



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

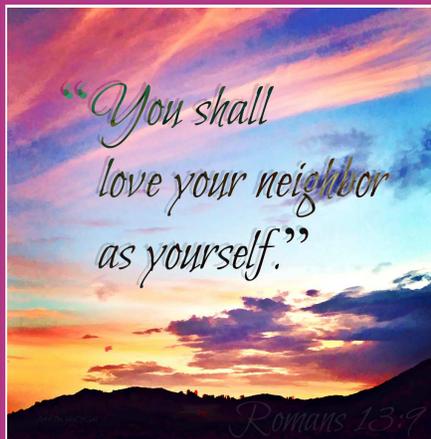
November 17, 2019

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.

ASKING THE WHY?



Years ago I heard a saying and it has always stayed with me: *"I gave bread to the hungry and people called me a saint. I asked why people were hungry and people called me a communist"*.

Of course, there is a story behind the saying. As the Church works to respond to the needs of the poor, she has consistently developed programs and services to meet the identified needs. Sometimes these are soup kitchens and food pantries, there are neighborhood medical dispensaries and hospitals

as well as all types of educational initiatives and programs such as orphanages and safe houses for folks in need. The list is long as the needs are many.

Most of the time, Christians see this work as appropriate and flowing from their life as faithful believers. Yet when the Church actually asks the question *"WHY"* there are so many people who are suffering and in need and *"WHY"* policies, government practices, financial systems, and more are not helping and maybe contributing to the problems, some of the faithful are uncomfortable. Sometimes we have heard that the Church should stay out of politics – not take positions about matters such as immigration, fair wages, international aid, global poverty, arms control, and so much more. And so it is, many are comfortable giving bread to a hungry person and not pleased with asking what is wrong that there are so many hungry people.

The work of the Church is now and has always been deeply involved at all levels of human life. It simply is not possible to separate our belief in a loving God and our responsibility to our neighbor. At one of the annual Archdiocesan Justice Convocations, the keynote address given by Fr. Bryan Hehir, a good friend who is a nationally recognized scholar in the area of Faith and Government, outlined that the two pillars of our Catholic Faith are Spirituality and Social Justice. He taught that the life of spirituality reaches its fullest expression in the work of social justice. Father Hehir summed up this area saying, *"The work of the Church is healing the world"*.

All of us realize this world needs a lot of healing. Our lives of faith not only offers us the healing and hope each of us deeply needs, but also equips us to ad-

Grand Annual Update

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 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

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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.

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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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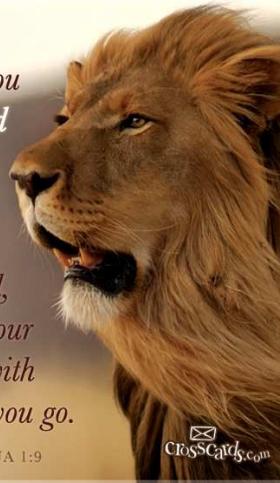
dress other issues that cry out for attention. The work of the Church in social justice is broad and the areas of concern are many. The following is a list of some of the more compelling areas: *budget – federal and state; children and child care, addiction, criminal justice; death penalty; domestic abuse; health care; housing/homelessness; human rights; hunger; human trafficking and environmental justice.* This is by no means an exhaustive list. A number of these issues were addressed a few years ago during the visit of Pope Francis to our country.

As we move into the winter months and the holiday season, let us remember that as Catholic Christians we have a duty to respond to the real needs of our neighbors, near and far. Furthermore, we have an obligation to ask "Why" to the suffering of so many in our neighborhoods and across the globe.

Fr. Ronan

*Have I not
commanded you
Be strong and
courageous.
Do not be
afraid; do not
be discouraged,
for the Lord your
God will be with
you wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16/17, 2019

In today's Gospel Jesus suggests that his disciples must be prepared to suffer ridicule, persecution and perhaps even death if they are to follow him. Sometimes we may wonder if enduring ridicule and scorn are what we really signed up for when we received the sacraments of initiation. Would we not rather sneak through life as painlessly as possible? Good stewards take their faith seriously and find comfort in the closing words of today's Gospel: "You will be hated by all because of my name

but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Let us make it part of our daily prayer routine to ask the Holy Spirit for the courage to act in Jesus' name no matter the consequences.



