



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 15, 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.

2019-2020 Parish Financial Report

The Parish Finance Council is pleased to provide the Annual Financial Report of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish for fiscal 2019-2020. (A complete set of the financial statements, including a detailed Balance Sheet is available on our Parish Website, StmaryStcatherine.org)

We are extremely grateful for the extraordinary generosity of both our parishioners and the Charlestown community at large during what has been the most challenging period in our lifetimes. Despite the impact of the pandemic, we ended the fiscal year in a strong financial position with a decline in net assets of only \$31,235 as of June 30, 2020. Having to stop the celebration of mass for several months obviously had a negative impact on the primary source of our funds—offertory collections. However, an increase of more than \$45,000 for the Grand Annual collection conducted at the end of 2019 more than offset the post-pandemic decline in collections through June. In addition, an increase in on-line giving helped mitigate the loss of in-pew collections. As a result, our total offertory for the fiscal year of \$445,943 exceeded the prior year by approximately \$41,000. Because our weekly and monthly collections continue to lag behind normal, pre-pandemic levels by approximately 15%, we would ask that you strongly consider switching to on-line giving if you have not already done so.

Sacramentals were also affected by the pandemic, declining 8% to \$45,606. Rental income of \$115,750 remained steady with the prior year. Gifts, and especially bequests, are items that can vary significantly from year to year. Two major bequests totaling \$121,459 along with an increase in gifts of nearly \$20,000 helped to offset the decline in other sources of funds allowing us to continue our much needed Parish ministries.

Our community's response to the pandemic is perhaps best illustrated by the incredible support of our most visible ministry, Harvest on Vine Food Pantry. Recognizing that the economic impact of the pandemic would increase the need for food assistance, our parishioners and other members of the community stepped up and contributed over \$252,000, an increase of \$94,000 or nearly 60%. It is incredibly heartening to see that we, as a Christian community, are truly living the words of the gospel.

With the notable exception of costs associated with the food pantry, all major operating expense categories remained at or below the prior year levels.

INSIDE: INCOME STATEMENT/BALANCE SHEET

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 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

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Brendan Sullivan

Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

We have now completed largest capital project undertaken in recent years - the interior painting and restoration of our beautiful church. More than half of the cost of this project ~ \$351,000 was incurred by the end of June and is reflected in the accompanying summary. The initial phase of the Inspiring Hope campaign raised most, though not all, of the funds necessary for the restoration. In addition, because many campaign pledges extend over a 5-year period, we obtained a loan from the Archdiocese to ensure that we could complete the project on time. If you have not had an opportunity to contribute to this magnificent project, please consider a gift at this time with a notation of – Painting

The Parish Finance Council is deeply appreciative of your support, especially this year when many people experienced financial hardships. Our budget for 2020 -2021 projects a deficit. For those of you who are able, we would earnestly ask that you consider increasing the level of your financial commitment to the Parish so we can maintain a balanced operating budget while continuing all of our Parish ministries that help so many in our community. Stay safe and well.

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Ronan (Chair), Nancy Higgins (Vice chair), Brian Fleming, Dennis Hanson, Maureen Moore, Tom Mosel, Bob Rooney, James Santosuosso (Ex-officio), Kevin Walsh

POSITION OPEN

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our Parish emergency food pantry, Harvest on Vine, has become increasingly busy. With a client list of more than 300 families, all Charlestown residents, and food distributions bi-weekly, there are a lot of moving parts to make this happen. Tom MacDonald, as Director of the Parish Social Ministry Office, has continued doing a wonderful job in this very important ministry. Now, we need some more help at that office.

We are creating a new half-time position as Assistant Director, to help Tom manage the increased demands in that office.

