



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston
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.

February 9, 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.

LISTENING ...



In the course of any parish priest's day, there are many varied activities. Really, from concern over some item of the buildings to time spent with a family grieving the death of a loved one. The spectrum is broad and deep – and I love it! Often the activity that is the most important and precious is listening. We priests are good listeners – at least we try to be! Now that might

not sound like “heavy lifting” – yet there are many times when it is! It depends on the matter being discussed. If it is about the future of a cherished quarterback for the New England Patriots, that is one thing; if the subject is a family coping with a loved one diagnosed with a terminal cancer, that is something else.

Listening, in any event, calls one to offer complete attention to the other – and often we do not listen that way! As we hear another speaking, we are inclined to anticipate what the individual will say and then formulate our response before the person has finished speaking! At other times, one's mind is elsewhere while another is speaking. Many of us have done this and have been in conversations where this is common, and when we reflect on it we come to realize that this is not true listening.

Some years ago, Carl Rogers, a noted psychologist and prolific author, introduced a new way of looking at effective therapy. Among other things, he suggested that what he called; “*Unconditional Positive Regard*” was crucial to effective psychotherapy. Rogers was talking about how we listen. He taught that healing can take place when, in an encounter, a listener gives his/her entire attention to the other, in a positive and nonjudgmental way, allowing the person to speak and accepting without judgment whatever is said. A person's hurts, brokenness, shame, anxiety, fear, inferiority, confused identity, and so much more can improve. On the one hand, it sounds so elementary and yet, in truth, it is so profound.

This very experience happens all the time, among friends, spouses, colleagues, and teachers ... It is that phenomenon of one human being caring for another.

INSIDE: PARISH LIFE PICS

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

Business Manager

James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

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Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

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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

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Caring in such a way as to make it possible for another to experience and grow in love and at times, to help another to open up and unburden all kinds of trouble and pain that is within. We all need such opportunities, and everyone is healthier because of them. At the same time, we all know there are some parts of life, some experiences, choices, and actions that are very difficult and cannot easily be spoken about. Sometimes a priest can help.

Actually, it is better to say, all the time, God can help. And God has chosen, for God's own reasons, to be present to us in countless ways. A very specific and deeply helpful way in which God is present is through the Sacraments of the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation often referred to as "Confession", is one of these Sacraments. The fact that few use the Sacrament in these days does not diminish its value and its availability to be a source of Grace and healing for those who approach this precious gift.

Since my Ordination as a Priest in June 1982 to this present day, I am in awe of how God uses this sacrament to bring His love to people in these moments. Further, while I am well aware of the effectiveness of counseling and therapy – the listening that happens in this Sacrament occasions a time of Grace: God is present and the Priest serves only as an instrument of this Grace in ways that are far beyond understanding.

A priest is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:15 – 3:45 in the Confession corner in the upper Church. Further, during Lent there are special times set aside for Confession. In addition, any person can contact the Parish Office to set up an appointment to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Rogers is right – lovingly listening to another can be a wonderful and healing experience. Imagine how much more such a moment can be when one seeks God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the fruits of that are forgiveness, healing, and consolation.

Fr. Ronan

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



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**



Discipleship Week

Registration for Discipleship Week is now open! This is a great opportunity for Catholic teens (Grades 9-12) who want to go deeper in their faith and spend five days with other teens from all over the diocese. Takes place June 24-18, 2020 at Assumption College in Worcester. For more information and to register, visit disciplesinmission.com/discipleshipweek



You are invited to join A Faith That Does Justice and Francis X. Clooney, SJ for an inter-faith discussion about how embracing diverse faith traditions can lead to a more caring, generous, and open-minded world.

Francis X. Clooney, S.J., joined the Harvard Divinity School faculty in 2005, where he is the Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology. After earning his doctorate in South Asian languages and civilizations (University of Chicago, 1984), he taught at Boston College for 21 years before coming to Harvard.

