



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 8, 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.

WHAT DO YOU DO?



Anyone who lives in the city knows this experience – sometimes several times a day: you are walking along the street and you meet someone who is begging for money. The same can happen at major intersections when you are inching your way through traffic. It seems there are several responses: one, is to ignore the person – make like he/she is invisible and keep walking or driving – eyes ahead, you know what I mean. Another is to recognize the person by a greeting and a response, like saying, “No”, or else, “Sorry ----”. Another is to stop or slow down and offer the person some money, often

change from the bottom of a pocket or purse. Many find these events irritating or troubling. Sometimes, they set off a train of thought about how the person is likely going to use any money collected for drugs or alcohol.

How does the Christian face the blatant needs/requests of another person? I wish it was an easy question. I know I am approached very often walking around town. Sometimes, I wish I could walk on by, but I cannot. As uncomfortable and inconvenient as such moments might be, I am convinced that each person, no matter how down and out, is owed respect.

I realize each of us has a different response to these situations. There are cogent arguments that giving something creates a dependency and does not really address the issue. Others feel that the person in need might be simply lazy and ought to get a job to earn whatever is needed. Others might feel that it is rude and offensive to do such a thing and are turned away by that reason alone. Some feel the beggar is no more than a thief, preying on people's consciences and circumstances and should not be encouraged, but punished.

In the end, I wonder if the motives of the person asking or begging are important at all. Why should they be? Why do I need to know them? Maybe they are legitimate and maybe not, who should be the judge of that? Does it really matter to the Christian?

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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

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Thomas J. MacDonald

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Katy Fleming

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Dianne Ludy

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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

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During Lent, the Church teaches that one of the three pillars of our Lenten practices is almsgiving. Literally, this means giving something to the poor. Acts of simple charity flow from a choice one makes to see some need and respond in whatever way seems reasonable within one's capacity. For most of us, this means writing a check to a worthy charity, and that is most certainly needed. Engaging in acts of kindness that are more of a challenge for us to perform also is suitable. For example, being nice to an annoying person or offering a traffic break to a careless driver could be admirable choices.

The Church and our tradition offer many teachings on how we are to care for one another and one of the most applicable in daily life is the "Golden Rule". What if, for Lent, each of us treated one another in the way we would like to be treated?

Fr. Ronan



March 8 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel presents the familiar story of the transfiguration. Peter, James, and John were awe struck by the appearance of Jesus and by the words that the voice of God spoke: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Listen to Him. This message is for us. Pray for the grace to be open to God's word, to be transfigured into a courageous messenger of God's love.



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**



Este domingo la liturgia centra nuestra reflexión en el Evangelio de la transfiguración. San Mateo nos cuenta hoy la transfiguración del Señor. Se trata de una prueba que quiere dar Jesucristo a sus tres predilectos para que, cuando lo vean sudar sangre en el huerto, recuerden que Él, verdadero hombre, carga la divinidad, es decir, para que sepan pasar del dolor de Cristo triturado, a la gloria de su resurrección.

Por su parte San Lucas nos dice: “una vez que Jesús estaba orando...” se realizó la transfiguración. Por eso el Papa Benedicto nos decía que la transfiguración fue un fenómeno de oración. Además el Papa añade que el monte es buen lugar para orar porque “el monte es como un lugar de la máxima cercanía con Dios”. Los siete montes a los que Jesús subió fueron: el de la tentación, el de la gran predicación, el de la oración, el de la transfiguración, el de la angustia, el de la cruz y el de la ascensión.

Mientras oraba Jesús se transfiguró su cuerpo. La luz le venía de dentro de su divinidad. En cambio cuando Moisés bajó del Sinaí con su rostro radiante, la luz le venía de fuera, de Dios con quien se había comunicado.

Para nosotros la transfiguración de Jesús es una invitación para separarnos de las cosas y de la gente y dedicar tiempo nuestro a Dios. Por otra parte alimenta nuestra esperanza en que la resurrección de Cristo es la promesa de la transfiguración del cuerpo y del alma para cada uno de nosotros.