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**

TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

"Jesús dijo a algunos que admiraban la belleza del templo, vendrá un día en que no quedará piedra sobre piedra". El templo de Jerusalén reconstruido en el año 19 AC era el símbolo de la fe y de la presencia de Dios para el pueblo judío. Profecía escandalosa de Jesús. Invitación a aceptar la brevedad y fragilidad de las cosas humanas, la vida incluida. "¿Cuándo ocurrirá todo esto?" Fecha de caducidad. Consumir antes de...

Tu vida, el mundo, todo tiene fecha de caducidad. Nada es eterno. "Miren de no ser engañados, porque muchos vendrán en mi nombre diciendo: el tiempo está cerca". Hay predicadores que parecen tener la bola de cristal y nos anuncian cada día el fin. Hay iglesias electrónicas que nos bombardean con el tiempo está ya cerca. Hay sectas y fanáticos cuyo único mensaje es el

del mundo se acaba.

"Miren de no ser engañados. No se vayan tras ellos, "nos aconseja el mismo Señor.

Esta palabra es la condena de todos esos visionarios que anuncian lo que no conocen. El futuro pertenece sólo a Dios. Y su presencia y sus promesas son nuestros compañeros en este presente de nuestras vidas.

El primer aviso de Jesús a todos nosotros es "cuidado con los falsos profetas".

Tenemos que vivir nuestra vida día a día, "a cada día le basta su afán", sin preocuparnos por el cuando.

Jesús no quiere que sus seguidores se zambullan en la fiebre apocalíptica que obsesiona a tantos predicadores. Jesús no quiere que nos arrojemos en los brazos de un charlatán de feria que dice tener la solución a tus problemas. Jesús no quiere que nos dejemos embaucar por los profetas que nos prometen el paraíso en la tierra.

Sin perder de vista el futuro de Dios, tenemos que enfocar el presente y vivirlo en el servicio y en el compromiso, en la lucha y en la oración.

"Cuando oigan ruido de guerras y revoluciones no se espanten". El segundo aviso de Jesús es no tener miedo.

La naturaleza ruge. Los volcanes vomitan sangre. Los huracanes matan. Los hombres se arman para hacer la guerra... Y nosotros, aturdidos y mudos, preguntamos: ¿cómo se puede creer en Dios y en su programa de felicidad ante el azote de tanta desgracia? ¡Qué prueba para la fe! Abrahán a pesar de todo creyó. Y a pesar de todo la esperanza. Dios es el dueño de la historia pero hay que saber esperar. El futuro es de Dios y nuestro futuro está en las manos providentes de Dios.

El Señor nos invita a amar nuestro hoy con sus pequeñas o grandes catástrofes. El futuro radiante de Dios tiene que iluminar tu catástrofe de hoy. Reconstruir la vida que Dios nos ha dado. Mirando a lo que tienes. Mirando a lo que es posible. Mirando lo que puedes hacer. Reconstruir después de la catástrofe: divorcio, droga, muerte, trabajo, fracaso... Reconstruir con el baño de sangre que nos hace amigos de Dios y hermano de los hermanos.

Tres promesas: Yo les daré palabras... No perderán un cabello de su cabeza... Con su aguante ganarán la vida.

La fe no nos ahorra el sufrimiento pero nos da la vida. La fe no nos ahorra el trabajo pero le da sentido. La fe no nos dice el cuando pero nos empuja a caminar. La fe es para hoy. Para mañana sólo el amor..



Baptized on November 9, 2019
Easton John Hallberg

November 28, 2019
Thanksgiving Day Mass
is at 9:00 AM

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Next week's Nov. 24 collection is for Retired Religious Sisters. This collection provides needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service.



SOCK DRIVE

CYAC
(Charlestown Young Adult Community)

will be organizing a sock drive to benefit the men & women of Saint Frances House.

How you can help?

Donations of packages of NEW socks can be left in the boxes at the back of the church through Sunday Nov. 24th.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**FOR THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH THE
COPLEY SINGERS
DECEMBER 15, 2019
3:30 PM**

**RIGHT HERE IN THE UPPER
CHURCH**

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.



**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.

If you are unable to attend a fundraiser for Harvest on Vine - Consider

Donating a holiday dinner

For a donation of just \$35, you can provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings for a family in need. The dinner includes meat, rolls, carrots, cider, stuffing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, and pie. Your donation also provides a holiday free from worry about not having enough to eat. Some people paid for one family, while others were able to pay for two or more. Anything you can do is appreciated!

