



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.

April 18, 2021

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.

Renewal at Easter Time



Each year we move through the Lenten season and arrive at Holy Week – looking toward the great feast of Easter. And in this region of the world, that corresponds with a wonderful change of seasons as well.

As we yearn for the ending of the pandemic, the festivities of the Easter Masses, everything from wonderful music, larger crowds, and glorious Easter lilies, combine to give us all a “lift”. People feel good about Easter and even without thinking too much about it, there seems to be an inner awareness that because of this event, life is different. There is a change in the way we look at our life and the world around us, for the central theme of this celebration is the resurrection of Christ and His victory over death forever.

The Church celebrates this time in prayer and song often using the word “renewal”, something all of us are seeking after COVID. Perhaps Easter itself opens for us a path toward our own renewal. For example, the readings offered at Mass during the season describe in some detail the experiences of the early Christian community. The apostles and the newly minted Christians devote themselves with eagerness and deep faith to proclaiming the gospel, the good news that Jesus Christ has risen. They seek to develop authentic community, each sharing whatever to provide for the needs of others. There is a purity, a clarity, and idealism all flowing from their faith in the truths of the person of Jesus.

On one occasion, as Peter and the apostles are arrested and brought before the authorities for preaching the resurrection of Jesus, they are ordered to stop using “that name”. When joyfully they persist and are arrested again, they face possible execution. One of their leaders, Gamaliel, reminds the court of earlier situations when movements had begun and of themselves ended. He counsels, “*Be careful what you are about to do to these men... If this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will do itself in and if it is of God, you cannot stop it and may even find yourself fighting against God.*” (Acts 5:34-40).



THIRD WEEK OF THE EASTER SEASON

Mass Schedule

Saturday – St. Mary Church

9:00 a.m.

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.

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From that time until this present day, Christians realize that this movement IS from God and cannot be ended by any earthly force or power. The renewal of our spirit of hope flows from our remembering and celebrating the Easter mystery.

Refreshed and renewed in this way, I find myself going out into the world with a different attitude. I am more inclined to see all of creation as gift and precious, especially that which relates to the gift of life in all forms. Easter helps me see a closeness of God to us and a relevance of life to God's purpose. Through the remaining five weeks of this Easter season, as the grip of the pandemic eases, what if you wonder how you might be renewed by Easter – what kind of renewal wants to take place in you?

Pondering such questions, wonderfully prepares us for the gift of God's loving Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

Fr. Ronan

**Monday, April 19 is Patriots Day and the office will be closed.
The daily Mass will be at 9:00 am.**

The Gallagher Scholarship

Rev. Henry Gallagher was born in Charlestown in 1910 and ordained in 1941. He served as spiritual director of St. Mary's conference of *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and arranged scholarships for Boston College High School students and seminarians.

Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a generous bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped students with tuition in a scholarship program for more than a decade.

Applicants must be registered members of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena or St. Francis de Sales parishes and provide the name of the school they will attend.

Applications are available on line at stmaryscatherine.org/forms or you may pick up an application at the Parish Center located at 46 Winthrop Street.

Sister Nancy Recuperating

Several days ago sister Nancy tripped and fell and broke her wrist. She is at home, in good spirits, being cared for by the sisters and will be back at in the parish as soon as things heal up a bit. We send along our love and prayers to sister for a very speedy recovery.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Gratefully acknowledging that God gives us all, we each willingly offer our unique gifts to one another and all creation in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

**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**

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20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**



April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God’s creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God’s call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!
Learn more!

usccb.org/environment
wearesaltandlight.org/cst101
catholicclimatecovenant.org



The 29th Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament

is scheduled for Monday, May 24th, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes boxed lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, hole in one prizes and a seminary themed gift. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psj.edu

INSIDE-OUTSIDE MINISTRY



Saint Mary’s Church is magnificent in every way and all of us appreciate and enjoy it. How we can enhance its beauty with

plants and flowers both inside the building as well as outside the building, on the steps and in the gardens is the focus of this new ministry. The ministry includes the beautiful old parish center as well as The Parish house at 49 Vine St. and the gardens around it. If you have any interest in lending a hand whether you have a green thumb or not, we’d be happy to have that hand in beautifying and maintaining in and around our three Parish buildings. To learn more send an email to:

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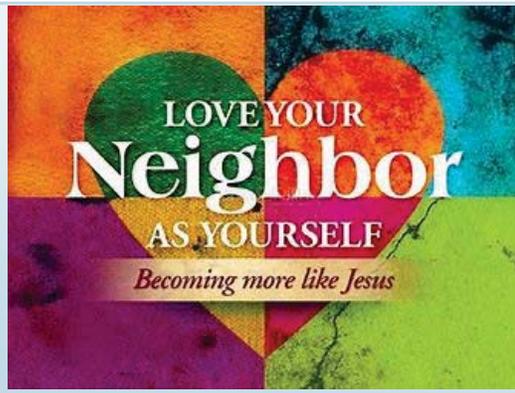
If you have an interest in helping out our parish and familiarity with any aspects of technology, computers, Social Media (Instagram Facebook, ...), websites, etc. and a bunch of creativity and good ideas, please join a few other parishioners as they seek to broaden the outreach of our parish throughout the community. This Ministry is new and an exciting opportunity for parishioners who are savvy in these areas to help us make a difference in the lives of people in the town. To learn more, send an email to: **info@stmaryscatherine.org**.



