

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.

July 12, 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 PLAN AHEAD



*In his heart
a man plans his
course,
but the Lord
determines his steps.
Proverbs 16:9*

I received a piece of mail yesterday from an office of the Archdiocese. The notice informed me that these summer days are the perfect time to plan for the new year. I groaned. I am not a good planner. When someone asks me about what will happen many weeks/months/years into the future, I respond with a blank stare. It is not that I am uncaring about the future or that I do not have a vision and hope for tomorrow. It is just that in the moment, for me, it is hard to look beyond the present.

This is partly because I am so engaged in the present and doing lots of stuff and enjoying it. To stop that and think about tomorrow seems --- awkward. So it is that I push myself to plan for the days and time ahead. And when I do, I can sense a desire in me to want to have control over that in the same way that I

might be able to manage the present situations. Herein lays the problem.

None of us have control over tomorrow. We like to think we do. If we plan adequately for today, we will be in good shape for tomorrow. *The future never comes, or, there are no tomorrows*. We have heard these thoughts before and they are unsettling. Of course, the point is, when tomorrow comes it is today and there are, therefore, no tomorrows. However we look at it, each of us must contemplate our life and where it is going. Even if we avoid doing so, some unexpected event will force us to have to face tomorrow.

It is at this juncture that our faith can save us. We Christians believe that God has a plan. I do not necessarily know it – nor should I need to. Yet, I do need to believe that God has this situation figured out. The planning and control part of all of us feels that we need to get everything in order so that the anticipated and the unanticipated will be met with an adequate response. What a heavy burden to carry! Who can figure all that out?

Of course, we need to responsibly plan for each day. Yet my sense is that God wants us to be concerned about our daily lives such that we live our lives well as Christ has taught us. Our energy and worry ought to be more about the needs of others than ourselves, and it is our faith that



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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 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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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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frees us to live that way.

The Good Samaritan, who stopped on the road to Jericho to care for the victim of robbers, had every reason to be cautious and wonder what this was going to cost him ... Clearly, this disaster was not in his plans that day. His faith allowed him to step forward and place his comfort and convenience aside for the welfare of another.

Jesus holds up the Samaritan as the example of how you and I are to take on each day: grounded in the command to love God and our neighbor and free to do just that. Often that will mean having our plans for today and tomorrow, yet, being ready to live freely so that God's love both sustains me and directs my planning.

Fr. Ronan



our imagination. He preaches this hope amidst the suffering of the early Christian communities. "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). Good stewards realize that by remaining faithful to the Gospel with persistence, fervor and endurance, our hope in the promises of Christ Jesus will be rewarded. Reflect this week on concrete ways you can remain faithful to the Gospel during these challenging times.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of July 11/12 2020 In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us reason to hope for a wondrous future beyond

HARVEST ON VINE - Cereal Drive

For those who would like to donate some food items to the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry, we are in most need of cereal. Please bring to the office between the hours of 10 to 5 (you can leave it in the hallway if you like) or leave at the back of the Church when you come to Mass. Thank you, as always for your generous help.

Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee

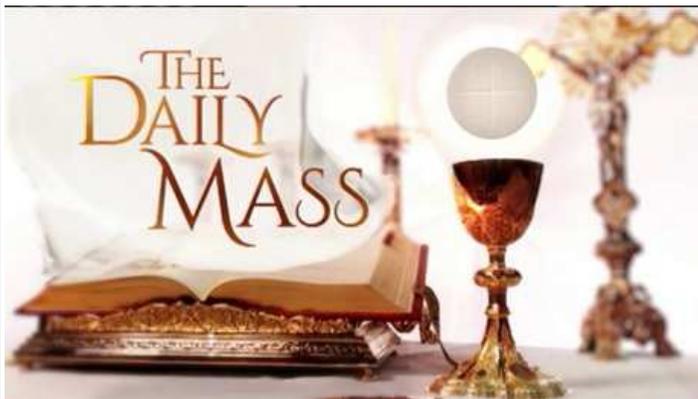


Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his 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**



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL OPEN OUR CHAPEL FOR DAILY MASS BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 13TH.

