



St. Mary-St. Catherine

Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

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

*Our Mission is 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.*

January 19, 2020

### 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.

### 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.

## TO WONDER



We walked along the sidewalk and there were flower gardens, lawn, shrubs and trees all along the way. He was holding my hand – it was a stretch for both of us for he was only 2 years old. The weather was warm and lovely, typical for springtime in Virginia, and there were ants and various bugs crawling everywhere celebrating the rites of spring. My nephew caught sight of these critters and nothing would do but he had to let go of my hand and crawl along following a busy colony of something. He was lost in amazement, completely outside of himself in wonder as he crawled through puddles and over rock in pursuit of the mystery of this life.

I have always held that memory as a classic understanding of what it means **to wonder**. Wonder is very different than thinking about, analyzing, processing, discussing and debating, working through and a dozen other ways in which most adults stand in front of daily reality. With a “hands-on-hip get the job done” attitude none of us seem to have much time for ... wondering. In fact wondering is likely considered a waste of time in many circles and that’s a shame.

Abraham Heschel, the late and brilliant Jewish theologian and philosopher, wrote a lot about wonder. I like these words: *“The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living.”* To me the issue relates to how one stands in the world in front of the mystery and beauty of creation and all life. Not to wonder seems to leave two options: dismiss the great mysteries of life or believe everything can be understood and figured out. The latter opens one to unsustainable arrogance and failure and the former seems nothing short of foolish.

It is only our capacity for **wonder** that opens us to the transcendent and the mystery that is life and the universe. In one of his writings Heschel says that the person who never wonders cannot find God. Is it possible that our present time of efficiency, productivity and astonishing advances in so many levels have come at a price? The cost has been an increase of secularism and a diminishment of wonder - be it in art, music, theatre and religious practices.

Professor Heschel's formula for a life well lived is as follows: *“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement. ....get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”*

Once again, our children can teach us. Jesus was clear in His teaching – we are to become like children and perhaps that is so we can re-capture our sense of wonder in our everyday life for as Heschel says, “Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge.”

Fr. Ronan

**OPENING HYMN FOR ALL MASSES OH WORD OF GOD COME INTO THIS PLACE. OH WORD OF GOD COME SEND US YOUR GRACE. OPEN OUR MINDS, SHOW US YOUR TRUTH. TRANSFORM OUR LIVES ANEW.**

## 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 Santosuoso

### Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

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### Director of Music

Matthew Arnold

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### 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

Brendon Sullivan

### Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

## Refugee Family

The family we have been supporting since October is settling in to their community. The two younger boys have started school and achieving this was a gigantic accomplishment! The older boy is looking for work and hoping to take some courses at a local college. The Dad, now that he has the boys on a path, is dedicating his energies to seeking some kind of employment. There are many challenges.

Meanwhile, the asylum petition is in the hands of our attorney and the government. We remain hopeful, and, again, there are challenges.

The need for support for the family, 3 teenage boys and their father, continues. I am deeply grateful to members of the Parish who have contributed funds and gift cards. For, now that the family has health care, money for food and other necessities is their greatest need. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so online from our website or by sending cards or funds to my attention at the Parish Center.

Once again, thank you for your support for this remarkable family and I am happy to speak with anyone wishing to discuss the case in detail.

Fr. Ronan



## January 26 ~ Third Sunday Ordinary Time

Today's readings are filled with inspiration and instruction. Isaiah reminds us that we no longer walk in darkness. For us, the 'great light' he speaks of is Jesus Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the community to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" and "let there be no division among you." In the gospel, Jesus invites the first Apostles: "'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Do you see yourself as a fisher of men/women? Each of the readings offers us good advice for our time! Which one is God inviting you to give attention to in your life?



## 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

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The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

**Parish Center  
& Eucharistic Chapel**  
46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**

Warren and Soley Street

**Social Ministry Office**  
49 Vine Street **617-580-8305**

**Saint Mary Church**  
55 Warren Street

**Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**

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## Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

ciertos personajes que dicen poseer poderes de levitación, de hacer aparecer o desaparecer objetos y cosas por el estilo. ¿A quién sirve este tipo de milagro, suponiendo que sea tal? A nadie, o sólo a uno mismo para ganar adeptos y dinero.

Jesús realiza milagros por compasión, porque ama a los demás: hace milagros también para ayudarles a creer. Obra curaciones para anunciar que Dios es el Dios de la vida y que al final, junto a la muerte, también la enfermedad será vencida y «ya no habrá luto ni llanto».

Jesús no es el único que sana, sino que ordena a sus apóstoles hacer lo mismo detrás de Él: «Les envió a anunciar el Reino de Dios y a curar a los enfermos» (Lc 9,2); «Predicad que el reino de los cielos está cerca. Curad a los enfermos» (Mt 10,7 s.). Encontramos siempre las dos cosas a la vez: predicar el Evangelio y curar a los enfermos. El hombre tiene dos medios para intentar superar sus enfermedades: la naturaleza y la gracia. Naturaleza indica la inteligencia, la ciencia, la medicina, la técnica; gracia indica el recurso directo a Dios, a través de la fe, la oración y los sacramentos. Estos últimos son los medios que la Iglesia tiene a disposición para «curar a los enfermos».