Sanctuary Lamps

To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

A Sanctuary Lamp is a candle beside the tabernacles in our Church and Chapel that burns for approximately one week. To light a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.



Third Sunday of Easter - April 17 / 18 2021 An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The steward questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?



“Les abrió el entendimiento para comprender las Escrituras”.

Un explorador del Amazonas regresó a su pueblo y todos estaban ansiosos por conocer sus aventuras por el río poderoso y por aquel vasto territorio. ¿Cómo, se preguntaba, describirles lo que he visto? ¿Cómo puedo poner en palabras los sentimientos que experimenté al ver las flores exóticas y los sonidos oídos durante las noches? Cómo comunicarles los olores que impregnaban el aire y los peligros encontrados a lo largo del viaje?

Así que les dijo: “Vayan y descubran por ustedes mismos este territorio desconocido”. Les dio un mapa del río indicándoles los peligros y los lugares maravillosos y les ofreció pistas para evitar todo tipo de encuentros peligrosos. Las gentes cogieron el mapa, lo pusieron en un marco y lo colgaron en el ayuntamiento para que todos lo pudieran admirar. Algunos se hicieron copias que estudiaban entusiasmados y, con el tiempo, se consideraron expertos en el Amazonas.

La resurrección de Jesucristo no es un mapa que tenemos que contemplar, ni una lección que tenemos que aprender, es una inmersión en el Amazonas de la vida vivida en y con Cristo. La Palabra de Dios tiene que ser saboreada en el silencio, profundizada en el estudio, asimilada en la oración, celebrada en la liturgia, vivida en la vida fraterna, anunciada en la misión, hasta que se convierta en nuestra lengua materna afirma un teólogo italiano. La Escritura, asignatura pendiente de los católicos, es el Amazonas por el que tenemos que viajar todos los días.

Los apóstoles encerrados en su cenáculo rumian su tristeza y su desilusión. Después de la crucifixión de Jesús discutirían sus opciones futuras. Las enseñanzas de Jesús a lo largo del camino, ignoradas y olvidadas, no habían sido asimiladas por estos alumnos preocupados más por ambiciones materiales y mundanas que por ideas y actuaciones novedosas. Como los alumnos de la ESO tenían sus mentes en otras cosas. En las cosas de la religión todos somos alumnos de la ESO. Todos tenemos nuestras prioridades, preocupaciones y tareas urgentes que vivir. Jesús y su cielo pueden esperar.

La resurrección, realidad ausente en la tradición y en la Biblia Hebrea, les resultaba incomprendible. Jesús tuvo que abrir sus mentes para que comprendieran las Escrituras. Nos podemos preguntar, ¿por qué Jesús no se lo explicó durante su ministerio? ¿Por qué no les abrió las mentes durante su vida? Si lo hizo nunca lo entendieron. Jesús tenía que morir y resucitar para que se les abriera la mente y entendieran su vida entera.

La resurrección es la llave que abra las puertas de las Escrituras. La resurrección es el happy end que da sentido y explica lo que Jesús fue, es y será. La resurrección es la plenitud de la Escritura. Es el link que une lo que somos y seremos. La resurrección es la plenitud de la fe, todo lo demás son los complementos. Aceptar la resurrección de Jesús y la mía es más que un mapa colgado en la pared, más que un sermón de Pascua, es sumergirse en el Amazonas de la vida con Cristo.

La Palabra de Dios que proclamamos, el pan que compartimos, la paz que nos ofrece y la misión que el resucitado nos confía son invitación a descubrir su presencia en este cenáculo que es nuestra iglesia. Es el gran menú del domingo. Nosotros seguiremos proclamando la Escritura y seguiremos alimentando nuestras dudas pero tenemos que creer a pesar de nuestras muchas dudas.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT OF THE MONTH Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church



Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church Saint Catherine of Siena, whose feast day is April 29, was the first layperson, and alongside Saint Teresa of Avila, one of the first two women named a Doctor of the Church. She was born Caterina di Giacomo di Benincasa in Siena in 1347, the twenty-fourth of 25 children. She decided early on not to be married, and after several years of prayer and fasting, began an active life of service. She started by nursing the sick at a local hospital. Notable during that time was her aid to victims of the 1374 pandemic. As a young woman, Catherine believed she had a call to preach the Gospel. She organized a group of people to accompany her on mission trips where she urged her audiences to seek a deeper conversion to Christ in their lives through prayer and repentance. She became so extraordinarily successful that she had to recruit priests to serve as confessors to these large gatherings. A devoted advocate of the Church, Catherine publicly promoted the offices of papacy, bishop and the clergy as Christ's ambassadors, but she was also a severe critic of the abuses she saw among many members of the clergy and church hierarchy. She believed they should embrace poverty and assume a more humble spirit instead of "living in worldly luxury and ambitiousness and pretentious vanity." "In fact," she maintained, "many laypersons put them to shame by their good and holy lives." Catherine, though, knew that there could be no lasting reform of the Church without strong papal leadership. In 1376 she met with Pope Gregory XI in Avignon, France, where the papacy had been banished since 1309, and urged him to return to Rome. In one letter, she insisted that he must be "courageous" and not a "coward." Catherine's letter strengthened the pope's resolve and he returned to Rome in 1377. After Gregory's death the following year and the election of Pope Urban VI, the Great Schism ensued. For the next 39 years, there would be at least two and sometimes three claimants to the papacy. Catherine sent frequent letters to Urban in the hope of moderating his severity towards his opponents. She also wrote to various other church authorities, encouraging them to recognize Urban as the legitimate successor to the Chair of Saint Peter. Although a prodigious producer of letters, Catherine dictated her thoughts to others because she did not learn to write until near the end of her life. During the years 1377 to 1378, Catherine dictated *The Dialogue*, her reflections on the spiritual life. Many spiritual writers insist that this major work of mystical theology stands beside other great spiritual classics such as those of two other Doctors of the Church, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. Pope Urban invited Catherine to Rome in 1380 to help lend support to his papacy, but on the way she suffered a stroke. She died on April 29, 1380. She was 33 years old.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

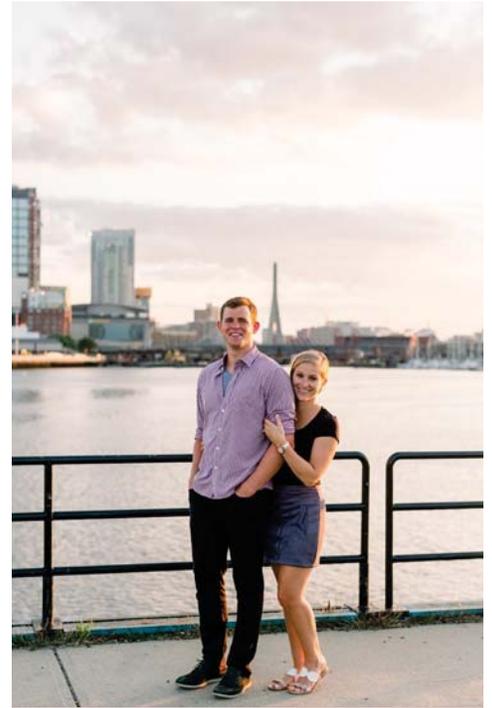
To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Like the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on

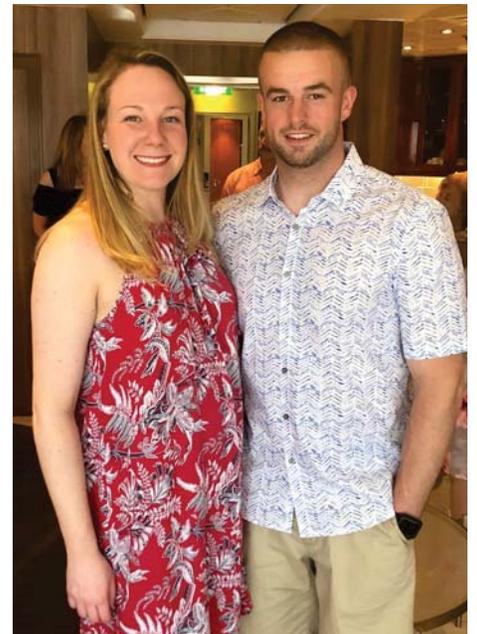
Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

Wedding Banns



II Connor Harrison & Amanda Quinn



II Aaron Pellitier & Michelle Atkins

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 04/17

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + ROBERT DOUGLAS
UPTON

SUNDAY 04/18

8:00 AM ANZOR TSIKLARI

10:30 AM MASS WITH
CARDINAL SEAN

6:00 PM

ROSARY SAID BEFORE
DAILY MASS AT 7:30

MONDAY 04/19 PATRIOTS DAY

9:00 AM

TUESDAY 04/20

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 04/21

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 04/22

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 04/23

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 04/24

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + JAMES C. DEVLIN JR.

SUNDAY 04/25

8:00 AM + ELEANOR FARRELL

10:30 AM + MARY BYRNE, THOMAS
BYRNE & FRANK TOBIN

6:00 PM + KATE PACHECO &
THERESA GALLAGHER

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ATTENDANCE

APRIL 10
4:00 PM 52

APRIL 11
8:00 AM 34
10:30 AM 70
6:00 PM 31

TOTAL 187

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism



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Dear Marian Friends,



On Saturdays, we gath-
er for our Saturday
Rosary via Zoom.

Sign on is at
8AM, and we will begin
praying at 8:15AM.

If you are in-
terested, please email Donna at:

Donna.lecam@gmail.com
for the Zoom information.

All are most welcome.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

April 18 - Monthly Collection

May 2 - Parish Insurance
Collection

May 13 - Ascension

May 16 - Monthly

May 23 - Seminary Offering

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 re-
sources. You may also register
online at:
www.stmarystcatherine.org*



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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