



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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stmarystcatherine.org

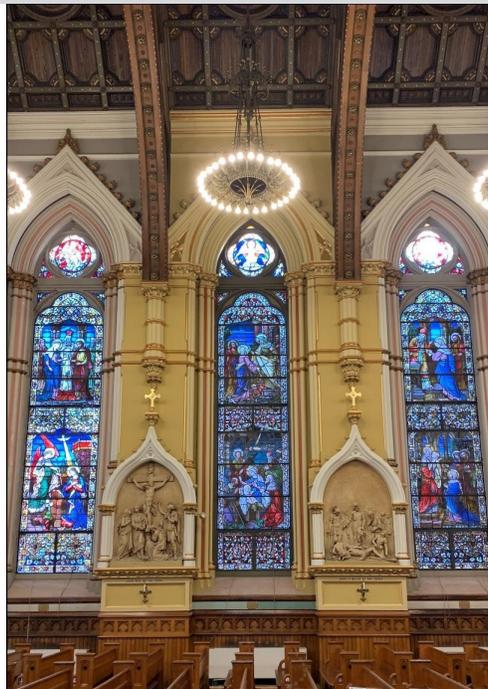
January 5, 2020

ST. MARY-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

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.



St. Mary's Church in St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish is one of the last important works of renowned architect Patrick Keely. St. Mary's church is a unique structure with many beautiful peculiarities. The restoration efforts at the church intend to restore the original historic color palette in order to establish warmth and repose. When architecture and design function together in fitness, proportion, and harmony the effect on the beholder results in an absence of want and repose of the mind; the visual senses are satisfied.

The whitewashed walls of the current interior are distractingly plain compared to the intricacy of the windows, Stations of the Cross, marble altar pieces and of course, the incredible ceiling. By adding color and depth to the walls of the interior, these features will be properly appreciated.

The mockup is an example of the reinstatement of the original color palette. Through careful investigation of the paint surfaces and analytical research the decorative painters were able to repaint previously restored surfaces and approximate the original appearance of these surfaces. The Stations of the Cross in this section have also been restored. During the restoration process of the Stations, decorative painters will consolidate at areas of flaking paint, repair any damages to plaster frames and figures. The repairs are then inpainted to blend and match existing surface.

This gem of a building is just as immense a gift to the community today as the day they laid the corner stone in 1887. Buildings akin to St. Mary's are monuments of the Faith that endure the test of time bearing beauty, tradition, history and love. The restoration of St. Mary's is a testament to this truth. John Canning



Happy New Year



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

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@stmaryscatherine.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

Brendon Sullivan

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

Visit us at
stmaryscatherine.org
and
[facebook.com/
stmaryscatherine](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatherine)

Co. is honored to work with BCA and the Parish on the restoration of this incredible church.

For more information on John Canning & Co.'s restoration of St. Mary's, a presentation will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 following the 8 am Mass.

Restoration Contractor: John Canning & Co., Ltd.

150 Commerce Court, Cheshire, CT 06410

www.johncanningco.com

Restoration Consultant: Building Conservation Associates, Inc.

10 Langley Road, Suite 202, Newton Centre, MA 02459

www.bcausa.com



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 4/5, 2020

“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace...” This is how Saint Paul begins his letter to the members of the Church at Ephesus in today’s second reading. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God’s loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul’s words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ’s justice and peace?



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**



La Epifanía es la historia de un viaje de ida y vuelta. Dios vino a los suyos en pobreza y debilidad y los suyos no lo reconocieron ni lo recibieron. Este viaje es la Epifanía, la manifestación de Dios a los hombres. La vida del creyente es también la historia de un viaje, un viaje al encuentro de Dios. Si Dios sale a mi encuentro, yo también tengo que salir a su encuentro. Navidad es la cita del amor de Dios con cada uno de nosotros.

Navidad es el viaje de Dios que sale a nuestro encuentro. ¿Hay sitio en tu corazón? ¿Estoy dispuesto a acudir a la cita del amor? Todos de pequeños hemos jugado a lanzar piedras en algún

estanque o algún lago. ¿Quién lanzaba la piedra más lejos? ¿Quién hacía más ondas?

Jesús fue, por así decir, como una piedra lanzada en el Oriente. La primera onda alcanzó a los judíos. La segunda onda a los gentiles. La tercera y la cuarta... hasta llegar a nosotros. Y hasta que la última llegue a toda la humanidad y conecte con el acontecimiento Cristo.

Ondas de amor y de luz emanan de la piedra Cristo y alcanzan a muchos hombres.