WE WILL RETURN TO THE SCHEDULE WE HAD BEFORE THE CLOSURE. SO MASS WILL BE AT 8AM, WITH THE RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AT 7:40AM. ON SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS, MASS WILL BE AT 9AM.

PLEASE USE THE SOLEY STREET SIDE TO ENTER & EXIT.

July is Summer Safety Month

Summer is finally here! After months of spending work and leisure time indoors, it is time to venture outside, increase physical activity, and experience the well-deserved warm weather and fresh air. The Archdiocese of Boston Benefits Department shares a few tips to help you stay safe and healthy this summer:



Hydrate. To help prevent heat stress and heat stroke, drink water before, during, and after outside physical activity. See details below regarding the upcoming Archdiocese of Boston Hydration Challenge which will help you stay on track!



Avoid peak temperature times. The outdoor temperature is usually hottest between the hours of 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Minimize outside activity during this time when you have a greater chance of becoming overheated or dehydrated.



Dress appropriately. Your clothes should be lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored. Wear a hat and sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays



Sunscreen is your friend. Always apply sunscreen to protect your skin while outdoors. Find a sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher that provides both UVA and UVB (broad spectrum) protection. Reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming.



Don't overdo it. You may not be able to exercise with the same intensity in the heat as you usually do in a climate-controlled environment. Take frequent breaks in the shade and listen to your body. Avoid overly strenuous exercise outdoors on extremely hot days. Beware of signs of heat exhaustion, such as dizziness, nausea, fatigue, and headache.



Talk to your primary care provider. Some diseases and medications can exaggerate your body's response to heat. Check with your provider before exercising outdoors during the hot summer months.



Protect yourself from bug bites. Scented soap, perfume, and hair spray tend to attract mosquitoes. Avoid areas where insects gather, such as standing water. Apply bug spray with DEET to ward off pesky ticks and mosquitoes.



Enjoy the outdoors while socially/physically distancing. Safe outdoor activities during this pandemic are those that allow for social distancing. The CDC recommends that you keep a recommended minimum of six feet (about 2 arms' length) away from others who live outside of your household. To learn more about social distancing guidelines and watch a video on how to prevent COVID-19 with social distancing, visit

www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment#social-distancing.

XV Domingo DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



En la parábola que acabamos de escuchar hay tres realidades que atraen nuestra atención: el sembrador, la semilla y el terreno en que cae. El sembrador es Dios; la semilla, su Palabra; el terreno es la mente y el corazón del hombre. La explicación y aplicación la encontramos al final de la parábola. Todo es tan claro que casi podríamos acabar aquí con sólo añadir la advertencia que Jesús hace otras veces: *el que tenga oídos para oír que escuche* (Lc 8,8). En efecto, nada más habría que mirar cada uno hacia dentro de sí mismo, preguntarse: ¿qué clase de terreno soy? Y a continuación actuar en consecuencia.

Seguro que Jesús, a solas, con sus discípulos, les añadiría algo más, ya que se trataba de prepararlos bien para la tarea que ellos tenían que continuar. Les diría que la parábola del sembrador nos ayuda a entender, en primer lugar, que somos una tierra que necesita ser sembrada ya que sin la semilla que nos viene de arriba, seríamos incapaces de dar frutos de salvación. De esta convicción debería nacer un deseo de apertura a Dios y a los hermanos. No somos autosuficientes; el Creador nos ha diseñado como un nudo de relaciones personales: lo necesitamos a Él y nos necesitamos unos a otros. Y es que, aunque Dios es el sembrador primero y el más importante, ha querido que nosotros seamos mutuamente

colaboradores en esa misma tarea.

La palabra no volverá a mí vacía... sino que cumplirá mi deseo (Is 5,11), dice el Señor por el profeta Isaías. Doble responsabilidad para nosotros, llamados a producir fruto abundante en el campo propio y en ese otro campo más allá de nosotros, que nos ha encomendado, porque nos ha hecho colaboradores suyos. Y ahí están los tres enemigos, el demonio, el mundo y la carne, con los que hemos de enfrentarnos en esa doble tarea que se nos encomienda. En la lucha contra ellos contamos con la ayuda del Señor, pero a nosotros nos corresponde vigilar para que no impidan que la Palabra produzca sus frutos. Jesús mismo apunta los obstáculos que pueden impedirlos: los espinos que la ahogan, la tierra endurecida, el sol que la agostó, los pájaros que se la comieron y el Maligno que siempre anda por medio. No, no es difícil darse cuenta de lo que denuncian estas imágenes.

