

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 30, 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.

EXPECT A BLESSING



Most of us confess that we are not ready for summertime to pass and I, for one, feel offended that the trees in the Training Field outside of the office have already begun shedding their leaves!

But as the passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us all: "There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens" (3:1). The movement of the seasons, each flowing one into another, without anyone of us understanding the mystery and beauty of it all is both humbling and awesome; for it is God who sets the appointed time,

even though many of us often resist that truth. We prefer to think that we are in control.

So how can we face change as a blessing rather than a burden?

I have come to believe that our God is a God who turns all things to good, and the more we expect to be surprised by God's gracious love, the more it happens, even in difficult times. When *we turn the page*, sometimes reluctantly, and find the next *page* offers something unfamiliar, unappealing, even painful, that is the exact moment to trust God and to look with anticipation for the blessing God has packed into this new "page." Our openness to the challenge results in it becoming fruitful in countless ways.

Isn't it possible that our Creator God has so constructed our lives that the constancy of *change* is exactly meant to be an ongoing invitation for us to look toward God and trust that a blessing will come out of whatever difficulty we are facing? In all this we call to mind the words of Scripture, *Nothing is impossible with God*. Actually I have come to prefer turning that phrase around, *Everything is possible*

INSIDE: RCIA

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

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Dianne Ludy

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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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for God.

Come September I no longer have to go back to school and all that, yet I still feel a resistance to letting go of the summer season. To savor its beauty and all the loveliness of this time of year is a good preparation for the next movement of God's work – the autumn. Seeing God's hand in all of life can help us to let go and appreciate all of God's marvelous work. Further we can see that God is also working in each of us, as we face the unfolding of own seasons of life.

So, letting go of summer as a metaphor for life can help us to learn to trust a bit more in God's wonderful plan for us and all that surrounds us in this special time of year. Truth to tell, autumn seasons can hold blessings for all of us!

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:

ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org.

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
SEGUNDO
DOMINGO
del Tiempo Ordinario

El dicho está recogido en todos los evangelios y se repite hasta seis veces: “Si uno quiere salvar su vida, la perderá, pero el que la pierde por mí, la encontrará”. Jesús no está hablando de un tema religioso. Está planteando a sus discípulos cuál es el verdadero valor de la vida.

El dicho está expresado de manera paradójica y provocativa. Hay dos maneras muy diferentes de orientar la vida: una conduce a la salvación, la otra a la perdición. Jesús invita a todos a seguir el camino que parece más duro y menos atractivo, pues conduce al ser humano a la salvación definitiva.

El primer camino consiste en aferrarse a la vida viviendo exclusivamente para uno mismo: hacer del propio “yo” la razón última y el objetivo supremo de la existencia. Este modo de vivir, buscando siempre la propia ganancia o ventaja, conduce al ser humano a la perdición.

El segundo camino consiste en saber perder, viviendo como Jesús, abiertos al objetivo último del proyecto humanizador del Padre: saber renunciar a la propia seguridad o ganancia, buscando no solo el propio bien sino también el bien de los demás. Este modo generoso de vivir conduce al ser humano a su salvación.

Jesús está hablando desde su fe en un Dios Salvador, pero sus palabras son una grave advertencia para todos. ¿Qué futuro le espera a una Humanidad dividida y fragmentada, donde los poderes económicos buscan su propio beneficio; los países, su propio bienestar; los individuos, su propio interés?

La lógica que dirige en estos momentos la marcha del mundo es irracional. Los pueblos y los individuos estamos cayendo poco a poco en la esclavitud del “tener siempre más”. Todo es poco para sentirnos satisfechos. Para vivir bien, necesitamos siempre más productividad, más consumo, más bienestar material, más poder sobre los demás.

Buscamos insaciablemente bienestar, pero ¿no nos estamos deshumanizando siempre un poco más? Queremos “progresar” cada vez más, pero, ¿qué progreso es este que nos lleva a abandonar a millones de seres humano en la miseria, el hambre y la desnutrición? ¿Cuántos años podremos disfrutar de nuestro bienestar, cerrando nuestras fronteras a los hambrientos?

Si los países privilegiados solo buscamos “salvar” nuestro nivel de bienestar, si no queremos perder nuestro potencial económico, jamás daremos pasos hacia una solidaridad a nivel mundial. Pero no nos engañemos. El mundo será cada vez más inseguro y más inhabitable para todos, también para nosotros. Para salvar la vida humana en el mundo, hemos de aprender a perder.