For info or to make a contribution, contact Tom MacDonald at (617) 580-8305 or tmacdonald@stmaryscatherine.org

Stewardship Prayer - November

Gracious and loving God,

As the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful. Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Religious Ed Schedule

- November 17 - Sunday class
- November 19 - Tuesday class
- November 24 - Family Event 9:00 AM
- November 26 - NO CLASS
- December 01 - NO CLASS - Thanksgiving
- December 03 - NO CLASS - Thanksgiving
- December 08 - Sunday class
- December 10 - Tuesday class
- December 15 - Sunday class
- December 17 - Tuesday class
- December 22 - NO CLASS - Christmas break
- January 05 - Sunday class
- January 07 - Tuesday class

Confirmation Class Dates

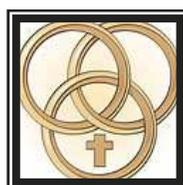
- November 17
- December 08
- December 15
- January 5

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.



**Be a part of one of
our choirs**



Luke

My Spirit
Rejoices!



MARTIN LANG

JOIN A SMALL
FAITH-SHARING
COMMUNITY

to deepen your
faith and meet
new friends.



Men's Group

When: Tuesday mornings November 19, December 12, 10 & 17 at 6:30-7:45 a.m.

Where: Parish Center at 46 Winthrop

Facilitated by Fr. Ronan

Mixed Group

When: Tuesday mornings, beginning November 19, December 12, 10 & 17 at 8:45 - 10:15

Where: St. Mary Church Hall

Facilitated by Kathy Devaney—Refreshments served

Women's Group

When: Wednesday evenings, beginning November 20, December 4, 11, & 18 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Where: Parish Center at 46 Winthrop

Facilitated by Sr. Nancy

You can return this form to the Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street, or put it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*If you have any questions,
please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at 617-242-4664
Or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org*

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE II

Our Parish faces the usual costs of any small business plus the maintenance of very old and beautiful buildings. Each year at this time, we ask parishioners for assistance to close our operating deficit with a contribution to the Grand Annual Collection. Your response over the years has always been generous and helps to meet our needs. Once again, we ask every family to do your best to respond.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Grand Annual. To date contributions total \$43,935.59 For those who have the means, and can do more, for those who have yet to contribute, please consider a gift so that we can yield a balanced budget. There are different ways for you to make contributions!

- ◆ Please go to our web site (stmaryscatherine.org) and click "Please contribute here" in the footer of our webpage, to be directed to a Paypal button. Or scan the QR code below.
- ◆ Envelopes are available in Church or the Parish Center.
- ◆ Did you know you can donate via online banking? You can list St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish as a payee with our address (46 Winthrop Street, Charlestown MA 02129) and phone number (617-242-4664).
- ◆ Corporate Matching Some companies such as John Hancock, Fidelity, and many others, have "Charitable Gift" funds that will match, or partially match gifts donated to non profit organizations, which include Churches. Some parishioners are using this to match their Grand Annual Donation. If your company will match your contributions to the Parish, please consider contacting them for more information.

If you have questions, please contact James Santosuosso at 617-242-4664, or email at

jsantosuosso@stmaryscatherine.org.

Thank you for all your support and active participation. We are humbled and deeply grateful.





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 11/16
4:00 PM + MARY DEVLIN

SUNDAY 11/17
8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS
10:30 AM + CHRISTINE RYAN
6:00 PM

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 11/18
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/19
8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 11/20
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/21
8:00 AM

FRIDAY 11/22 JOSE BASCUNANA
8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 11/23
4:00 PM + JOAN MATARAZZO

SUNDAY 11/24
8:00 AM + ELEANOR EMERY
10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS
6:00 PM + ROSE BOYLE



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



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 24: Retired Religious Sisters
- December 08: Monthly

ATTENDANCE

SAT 11/02 4:00 PM -	84
SUN 11/03 8:00 AM -	77
SUN 11/03 10:30 AM -	157
SUN 11/03 6:00 PM -	60
TOTAL:	378



Weekend of 11/10/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$ 4,961.07
To the Weekly Collection
\$ 740.07
To the Human Development 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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