Este evangelio que hemos proclamado debiera ser el evangelio de nuestra historia personal. No basta que digas: ¡qué hermosa la historia de los tres Reyes Magos!. ¡Qué suerte la de los tres Reyes guiados por la estrella!. ¡Qué suerte la de Jesús que le ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra! No, tienes que dejarte tocar por el evangelio. Mi vida es una eterna pregunta: ¿Dónde está el Rey que ha nacido para ir a adorarlo? Mi vida es esta búsqueda y este viaje hacia Dios.

Búsqueda a pesar de las dificultades del camino, a pesar de que la estrella se oculte, a pesar de que la vida no me sonrío, a pesar de que el mundo parece hundirse, a pesar de los escándalos y las traiciones... Los Magos hicieron un largo viaje, la cita era en Belén, la cita era con el Rey, el jefe, el pastor de Israel, con un niño recién nacido. Los Magos que no tenían ni los profetas, ni las promesas, ni las tradiciones, ni la esperanza de un Mesías... se pusieron a viajar en busca de Dios.

Los Magos, unos extranjeros, vinieron a enseñar a los judíos una estrella que brillaba en su propio cielo y no la habían visto. Los Magos, unos sacerdotes paganos, vinieron a enseñar a los judíos, los herederos, que el Señor ya había viajado hasta nosotros. Los judíos, los sacerdotes, los escribas y Herodes siguieron estudiando la Biblia, pero no se pusieron en camino. Nunca hicieron el viaje al lugar de la cita, Belén, a la cita con Jesús. Los profesionales de la religión no encontraron al Dios de la vida. Su libro santo no les sirvió de nada. Porque Jesús no es un libro, es el Salvador. Más tarde estos profesionales rechazaron y mataron a Jesús y a sus seguidores.

Hermanos, hay que viajar al lugar de la cita del amor y con el amor. Hay que viajar y preguntar el camino como los Magos y no descansar hasta encontrar al Rey. Hay que viajar, sin regresar a los Herodes, que quieren matar el amor de Dios que llevamos todos dentro. Hay que viajar, ahora que es Navidad, ahora que hay una oferta, ahora que te sientes bien. Hay que viajar al encuentro del Dios que nos ha visitado en su hijo. Hay que viajar sin maletas, sin regalos, con el corazón abierto para adorar a Dios. "Hemos visto su estrella y venimos a adorarlo".



Playspace Is Returning!

Playspace will return for the 2020 season! Playspace is a group for children ages six months to 2.9 and is open to the entire Charlestown community, based out of the Parish Center on 46 Winthrop Street. Playspace runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The program is scheduled from January 7 to March 31, 2020. (Closed for February school vacation.) The space is filled with educational toys, including centers for active play, building, trains, dramatic play, art, reading, and more. There is also an area dedicated to infant play for younger children. Moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, sitters, au pairs, or other caregivers must come with their children. Please note that this is not a drop-off or babysitting service. The adults responsible for the children are expected to stay and play an active role in monitoring the behavior of their children during their stay. For more information, contact the Parish Center at 617-242-4664.

LITURGICAL YEAR 2020

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020

Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday] May 21, 2020

Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 14, 2020

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR YEAR 2020

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, May 21, 2020 - Ascension of Jesus

Saturday, August 15, 2020 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 1, 2020 - All Saints' Day

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 25, 2020 - Christmas



2020 - The Year of the Eucharist

will formally begin on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020, and conclude on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021. The Year will culminate with a four-day Eucharistic Congress held June 3-6, 2021

" According to recent national surveys, only 31 percent of the self-identifying Catholics who participated in the survey said they believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, and half thought the Church teaches that the bread and wine are only symbols.

In fact, as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1376, the Church teaches that, "it has always been the conviction of the Church of God ... that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood."

Cardinal O'Malley decided to call for a Year of the Eucharist, which would be a time of "celebrating the Eucharistic faith of our people and encouraging those who don't share fully the faith of the Church into a deeper relationship with Jesus," Father Soper said.

Excerpt from the Pilot



The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Thank You

Thank you - to all of those who took time out of their busy holiday schedules, and/or used their talents and treasure to help out with the Christmas activities of Saint Mary - Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.

To those who helped clean and decorate our Church for Christmas - thank you.

To those who picked up the flowers and delivered them to our church - thank you.

For the Advent Wreaths in our Church and chapel - thank you.