His primary areas of Indological scholarship are theological commentarial writings in the Sanskrit and Tamil traditions of Hindu India. He is also a leading figure globally in the developing field of comparative theology, a discipline distinguished by attentiveness to the dynamics of theological learning deepened through the study of traditions other than one's own. He has also written on the Jesuit missionary tradition, particularly in India, on the early Jesuit pan-Asian discourse on reincarnation, and on the dynamics of dialogue and interreligious learning in the contemporary world.

Learning Interreligiously as a Key to a Better World
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Boston
15 Newbury Street
Boston, MA 02116
6:30-8PM EST
Register for free at <http://bit.ly/Interreligiou>



Celebration of World Marriage Day

**ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF
FEBRUARY 15/16
COUPLES WILL BE INVITED TO
RESTATE THEIR VOWS TO EACH OTHER.**



CYAC SOCIAL

WARREN TAVERN

FEBRUARY 12TH AT 7PM

ALL ARE WELCOME.

APPETIZERS WILL BE PROVIDED.



SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020

8:00 AM MASS & ASHES

12:10 PM MASS & ASHES

7:00 PM MASS & ASHES



SAVE THE DATE

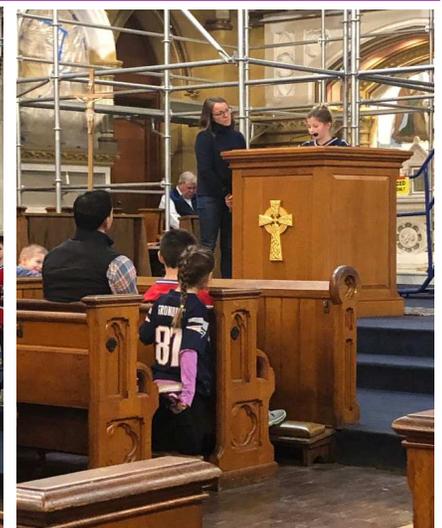
Thursday, April 16, 6:30 P.M.
Harvest on Vine will have its
annual fundraiser

at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown.

Table of ten \$500.

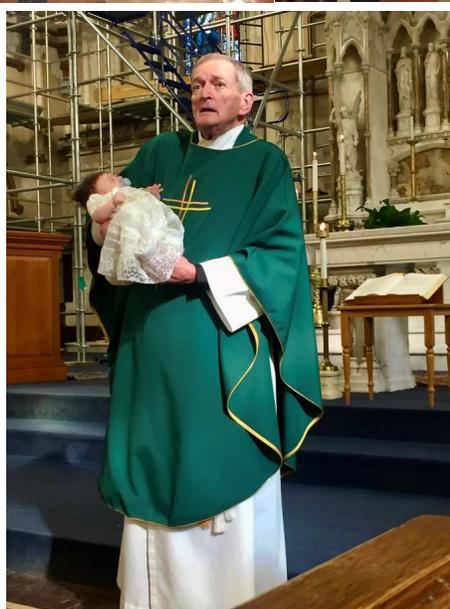
Food, entertainment, raffles, auctions.

Below: Children listening a to Fr. Ronan's homily.
Right: Children participating in the Sports Mass.





Parish Life
PICS -
The Sports Mass on
February 1st;
Word of God Sunday on
January 26:
And Baptism of
Claire Coughlin Ferris
on
January 26





Stewardship: Living the Beatitudes

Three weekends in our February liturgical calendar will turn our attention to Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Matthew explaining what is to be expected of those who choose to follow him. This is the familiar Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1 – 7:29), the most quoted part of the Bible. Jesus' sermon begins with messages of comfort, the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12).

