

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.

October 25, 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.

FOR WHATEVER YOU WANT



Throughout my years of ministry, in places near and far, always I come to a place of amazement when persons in trouble, grieving, in need, and broken in spirit find consolation in hearing the 23rd Psalm. For thousands of years this has been true, even to this very time. The imagery is antiquated, the meaning ever-new.

The great Jewish King David, author of many of the Psalms

and the author of Psalm 23, was once a shepherd boy. In this Psalm, he places the image of the shepherd at the center of his prayer and casts God in the role of Shepherd: *"The Lord is my Shepherd."* The opening line is so familiar that when I quoted it at Sunday Masses, the congregation quickly recited the subsequent line using the most popular translation: *"There is nothing I shall want."*

The Psalm continues on with the image of each of us as a sheep and God as our Shepherd. David, in a most profound and simple way, outlines a complete set of circumstances that address our human journey and needs. Our physical needs are well cared for: *"green pastures and still waters."* Our very beings are refreshed and restored, and our direction in the journey made right: *"He restores my soul. He guides me along right paths."*

Even in dangerous times, we are freed from fear because of the presence of the watchful, able Shepherd: *"Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for You are with me."* Accompanied by The Shepherd, the journey holds amazing promise of blessings and even reconciliation with foes: *"You set a table—perhaps even for my enemies to join me and my cup overflows."*

David concludes this prayer with an absolute profession in his belief in God's loving care for him—and for us as we pray, *"Indeed goodness and mercy surround me all the days of my life—and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."* The simplicity of Psalm 23 almost obscures how very sublime it is. The prayer speaks

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 3:15 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

Katy Fleming

Director of Music

Matthew Arnold

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

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

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Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Brendon Sullivan

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

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stmarystcatherine](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystcatherine)

to the depths of the human heart.

While the popularity of the Psalm is widespread, it seems that the actual appropriation of the Psalm is very limited. By that I mean so many of us are fraught with the challenges of everyday life and have a sense of the heaviness of living. The worries and the stress, the long hours of work and planning, the saving and earning, the struggle to be healthy and finally to find happiness are part of the life of us all. Some of the younger members of the community feel this more intensely than others, for no one is exempt from the challenges of life.

So how can it be that we profess, "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want," *but are not able to hold on to this reality in the midst of our struggles?* Where is the disconnect?

It seems our faith and our prayers are put aside when we step into the reality of our life. And yet it is precisely there in the come-day go-day movement of our lives that our faith is most needed. If, in those difficult moments, we embrace and internalize the actual meaning of the psalm, then we will truly feel and comprehend what it means to have the Lord as my Shepherd and to want for nothing. And we will understand why Psalm 23 has been loved and prayed for so many centuries.

Fr. Ronan

Dear Friends,

I am away on retreat and will be back later in the month.

As always, I will be holding you all in prayer.

May God bless you all,

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

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

**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**

XXX Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

La religión cristiana les resulta a no pocos un sistema religioso difícil de entender y, sobre todo, un entramado de leyes demasiado complicado para vivir correctamente ante Dios. ¿No necesitamos los cristianos concentrar mucho más nuestra atención en cuidar antes que nada lo esencial de la experiencia cristiana?

Los evangelios han recogido la respuesta de Jesús a un sector de fariseos que le preguntan cuál es el mandamiento principal de la Ley. Así resume Jesús lo esencial: lo primero es “amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todo tu ser”; lo segundo es “amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”.

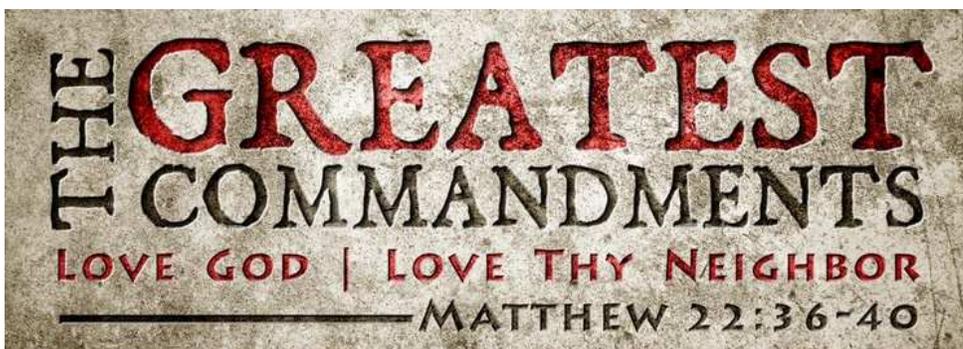
La afirmación de Jesús es clara. El amor es todo. Lo decisivo en la vida es amar. Ahí está el fundamento de todo. Lo primero es vivir ante Dios y ante los demás en una actitud de amor. No hemos de perdernos en cosas accidentales y secundarias, olvidando lo esencial. Del amor arranca todo lo demás. Sin amor todo queda pervertido.