For the wreaths that are on the front doors of our Church - thank you

To all of you who pulled a tag from the giving trees or and donated a gift to someone in need. Thank you

To those who helped deliver the gifts - thank you

To those who helped set up the manger and provided fresh hay - thank you

To all the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Musicians, Singers, and Ushers who assisted in our Liturgies - thank you.

To Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and Santa - thank you.

To all who celebrated Christmas with us, and those travelling who kept us in prayer - thank you

Your generosity is a true reflection of Christ and you are all appreciated very much!

January Schedule

Religious Ed

Sunday, January 5 - 9:00 am
 Tuesday, January 7 - 3:45 pm
 Sunday, January 12 - 9:00 am
 Tuesday, January 14 - 3:45 pm
 Sunday, January 19 - no class
 Tuesday, January 21 - no class
 Sunday, January 26 - 9:00 am
 Tuesday, January 28 - 3:45 pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 12 - 600 pm Mass & class



Tax Season

WOULD YOU LIKE A STATEMENT OF YOUR PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL

DIANNE LUDY AT

DLUDY@STMARYSTCATHERINE.ORG

OR CALL (617) 242-4664.

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



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

The Christmas collection supports the future wellness needs of our priests. Our parish contribution of \$8,213.00 in honor of the priests in good standing, will have a positive impact on programs that the Clergy Benefit Office is able to provide priests this year. If you did not have the opportunity to make a donation and wish to do so, please visit

clergyfunds.org.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

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.



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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III

Matthew Roberto

&

Anna Noonan

Christmas Flowers

Lisa Castano
 Helen Hyde
 John Mlcuch
 Stefina Mlcuch
 Letitia Reed
 Frances Rowsey
 Nowak Family



Quiet Time with Jesus Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays at 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 in the
 St. Catherine of Siena Chapel.



Ministry to the Sick and 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 email: ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org.

Upcoming dates:

Fri. Feb 21 - Class
 Sun Feb 23 - Baptisms
Fri Mar 20 - Class
 Sun Mar 22 - Baptisms



To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or check out the web site!
stmarystcatherine.org



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 01/04

4:00 PM + ANGELA & JAMES FORD

SUNDAY 01/05

8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

10:30 AM + BETTE MCNIFF

6:00 PM

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 01/06

8:00 AM + WILLIAM LYMAN, JR.

TUESDAY 01/07

8:00 AM + EDWARD V. STANFORD, OSA

WEDNESDAY - 01/08

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 01/09

8:00 AM JOSEPH LINDLEY

FRIDAY 01/10

8:00 AM ALFRED GAINI

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 01/11

4:00 PM VOCATIONS

SUNDAY 01/12

8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

10:30 AM JOHN & MARY WALSH

6:00 PM CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



Sanctuary Lamp in St Mary Church

Is lit for
Maureen Dewey

&

The Sanctuary Lamp in The Chapel

Is lit for
The Ryan Family



Resquiescat in Pace

Eleanor Theresa
Murphy
&
Michael Francis
Butler

ATTENDANCE

SAT 12/21	4:00 PM -	62
SUN 12/22	8:00 AM -	69
SUN 12/22	10:30 AM -	158
SUN 12/22	6:00 PM -	55
TOTAL:		344
TUES 12/24	4:00 PM -	672
WED 12/25	8:00 AM -	91
WED 12/25	10:30 AM -	154
TOTAL:		927

Parish Giving

Weekend of 12/22/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$ 3,679.05
To the Weekly Collection

And \$8,213.00 to the Clergy
Benefit Christmas Collection

**Thank you for your
continued support**

Things to know about Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

When are Confessions held at St. Mary- St. Catherine of Siena Parish? Usually, a priest is available in Church to hear confessions on Saturdays at 3:45PM except on Holy Saturday. During the season of Lent, we have a communal penance service after which a number of priests are available to hear individual confessions.

Can I go to confession at times outside of the regular schedule? Yes. Confessions are available by appointment by calling our pastor, Fr. Ronan at the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

What do I need to do to make a good confession? Take some time beforehand to review your life and identify any sins you have committed. Any serious sins you recall should be confessed with repentance and a sincere sorrow for sin. The priest will give you a penance, which is a prayer or act that allows you to show your repentance. There is a brief prayer, an act of contrition that expresses your sorrow for sin. Through the priest, you receive God's pardon/absolution.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Fr. Ronan at (617) 242-4664 or email fronan@stmarystcatherine.org. All inquiries are confidential. An excellent resource from the Archdiocese of Boston is also available at thelightisonforyou.org.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

January 12, 2020 Monthly

January 26, 2020 Latin
America



Joyful
Mysteries of
the
Rosary

