 AM

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**SATURDAY 10/26**  
4:00 PM + STEPHEN BARKER

**SUNDAY 10/27**  
8:00 AM + JOHN MOSELEY  
10:30 AM + DAVID HOOLEY SR.  
6:00 PM + ROSE & MARIO FABIANO



**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.



**Eucharistic  
Adoration**

**JOIN US IN THE  
SAINT CATHERINE  
OF SIENA CHAPEL  
EACH FRIDAY;  
FROM 5:30 TO 6:30**

*PLEASE ENTER SOLEY STREET SIDE.*

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

October 20: Holy Father's  
Missionary Efforts  
November 1: All Saints Day  
November 3: Monthly Collection  
November 10: Human Development  
November 24: Retired Religious Sisters

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>SAT 10/12</b>	<b>4:00 PM -</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>SUN 10/13</b>	<b>8:00 AM -</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>SUN 10/13</b>	<b>10:30 AM -</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>SUN 10/13</b>	<b>6:00 PM -</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>329</b>



**Weekend of 10/13/2019**

Parishioners contributed:  
\$ 4,918.62  
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  
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the web site!*

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