

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 23, 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.

HUNGER



When most of us feel hungry we open the refrigerator door, go to a cabinet, dial for take-out, or look for a place to find and buy some food. Without much effort, we find a way to

sate our hunger. Yet we all know that there are other kinds of hungers which are not so easily satisfied – a longing for companionship and love; a yearning for meaning and purpose.

Yes, the deepest hungers of the human heart are not for food, but rather for relationships with others that are significant and life-giving and for a sense of purpose. The God Who created each of us has placed this longing in every person's heart, and most every day, in one way or another, it is a hunger we seek to satisfy. When we experience it, we not only feel nourished, we feel fulfilled - more complete and joyful. And when it is lacking, we know the anguish and pain of disappointment, incompleteness, and unhappiness.

The hungers of the world are well known to our God. Jesus, God's gift to all of humanity, walked the earth and experienced them all. He knows the complexities of life; the importance of family; the need for good friendships; the pain of betrayal; the necessity to cultivate a forgiving heart if one is to be whole again. And above all, he understood the fundamental need for a relationship with His loving God, who sustained Him in life through death into a resurrected life, ultimately bringing Him home again to dwell where there is no time.

Jesus healed and transformed those who sought Him and whom he sought out who were sick, lonely, and ostracized; those who were chasing after stuff that ultimately did not fill their void. He gave direction to those who were lost, and purpose to those who lacked meaning in their lives. And so we, too, can turn to Jesus for guidance, assistance, and nurturance in every aspect of our lives.

When Jesus said, *"I am the bread that came down from heaven"*, those who heard Him were shocked – appropriately so. He goes on to explain: *"I am the living bread, whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world"*. This is not a statement made for one moment in time; rather it is a proclamation of a truth that endures for all time, available to us in the Eucharist.

INSIDE: HOLINESS IS IN THE NOW

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

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Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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God's gift to humankind of His Son is the explicit response of our Creator to our hunger. It is in Christ that all of the longings of the human heart are filled. We are brought into this relationship at our Baptism and invited ever deeper into relationship with the Word proclaimed, the Sacraments received and the community gathered who together become the Body of Christ. Our relationship with Jesus is meant to be dynamic, and requires each person's assent day by day, if it is to be a fulfilling one - just as in our human relationships.

Many of our brothers and sisters are starving - malnourished at an advanced level that extends beyond the need for food that perishes. When I look out the window of my office onto the Training Field, I see men and women hurrying along on their way to work. I see the same thing in the early morning when I am walking in the Navy Yard. And I wonder...what kind of a day they will have? Will their hunger be satisfied?

Fr. Ronan

*To learn more contact us at
617-242-4664 or check out our web site!*

stmarystcatherine.org



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:

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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**

VIGÉSIMO
PRIMER
DOMINGO
del Tiempo Ordinario

También hoy nos dirige Jesús a los cristianos la misma pregunta que hizo un día a sus discípulos: “Y vosotros, ¿quién decís que soy yo?”. No nos pregunta solo para que nos pronunciemos sobre su identidad misteriosa, sino también para que revisemos nuestra relación con él. ¿Qué le podemos responder desde nuestras comunidades?

¿Conocemos cada vez mejor a Jesús, o lo tenemos “encerrado en nuestros viejos esquemas aburridos” de siempre? ¿Somos comunidades vivas, interesadas en poner a Jesús en el centro de nuestra vida y de nuestras actividades, o vivimos estancados en la rutina y la mediocridad?

¿Amamos a Jesús con pasión o se ha convertido para nosotros en un personaje gastado al que seguimos invocando mientras en nuestro corazón va creciendo la indiferencia y el olvido? ¿Quienes se acercan a nuestras comunidades pueden sentir la fuerza y el atractivo que tiene

para nosotros?

¿No sentimos discípulos y discípulas de Jesús? ¿Estamos aprendiendo a vivir con su estilo de vida en medio de la sociedad actual, o nos dejamos arrastrar por cualquier reclamo más apetecible para nuestros intereses? ¿Nos da igual vivir de cualquier manera, o hemos hecho de nuestra comunidad una escuela para aprender a vivir como Jesús?

