



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://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.*

September 20, 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.

## IT IS A VISION THING



There is an old saying that has always intrigued me: "Tell me where you stand and I'll tell you what you see". I like the saying very much because it helps me realize how my "vision" is limited in so many ways by my experiences, which are themselves finite. For me, this statement has many applications. For example,

most of us choose friends and colleagues who are like ourselves. We may read the same news reports, listen to the same news shows, belong to the same church community, support the same sports teams, and live in similar neighborhoods. In many ways, our "vision" may be similar.

Today, we are all "standing" in the middle of a different and very unfamiliar place. Because of COVID, we are all looking out at the world differently than 6 months ago. Everyone, without exception, has been affected. One of the things we do not see clearly is an end to the pandemic and a return to what we considered normal from several months past.

Every day, when the weather permits, I walk from our house in Hayes Square out around the Harborwalk, and across Chelsea St. to Saint Mary's Church and Parish Center. The walk usually takes around 20 minutes. That is now changed. I need at least 30 – 35 minutes for the walk. You could conclude that I am simply walking slower and that applies to Lily, too. Maybe.... However, the real reason is the folks we meet along the way (many with their dogs) and I desire to pause and chat a bit.

Social distancing and isolation along with working remotely and all the rest have caused a thirst for human connectedness. People are happy to stop their walking and share a few words whether for the first time or checking-in from last we met. It is wonderful; and it is making me late for Mass!

COVID is causing us to all appreciate one another and relationships we have taken for granted become more special. "Where I stand ..." is more aware of my mortality and the precious gift of life and time. "Where I stand ..." is humbly grateful for now having so many items we always took for granted (like toilet

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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 [stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/](http://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

### Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

### Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

### Director of Music

Matthew Arnold

### Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

*Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmaryscatherine.org")*

### 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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[stmaryscatherine.org](http://stmaryscatherine.org)  
and  
[facebook.com/  
stmaryscatherine](https://facebook.com/stmaryscatherine)

paper). "Where I stand ..." is frustrated that I have no control over what happens tomorrow and angry that our government is so divided and unresponsive to the poor.

You and I stand in Charlestown (for the most part) and our vision is blurred in these days. This blurry vision causes me to look where I can see more clearly, to focus on that which offers me hope and a path forward: my faith. I firmly believe God is more present than ever in these moments, awaiting our gaze so that we can recognize what truly matters and is life giving. It is and always will be the beautiful sweet mystery of love. See it, seek it, nurture it, cherish it, celebrate it and recall that where love is, there is God.

Fr. Ronan



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time September 19/20, 2020

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

## 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 QUINTO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

A lo largo de su trayectoria profética, Jesús insistió una y otra vez en comunicar su experiencia de Dios como “un misterio de bondad insondable” que rompe todos nuestros cálculos. Su mensaje es tan revolucionario que, después de veinte siglos, hay todavía cristianos que no se atreven a tomarlo en serio.

Para contagiar a todos su experiencia de ese Dios Bueno, Jesús compara su actuación a la conducta sorprendente del señor de una viña. Hasta cinco veces sale él mismo en persona a contratar jornaleros para su viña. No parece preocuparle mucho su rendimiento en el trabajo. Lo que quiere es que ningún jornalero se quede un día más sin trabajo.

Por eso mismo, al final de la jornada, no les paga ajustándose al trabajo realizado por cada grupo. Aunque su trabajo ha sido muy desigual, a todos les da “un denario”: sencillamente, lo que necesitaba cada día una familia campesina de Galilea para poder vivir.

Cuando el portavoz del primer grupo protesta porque ha tratado a los últimos igual que a ellos, que han trabajado más que nadie, el señor de la viña le responde con estas palabras admirables: “¿Vas a tener envidia porque yo soy bueno?”. ¿Me vas a impedir con tus cálculos mezquinos ser bueno con quienes necesitan su pan para cenar?

¿Qué está sugiriendo Jesús? ¿Es que Dios no actúa con los criterios de justicia e igualdad que nosotros manejamos? ¿Será verdad que Dios, más que estar midiendo los méritos de las personas como lo haríamos nosotros, busca siempre responder desde su Bondad insondable a nuestra necesidad radical de salvación?

Confieso que siento una pena inmensa cuando me encuentro con personas buenas que se imaginan a Dios dedicado a anotar cuidadosamente los pecados y los méritos de los humanos, para retribuir un día exactamente a cada uno según su merecido. ¿Es posible imaginar un ser más inhumano que alguien entregado a esto desde toda la eternidad?

