



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.

March 15, 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.

FEAR



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Everyone, at some point in life, is scared of the dark, literally or metaphorically. The dark means the unknown; what is ahead is unclear; one has no plan, no control. Fear grips easily and we can become paralyzed by it. To a greater or lesser degree, we all know what this experience is like. The fear, which is in the family of anxiety, could be for oneself or for others; it could be remote or proximate; it could be reasonable or not. Yet, in all cases, it is very real.

On summer nights, family, friends, and neighbors would all be sitting around the porches while the kids played and ran around. The evenings moved toward darkness too quickly and my Mother would call me over telling me, as the youngest in the family, it was time for bed. That meant going into the big, empty, old dark house, climbing the stairs and finding my way along to our rooms. It was very dark and I was scared. "Are you afraid to go in by yourself?" I was asked. I couldn't say yes for that meant an older brother or sister would be called to take me up to bed ... unthinkable!

As I write these thoughts, our world is growing increasingly anxious about the corona virus (COVID-19). Every day the news amazes as we learn of the implications of the growth in the number of those infected. The situation in Italy seems dire and the city of Rome cancelled all Masses for the weeks ahead. Concerts, sports events, and assemblies of all kinds are being analyzed for safety concerns. No one knows where this is going and how it will all play out.

"Are you afraid?" I heard someone ask a friend down at the CVS yesterday. "Terrified" came the instant response. I glanced at the person and, indeed, I saw a person who looked terrified. Fear can be crippling. It can close us in on ourselves and cause us to look suspiciously at everything around us. Of course, on the one hand, fear is a very natural and healthy response, a defense against threats, needed to prepare us to respond in a way that protects and often saves us.

But there is another response to fear: to approach our realities in faith. Our faith brings us to another place, outside of ourselves. Faith embraces our relationship with God, listens to our story with God, recalls times past of God's faithful support and mercy. Our faith can draw us to see, sense, and become aware of the larger reality. It can free us into relationships easily overlooked and bypassed



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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

Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

Director of Music

Matthew Arnold

Administrative Assistant

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

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Brendon Sullivan

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through fear. Our faith can lead us to trust.

Though I've never counted myself, it is said that the phrase "fear not, or similarly, "do not be afraid", is written in the Bible 365 times – one for each day. Jesus, himself, responding to the frightened father of a dying child said, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust" (Mt. 5:36).

The crises of our time, of this moment in time, are undeniable. All reasonable precautions and care are called for, of course. At the same time, if we so choose, this is also a moment that invites us to embrace our faith in the goodness and omnipotence of God. A faith that opens us to the intimacy and care of Jesus. A

faith that comforts and guides us as we lean into the genuine trust our faith offers.

My Mom whispered to me, "Don't be afraid Jim, you will be fine -- go to bed". I went into the dark house, up the stairs, and to bed. I trusted my Mom, and she was right. Trust God.

Fr. Ronan

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

— Plato

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, [Franklin Delano Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address](#)



March 15 ~

Third Sunday of Lent

We meet the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. Her conversation with Jesus put her on the 'fast track' to self-searching and repentance. Her conversation with Jesus transformed her into

a great evangelizer: "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me everything I have done.'" This week consider how your prayer, fasting or almsgiving is transforming your life. Share what God has done for you with someone.

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**



COMMITMENT WEEKEND: March 14/15

Today in every parish across the Archdiocese, Cardinal Seán calls on us to support the annual Catholic Appeal. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding the 51 central ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in this weekend's campaign is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Catholic Appeal this weekend.



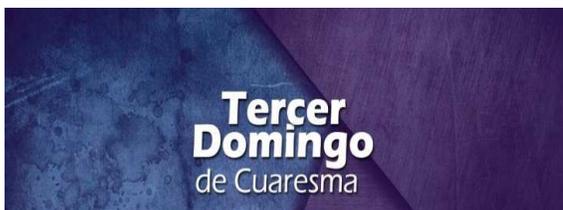
WHAT? If you stop and consider it, in the course of any given day, we hear the question, “*What?*” any number of times. Sometimes it is packaged more politely, “*Excuse Me?*”; and sometimes more crudely, “*Huh?*” Perhaps the person speaking did not speak loudly or clearly, so the listener is asking to hear something repeated. Sometimes whatever is said is not understood, and the listener is simply asking for more explanation.

