



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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stmarystcatherine.org

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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.

NOVEMBER



The wind is howling outside and the gusts are succeeding in removing the leaves from the trees in the neighborhood. Looking out the window, folks, young and old, are bent against the wind and early autumn chill, making their way across the training field. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls.

November is upon us and, no matter how much we would like to stave off the upcoming winter, it is approaching.

All around us are the signs of life changing. Nature herself is preparing for the change of seasons as the leaves drop from trees and bushes, yet small buds are evident, giving us hopeful signs of a springtime yet to come. To me it is virtually impossible not to see in the cycles of nature, a mirror of the cycles of our own life journey.

Years ago there was a popular book written by Daniel J. Levinson called, *The Seasons of a Man's Life*. Some years later the author wrote another work called, *The Seasons of a Woman's Life*. The point of both works is to understand the stages of development in adulthood, from the 20's on. The popularity of the research is explained by the lack of understanding of the ongoing growth throughout our adult lives and not just throughout childhood and adolescence.

As adults, how are we changing and is our growth in life and faith a simple extension of our childhood or something new? Probably both. Growth in adulthood is both a continuation of our earlier years as well as adapting and learning, growing and struggling throughout the adult years. For myself, I am amazed at how much I have yet to learn and grow. The more the years pass, the more I am aware of how much I do not know!

And while this development applies to all aspects of life, I believe it applies very much to our relationship with God. Do I hold the same image of God today that I held as a child? With the depth of my life experience I see God as bigger and more amazing than ever. The compassion of God, the unfathomable greatness, and the immeasurable and all present love seems to me more evident to-

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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 stmaryscatherine.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

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Dianne Ludy

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

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Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Shawn Burke

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

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day than ever. Jesus, the Church, the sacraments, Sacred Scripture and all of the revelations of God amaze me. And while I wonder about all of this on this November morning, I can't help being filled with a deep gratitude for it all, this mystery called life.

Perhaps for each of us, November can be a special gift – watch, look around and wonder about all that is happening in Charlestown and in your own life. Examine where you have been, where you are and where you are going. Watch the changes, the leaves dropping and the buds wrapped tightly for winter. Delight in the mystery of God's grace working in your life and in the world

Fr. Ronan



Thirty-first Sunday Ordinary Time Weekend November 2/3, 2019

The Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus makes for an ideal stewardship reflection. So does today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Good stewards have faith in, and give thanks for, an almighty and powerful God who transcends the universe, but who gives personal attention to every human being. God loves his creation, his people. He lives in them, and through his Holy Spirit, instills a fundamental goodness in them. Good stewards recognize this movement of the Spirit as a gift, and make efforts to cultivate this gift and grow in their faith. Take time this week to stop and look around you, be aware of God's awe-inspiring creation, and give thanks for God's loving care and concern for each of us.

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**



Érase una vez un rey que mandó colocar una gran piedra en medio del camino. El rey observaba a sus súbditos para ver si alguno la quitaba. Los ricos comerciantes y los cortesanos, al verla, simplemente daban un gran rodeo y seguían su camino. Algunos criticaban al rey por no tener limpios los caminos.

Un día un campesino llegó con su carga al hombro, la dejó en el suelo y después de muchos intentos logró echar la piedra fuera del camino.

Cuando volvió a coger su carga vio una bolsa donde había estado la piedra. La bolsa contenía muchas monedas de oro y una carta del rey que decía que las monedas de oro eran para el que quitara la gran piedra. Y aprendió, aquel día, que cada obstáculo en el camino de la vida es una oportunidad para mejorar nuestra situación

La vida es una larga carrera de obstáculos. Hay personas que los evitan y hay otros que se enfrentan a ellos y encuentran su recompensa. Hay cristianos que piensan que es Dios quien tiene que quitar los obstáculos de su camino y hay otros cristianos que simplemente piden a Dios el valor y la fuerza para enfrentarse y vencer los obstáculos de la vida. Haga un repaso de su vida y haga una lista de los obstáculos que ha superado para llegar hasta aquí. ¿Y en la vida cristiana?

Vivimos en una sociedad del placer sin frenos, de los derechos sin obligaciones, del dinero sin trabajar, del divorcio sin firmas, del amor sin rostro...una sociedad cada día menos cristiana. Y en medio de ella tenemos que vivir en cristiano. Y ahí están los obstáculos que tenemos que superar. Y saben una cosa, esto no está nada fácil. La enseñanza de la liturgia de estos domingos nos está regalando una palabra fantástica para transformarnos y enseñarnos a superar los obstáculos. El fariseo y el publicano. Hoy, el evangelio de Zaqueo.

