

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 8, 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.

YES, BUT ...



Some years ago, I was privileged to befriend a Maryknoll priest who had served many years in mission in Asia. As our friendship grew we often enjoyed times sharing our respective mission experiences, marveling at the similarities across radically different cultures. My years had been spent in Ecuador in the Pacific coastal city of Guayaquil as well as in the Peruvian Andes. Tom spent more than 30 years in urban and rural regions of Asia.

In one conversation, I recall asking Tom how he adapted to such different cultur-

al expectations in his day-to day-ministry. Among other things, he explained he tried to eliminate the word "but" from his vocabulary. I was fascinated and asked him to explain further. He described how the decision altered the way he listened to others, that is it created a space of acceptance to hear the other without constructing a contrary response. My friend invited me to try it – eliminate "but" from my vocabulary. I have been trying to do just that for 20 years, *but* it is not easy, although it is an enjoyable challenge.

This week we are living might well be recalled as one unprecedented in modern history. Between the pandemic, the national elections, and the economy, combined with pervasive anxiety on the part of many, no one is certain about what tomorrow will bring. The instability of this moment is the perfect time for cynicism and fear to prevail.

Both cynicism and fear feed on themselves. They are self-generating as long as they are given the oxygen of our attention. The platforms of all media sources amplify uncertainty and worry. Everyone is weary and we all want the noise to stop.

Is it possible that a choice to stop using the word BUT could help us find a pause/slow down or stop button? When I replace *but* with *and*, I can open a space for God's Grace to enter. For I believe God's loving Spirit is always present, seeking an entry into our hearts and minds BUT we can be so constrained by the in-

INSIDE: VETERANS DAY PRAYER

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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Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Business Manager

James Santosuosso

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Director of Music

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

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Blanca Paz

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tensity of these times, an entry-point is unavailable. That can change and each of us needs that to change. We desperately need the hope and profound awareness of God's Love, which is all around us, to prevail.

Try it!

Fr. Ronan



Veterans Day Prayer

By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th. Mass on that day will be at 9AM in the Chapel.



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!*

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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**



A Faith THAT DOES JUSTICE

Sculpting Faith: A Conversation with Christian Sculptor, Tim Schmalz
November 12, 2020
7 PM – 8PM ET
Via Zoom

Join Christian sculptor Tim Schmalz and A Faith That Does Justice Founder Father Peter Gyves, SJ, MD for a conversation about how Christian art can reflect today's global world and serve as a form of prayer in action. They will discuss the Schmalz sculptures, which reflect social injustices related to homelessness, racial justice, and oppression. You will discover how you can apply to your own lives what Schmalz has learned about faith in action through sculpting.

The Schmalz sculpture, *Angels Unawares*, was inspired by the biblical admonition "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels (Heb 13:2)." The sculpture was unveiled in St. Peter's Square on World Day of Migrants and Refugees in 2019. Hear from the artist about that experience here:

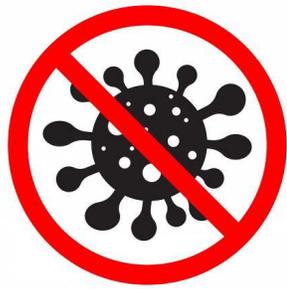
<https://youtu.be/FcIqS4670Iw>

Register for free here: <https://bit.ly/2HkuFH4>



FOR WOMEN DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE, AGES 18-45, THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE INVITE YOU TO A MINI-RETREAT WHERE YOU CAN PONDER AND EXPLORE THE MEANING OF ADVENT AS YOU WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE FOR WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU. COME TO PRAY, LISTEN, AND SHARE HOPE TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 FROM 2—5PM ET. YOU CAN REGISTER BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT OPPEACE.ORG OR CALL OR TEXT SISTER MAIDUNG NGUYEN AT 405-248-7027 OR EMAIL MDNGUYEN@OPPEACE.ORG.

THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE



CORONA VIRUS SAFETY DIRECTIVES UPDATE FOR PARISHES IN 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 for your cooperation.



La primera generación cristiana vivió convencida de que Jesús, el Señor resucitado, volvería muy pronto lleno de vida. No fue así. Poco a poco, los seguidores de Jesús se tuvieron que preparar para una larga espera.

No es difícil imaginar las preguntas que se despertaron entre ellos. ¿Cómo mantener vivo el espíritu de los comienzos? ¿Cómo vivir despiertos mientras llega el Señor? ¿Cómo alimentar la fe sin dejar que se apague? Un relato de Jesús sobre lo sucedido en una boda les ayudaba a pensar la respuesta.

Diez jóvenes, amigas de la novia, encienden sus antorchas y se preparan para recibir al esposo. Cuando, al caer el sol, llegue a tomar consigo a la esposa, los acompañarán a ambos en el cortejo que los llevará hasta la casa del esposo donde se celebrará el banquete nupcial.

Hay un detalle que el narrador quiere destacar desde el comienzo. Entre las jóvenes hay cinco «sensatas» y previsoras que toman consigo aceite para impregnar sus antorchas a medida que se vaya consumiendo la llama. Las otras cinco son unas «necias» y descuidadas que se olvidan de tomar aceite con el riesgo de que se les apaguen las antorchas.

