



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.

August 2, 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.

SUMMERTIME



While the effects of COVID will continue to touch the lives of everyone for some time to come, many folks are trying to find a way to have some vacation this year. Now that Massachusetts seems a bit safer many are seeking a bit of relief from the heat and the stress of these past months, before the uncertainty of the school year begins.

Every year about this time, I recall reading a column in one of the papers from a regular columnist who writes about being on vacation. She describes in colorful language some beachfront town, maybe on the Cape or up Maine. The scene is charming, inviting, and lazy and always makes me wonder why my vacations are not as perfect as hers seem. I mean she talks about the beauty of the ocean, the breezes, the ice cream cones and cook outs; she describes the laid back mornings and lots of time for reading stuff she has looked forward to all year; connecting with old friends, pleasant walks and time ... time to just be.

Don't know why, but my vacations don't usually seem as idealic as those I read about. I want them to be – at least as I look forward to a couple of weeks out of Charlestown. I fully recognize that I need to get away from the day-to-day reality of my routine and that a change in routine is really good, in fact necessary. Nonetheless, the person who goes on my vacation is the same person who gets up each morning at 5:30 and begins a schedule that is always full until late that night. What's more, that person really enjoys each day like that.

So I conclude, it takes a bit of time to get into a vacation. The first days, 5:30

INSIDE: HARVEST ON VINE AUCTION

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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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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still seems the time to get up – at least Lily, my Black Lab thinks so. She is ready to get out, have breakfast, take a walk and start her day. Sometimes I tell her, *we're on vacation – go back to sleep*. She doesn't believe me. But after a few days, she starts to get the hang of it – we stay up later – there is more time for long walks, much more exercise and she is now happy to sleep in. In fact my dog gets into vacation mode faster than I do.

In August, I plan to get away for a couple of weeks. Slow down the daily pace, spend time with family and friends, get in some sailing and beach time and rest and read. I hope to stay away from the computer each day and not to hear the phone ring for whatever. When this happens, I see, again, what a blessing is my life. Leaving Charlestown and this parish helps me realize anew how much it all means to me, how I have grown to love this place and all of the people who form this great parish.

Maybe that is one of the greatest gifts of getting away: appreciating what you have left behind and getting rested and refreshed so that you can return. I hope that you and yours can also get some time away before the weather cools down, and the schools open, and the cycle begins again, and that God blesses you and your family this beautiful summertime.

Fr. Ronan



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**



New Window Box Flowers

We have two new window boxes with vibrant flowers replacing the stolen box from July 19.

Local florist Kristeen Kerns, who has prepared all the window boxes going back to her bunker hill florists and June bug days—now on her own—added new plants to the remaining window box flowers working all plants into two new lush window box displays. The boxes were in place Sunday before mass.

Good work Kristeen and thank you



HARVEST ON VINE ONLINE AUCTION

As you know we had to cancel our annual Fund Raiser due to COVID-19. Last year we raised \$40,000 from tickets sales, raffle baskets, and auction items to support Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry. Not surprisingly, due to an increase in unemployment, we have seen an increase in need at the pantry. Although we won't be gathering in person you can still join in and help us support Harvest on Vine Food Pantry by participating in our online auction which will run from noon on August 5th until 8:00 pm on August 6th. Please visit our website, StmaryStcatherine.org for more details.

We have three terrific auction items:

"A Taste of Charlestown" package comprised of \$100 gift certificates to five (5) of Charlestown's best restaurants: Warren Tavern, Monument Restaurant & Bar, Brewer's Fork, Blackmoor Bar & Kitchen, and Pier 6.

Value - \$500

A one-week stay (9/13-20) in a 3 BR/2 Bath waterfront cottage at award winning Dennis Seashores. This cottage sits directly on beautiful Nantucket Sound, and has all the amenities including a private beach. <https://dennisseashores.com>

Value- \$2,150

Celebrity Dinner- A Dinner for 10 in your home prepared & served by chef Paul Wahlberg. Paul will come to your home with all the food & wine, dishes, etc. Cooks & serves a meal for you & 9 of your friends and cleans up at the end of a great night. Each of the 6 courses is paired with a different wine. The timing is as mutually agreed on a Monday -Thursday night.

Value- Priceless



Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time August 1/2, 2020

In today's Gospel we find an equation the disciples of Jesus couldn't solve: Five loaves and two fish divided by 5,000- plus people. They

failed to recognize Jesus in the equation; that whatever they had to offer, Jesus could take it and bless it and satisfy the hunger of the crowd with it. Good stewards recognize that the Lord can work miracles with the gifts they offer to a hungry and broken world. How often are we willing to offer our gifts in faith, even during disquieting times, even as insignificant as we think they are, and count on the Lord to do the rest? How often do we count Christ into the equation?