Jesús está en Jericó, cerca ya de Jerusalén. Es la última etapa del último viaje. Y Jesús tiene que enfrentarse al último obstáculo de su vida: la pasión y la cruz. Un obstáculo grande superado con un gran amor. Y allí en Jericó sucedió algo que sucede todos los días desde entonces. Jesús mira a Zaqueo y Zaqueo mira a Jesús. Es el encuentro, el flechazo, la casa abierta, la mesa compartida, la palabra escuchada, la conversión ansiada, la salvación ofrecida.

¿Saben cuál era la profesión de Zaqueo? Pecador. Pecador como el publicano del domingo pasado. Pecador con curiosidad por conocer a Jesús. Quería ver a Jesús, ese hombre del que todos hablaban bien, que hacía signos maravillosos, que hablaba con autoridad, que era el nuevo profeta. Zaqueo era de baja estatura. Primer obstáculo a superar: su limitación física. ¿Se imaginan un hombre de sesenta años subiendo a un árbol? Un poco difícil y ridículo pero como dice una feligresa: "el que quiere azul celeste que le cueste". Y ahí está Zaqueo haciendo lo imposible por ver a Jesús, a un Jesús que no conoce, pero al que quiere conocer.

Jesús toma la iniciativa: "Zaqueo, baja porque quiero hospedarme en tu casa". Y Jesús, el amigo de los que nadie ama, se hospeda en su casa y le da la salvación. Los pecados de Zaqueo, el gran obstáculo para ver a Jesús, también han sido superados. Jesús derriba, limpia el pecado para poder encontrarnos con él.

Zaqueo fue un hombre con suerte. Y la aprovechó. Tuvo su oportunidad y la cogió al vuelo o en el árbol. Tuvo sus obstáculos físicos y morales y los superó. Fue obra de Dios, claro, pero él no se cerró a la acción de Dios. Quiso ver a Jesús y se dejó mirar por él. En esas miradas nació el amor. Hoy, tenemos que hablar también de nosotros. ¿Saben que es una iglesia, una capilla, un templo? Es una casa donde los pecadores se encuentran con Dios. En nosotros hay un querer ver, conocer y mejorar que tiene que ser despertado. ¿Quién despertó la curiosidad en Zaqueo? No lo duden, alguna persona de la ciudad. ¿Y a usted? ¿Quién va a despertar su curiosidad, su querer ver a Jesús? La Palabra de Dios en este domingo. "Hoy quiero hospedarme en tu casa". El Señor está aquí, en nuestra casa, y te trae la salvación y el perdón de tus pecados y te da la fuerza para superar los obstáculos físicos y morales que te impiden verlo. Hoy Jesús quiere entrar en tu casa, en tu vida, en tu intimidad. ¿Qué está sucia? ¿Qué está ocupada por otro? no importa. Ábrele la puerta. Él ha venido a entrar en la casa de los pecadores. Zaqueo entregó el dinero robado.



Harvest on Vine

FALL FUNDRAISER NOV. 17, 2017 FROM 1-3 PM

AT THE NAHANT COUNTRY CLUB, NAHANT

A fundraiser for Harvest on Vine will be held at the Nahant Country Club Nov. 17th from 1PM-3PM. Come and bring your friends knowing that your donation will help feed your more unfortunate neighbors this season. A delicious meal and a variety of wines will be enjoyed by all. Tickets are available at the Parish Center on Winthrop Street. Last year was a sell out so get your tickets early!

Minimum Donation \$50



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



II Matthew Caiazzo & Stephanie Malananga



III Paul Lazdowski & Katherine Reynolds

Baptized Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 Mass

John Albert Forkel



Baptized Saturday, October 26

Brennan & Avery Fidler



Cheverus Awards



I am very pleased to share with you that Cardinal Seán O'Malley has announced that Tom MacDonald, Director of Social Ministry at our Parish, will receive the Cheverus Award. The ceremony will take place at 2:00 o'clock at Holy Cross Cathedral on Sunday, November 24. The Cheverus Medal is awarded to a person who has served the parish well over an extended period of time and has done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps, unrecognized fashion.

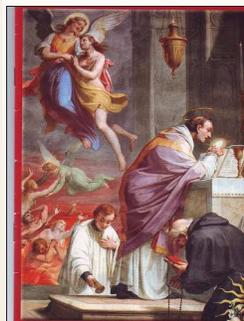
When I arrived in Charlestown, Tom was business manager at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. While he did many things at the Parish, he also began Harvest on Vine (HoV), our emergency food pantry. Over these past years, HoV has grown a great deal serving hundreds of families in need in our Town. Tom's ongoing presence at the food pantry and in the Social Ministry Office is a constant source of help and support in our community, Tom is the fifth member of our Parish to be honored by the Cheverus Medal. Four other very distinguished parishioners have been honored over these past 10 years: Bob Rooney, Judy Burton, and Bill King, along with Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN.