Pronto descubrirán su error. El esposo se retrasa y no llega hasta medianoche. Cuando se oye la llamada a recibirlo, las sensatas alimentan con su aceite la llama de sus antorchas y acompañan al esposo hasta entrar con él en la fiesta. Las necias no saben sino lamentarse: «*Que se nos apagan las antorchas*». Ocupadas en adquirir aceite, llegan al banquete cuando la puerta está cerrada. Demasiado tarde.

Muchos comentaristas tratan de buscar un significado secreto al símbolo del «aceite». ¿Está Jesús hablando del fervor espiritual, del amor, de la gracia bautismal...? Tal vez es más sencillo recordar su gran deseo: «*Yo he venido a traer fuego a la tierra, y ¿qué he de querer sino que se encienda?*». ¿Hay algo que pueda encender más nuestra fe que el contacto vivo con él?

¿No es una insensatez pretender conservar una fe gastada sin reavivarla con el fuego de Jesús? ¿No es una contradicción creernos cristianos sin conocer su proyecto ni sentirnos atraídos por su estilo de vida?

Necesitamos urgentemente una calidad nueva en nuestra relación con él. Cuidar todo lo que nos ayude a centrar nuestra vida en su persona. No gastar energías en lo que nos distrae o desvía de su Evangelio. Encender cada domingo nuestra fe rumiando sus palabras y comulgando vitalmente con él. Nadie puede transformar nuestras comunidades como Jesús.



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7/8, 2020

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to

wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?



November 13 is Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini's feast day.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini MSC, also called Mother Cabrini, was an Italian-American Roman Catholic nun. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to her fellow Italian immigrants to the United States. Pope Leo XIII urged her to go to the United States, a nation that was becoming flooded with Italian immigrants who needed her help. "Not to the East, but the West," was his advice to her.

On March 31, 1889, Frances arrived in New York City along with six other sisters ready to begin her new journey. However, right from the beginning she encountered many disappointments and hardships

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals, dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants. Her institutions were spread out in places all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and Illinois.. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized as a Saint by the Roman Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.



Tools for Building a Domestic Church

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." (Lumen Gentium #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

▪ Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.

- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, (*Many may be watching it on their TV or device through these times - St. Mary St. Catherine Sunday Mass is livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday at 10:30 or can be found on our web site after the live broadcast*) even while traveling – go to: www.MassTimes.org to find a church near you! (*or a Mass celebration easily found on You Tube*)
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
 - Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
 - Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
 - Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
 - Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.
 - For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: www.domesticchurch.com or visit The Family Fully Alive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

USSCB Family Life Office

Some things on this list may have to wait until we no longer are living with the Corona Virus. Many suggestions on the list are doable no matter what is going on in the world. Perhaps, children and families need these things more than ever to foster the faith, hope and love that is so needed especially in challenging times.

November 9 - 13 World Kindness Week

Saint Paul wrote that Christian love is kind (1 Cor. 13:1). So it stands to reason that kindness toward others should be extended every single day, especially during this time of COVID-19. The World Kindness Movement has selected one week in November to encourage people worldwide to weave a kinder approach into daily life. The purpose of World Kindness Week is to urge people to look beyond themselves, beyond the boundaries of their country, culture, race, and religion; and realize they are citizens of the world. The week culminates into World Kindness Day, November 13.



Women's Group

The women's group is held every other Wednesday evening at 6:30 via Zoom!

Next scheduled Wednesday is

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.

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

for the Zoom information.

All are most welcome.



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

ROSARY SAID BEFORE
DAILY MASS AT 7:30

MONDAY 11/09

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/10

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 11/11 VETERANS
DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/12

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 11/13

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 11/14

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + MARY DEVLIN

SUNDAY 11/15

8:00 AM 10:30 AM

6:00 PM

Parish Giving

Weekend of 11/01/2020

\$ 4,296.05
To the Weekly Collection
And
\$400.00 to
Second collections

*Thank you for your
continued support*



The Sanctuary

Lamp

is lit for:

Forgotten Souls



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.



REMINDER:The office will be closed on Wednesday November 11, 2020 for Veterans Day.

The Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel.

November 29: Clement of Rome

offered his wisdom in a letter to the church of Corinth: "Charity unites us to God. It knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity all the elect of God have been made perfect." As one of the early bishops of Rome, Clement's *Epistle* was ranked among the canonical texts of the time and helped affirm the apostolic authority of the clergy. He was a companion of St. Paul and ordained by St. Peter, and died around the year 100.

You can find the epistle on many Catholic web sites (Uscsb, the Boston Archdiocese web site and even in Wikipedia!)

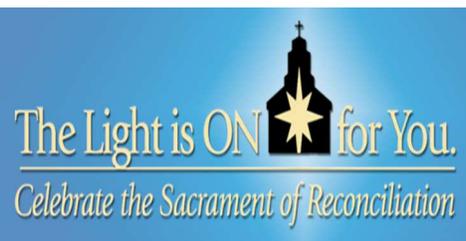


A quiet force for

good The Society of

St. Vincent 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 furniture. Society members engage in home visits to listen to their stories, determine their living situation, and assist in whatever way they can. If you would like to offer your support to bolster the membership of St. Vincent de Paul, please call (617) 242-4664.



SATURDAYS AT 3:15 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

By calling the Parish Office at
617-242-4664

ATTENDANCE 11/01

4:00 pm	35
8:00 am	27
10:30 am	74
6:00 PM	19

Total 155

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