

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.

November 1, 2020

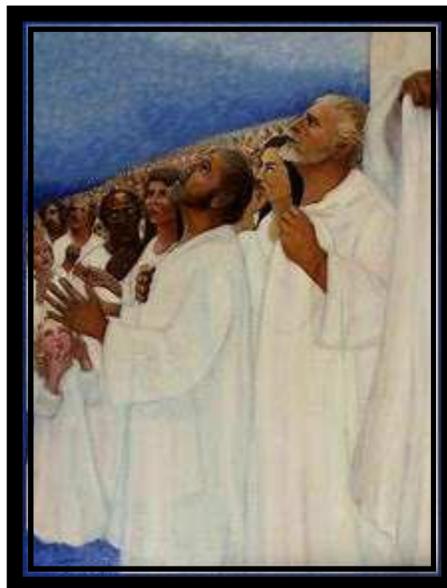
Welcome!

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.

WHEN THEY COME MARCHING IN ...



As a child, my image of a saint was always someone who seemed very remote from my world. As I grew older and could learn more about the men and women who have been proclaimed saints in our Church, my understanding of them grew as I read their stories, often heroic and sometimes wonderfully simple. I guess I was surprised to realize that, while there are many “great” saints about whom much is known by many (like St. Francis of Assisi and Saint Theresa of Lisieux), there are also a number of great men and women declared saints, about whom less is known and even then, only by a few.

Our Church teaches that we are all called to sainthood – this is our destiny. And I

think many of us know firsthand, people whom we consider saints. By “saint” I mean someone who has died and is now with God in Heaven. Furthermore, as a parish priest and one who has been privileged also to serve as a missionary, I am certain that I have known many living saints. They are not officially recognized by the Catholic Church and never will be, and they are not renowned. Yet their lives are powerful examples of selfless love and service, and their witness to the Gospel of Jesus is enduring.

One of the places where I most often hear about saints is walking with families at the time of the death of a loved one. Sometimes the family is ready to speak with us and tell us the story of their loved one's life. So often these stories are, at the least, amazing. I recall, for example, shortly after I was ordained a priest, meeting a large family who had two elderly maiden aunts and one of them had died. I sat with the family in their simple home and as they gathered around, the stories came out. It seems these two sisters, who worked long hours at a local factory, made all of their nieces and nephews the center of their lives. Their generosity and love, poured out selflessly on each child during all of the

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS DAY TODAY

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

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various moments of their lives, left a huge imprint of love and goodness. I knew when I was celebrating that funeral Mass, I was praying for a woman who is doubtlessly a saint.

And now many years later, I realize that I am privileged to see and hear about saints everyday – here in Charlestown. They are parents of children, they are grown children of aged parents, they are spouses and aunts, uncles and relatives of folks in extraordinary need and they are amazing friends whose love is pure and selfless. The evidence of sainthood is all around us, yes in parish communities, in neighborhoods and agencies, in hospitals and schools and behind the doors of houses up and down the streets of our town. In my full experience, there is goodness, sacrifice, love and hope in all these places.

That which makes news in our world is much more often the bad rather than the good. I think that is not an accident! Satan is very happy spreading bad news about unhappy, sick and ruthless violent persons and not so content about telling of people whose lives are defined by their faith and their love of God and others. I have grown increasingly skeptical of the loud noise of the media, for my experiences do not concur with the negativity and prominence of selfishness portrayed. While I do not deny its existence, I know that those who strive for lives of faithfulness and love overwhelmingly exceed those who have lost their way. And I firmly believe that love is stronger than hate, and that the darkness will never extinguish the Light.

On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY. This is the day that honors all the saints we know and those we do not know, who quietly live the challenges of their lives, one day at a time, with dignity, faithfulness and grace. It is the day that helps us recall the promise of our own destiny – sainthood. This is a destiny that might seem impossible on some of our days, but the saint realizes that “everything is possible with God”, and by the grace of God, even you and I can work towards fulfilling our destiny – sainthood!

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

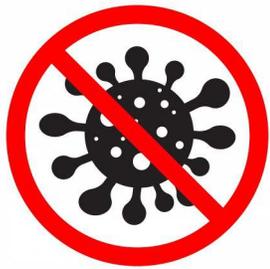
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617-242-4664 or check out our web site!*

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**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**



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THE RED ZONES

In the interest of safety for all who attend any type of service in a Red Zone Parish, the Archdiocese of Boston has issued additional directives.