Sabemos que la Palabra que hoy nos dirige Dios es, a la vez don y responsabilidad, regalo y compromiso. La Palabra de por sí es eficaz, pero necesita preparar y cuidar bien el terreno. Ella sola no actúa milagrosamente; Dios respeta la libertad de la persona y cada uno debe poner de su parte una actitud de acogida y de asimilación. "*Dios que te creó sin ti* (sin tu colaboración), *no te salvará sin ti* (sin tu esfuerzo)", dice san Agustín (Sermón 160, 13). El Santo Obispo de Hipona añade en otro lugar que toda obra buena es una obra a medias entre Dios y nosotros. Y lo primero que hemos de hacer es poner todos los medios para que las voces y los afanes de este mundo no impidan que la semilla de la Palabra de Dios venga a producir sus mejores frutos.

Durante los tres próximos domingos la liturgia nos ofrecerá otras parábolas sobre la vida cristiana que san Mateo ha recogido en el capítulo 13 de su evangelio; al final de la última Jesús hará esta pregunta a los Apóstoles: *¿Habéis entendido todo esto?* (a la que) *Ellos responden: Sí* (Mt 13, 51). Es claro que en el *Sí* de la respuesta iba incluido el compromiso de llevar a la práctica la llamada que hacía la parábola. ¡Ojalá que podamos responder también nosotros con el mismo *Sí* de los Apóstoles! Ello equivale a decir, que no sólo hemos comprendido, sino que aceptamos libremente ponerla en práctica. Es entonces cuando se cumplirá en nosotros una bienaventuranza que Jesús añade hoy a su lista: *Bienaventurados vuestros ojos porque ven y vuestros oídos porque oyen* (Mt 13, 16).

Que el encuentro con el Señor en la Eucaristía de este Domingo fortalezca nuestro compromiso de emplearnos a fondo en el cultivo de nuestro campo personal y también, como colaboradores suyos, en la sembradura y en el cultivo de las pequeñas parcelas de sus inmensos campos (a comenzar por la nuestra), conscientes de que nos han sido confiadas, para que la semilla regalada germine y produzca fruto abundante.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - Feast Day July 16



This picture of Our Lady of Mount Carmel commemorates a famous event in Church history. She is shown here as she appeared in a vision to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelite Order (at right) on July 16, 1251 at Aylesford, England.

The Carmelite order began in Mount Carmel in Palestine in the 12th century. "Karmel" means "garden". About 1235, the Carmelites were forced to abandon their place of origin due to the incursions and persecutions of the Saracens who were reconquering the Holy Land from the crusaders. Most of the Carmelites went back to their country of origin in Europe. St. Simon prayerfully appealed to our Lady of Mount Carmel for help. In response, she gave him the scapular promise and instructed him to seek papal assistance for the order. Pope Innocent IV issued a letter of protection for the Carmelites from the Holy See in January 1252.

The Carmelites continued to spread their good work throughout Europe, building monasteries and teaching in universities. The order has continued to thrive in devotion to our Lady and our Lord up to this present day. Famous Carmelites include St. Theresa of Avila, St. Therese of

Lisieux, and Saint John of the Cross.

What The Eucharist Means To Me Today

One of my favorite ways to see the world is through the eyes of a child. Something so simple, so honest, so clear about seeing things as they do.

Last year, I had the privilege of teaching First Communion class to ten bright-eyed and smiling 2nd graders.

Throughout our preparation they were so eager. Excitement filled their eyes and butterflies filled their stomachs as the day grew closer. It was

as if, once this day came to pass they would receive something so special, so wonderful that their lives would never be the same. The children could feel something I often forget. The children could sense the wonder in the Eucharist.