I am most grateful to these exceptional recipients and even more to the countless parishioners who so generously and selflessly support the daily life of this wonderful parish!

In the bicentennial year of the Archdiocese of Boston (2008), Cardinal Séan instituted the Cheverus Award medals. The oval-shaped, silver medal bears the image of Bishop Jean-Louis Anne Magdelaine Lefebvre de Cheverus. On the reverse side is Bishop Cheverus' coat of arms and episcopal motto "diligamus nos invicem" (let us love one another). Bishop Cheverus was the founding Bishop of Boston and led the diocese from 1808 until his return to France in 1824.

NOVEMBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that **"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."** (2 **Machabees 12:46**)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace...Amen

Below is the letter I sent to all registered parishioners regarding our Grand Annual Collection. If you did not receive a letter, it means you are not registered with us or we have an obsolete address. Please, take a moment to read the letter and consider making a much-needed donation. With gratitude, Fr. Jim Ronan

Dear Parishioners,

Each year I sit at my desk and prepare this letter. Most of you are not surprised to be receiving the letter while newly registered folks might be. In essence, it is the story of what it costs to run this beautiful Parish and maintain her grand old buildings.

Weekly at mass, we make some financial contribution. At the end of the year, the sum of those contributions combined with rental income from Good Shepherd School are the primary resources we have to meet the operating expenses of our Parish. Like most parishes, our expenses have always exceeded that income, and so at the end of each year we have the Grand Annual Collection.

Our Parish, like any household or business, has to live within its budget. Last year, even after the Grand Annual Collection, we had an operating deficit of \$82,975. Clearly, that is not a sustainable path for our Parish. So it is, I write to ask each household to make a one-time, generous donation to this year's Grand Annual Collection scheduled for the weekend of November 2-3.

Of course, some of our parishioners are on fixed income while others have greater means. I ask everyone to do their best and at least donate what it would cost to go out to dinner for a family or with friends. To help us reach our goal, one of our most generous parishioners has offered to match every dollar given over \$80,000 up to an additional \$10,000.

While the collection at the Parish will be on November 2-3, you may donate now by visiting the Parish website at www.StmaryStcatherine.org. There you will also find a complete financial report for the Parish, which you can review at your convenience.

Next month I will complete 15 years in Charlestown. Serving as a parish priest in this wonderful, ever changing Town has been a profound privilege and a blessing for which I am deeply grateful. With your assistance, I look forward with much hope for the years to come!



Fr. Jim Ronan, Pastor

NEWS FOR THE RESTORATION PROJECT



FRIENDS,

I am pleased to report that our restoration project will be moving ahead in earnest shortly. After an exhaustive selection process conducted with the help of our advisors from Building Conservation Associates, we selected John Canning & Co. to perform the work. Canning has had extensive experience in restoration projects similar to ours including St. Patrick's in Lowell, St. Cecilia's in Boston, the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist in Stamford, CT and the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, CT to name just a few. Within the next two weeks, scaffolding will be installed on the right side of the church to facilitate the full restoration of one entire section of the interior. This mockup will be completed before Christmas and will provide a preview of what a complete restoration would look like, including the Stations of the Cross and the angels adorning the ceiling. After the New Year, work on the remainder of the church's interior will take place in phases, with scaffolding moving from one location to the next as each of the sections are completed. Allowing for a break during Easter, the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of next summer.



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 11/02
4:00 PM + WALTER & IRENE BUTLER

SUNDAY 11/03
8:00 AM + FRANCES, JOE, JEFF &
JACKIE BURTON
10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 11/04
8:00 AM + ELIZABETH O'BRIEN

TUESDAY 11/05
8:00 AM PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL
HEALING FOR RICH

WEDNESDAY - 11/06
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/07
8:00 AM + MARK L. LYMAN

FRIDAY 11/08
8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 11/09
4:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 11/10
8:00 AM + GERALDINE DAVIS
10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS



**Sanctuary Lamp in St
Mary Church**
Is lit for
Ginevro Caranfa



**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

- November 3: Monthly Collection
- November 10: Human Development
- November 24: Retired Religious Sisters

ATTENDANCE

SAT 10/26	4:00 PM -	67
SUN 10/27	8:00 AM -	84
SUN 10/27	10:30 AM -	161
SUN 10/27	6:00 PM -	93
TOTAL:		405



Weekend of 10/27/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$ 5,476.19
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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