Twenty-Second Sunday

Ordinary Time - August 29/30, 2020

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we

bear in order to reveal God's glory? - ICSC bulletin

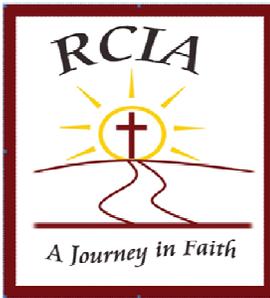


Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by

Assisting 2 families, with rental assistance and 2 families with beds.

Thankyou



Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?
Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?)
Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey. Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them!

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of virtual discussions and prayer time. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND at (617) 242 -4664 or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org. for more information.

Eliot Family Resource Center

Back to School Event!!!

Open to families from Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere and other nearby communities



Backpack, headphones, crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks, and more!

Children under 18 registered to attend grades K- 12

Max two (2) children per family, **Registration is required!**

El evento es para niños menores de 18 años registrados en la escuela para atender grados K- 12.

Registración es MANDATORIA!

To register please click on link below and enter information. For additional information please call us at

781.581.4750 or email us FRC@EliotchS.org

Funding for this event has been provided by The Berlin Family Foundation



September 10th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Backpacks are going to be pre bagged, and must be picked up during event.

Las maletas escolares van a estar listas para recoger el día del evento.

As mochilas serão pré-embaladas, devendo ser retiradas durante o evento.

Sakado yo pral pre anbalaj, yo dwe ranmase pandan evènman an.

Limited spots available!!!

Catholic Schools are Safely Opening with In-Person Instruction

54 elementary schools and 8 high schools are opening for live instruction five days per week. Learn more about these schools and others at:

<https://schoolswithliveinstruction.org>

Homeschooling Bulletin Announcement

If you're interested in learning more about homeschooling options for this fall, then visit here or contact RCAB Homeschooling Liaison and Spiritual Director, Fr. Ed Riley at 617-746-5425 or rev.edward.riley@sjs.edu

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Sean

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Sean will be held on November 1st at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, & 50th anniversaries are invited to attend in person or virtually.

To register go to; <https://conta.cc/3dVM6ZR> and for more info contact Emily Elliott at EElliott@RCAB.org

Even if you
don't make
a sound, God
still hears.

PRAYER by James Martin, SJ

Trust that God is with you. God desires to be with you, so God will help you as you move closer to God.

Recognize that no type of prayer is better than any other. Whatever works for you is best.

Pay attention to what happens in prayer. Prayer is a one-on-one conversation with God, so when you feel that God is offering you intellectual insights, gifting you with emotional responses, reminding you of healing memories, stirring desires within you, or even just helping you to feel more at peace – pay

attention.

WAYS OF PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Take a passage from scripture. Enter into the scene, to “compose the place.” Your starting points are the five senses: What do I see? What do I hear? What do I smell? What do I taste? What do I feel?

LECTIO DIVINA (SACRED READING) OR MEDITATION

Take a passage from scripture.

Lectio:	What does the text say?
Meditation:	What is God saying to me through the text?
Prayer:	What do I want to say to God about the text?
Action:	What difference will the text make in my life?

More in depth descriptions of these two methods of prayer may be found in Fr. Martin's book, *Together on Retreat: Meeting Jesus in Prayer*.



"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament." (- from the writings of St. Augustine, Sermon 3, 2; circa A.D. 410)



Heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported our Parish Food Pantry either with food donations and/or monetary contributions. Because of you, we have been able to provide a variety of healthy food options to over 500 families (a 100% increase in those who frequented the pantry this time last year). And thank you to all who participated in the on-line auction. It was a great success!

To the volunteers who make the food distributions run smoothly, thank you as well. Your thoughtful concern and dedication in assisting in this important ministry is truly a blessing to all those who

come to the pantry.



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**SUNDAY 08/30
10:30 AM + BOB, KAY, MARK &
ETHAN HICKEY
+ PATSY YUEL
6:00 PM + EMMA MAHONEY**

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

**MONDAY 08/31
8:00 AM EDGAR JAVIER -HEALING**

**TUESDAY 09/01
8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - 09/02
8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 09/03
8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 09/04
8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 09/05
9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY 09/06
10:30 AM
6:00 PM + BAOTRAN DOAN**

ATTENDENCE 8/23

10:30 am 82
6:00 PM 11

Total 93

*"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*

Veronica C. Smith



**Weekend of
08/23/2020**

**\$4,139.55
To the Weekly Collection**

***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: stmaryscatherine.org