Volvamos al relato de Mateo. A mi modo de ver, lo que debió quedar más grabado en el corazón de los apóstoles fue oír la voz del Padre de quien tanto les hablaba Jesús y a quien Él tanto quería. Precisamente las palabras del Padre demuestran ese amor de predilección por su Hijo. Meditemos bien:

“Este es mi Hijo (no uno de mis hijos) el Amado, mi Predilecto”. Y de una manera especial se les grabó el mensaje tan importante para todos: “¡escúchenlo!” Con estas palabras entendemos, primero, cómo ama Dios Padre a su Hijo y cuánto le debió costar enviárnoslo, para que nos comunicara cuánto sufrimiento exigía nuestra redención. Por otra parte nos aclara cuál es su voluntad para que podamos gozar del plan misericordioso de Dios: escuchar a Jesús.



The Women's Table
Creating Ever-Widening Circles of Love & Compassion

Grief Support Series

“Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift” -Mary Oliver

The Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston will host a 5-week Grief Series for women experiencing loss. This includes loss of a loved one through death, or significant transitions that affect one's “life story.” This series will run for five consecutive Thursday mornings, beginning March 12, 2020 and ending April 9, 2020. Each session will be held from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse at 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA. There is no cost for this series, however donations to The Women's Table are welcome. To register, please call Linda Boothroyd, CSJ Agrégée at: 617-746-1603. For more information, please contact Mary Rita Weschler at:

maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org.



Next weekend, (March 14/15) the Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift that will benefit both our parish and the many ministries that serve the 283 parishes, 110 schools, and 144

communities throughout the Archdiocese. Please take a moment today to look through the Catholic Appeal insert to learn more about the meaningful impact your gift will have.

This is our Church, and when you support the Appeal, you support us.

To learn more about the Catholic Appeal, or to make your gift online, please visit the new Appeal website at **bostoncatholicappeal.org**, where you can also view the 2020 Catholic Appeal video that was shown at Masses this weekend.

Baptisms - February 23



Aiden Philip Connally



Julian Douglas Ghandi



Skylar Marie Henry



Adalyn Sarah King



Mallory Maureen King



Gabriella Hope Piacitelli



Florence Eileen Vallerelli

During Lent in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel: there is Mass on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM And don't forget - Eucharistic Adoration on Friday evenings at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm



Please pick up a rice bowl and would like to, there are some at the back of the church. Please return the Rice bowls on Palm Sunday. Thank You!

**CYAC Sunday evening
March 15, following
6:00 PM mass
Reflection/conversation
with Father Ronan
Refreshments provided
All welcome Bring a
friend!**



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.**

***Sending Forth* - St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena RCIA Candidates for 2020 on their way to the Cathedral to be presented to Bishop Sean O'Malley along with hundreds of others who are seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.**



Family Event

Religious Education students and parents attended the Family Event on March 1st to begin the Lenten Journey.

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





**The Sanctuary
Lamp in
St Mary Church
is lit for:**

John & Matthew O'Connell

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 03/07
4:00 PM + JAMES P COLLINS SR.
+ JAMES P COLLINS JR.

SUNDAY 03/08
8:00 AM + COLLEEN BOWMAN
10:30 AM + CHARLES FARMER
6:00 PM + LUCY ANN DiPRIMA

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

MONDAY 03/09
8:00 AM

TUESDAY 03/10
8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 03/11
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 03/12
8:00 AM

FRIDAY 03/13
8:00 AM + TRANQUILLINO,
MINNIE & VINCENT CITRO,
JOSEPH MARI
& FABIO LAUDADIO

5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 PARISHIONER INTENIONS



**Resquiescat
in
Pace**

Mary Christine Sullivan

ATTENDANCE

Sat 02/29	4:00 PM -	83
Sun 03/01	8:00 AM -	77
Sun 03/01	10:30 AM -	200
Sun 03/01	6:00 PM -	85
Total:		445



**Weekend of
03/01/2020**

\$ 4,7,25.55
To the Weekly Collection
and
Ash Wednesday
3/26/2020
Collection
For Catholic Charities
\$ 1,344.00

**Thank you for your
continued support**

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 8 - Fuel Collection
March 22 - Monthly

Easter Flower envelopes
available

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

Handcrafts are available after Masses in our church. The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- rosaries;
- religious items;
- souvenirs;
- Cds.



The Sisters from the Convent of St. Elisabeth, Belarus, Eastern Europe, will be visiting

our Parish once again the weekend of March 14/15. Please take this opportunity to purchase their beautiful handcrafted items of devotion made in their convent in support of their work and mission with children and adults who are mentally and physically disabled; the formerly incarcerated; and those addicted to substances.

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.



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