Al hablar del amor a Dios, Jesús no está pensando en los sentimientos o emociones que pueden brotar de nuestro corazón; tampoco nos está invitando a multiplicar nuestros rezos y oraciones. Amar al Señor, nuestro Dios, con todo el corazón es reconocer a Dios como Fuente última de nuestra existencia, despertar en nosotros una adhesión total a su voluntad, y responder con fe incondicional a su amor universal de Padre de todos.

Por eso añade Jesús un segundo mandamiento. No es posible amar a Dios y vivir de espaldas a sus hijos e hijas. Una religión que predica el amor a Dios y se olvida de los que sufren es una gran mentira. La única postura realmente humana ante cualquier persona que encontramos en nuestro camino es amarla y buscar su bien como quisiéramos para nosotros mismos.

Todo este lenguaje puede parecer demasiado viejo, demasiado gastado y poco eficaz. Sin embargo, también hoy el primer problema en el mundo es la falta de amor, que va deshumanizando, uno tras otro, los esfuerzos y las luchas por construir una convivencia más humana.

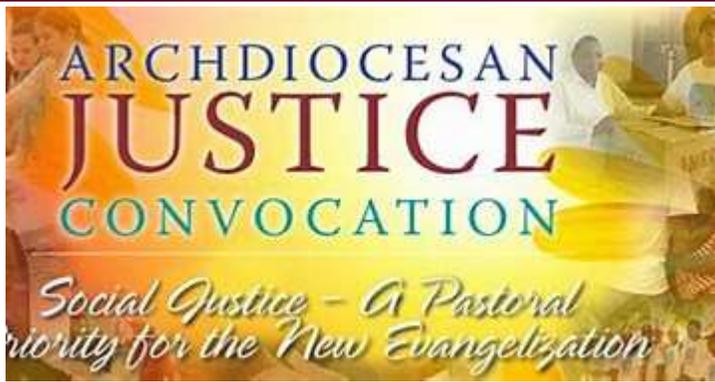
Hace unos años, el pensador francés, Jean Onimus escribía así: “El cristianismo está todavía en sus comienzos; nos lleva trabajando solo dos mil años. La masa es pesada y se necesitarán siglos de maduración antes de que la caridad la haga fermentar”. Los seguidores de Jesús no hemos de olvidar nuestra responsabilidad. El mundo necesita testigos vivos que ayuden a las futuras generaciones a creer en el amor pues no hay un futuro esperanzador para el ser humano si termina por perder la fe en el amor.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24/25, 2020

There is one command that summarizes this weekend's Gospel: to love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One

naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don't like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. How might we follow Christ's love command more fervently?



REGISTER NOW! (Registration Required)

12th Annual Social Justice Convocation

Virtual Event

November 7, 2020 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

RACIAL JUSTICE – WHAT CAN WE DO?

The time to act is NOW. But what can we do? Join us to celebrate the Eucharist, listen and learn from two Keynote Speakers, find out about resources to enable effective change, and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling you to be

and to do. More detailed information and resources can be found on the website: www.bostoncatholic.org/socialjustice Convocation Program Highlights:

10:00am Holy Mass concelebrated by Cardinal Seán O’Malley (Homilist) and Rev. Oscar Pratt, Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel, Roxbury

10:50am Welcome, Objectives and Overview

11:00am 1st Keynote Speaker, Rev. Oscar Pratt, Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Dorchester, “Are you aware?”

11:30am 2nd Keynote Speaker, Prof. Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Professor of Theology, Fordham University, “Are you committed?”

12:00pm Update on Social Justice Ministry, Preview of Planned Events for 2021, Resources for Parishes, Commitment Cards (I am aware of..... I am committed to.....)

12:25pm Closing Prayer

To Register - For questions, contact us at: socialjustice@rcab.org or (617) 746-5730



**St. Joseph
Spiritual
Ministries**

71 Walnut Park
Newton, MA 02458

A Morning of Prayer

Presenter: Kathryn O’Connell Cleary

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

9:45 AM to 12 Noon

Via ZOOM

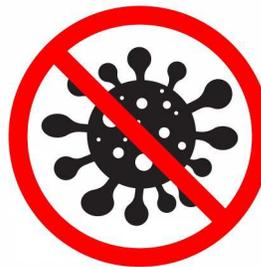
Please be sure to give us your email address so we can send you the prayer materials and link to join in. “Our hearts are set upon the pilgrimage...” we pray in Psalm 84. During our morning of prayer, we will reflect upon the theme of pilgrimage, in light of this time in our world, across our country, and within the unique pilgrimage of each of our lives, trusting that we are companioned on the journey.