Lo malo empieza cuando se busca una tercera vía: la de la magia, la que hace palanca en pretendidos poderes ocultos de la persona que no se basan ni en la ciencia ni en la fe. En este caso o estamos ante pura charlatanería o --peor-- ante la acción del enemigo de Dios. No es difícil distinguir cuándo se trata de un verdadero carisma de curación y cuándo de su falsificación en la magia. En el primer caso, la persona jamás atribuye a poderes propios los resultados obtenidos, sino a Dios; en el segundo, la gente no hace más que alardear de sus pretendidos «poderes extraordinarios». Cuando por ello se leen anuncios del tipo: mago tal de no sé quién «llega donde otros fracasan», «resuelve problemas de todo tipo», «poderes extraordinarios reconocidos», «expulsa demonios, aleja el mal de ojo», no hay que dudar ni un instante: son grandes engaños. Jesús decía que los demonios se expulsan «con ayuno y oración», ¡no vaciando el bolsillo de la gente!

Pero debemos hacernos otra pregunta: ¿y quien no se cura? ¿Qué pensar? ¿Qué no tiene fe, que Dios no le ama? Si la persistencia de una enfermedad fuera señal de que una persona carece de fe o del amor de Dios por ella, habría que concluir que los santos eran los más pobres de fe y los menos amados de Dios, porque los hay que pasaron toda la vida postrados. No; la respuesta es otra. El poder de Dios no se manifiesta sólo de una manera -eliminando el mal, curando físicamente--, sino también dando la capacidad, y a veces hasta el gozo, de llevar la propia cruz con Cristo y completar lo que falta a sus padecimientos. Cristo redimió también el sufrimiento y la muerte: ya no es signo del pecado, participación en la culpa de Adán, sino instrumento de redención.

### February Religious Ed Schedule

Feb 2 – Religious Ed class

Feb 4 – Religious Ed class

Feb 9 – Religious Ed class

Feb 11 – Religious Ed class

**Feb 16 – no class**

**Feb 18 – no class**

**Feb 23 - no class**

**March 1 – Lenten Family event  
for Sunday & Tuesday students  
No Tuesday class on March 3rd.**

**Feb 9 - Confirmation class  
& Mass**

**\*\*\*\*\* Class rescheduled  
from Feb 2nd to Feb 9th.**

*Lent begins on February 26th, Ash Wednesday.*

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Please plan to join us on SUNDAY ,JANUARY 26 at the 6 O'CLOCK MASS AND GATHERING AFTERWARDS. Hope you can make it and, feel free to invite along anyone you like.

Fr. Ronan



### THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady appeared to St. Lucia of Fatima in a little convent in Pontevedra, Spain. In her message to St. Lucia, she made a special promise to assist, at the hour of death, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, pray the rosary, confess, receive Holy Communion, pray five decades of the Rosary, and keep company with her for 15 minutes meditating on the fifteen Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady's promise is a gift to all of us! For some years now, parishioners have been gathering the first Saturday of the month to pray for peace. Please, join our parish devotion on Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2020 by attending Mass at 8AM, followed by the Rosary and Litanies of Our Lady and for Peace. All parts of the devotion will take place in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel.



## **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

**Classes Begin on Saturday, February 8, 11:00 to 12:30**

Full adult membership in the Roman Catholic Church is achieved with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Most Catholics born into our faith receive Baptism as infants and Eucharist in the second grade. Confirmation is often received in the tenth grade. Due to circumstances of all kinds, a significant number of adults have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Maybe... It's Time:

To deepen your relationship with God who loves and cares about you.

To re-engage your world again as a Catholic more informed about your faith and its impact in your life.

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

Candidates 18 years of age or older will attend eight 90-minute classes.

Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND at [ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org) or 617-242-4664 for additional details and to register for the program.

### **Blessing of the Throats**

**at all Masses on the weekend of  
February 2 - St. Blaise**



According to the *Acts*, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

### **First Communion Class**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**







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 01/25**

**4:00 PM + DAVID M. LATTA**

**SUNDAY 01/26**

**8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**10:30 AM + FRANCIS X. NORTON**

**6:00 PM**

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

**MONDAY 01/27**  
8:00 AM

**TUESDAY 01/28**  
8:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY - 01/29**  
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

**THURSDAY 01/30**  
8:00 AM

**FRIDAY 01/31**  
8:00 AM + VINCENT, TRANQUILLINO,  
MINNIE CITRO, JOSEPH  
MARI, FABIO LAUDADIO

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**SATURDAY 02/01**  
4:00 PM SPORTS MASS

**SUNDAY 02/02**  
8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS  
10:30 AM  
6:00 PM



**ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND  
OF FEBRUARY 15/16**

**COUPLES WILL BE  
INVITED TO RESTATE  
THEIR VOWS TO EACH  
OTHER.**



The Sanctuary  
Lamp in  
St Mary Church  
Is lit for  
  
David M. Latta

## **ATTENDANCE**

Sat 01/18	4:00 PM -	107
Sun 01/19	8:00 AM -	51
Sun 01/19	10:30 AM -	111
Sun 01/19	6:00 PM -	45
Total:		314



**Weekend of  
01/19/2020**

\$ 3,079.05

To the Weekly Collection

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continued support***

## **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

January 26, Latin America

February 2, Fuel collection

February 16, Monthly

## **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Receive the Sacrament of Anointing on Saturday, February 8, at the 4 PM Mass.

Please see next week's bulletin for details!



*Resquiescat in Pace*

**William P.  
"Billy"  
Wadman**



**Tax Season**

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DIANNE LUDY AT  
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OR CALL (617) 242-4664.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR REQUEST. STATEMENTS MAY TAKE 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS TO PROCESS.



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