Crear en un Dios, Amigo incondicional, puede ser la experiencia más liberadora que se pueda imaginar, la fuerza más vigorosa para vivir y para morir. Por el contrario, vivir ante un Dios justiciero y amenazador puede convertirse en la neurosis más peligrosa y destructora de la persona.

Hemos de aprender a no confundir a Dios con nuestros esquemas estrechos y mezquinos. No hemos de desvirtuar su Bondad insondable mezclando los rasgos auténticos que provienen de Jesús con trazos de un Dios justiciero tomados del Antiguo Testamento. Ante el Dios Bueno revelado en Jesús, lo único que cabe es la confianza.



### Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections

[nationalrecoverymonth.org](http://nationalrecoverymonth.org)



### September is National Recovery Month

**(Recovery Month)** increases awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders and encourages individuals in need of treatment and recovery services to seek help. Recovery Month celebrates individuals living their lives in recovery and recognizes the dedicated workers who provide the prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that make it possible. This

year's Recovery Month theme, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections,” embraces the adversity experienced in 2020. When we celebrate our connections to the diversity of people from all walks of life striving for recovery, we find support and courage to speak up for inclusion, respect, and opportunity.

For more information, check out the web site at [nationalrecoverymonth.org](http://nationalrecoverymonth.org).

*You Are Invited!*

*Annual Recovery Month Mass*

*September 27, 2020*

*Please join us in prayer for all those struggling with addiction, those in recovery,  
and all of their loved ones.*

*5:45 Lighting of Candles for those for whom you wish to pray*

*6:00 pm Mass*

Celebrating the simple depths of  
**baptism**



*March 13, 2020*

*Welcome our newest members!*



**Theodore jack Albanese**



**Ada Georgia Ballas**



**Grace Madeline Forlizzi**



**Malaya Brielle Jean-Louis**



**Liam James Pierce**



SCAN HERE TO GIVE

This week's special collection supports the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT) which cares for the health and well-being of our active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities, or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. By supporting the special collection this weekend, you are helping to ensure that our priests receive the care they need to continue their important work. To make your gift now, visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) or scan the QR code above to give with Venmo, Apple/Google Pay, and PayPal via Givebutler.

**AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,  
PLEASE BE OUR GUEST AND LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE LIFE-CHANGING WORK OF OUR  
PRIESTS AT  
THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
OF THE PRIESTHOOD  
VIRTUAL GALA ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM.  
REGISTER FOR FREE AT [2020COP.ORG](http://2020COP.ORG)**



**40 Days for Life**  
40 Days for Life is a grassroots campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion. Over 17,226 babies have been confirmed saved since 2007 by people offering help to women in crisis pregnancies. From September 23 to November 1, the Boston campaign will be keeping vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., from 7 am to 7 pm daily. Sign up to participate at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or contact Rita Russo at [40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com) or 781-762-4391. It has never been more important to be a witness for life.

**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](mailto:EElliott@RCAB.org)



II Patrick Collins & Hannah Rooney

**Banns Of Marriage**  




II Tim Berendt & Kim Ferraro

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY 09/19**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + WILLIAM & CATHERINE  
POTTER**

**SUNDAY 09/20**

**8:00 AM + PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**10:30 AM + KELIANN BURTON-  
KAREBELLO**

**6:00 PM**

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

**MONDAY 09/21**

**8:00 AM + JOSEPH MARI, TRANQUIL-  
LINO, MINNIE, VINCENT  
CITRO, AND FABIO LAUDADIO**

**TUESDAY 09/22**

**8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - 09/23**

**8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 09/24**

**8:00 AM + ELEANOR EMERY**

**FRIDAY 09/25**

**8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 09/26**

**9:00 AM + KATHY DEVLIN, JOHN  
DEVLIN, MARY DEVLIN &  
MICHAEL DEVLIN**

**SUNDAY 09/27**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**6:00 PM RECOVERY MASS**

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

**[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)**



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

**Thank you.**



## **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](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org).



**SATURDAYS AT 3:15 PM**

**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

By calling the Parish Office at  
617-242-4664

**From the USSCB Web site**

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020**. The 2020 theme is - I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for:**

***John W.  
McNamara***

**Parish Giving**

**Weekend of  
09/13/2020**

\$6,170.10

To the Weekly Collection

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

**ATTENDANCE 9/12 & 9/13**

**4:00 pm 40**

**8:00 am 28**

**10:30 am 63**

**6:00 PM 16**

**Total 147**



***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](http://stmarystcatherine.org)*