Salary will be competitive with benefits. The approximately 20 hours per week will need to be flexible because that is the nature of the work. Some of the skills needed in the position are:

Ability to load and unload pallets of food

Good communication, writing and computer skills

Ideally, facility with Spanish language

Good organizing, accounting and management skills

Valid Driver's License with transportation

Interested persons please send a letter to: searchcommittee@stmaryscatherine.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**

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

St Mary - St Catherine of Siena Parish

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020

	<u>Jun 30, 20</u>	<u>Jun 30, 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
90 Days Now	3,699	0	3,699
1050-07 Inspiring Hope	9	105,764	-105,755
Parish Project Account	20,131	18,021	2,110
Paypal Account	8,341	1,779	6,561
Proceeds from ST. C's	37,745	37,463	282
Cash -Young Adult Checking	1,576	1,657	-80
Cash - Checking	121,785	75,022	46,764
Cash - Savings	47,427	11,459	35,968
Depository at RCAB	164,221	100,935	63,286
RCAB Common Investment Fund	662,311	649,631	12,680
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,067,245</u>	<u>1,001,730</u>	<u>65,515</u>
Other Current Assets			
Restricted Funds	<u>152,369</u>	<u>163,301</u>	<u>-10,932</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>152,369</u>	<u>163,301</u>	<u>-10,932</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000-00 · Accounts Payable	<u>0</u>	<u>2,823</u>	<u>-2,823</u>
Total Accounts Payable	<u>0</u>	<u>2,823</u>	<u>-2,823</u>
Other Current Liabilities			
RCAB Collections	<u>1,064</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>644</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,064</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>644</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,064</u>	<u>3,243</u>	<u>-2,179</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
Debt to Revolvg Loan-Painting Project	<u>87,997</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,997</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>87,997</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,997</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>89,061</u>	<u>3,243</u>	<u>85,818</u>
Equity			
3900-00 · Fund Balance	1,009,419	951,463	57,956
Restricted funds liabilities	152,369	163,271	-10,902
Net Income	<u>-31,235</u>	<u>47,024</u>	<u>-78,259</u>
Total Equity	<u>1,130,553</u>	<u>1,161,758</u>	<u>-31,205</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,219,614</u>	<u>1,165,001</u>	<u>54,613</u>

2019-2020 Summary

Regular Parish Income	\$700,097
Food Pantry Income	\$252,062
One-Time Bequests	\$121,459
Total Parish inflows	\$1,073,618
Regular Parish Expenses	-\$682,491
Food Pantry Expenses.....	-\$166,412
Total Parish Expenses	-\$848,903
Net Cash inflow	\$224,715
Church Capital Income	\$94,932
Church Capital Improvements	-\$350,881
Net Cash outflow	-\$31,235

In addition, our parishioners contributed **\$21,989.35** to special collections benefiting retired priests of the Archdiocese, Retired Religious Women, the Propagation of the Faith and other second collections.

Income

Offertory..... \$445,943

- Sunday Offertory
- Monthly
- Grand Annual
- Fuel / Insurance

Other Income \$92,798

- Playgroup
- Miscellaneous
- Gifts
- Catholic Appeal Rebate

Sacramentals... \$45,606

- Baptisms
- Funerals
- Memorial Masses
- Weddings
- Flower offerings

Rental Income...\$115,750

- Good Shepherd School
- GSS Utility Reimbursements

One-Time Bequests...\$121,459

- Donations made through a will or estate plan

Food Pantry ... \$252,062

All donations made to Harvest on Vine Food Pantry

Expenses

Compensation...\$407,432

- Clergy
- Lay Staff
- Health and benefits

Office Expenses ... \$20,763

- Office supplies
- Rental Equipment
- Phone / Internet
- Postage

Facilities \$149,114

- Utilities
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Snow Removal

Pastoral/Liturgical... \$21,330

- Altar Supplies
- Music
- Books
- Flowers
- Missalettes
- Envelopes
- Pilot Newspaper