In any and all of these instances, and more, speaking and listening, hearing what another is saying, are absolutely fundamental elements of how we come to know one another.

There is a concept called “Intentional Listening” that sets up a very simple dynamic where a few people choose to come together and speak around an issue or two, intentionally listening to one another. The process may only take 15 minutes, yet, when concluded, each participant knows another person, has “connected” to another. In this way, communities are built stronger and grow.

After the weekend Masses on March 28/29, everyone present will be invited to participate in a brief intentional listening experience. I really hope you will give it a try -- you will enjoy it!

Fr. Ronan



El pasaje del Evangelio del tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario concluye con las palabras: «Recorría Jesús toda Galilea, enseñando en sus sinagogas, proclamando la Buena Nueva del Reino y curando toda enfermedad y toda dolencia en el pueblo». Cerca de un tercio del Evangelio se ocupa de las curaciones obradas por Jesús durante el breve tiempo de su vida pública. Es imposible eliminar estos milagros o darles una explicación natural sin desmembrar todo el Evangelio y hacerlo incomprensible.

Los milagros en el Evangelio tienen características inconfundibles. Jamás están para sorprender o para ensalzar a quien los realiza. Hoy algunos se dejan encantar al oír a 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 envié 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», ino 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.



March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture. We know he was a carpenter and obedient to God. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but did not know that she was carrying the Son of God until an angel came to him in a dream and told him that she had conceived by the Holy Spirit. He then took Mary as his wife as the angel told him. He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves/pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he knew and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby only to return when the angel told him it was safe. When Jesus was missing he searched with Mary and they found Jesus in the temple. Scripture reveals a devoted, protective spouse and foster father.

The Parish Council welcoming new parishioners at the Parish Center



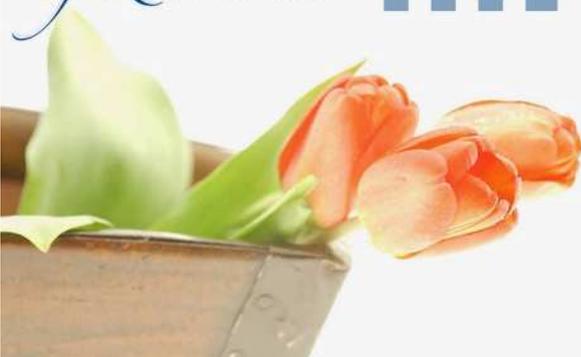
Malden Catholic is having its annual Women's Day of Reflection on 3/29 and Charlestown resident, Regina Doherty, is this year's quest speaker



Guest speaker
The Honorable Regina
Quinlan Doherty
(Ret.)



*Women's Day
of Reflection*



Malden Catholic High School
Sunday, March 29, 2020

Doors open at 11 AM for reception, Mass 12 noon followed by speaker and luncheon.

99 Crystal Street, Malden, MA
For more information contact Debi Walsh at debiwalsh@comcast.net or
Kathleen McGourthy at ikmcgourthy@gmail.com
Tickets are \$30 and available here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-day-of-reflection-at-malden-catholic-tickets-96583840185>



Rite of Election at the Cathedral

March 1, 2020

St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena Candidates
Will, Allison, and Emily with their sponsors



Interested in reading a good book?

God who loves us knows us. We long to be known, not only from the outside but from within. We feel that if others knew us as we really are, with our hopes, dreams and struggles to be whole, *they* would have a compassionate and tolerant love for us. Conversely, were we to live for an hour within the mind of another, even that of a social outcast, we would come away humbled and more understanding. We cannot know people from within, only from without and with difficulty despite our love. Not so with God. The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. God has made a home in us. ~ by Sean Caulfield in *THE GOD OF ORDINARY PEOPLE*

Once we begin to see our lives within our own families as opportunities for spiritual development, the possibility of inner growth is unlimited. Home is no longer just a place to eat and sleep, but a school for our souls and spirits. Each day yields its lesson, and our children and partners become our teachers. We find our rhythm and learn to harmonize. We learn how to cherish and care for one another and how to care for our own souls as well. We learn to dance together, how to lead and when to follow. In so doing, we bring about changes both large and small, for our children, nurtured by rhythm, may ultimately heal and restore the rhythm of the world. ~ by Katrina Kenison in *MITTEN STRINGS FOR GOD: Reflections for Mothers in a Hurry*

When someone deeply listens to you it is like holding out a dented cup you've had since childhood and watching it fill up with cold, fresh water. When it balances on top of the brim, you are understood. When it overflows and touches your skin, You are loved...