¿Estamos aprendiendo a mirar la vida como la miraba Jesús? ¿Miramos desde nuestras comunidades a los necesitados y excluidos con compasión y responsabilidad, o nos encerramos en nuestras celebraciones, indiferentes al sufrimiento de los más desvalidos y olvidados: los que fueron siempre los predilectos de Jesús?

¿Seguimos a Jesús colaborando con él en el proyecto humanizador del Padre, o seguimos pensando que lo más importante del cristianismo es preocuparnos exclusivamente de nuestra salvación? ¿Estamos convencidos de que el modo de seguir a Jesús es vivir cada día haciendo la vida más humana y más dichosa para todos?

¿Vivimos el domingo cristiano celebrando la resurrección de Jesús, u organizamos nuestro fin de semana vacío de todo sentido cristiano? ¿Hemos aprendido a encontrar a Jesús en el silencio del corazón, o sentimos que nuestra fe se va apagando ahogada por el ruido y el vacío que hay dentro de nosotros?

¿Creemos en Jesús resucitado que camina con nosotros lleno de vida? ¿Vivimos acogiendo en nuestras comunidades la paz que nos dejó en herencia a sus seguidores? ¿Creemos que Jesús nos ama con un amor que nunca acabará? ¿Creemos en su fuerza renovadora? ¿Sabemos ser testigos del misterio de esperanza que llevamos dentro de nosotros?



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22/23, 2020

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call,

acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

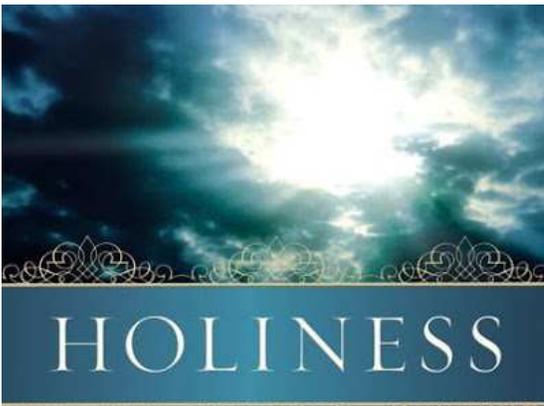


Like Peter in today's Gospel, (*21st Sunday in ordinary time*) we can find that when we open our

- eyes to see,
- our ears to hear and
- our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help the poor by helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Please remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church.



Holiness is in the now

The spiritual life is not something that is gotten for the wishing or assumed by affectation. The spiritual life takes discipline. It is something to be learned, to be internalized. It's not a set of daily exercises; it's a way of life, an attitude of mind, an orientation of soul. And it is gotten by being schooled until no rules are necessary.

Among the ancients there is a story told that confirms this insight to this day:

"What action shall I perform to attain God?" the disciple asked the elder.

"If you wish to attain God," the elder said, "there are two things you must know. The first is that all efforts to attain God are of no avail."

"And the second?" the disciple insisted.

"The second is that you must act as if you did not know the first," the elder said.

Clearly, great pursuers of the spiritual life know that that secret of the spiritual life is to live it until it becomes real.

The difference between St. Benedict and other spiritual masters of his time lies in the fact that Benedict believed that the spiritual life was not an exercise in spiritual gymnastics. It was to be "nothing harsh or burdensome." And it was not a private process. It was to be done in community with others. It was to be a "school" dedicated to "the good of all concerned." It was to be lived with "patience."

The private preserves of the spiritual life are far from dead, however. It is so much easier to go to daily Mass and feel good about it than it is to serve a meal at a soup kitchen. It is so much more comfortable to say bedtime prayers than it is to speak peace in a warring world. It is so much more satisfying to contribute to the building of a new church than it is to advocate fair trade over free trade. It is so much more heroic to fast than it is to be patient with a noisy neighbor. It is so much easier to give the handshake of peace to an acquaintance in church than it is to speak gently in the family. And yet one without the other is surely fraud if life with God in community is truly the essence of real spiritual growth.