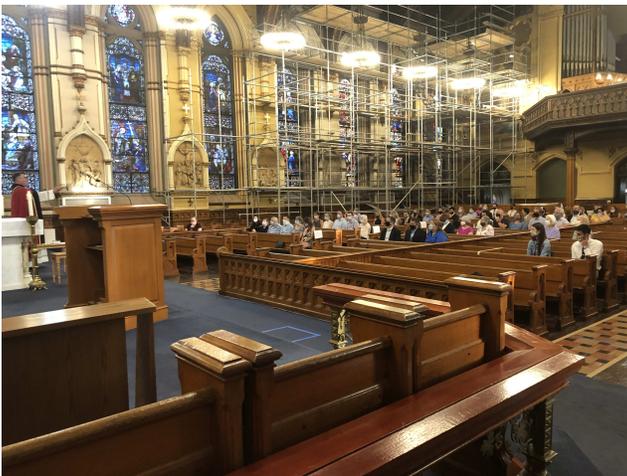
The Eucharist brings us to communion with one another. Community with one another. And lately, that "communion" has felt a bit lost. Missed. The community, physically, separated. Yet, if we truly lean into our beliefs that God is present in the Eucharist and God is present in our neighbor than despite being physically distanced from the physical church we have the opportunity to see, embrace and celebrate the Eucharist in the people we encounter.

God is calling us to see the Eucharist in our lives, not only when it is a holy day in a full church dressed up with flowers and bright lights. God is calling us to recognize the Eucharist in our lives in the challenging times too.

It's as if God was calling us to "level up" in our commitment to our faith. To truly believe with our hearts, when it is hard to see with our eyes. God believes in us and loves us so much that he is reminding us of our own strength.

So rather than be disheartened and rather than be discouraged by these challenging times of physical separation, can we seek the opportunity we are met with today? Instead of shrinking to our fears, can we choose to grow- in our love of God, in our love of one another and in our belief that the Eucharist is still present for us in our lives, when we choose to recognize it in one another.

Meghan Schelzi, parishioner and Eucharistic Missionary



Confirmation - June 25, 2020

Our Confirmation students were able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Thursday, June 25. The class was split into two groups due to the social distancing in place. The Sacrament was administered by The Very Rev. Brian McHugh at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Altogether there were 22 students confirmed from our Parish.

BEFORE COVID,

A PAIR OF ROSARIES WAS FOUND IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE BACK OF THE PARISH CENTER.

PLEASE CALL DIANNE IF YOU THINK THEY COULD BE YOURS AT 617-242-4664

THANK YOU!



Resquiescat in Pace

Patrick Bernard Sullivan

SACRAMENTS

We continue to await word as to when we can resume celebrating Baptisms, First Communions, and Welcoming new members into the Catholic Faith who have been a part of our RCIA Program.

Please continue to pray for all those who await these sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

ROSARY & MASS ON WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK LIVE AT 8:43 AM ON 7/11 AND MASS @ 10:30 AM 7/12

**SATURDAY 7/11
9:00 AM + FAITH GRADY**

**SUNDAY 07/12
10:30 AM + MICHAEL & BOB BURTON
6:00 PM + JULIE QUINN**

**RETURN OF DAILY MASS
ROSARY SAID BEFORE
DAILY MASS AT 7:40**

**MONDAY 07/13
8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 07/14
8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - 07/15
8:00 AM**

**THURSDAY 07/16
8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 07/17
8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 07/18
9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY 07/19
10:30 AM + ANN CRILLEY**

HELP NEEDED

The Parish is looking to expand the "Film Crew" for the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. If you are interested in assisting with the broadcasting of Sunday Mass, please contact Dianne at DLudy@StmaryStcatherine.org, or 617-242-4664.



ATTENDENCE 7/05

10:30 am 64

6:00 PM 16

Total 80

Sanctuary Lamps & Mass Intentions

To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664. If your family will attend a scheduled Mass and would like to bring up the gifts, please see Sister Nancy before the service in Church or Chapel.

A Sanctuary Lamp is a candle beside the tabernacles in our Church and Chapel that burns for approximately one week. To light a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

Parish Giving

Weekend of 07/5/2020

\$ 13,075.62
To the Weekly Collection

Thank you for your continued support

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

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