When someone deeply listens to you, your bare feet are on the earth and a beloved land that seemed distant is now at home within you. ~ by John Fox in *FINDING WHAT YOU DIDN'T LOSE*



LENTEN OFFERINGS IN THE CHURCH

Friday, March 27

5:30 pm – Holy Hour

6:30 pm– Stations of the
Cross

Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm -

Lenten Prayer and
Reconciliation Service
with an opportunity for
individual Confession

DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.
Pope Francis



Walking with Mary

Donna and Peter LeCam, members of our Parish, are organizing a group from our Parish to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley for the Walking with Mary event, a procession through the streets of Boston with Our Lady, on

Saturday, April 18, 11:30am to 3:30pm.

Event begins and ends at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and will include a Marian procession, an address from Cardinal Seán, Adoration, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Please contact the LeCams at donna.lecam@gmail.com to participate in this event.

Religious Ed Schedule

March 8 - 9:00 am
March 10 - 3:45 pm
March 15 - 9:00 am
March 17 - 3:45 pm
March 22 - 9:00 am
March 24 - 3:45 pm
March 29 - 9:00 am
March 31 - 3:45 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS

March 29 Mass & Class -
6:00 pm

*Just a reminder;
Children under the
age of 13 are to be
accompanied by a
parent or guardian in
the Church and
throughout the build-
ing at all times.*

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



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision. The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. He died March 17, 461.

Lent in our Parish

Centering Prayer

Mondays 7PM Parish Center

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday evenings
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

At the Parish Center
Saturdays before 4 pm Mass
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm
At the Church

Added Masses

Saturday mornings at 9:00 am
In the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday evenings at 5:30 pm
In the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

Faith sharing Groups

Men's Group
Tuesdays at 6:30 am to 7:45 am
At the Parish Center

Women's Group
Wednesday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
At the Parish Center

Mixed Group
Tuesdays at 8:45 am to 10:15 am
At the Church Hall

First Saturday Rosary

Saturday March 7 at 8:15 am
Saturday April 4 at 8:15 am
In the St. Catherine Siena Chapel

Holy Hour-Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27, at 5:30 pm

Lenten Prayer & Reconciliation Service

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday Concert

Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm
In the Church

Triduum

Holy Thursday
8:00 am Prayer Service
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
8:00 am Prayer Service
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

9:00 am Prayer Service
7:30 Easter Vigil

Easter

8:00 am Mass
10:30 AM Mass
No 6:00 pm Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 03/14

4:00 PM + BETTY & ANN FITZPATRICK

+ JOHN FITZPATRICK

SUNDAY 03/15

8:00 AM + JOHN, DONALD & THERESA RING

10:30 AM + LAWRENCE MAHONEY

6:00 PM + JOHN O'CONNOR

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 03/16

8:00 AM + CLARA MAHONEY

TUESDAY 03/17

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 03/18

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 03/19

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 03/20

8:00 AM

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY 03/21

4:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 03/22

8:00 AM + ALEXANDER BOCZKOWSKI

10:30 AM + THOMAS REGAN

6:00 PM

Welcome

ATTENDANCE

Sat 03/07 4:00 PM - 84

Sun 03/08 8:00 AM - 68

Sun 03/08 10:30 AM - 154

Sun 03/08 6:00 PM - 94

Total: 390

Parish Giving

Weekend of 03/08/2020

Budgeted Goal: 5,577.00

Received: 2,540.00

On Line Giving: 1,520.55

Total: \$ 4,060.55

To the Weekly Collection

For the Monthly Collection

\$ 1,525.00

Thank you for your continued support

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 22 - Monthly Collection

April 5 - Parish Easter Collection

April 10 - Holy Land/Good Friday

April 12 - Clergy Benefit Trust

April 19 - Monthly Collection