The messages of the Prologue of the Rule of Benedict are clear: life is very short. To get the most out of it, we must begin to attend to its spiritual dimensions without which life is only half lived. Holiness is in the now, but we go through life only half conscious of it, asleep or intent on being some place other than where we are now. We need to open our eyes and see things as they exist around us: what is valuable and what is not, what is of God and what is not.

God is calling us to more than the material level of life and God is waiting to bring us to it. All we have to do is to live well with others and live totally in God. All we have to do is to learn to listen to the voice of God in life. And we have to do it heart, soul, and body. The spiritual life demands all of us.

— from [The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century](#) (Crossroad) by Joan Chittister

This is OUR CHURCH

When you support the Catholic Appeal you support us.



Due to the shutdown of Churches for COVID-19, parishes were unable to launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal this past March with an in-pew presentation. However, as the work of our Church has continued amidst the pandemic, the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal are in need now more than ever. These ministries not only help our parish, but they help the greater community. Please consider making your gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal in one of the following ways:

If you receive a letter or email, use the return envelope or donations options

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online

Every gift is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation 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



Stewardship of Prayer for Kids

One of the biggest questions parents have right now is what kind of routine their children will have as they contemplate a new school year during COVID-19. One thing is for sure, however, autumn brings back a routine, a sense of order and a discipline that summer lacks. Christian stewards can take advantage of this “new routine” to integrate prayer more deeply into their children’s lives. As August begins, it is natural to begin thinking about scaling back the bedtime hour and wringing the most out of the last weeks of freedom before autumn, however we determine what the beginning of the school year will look like. Make a plan now to take advantage of this “new” school year and incorporate aspects of prayer and a heightened awareness of God into your children’s new schedule. For example, evaluate your morning routine. That short morning “journey” can be a great time for a shared morning prayer. Even a walk together can be a time to pause and ask God to bless our day. Perhaps your summer of eating sporadically will be replaced by more established mealtimes. Take advantage of these moments you have with your children to begin a new blessing at the evening meal. Along with thanksgiving for the food, each member of the family could relate one person for whom they were particularly grateful during the day. Maybe there was a particular event that occurred during the day for which your children were thankful. At bedtime, each child could be called upon to recall with a parent the best part of that child’s day, and also what was the most challenging part of the day. Then, reflect briefly on how God was present through those events. Not only is this a beautiful way to help your child be conscious of the presence of God, it’s a great way to learn more about your child’s experiences. By allowing the stewardship of your own prayer life to unfold for your children, you reveal to them that a sense of prayerfulness permeates your day, that life has more meaning and purpose when reflected upon, and that the habit of prayer, ingrained in a schedule, can be a habit retained for a lifetime.

Icsc bulletin, Aug. 2020



Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, Feast Day August 27

(AD 331–387) She was an early Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in most Christian denominations for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, St. Augustine, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

She was married early in life to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Tagaste. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent when the boy recovered.

But Monica's joy and relief at Augustine's recovery turned to anxiety as he misspent his renewed life being wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was finally sent to school at Madauros. He was 17 and studying rhetoric in Carthage when Patricius died.

Augustine had become a Manichean at Carthage; when upon his return home he shared his views regarding Manichaeism, Monica drove him away from her table. However, she is said to have experienced a vision that convinced her to reconcile with him.

At this time she visited a certain (unnamed) holy bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, where he had gone secretly; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing

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 \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

MASS SCHEDULE

**10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS ON
WEBSITE OR
FACEBOOK LIVE**

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

**SUNDAY 08/23
10:30 AM + MARION BURR
+ SHIRLEY DUBE
+ CATHERINE & DANIEL
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6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

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

**MONDAY 08/24
8:00 AM + ELEANOR EMERY**

**TUESDAY 08/25
8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - 08/26
8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 08/27
8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 08/28
8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 08/29
9:00 AM**

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

ATTENDENCE 8/16

10:30 am 64
6:00 PM 20

Total 84

*"Preach the
Gospel at all times
When necessary use words"*

St. Francis of Assisi



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



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Dan Dortona & Tiffany Domaso



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

William Joseph Briggs, Sr.



Weekend of 08/16/2020

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**Thank you for your
continued support**

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 website for events and resources. You may also register on line at: stmarystcatherine.org