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The word "Beatitude" refers to a state of deep happiness or joy. But these sayings are paradoxes. They turn our normal expectations upside down. Jesus is bringing us a new law, new expectations on how to live. He is bringing forth the Kingdom of God. As the United States bishops write in their pastoral letter, "Jesus does not waste time proposing lofty but unrealistic ideals; he tells his followers how they are expected to live. The Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount prescribe the lifestyle of a Christian disciple." Each of these "blesseds" is a statement about an important aspect in how we exercise stewardship of our lives. Each of them offers us an ideal of how to live and how we find God living within us. Learn the Beatitudes, memorize them, make them part of your daily prayer life, and ask the Lord for the wisdom and strength to follow this stewardship way of life, a path that follows in the footsteps of Jesus.

New Parishioner Welcome Reception

Hosted by: Fr. Jim Ronan & the Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday, February 27, 2020

5:30PM - 7:00PM
Parish Center
46 Winthrop Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

Questions: Dianne Ludy at (617) 242-4664

On behalf of Fr. Jim Ronan and the Parish Pastoral Council we invite you to join us for a new parishioner welcome reception. The evening will be an "open house" welcoming new parishioners from 5:30pm - 7:00pm to stop by for some small appetizers, beverages, desserts and conversations. Your entire family is welcome to attend! This is a great opportunity to meet with Fr. Jim Ronan, the Parish Pastoral Council, and other new members. We hope you can swing by on your way home from work until 7:00!



Archdiocese of
Boston

Women's Vocation
Discernment Day

Women Ages 18-35
February 22, 2020
9:00 am - 5:00pm

St. Paul's Parish, Harvard Square

Holy Mass

Prayer

"How do I know if God is calling Me?"

Witness Talks by Sisters and Conversations with Sisters.
For more information, please contact Sr. Germana Santos
at 617.746.5637 or email gsantos@rcab.org.



9 de Febrero
~Quinto Domingo
del Tiempo

Ordinario La oscuridad del invierno nos sigue cubriendo y por

eso el tema de la luz y la oscuridad en las lecturas de hoy son muy apropiadas para nuestra reflexión. En la primera lectura, Isaías nos da un antídoto, al recordarnos que realizar obras de misericordia puede traer la luz a la oscuridad. En el Evangelio, "Jesús dijo a sus discípulos ... ustedes son la luz del mundo "...que de igual manera brille la luz de ustedes ante los hombres, para que viendo las buenas obras que ustedes hacen, den gloria a su Padre, que está en los cielos" ¿tus palabras y acciones están llevando a las personas hacia Jesús? Sino es así, ¿qué es lo que harás para ser una luz en la oscuridad esta semana?



February 9 ~
Fifth Sunday - Ordinary Time

Winter's darkness still enfolds us and so the theme of light and darkness in today's readings is very apropos for us to ponder. In the first reading, Isaiah gives us an antidote, reminding us that performing works of mercy can bring light into the darkness. In the Gospel, "Jesus said to his disciples... You are the light of the world.... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Are your words and actions pointing people to Jesus? If they are not, what will you do to be a light in the darkness this week?



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.



Resquiescat in Pace
Jeremiah Joseph Harrington
&
Susan Jean Olson



The Sanctuary Lamp in St Mary Church Is lit for Eleanor Santosuosso

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 02/08

4:00 PM + JAMES MURPHY

SUNDAY 02/09

8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

10:30 AM

6:00 PM + MARGARET BOYLE

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 02/10

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 02/11

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 02/12

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 02/13

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 02/14

8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 02/15

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 02/16

8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

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| Sat 02/01 | 4:00 PM - | 96 |
| Sun 02/02 | 8:00 AM - | 71 |
| Sun 02/02 | 10:30 AM - | 143 |
| Sun 02/02 | 6:00 PM - | 36 |
| Total: | | 346 |

Parish Giving

Weekend of 02/02/2020

\$ 5,108.55
To the Weekly Collection
And
\$ 1,586.00
To the Fuel Collection

Thank you for your continued support

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

February 9, St. Vincent de Paul
February 16, Monthly
February 23, Church around the world

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



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 nctiro@stmaryscatherine.org.

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