WISDOM FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

"A brother came to see Abba Macarius the Egyptian and said to him, 'Abba, give me a word, that I may be saved.' So the old man said, 'Go to the cemetery and insult the dead.' So the brother went there, insulted them, and threw stones at them; then returned and told the old man about it. The latter said, 'Didn't they say anything to you?' He replied, 'No.' The old man said, 'Go back tomorrow and praise them.' So the brother went away and praised them, calling them 'apostles, saints, and righteous men.' He returned to the old man and said, 'I have complimented them.' And the old man said, 'Did they answer you?' The brother said, 'No.' The old man said to him, 'You know how you insulted the dead and they did not reply, and how you praised them and they did not speak; so too if you wish to be saved must do the same and become like a dead man. Like the dead, take no account of either the scorn of men or their praises, and you can be saved.'"

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

for Our Parish Family Good and gracious God,

Even in the midst of these troubling times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish.

Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail.

May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful.

Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during these times of stress and anxiety, distance and isolation.

By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner.

And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten our Kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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 @stmaryscatherine.org.

THE EUCHARIST



He was old, tired, and sweaty, pushing his home-made cart down the alley, stopping now and then to poke around in somebody's garbage. I wanted to tell him about EUCHARIST but the look in his eyes, the despair on his face, the hopelessness of somebody else's life in his cart, told me to forget it. So I smiled, said "Hi" – and gave him EUCHARIST.

She was cute, nice build, a little too much paint, wobbly on her feet as she slid from her barstool, and on the make. "No thanks, not tonight," – and I gave her EUCHARIST.

She lived along, her husband dead, her family gone, and she talked at you, not to you. Words, endless words, spewed out. So I listened – and gave her EUCHARIST.

Downtown is nice. Lights change from red to green, and back again. Flashing blues, pinks, and oranges. I gulped them in, said, "Thank you, Father," – and made them EUCHARIST.

I laughed at myself, and told myself, "You, with all your sin, and all your selfishness, I forgive you, I accept you, I love you." It's nice, and so necessary to give yourself EUCHARIST.

My Father, when will we learn – you cannot talk EUCHARIST – you cannot philosophize about it. YOU DO IT. You don't dogmatize EUCHARIST. Sometimes you laugh it, sometimes, your cry it, often you sing it. Sometimes it's wild peace, then crying hurt.

You see EUCHARIST in another's eyes, give it in another's hand held tight, squeeze it in an embrace. You pause EUCHARIST in the middle of a busy day, speak it in another's ear, listen to it from a person who wants to talk.

For EUCHARIST is as simple as being on time and as profound as sympathy.

I give you my supper,
I give you my sustenance,
I give you my life,
I give you me,
I give you EUCHARIST.

Written by R. Voight in THE OTHER SIDE OF SILENCE by Morton Kelsey



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



III. **Brendan Byrne & Kerry Corcoran**



The 28th
Annual Pope St. John
XXIII National Seminary
Golf Tournament is
scheduled for Monday, Au-
gust 31st, at The

Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a

seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes boxed lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, hole in one prizes and a seminary themed gift. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psjs.edu



August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person: and as the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses given to her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is now open!

We are following all Federal, State and Archdiocesan guidelines regarding Education in the Fall. We anticipate that our program will be different - new and exciting! - next year. Virtual components and Family Faith opportunities will be incorporated.

We ask that you complete the Registration Form which is found on our website, www.stmaryscatherine.org, as soon as possible so that we can plan for numbers in the fall - all ages (K-High School). We will plan the calendar, tuition, and other logistics over the summer.



Religious Education

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called Restore – Rekindle – Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

MASS SCHEDULE

**10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS ON
WEB SITE OR
FACEBOOK LIVE
SATURDAY 08/01
9:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 08/01
9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY 08/02
10:30 AM + DOROTHY SULLIVAN
KITTY & DENIS SULLIVAN
6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**ROSARY SAID BEFORE
DAILY MASS AT 7:30**

**MONDAY 08/03
8:00 AM MARIA PEGURI &
JEAN PAUL & FAMILY**

**TUESDAY 08/04
8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - 08/05
8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 08/06
8:00 AM CARLOTA & ORLANDO
VIDAL & FAMILY**

**FRIDAY 08/07
8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 08/08
9:00 AM + PHILLIP CAMPBELL**

**SUNDAY 08/09
10:30 AM
6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

*Barbara
Ann
Connell*

*Preach the
Gospel at all
times*

*When necessary
use words*

St. Francis of Assisi

Parish Giving

Weekend of 07/26/2020

\$3,026.75
To the Weekly Collection

*Thank you for your
continued support*

ATTENDANCE 7/26

10:30 am 55

6:00 PM 50

Total 105

A PRAYER TO MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND PATRONESS OF AMERICA

O Most Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the problems of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of each life and of creation, and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life for all who live within our borders and beyond. Amen.



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 web-site for events and resources. You may also register on line at: stmaryscatherine.org

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