



# 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 16, 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.

## PRAYER AS RELATIONSHIP



Many of us remember the oldest and best definition of prayer: "**raising the mind and heart to God.**" I suspect that most of us practiced the first part, raising our mind to God, better than the second part, lifting up our hearts. That imbalance can too often make the experience of praying "dry" or "unfulfilling."

What this definition probably intended to say was that prayer involves our whole person in a *relationship with God*. Using the various relationships of our lives as a guide, we can come to new insights about prayer.

A wise spiritual guide once said, "We are as good at praying as we are at the other relationships of our lives. If you want to get better at prayer, work on the key relationships in your life."

Take a close friendship or marriage, as an example. We wouldn't imagine that what makes the relationship work is trying to find a half an hour, early in the morning, to sit in a chair and close our eyes and think heavy thoughts about the other person. We know instinctively, even if we hadn't ever put it into words, that a key relationship in our life is a matter of the **heart**. The other person means a lot to me. I'm not just attracted to the other, but the other is someone whose desires and dreams and vision are very important to me. And, if this relationship is one that is growing in love, the other is one I want to serve - give of myself for.

Relationship always involves a strong desire to be with. A relationship will fade if we have no continuing interest in spending time with the other, or connect with the other. Even when our time together might be limited, we have feelings for the other which sustain the relationship. The closer the relationship, the stronger those feelings. In a marriage relationship, I might not see my spouse as

## INSIDE: BAPTISM PICS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of August 8/9, 2020 Today's  
Gospel reveals what miracu-  
lous things can happen when

one embraces a single-  
minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter  
gets out of a wind-tossed boat when  
the Lord calls him. His faith is tested  
by his obedience to Jesus who is call-  
ing him out onto the water. In the  
midst of the waves and the wind, Peter  
gets out of the boat and walks toward  
Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call  
to them. Sometimes that call directs  
them to take on seemingly impossible  
challenges. This week, reflect on how  
the Lord could be calling you out of the  
safety of your own "boat" to take on

### 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/](http://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

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much as I'd like, but I know that my job or my care for our children or time shop-  
ping - whatever I do when we are apart - is all done **because** of our relationship,  
to further the goals of our life together and our mission together. Intimacy in the  
bedroom is an important, but small part of the relationship's bond. If the other  
intimacy and connections are there, then the bedroom time is wondrous. If the  
relationship of the heart is not connecting us when we are apart, intimacy in the  
bedroom can become quite problematic.

Words, gestures and rituals express and give shape to the relationship of  
the heart. "I love you." "Thank you." "You are wonderful." "I need you." "I'm  
sorry." A smile, an embrace, a gesture of vulnerability, a self-revealing story, a  
gift full of meaning, doing something together. Our song, our favorite place, a  
special reading, a special menu, a tradition we've developed. These are just a few  
examples of the hundreds of ways a relationship develops and grows.

How could prayer be a relationship with God, if it only remains a lifting of  
our minds to God? We need very special times of intimacy with God, but that  
time needs to be prepared for and built up to. To enrich our relationship with  
God, engages our hearts. That involves finding intimacy with God in the midst  
of our everyday busy lives, much like we do with the other important relation-  
ships of our lives. Perhaps as we pay more attention to what gives life and inti-  
macy to these relationships, we might grow in the affective side of our relation-  
ship with God.

If this tip stirs a desire for that kind of relationship with God, one place to  
begin is to let God tell me about how much God loves me. The God who says,  
"You are precious in my eyes and I love you." [Isaiah 43:4] If I'm open to God's  
expressions of affection toward me, that can open my heart to stir up affection in  
the form of grateful response. Love needs only a spark to get started. It takes  
ongoing care to keep the fire from going out. With special care, it can become a  
long lasting, warm and comforting, life-long relationship.

Source of article: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

### Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee



Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compas-  
sion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with ac-  
ceptance 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**

## VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Una mujer pagana toma la iniciativa de acudir a Jesús aunque no pertenece al pueblo judío. Es una madre angustiada que vive sufriendo con una hija “atormentada por un demonio”. Sale al encuentro de Jesús dando gritos: “Ten compasión de mí, Señor, Hijo de David”.

La primera reacción de Jesús es inesperada. Ni siquiera se detiene para escucharla. Todavía no ha llegado la hora de llevar la Buena Noticia de Dios a los paganos. Como la mujer insiste, Jesús justifica su actuación: “Solo me han enviado a las ovejas descarriadas de la casa de Israel”.