They are the following:

Take the temperatures of staff, volunteers, and attendees before they enter the church. Anyone under a reading of 100.4F (38C) may enter.

Names and phone numbers of all are taken for the purpose of contact tracing should an outbreak of the virus be reported.

Directives for face coverings of nose and mouth, 6ft social distancing, and sanitizing of hands remain in effect. We truly appreciate your cooperation.



Recently Baptized, Evelyn Mary Bennett

Religious Education News and Updates:

Below is a synopsis of what the students learned on their call, and general info to complete for the month before their next meeting.

Kindergarten: God created the world - the students worked on a book going over the 7 days of the Creation Story. They will continue to learn about God this month, completing the "God made all things", "God gives us light", "God gives us water" and "God gives us land" activities at home.

First Grade: The first graders learned that God is in the Trinity in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This month at home they should practice the Sign of the Cross, and complete the "We Believe in One God" activity, chapter 1 and chapter 2 in the textbooks.

Second Grade: The second graders reviewed the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers, and we talked about how we are BLESSED to receive our second and third sacraments this year - First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The second graders should color and review the packet and activities with the prayers and the names of the Liturgical Seasons. Students will have to recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the names of church seasons and the seven sacraments at the end of November.

Third Grade: The third graders will continue to learn about the Catholic Church this year. They read chapter 3 in the textbook and completed a Trinity mobile, reminding us that we believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. At home they should read the book about Jesus (God the Son) and complete the Holy Spirit activity.

Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Grade: We began reading "Who was Jesus?" for our class book club. On our call we read the Intro and Chapter 1. Students should read chapters 2 and 3 this month. I will update the Google Classroom and email an assignment to complete soon!

Confirmation 1: The 9th graders reviewed the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Before our next call they will need to complete the class on the Sacraments of Healing and the Sacraments of Service, and complete the form for attendance. (In Google classroom or I will email.)

Confirmation 2: The 10th graders completed lesson 1 from the Chosen curriculum. By the next call the students will need to access Ascension Press to complete Lesson 2 and answer the questions on the Google Form.



"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it

may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It never was between you and them anyway."

- Saint Mother Teresa

¡FELIZ DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS!

1 de Noviembre



Todos experimentamos que la vida está sembrada de problemas y conflictos que en cualquier momento nos pueden hacer sufrir. Pero, a pesar de todo, podemos decir que la «*felicidad interior*» es uno de los mejores indicadores para saber si una persona está acertando en el difícil arte de vivir. Se podría incluso afirmar que la verdadera felicidad no es sino la vida misma cuando está siendo vivida con acierto y plenitud.

Nuestro problema consiste en que la sociedad actual nos programa para buscar la felicidad por caminos equivocados que casi inevitablemente nos conducirán a vivir de manera desdichada.

Una de las instrucciones erróneas dice así: «*Si no tienes éxito, no vales*». Para conseguir la aprobación de los demás e, incluso, la propia estima hay que triunfar.

La persona así programada difícilmente será dichosa. Necesitará tener éxito en todas sus pequeñas o grandes empresas. Cuando fracase en algo, sufrirá de manera indebida. Fácilmente crecerá su agresividad contra la sociedad y contra la misma vida.

Esa persona quedará, en gran parte, incapacitada para descubrir que ella vale por sí misma, por lo que es, aun antes de que se le añadan éxitos o logros personales.

La segunda equivocación es ésta: «*Si quieres tener éxito, has de valer más que los demás*». Hay que ser siempre más que los otros, sobresalir, dominar.

La persona así programada está llamada a sufrir. Vivirá siempre envidiando a los que han logrado más éxito, los que tienen mejor nivel de vida, los de posición más brillante.

En su corazón crecerá fácilmente la insatisfacción, la envidia oculta, el resentimiento. No sabrá disfrutar de lo que es y de lo que tiene. Vivirá siempre mirando de reojo a los demás. Así, difícilmente se puede ser feliz.

Otra consigna equivocada: «*Si no respondes a las expectativas, no puedes ser feliz*». Has de responder a lo que espera de ti la sociedad, ajustarte a los esquemas. Si no entras por donde van todos, puedes perderte.

La persona así programada se estropea casi inevitablemente. Termina por no conocerse a sí misma ni vivir su propia vida. Sólo busca lo que buscan todos, aunque no sepa exactamente por qué ni para qué.