Free or Free Will Donation.

To register, call 781-227-4730

or e-mail spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org.

Kathryn O’Connell Cleary holds a master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College. She worked in parish ministry for 20 years, in the role of pastoral associate and director of liturgy and music. In 1992, Kathryn began to offer directed and guided retreats and days of prayer at area retreat centers, as well as offering spiritual direction. She is married, the mother of three grown children, and a grandmother of six.



**CORONA VIRUS
UPDATE
FOR RED ZONES
FOR INSIDE MASSES**

Along with wearing masks and maintaining social distancing of at least 6 feet, **Additional Protocols** for Inside Masses for Parishes in the **Red Zones** have been added by the archdiocese.

They are the following:

Temperatures of all people must be taken before they enter the church. Anyone with a temperature of greater than 100.4 Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) should not be admitted.

Strict lists must be kept of all people attending the Mass.

This is all being done for the safety of all people attending Masses. We thank you for your help and cooperation.



October 31 "All Hallows Eve"

Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

In the annual rhythm of the Church's life of prayer and worship, the Solemnity of All Saints (Sunday, November 1) actually begins with Evening Prayer I in the Liturgy of the Hours on Saturday, October 31. We rejoice in those who celebrate the heavenly banquet with Jesus Christ and we recall the Church's rich tradition of faith-filled stewards. Keep "All Hallows Eve" from becoming "hollow" by celebrating the Christian connection to Halloween and the positive messages that stem from the holiday for the benefit of ourselves and the spiritual formation of our children. Celebrate Saturday, October 31, as a Catholic heritage of faith.

RCIA



- ◆ 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@stmarystcatherine.org for more information.

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL – Grades 7-12

◆ VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Learn more about our world-class, independent Jesuit, Catholic preparatory school for young men during our online Open House on Sunday, November 8. We offer students the opportunity to grow in mind, body and spirit through rigorous academics, broad athletic offerings, extensive co-curriculars, and retreats and service work that deepen their faith. Go to www.bchigh.edu or contact to Fr. Nolan directly with enrollment questions @ pnolansj@bchigh.edu or 617-474-5067.

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Newly Baptized - Henry Callum Reed

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 10/24

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + ELEANOR EMERY

SUNDAY 10/25

8:00 AM

**10:30 + JANE STOCKMAN
CUCHURAL**

6:00 PM

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

MONDAY 10/26—HOLIDAY

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 10/27

8:00 AM + SHAWN J. GRADY

WEDNESDAY - 10/28

8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 10/29

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 10/30

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 10/31

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + ELEANOR EMERY

SUNDAY 11/01 ALL SAINTS DAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

*Eugene
Sullivan*

And

*William Henry
Fitzgibbons III*



**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.

Dear Marian Friends,

On Saturdays, we gather for
our Saturday Rosary via Zoom. Sign
on is at 8AM, and we will begin pray-
ing at 8:15AM.

If you are interested, please
email Donna at

donna.lecam@gmail.com or the Zoom
information.

All are most welcome.



**A quiet force for
good**

The Society of St. Vin-
cent de Paul has been an
active supporter of the greatest in need.
Vincentians respond to a variety of issues
in Charlestown every week. Some people
need help with rent, utilities, and furni-
ture. Society members engage in home
visits to listen to their stories, determine
their living situation, and assist in what-
ever way they can. If you would like to
offer your support to bolster the member-
ship of St. Vincent de Paul, please call
(617) 242-4664.



Women's Group

The women's group is held every other
Wednesday evening at 6:30 via Zoom!
If you are interested in joining the
Women's Group, please contact Sr.
Nancy at 617.242.4664 or via email at
ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org.



SATURDAYS AT 3:15 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

By calling the Parish Office at
617-242-4664



Weekend of 10/25/2020

\$4,230.55

To the Weekly Collection

And

\$185.00 to

Propagation of the Faith

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

ATTENDENCE 10/18

4:00 pm 29

8:00 am 16

10:30 am 78

6:00 PM 32

Total 155



Welcome

*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-
rine of Siena Parish, please visit our web-
site for events and resources. You may
also register on line at:
stmarystcatherine.org*