La mujer no se echa atrás. Superará todas las dificultades y resistencias. En un gesto audaz se postra ante Jesús, detiene su marcha y de rodillas, con un corazón humilde pero firme, le dirige un solo grito: “Señor, socórreme”.

La respuesta de Jesús es insólita. Aunque en esa época los judíos llamaban con toda naturalidad “perros” a los paganos, sus palabras resultan ofensivas a nuestros oídos.: “No está bien echar a los perros el pan de los hijos”. Retomando su imagen de manera inteligente, la mujer se atreve desde el suelo a corregir a Jesús: “Tienes razón, Señor, pero también los perros se comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de los señores”.

Su fe es admirable. Seguro que en la mesa del Padre se pueden alimentar todos: los hijos de Israel y también los perros paganos. Jesús parece pensar solo en las “ovejas perdidas” de Israel, pero también ella es una “oveja perdida”. El Enviado de Dios no puede ser solo de los judíos. Ha de ser de todos y para todos.

Jesús se rinde ante la fe de la mujer. Su respuesta nos revela su humildad y su grandeza: “Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! que se cumpla como desees”. Esta mujer le está descubriendo que la misericordia de Dios no excluye a nadie. El Padre Bueno está por encima de las barreras étnicas y religiosas que trazamos los humanos.

Jesús reconoce a la mujer como creyente aunque vive en una religión pagana. Incluso encuentra en ella una “fe grande”, no la fe pequeña de sus discípulos a los que recrimina más de una vez como “hombres de poca fe”. Cualquiera ser humano puede acudir a Jesús con confianza. Él sabe reconocer su fe aunque viva fuera de la Iglesia. Siempre encontrarán en él un Amigo y un Maestro de vida.

Los cristianos nos hemos de alegrar de que Jesús siga atrayendo hoy a tantas personas que viven fuera de la Iglesia. Jesús es más grande que todas nuestras instituciones. Él sigue haciendo mucho bien, incluso a aquellos que se han alejado de nuestras comunidades cristianas.

## Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time August 16, 2020



In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.



Year of the  
**EUCCHARIST**

**“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation of the body of Christ?”**

*Paul wrote in Corinthians 10: 16*



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I Dan Dortona & Tiffany Domaso



# 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.stmarystcatherine.org](http://www.stmarystcatherine.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.

## This is OUR CHURCH

When you support the **Catholic Appeal** you support us.



Even in the midst of a global pandemic, service to others remains core to the work of our Church.

Our COVID response team of priests is anointing the sick in hospitals.

Our Central Ministries continue to care for so many in need.

Our Risk Management office continues to provide guidance for parishes and schools.

This is Our Church. Funded by the Catholic Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal in one of the following ways.

- If you receive a letter or email, respond using the pledge card or donation options.
- Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online
- Return the envelope in this bulletin
- Your support will make a significant difference as we continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need. To learn more about Your Church at Work or to make a donation, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

Thank you!



August  
9th



Nolan James Boc



Evelyn James Gallagher



Owen Michael Galvin-Alfeiri



Milo Christopher Litchfield



Everly & Madeline Lund

## MASS SCHEDULE

**10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS ON  
WEB SITE OR  
FACEBOOK LIVE**

**SATURDAY 08/15**

**9:00 AM ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**SUNDAY 08/16**

**10:30 AM + EMMET JR. &  
MARGARET PULLIAM;  
HELEN IRVING;  
RITA SULLIVAN &  
ELEANOR CONNORS**

**6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

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

**MONDAY 08/17  
8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 08/18  
8:00 AM + DAVID LATTA  
& MEAGHAN BRADY**

**WEDNESDAY - 08/19  
8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 08/20  
8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 08/21  
8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 08/22  
9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY 08/23  
10:30 AM  
6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**



## **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@stmarystcatherine.org.

## **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 protec-  
tion.

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 re-  
sponsibilities that accompany human  
freedom.

Grant our country the wisdom to  
proclaim that God's law is the founda-  
tion 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 bor-  
ders and beyond. Amen.



## **The Sanctuary Lamp in St Catherine Siena Chapel**

**is lit for:**

***Meaghan Brady***

**Parish Giving**

**Weekend of 08/09/2020**

\$2,923.00  
To the Weekly Collection

***Thank you for your  
continued support***



# **Welcome**

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

## **ATTENDANCE 8/09**

10:30 am 67

6:00 PM 28

Total 95

*We extend a warm welcome to all visi-  
tors and those who are new to our parish.  
If you are new to Saint Mary -Saint Cather-  
ine of Siena Parish, please visit our web-  
site for events and resources. You may  
also register on line at:  
[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)*