Food Pantry ... \$166,412

- Food Cost
- Salary & benefits
- Utilities

Household \$23,122

- Food / supplies for church functions
- Rectory food

Miscellaneous \$60,730

- Support for Archdiocese
- Miscellaneous

Capital Income \$ 94,932

- Capital Campaign
- Investment gain/loss

CAPITAL

Capital / One-time Expenses \$350,881

- Church Painting
- Interest on Loan



A pesar de su aparente inocencia, la parábola de los talentos encierra una carga explosiva. Sorprendentemente, el “tercer siervo” es condenado sin haber cometido ninguna acción mala. Su único error consiste en “no hacer nada”: no arriesga su talento, no lo hace fructificar, lo conserva intacto en un lugar seguro.

El mensaje de Jesús es claro. No al conservadurismo, sí a la creatividad. No a una vida estéril, sí a la respuesta activa a Dios. No a la obsesión por la seguridad, sí al esfuerzo arriesgado por transformar el mundo. No a la fe enterrada bajo el conformismo, sí al trabajo comprometido en abrir caminos al reino de Dios.

El gran pecado de los seguidores de Jesús puede ser siempre el no arriesgarnos a seguirlo de manera creativa. Es significativo observar el lenguaje que se ha empleado entre los cristianos a lo largo de los años para ver en qué hemos centrado con frecuencia la atención: conservar el depósito de la fe; conservar la tradición; conservar las buenas costumbres; conservar; la gracia; conservar la vocación...

Esta tentación de conservadurismo es más fuerte en tiempos de crisis religiosa. Es fácil entonces invocar la necesidad de controlar la ortodoxia, reforzar la disciplina y la normativa; asegurar la pertenencia a la Iglesia... Todo puede ser explicable, pero ¿no es con frecuencia una manera de desvirtuar el evangelio y congelar la creatividad del Espíritu?

Para los dirigentes religiosos y los responsables de las comunidades cristianas puede ser más cómodo “repetir” de manera monótona los caminos heredados del pasado, ignorando los interrogantes, las contradicciones y los planteamientos del hombre moderno, pero ¿de qué sirve todo ello si no somos capaces de transmitir luz y esperanza a los problemas y sufrimientos que sacuden a los hombres y mujeres de nuestros días?

Las actitudes que hemos de cuidar hoy en el interior de la Iglesia no se llaman “prudencia”, “fidelidad al pasado”, “resignación”... Llevan más bien otro nombre: “búsqueda creativa”, “audacia”, “capacidad de riesgo”, “escucha al Espíritu” que todo lo hace nuevo.

Lo más grave puede ser que, lo mismo que le sucedió al tercer siervo de la parábola, también nosotros creamos que estamos respondiendo fielmente a Dios con nuestra actitud conservadora, cuando estamos defraudando sus expectativas. El principal quehacer de la Iglesia hoy no puede ser conservar el pasado, sino aprender a comunicar la Buena Noticia de Jesús en una sociedad sacudida por cambios socioculturales sin precedentes.



Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time November 14/15, 2020

In today’s Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It’s a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn’t want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ’s Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.



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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 11/14

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + MARY DEVLIN

SUNDAY 11/15

8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

10:30 AM + EUGENE SULLIVAN

6:00 PM

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

MONDAY 11/16

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/17

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 11/18

9:00 AM - PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/19

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 11/20

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 11/21

9:00 AM

**4:00 PM + ROSE BOYLE &
MARGARET BOYLE**

SUNDAY 11/22

8:00 AM + ELEANOR EMERY

10:30 AM + RENE MENARD

6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS



*Resquiescat
in Pace*

*Mary
Harrington*

And

Arthur Florentino



**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.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED SISTERS - November 22nd

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.



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.



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.

Parish Giving

Weekend of 11/08/2020

\$ 6,048.10

To the Weekly Collection

And

\$510.00 to

Monthly collections

**Thank you for your
continued support**

ATTENDANCE 11/08

4:00 pm 26

8:00 am 25

10:30 am 75

6:00 PM 25

Total 151

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