Las Bienaventuranzas nos invitan a preguntarnos si tenemos la vida bien planteada o no, y nos urgen a eliminar programaciones equivocadas. ¿Qué sucedería en mi vida si yo acertara a vivir con un corazón más sencillo, sin tanto afán de posesión, con más limpieza interior, más atento a los que sufren, con una confianza grande en un Dios que me ama de manera incondicional? Por ahí va el programa de vida que nos trazan las Bienaventuranzas de Jesús.



All Saints Day Weekend - October 31/November 1, 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his followers about "blessedness," a word not used much in American culture. The Beatitudes Jesus evokes in this Gospel reading are not promises of happiness, but promises of a new life with God; blessedness is key to a new way of living through the human experiences of mourning, meekness, peacemaking, persecution, and poverty of spirit. For Christian stewards, "blessedness" does not depend on wealth or health or status. Rather, Christian stewards recognize that blessedness is God's gift. In the kingdom of God, life is not governed by honor and fame, but by the promise of abundant life. Embracing a poverty of spirit and meekness reveal God's

abundant life "breaking into" our world. Reflect on the Beatitudes this week. How might they help us improve our relationship with the Lord?

November 1 | Solemnity of All Saints is a principal feast of the Church that honors all the saints both publicly celebrated in the Church's history as well as the multitude of saints whose names are known only to God. In order to honor the memory to these unnamed saints, and to recall their example, the Church dedicates this special feast day so that all living Christians would celebrate the lives and witness of those "who have died and gone before us into the presence of the Lord."

November 2 | Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) encourages the offering of prayers and celebration of Mass for all those who have departed this life. In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. Remember your loved ones in prayer today

OTHER NOVEMBER OBSERVANCES

National Native American Heritage Month

Long before North America was populated by those from across the Atlantic, indigenous Americans flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, they handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country. During National Native American Heritage Month, we can celebrate the lives of Native Americans and learn about their traditions and virtues that honored the sacredness of family, community, and respect for the environment.



Child Safety and Protection Month

This month is used by child-care workers, doctors and teachers to remind parents to review the safety plans for their children. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, nearly 300 children under four years old die every month in the U.S. because of accidents – most of which can be prevented. Parents are urged to use this month as a reminder to check out everything from the home, toys and apparel, to internet safety education.



National Family Caregivers Month

More than 65 million individuals in the U.S. exercise stewardship over the healthcare of family members. No one else is in a better position to ensure continuity of care for family members than family caregivers. They are the most knowledgeable when it comes to their care recipients' medicines, treatment regimen, diet and exercise routine. Since 1994, this has been a month to thank, support, educate and empower family caregivers.



NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that **"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."** (2 Machabees 12:46)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace...Amen

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 1 - 7

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1 - 7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

November Events Calendar

Nov. 1	All Saints Day	Nov 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov 2	All Souls Day	Nov 22	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Nov 3	Election Day	Nov 22	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Nov 11	Veterans Day	Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 15	World Day of the Poor	Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent

Did you know that November also is Black Catholic History month? November was picked because 2 prominent African Saints are celebrated in the month of November; St. Augustine of Hippo and St. Martin de Porres.



PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION POSTED ON THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' WEBSITE

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 10/31

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 11/01 - ALL SAINTS DAY

**8:00 AM + ELIZABETH BURTON &
NORA DANNENBURG**

10:30 + RICHARD LOTHARIUS

**6:00 PM + GEORGETTE BURNS
DACY**

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

MONDAY 11/02 - ALL SOULS DAY

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/03

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 11/04

8:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/05

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 11/06

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 11/07

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 11/08

**8:00 AM + FRANCES, JOE, JACKIE
& JEFF BURTON**

10:30 AM

6:00 PM



*Happy All Saints Day to
Our parish patron saints - Our Lady &
Saint Catherine of Siena*



The Sanctuary

Lamp

is lit for:

*Our Parishioners
and for family members of
our parishioners who have
passed on.*



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@stmaryscatherine.org.

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



The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

SATURDAYS AT 3:15 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

By calling the Parish Office at
617-242-4664

Parish Giving

Weekend of 10/25/2020

\$4,804.55

To the Weekly Collection

And

An additional \$35.00 to
Propagation of the Faith

*Thank you for your
continued support*

ATTENDANCE 10/25

4:00 pm 30

8:00 am 21

10:30 am 83

6:00 PM 19

Total 153

*Heart to Heart
Women's Group*

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@stmaryscatherine.org.

Dear Marian Friends,

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

If you are interested, please email
Donna at

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

All are most welcome.