



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 25, 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.

THERE ARE NO WORDS



There are times in the lives of all of us when an experience comes along that stretches us, makes it hard to understand, explain and grasp. Sometimes the experience is beauty and loveliness, for ex-

ample, the birth of a child. At other times the event might be terrible, ugly and tragic, a fatal auto accident. And when we move from such moments and later try to explain to another what happened, what it was like, we fail; there simply are no words adequate.

For more than 2000 years Christians have tried to put into words the Easter story. The Passion gospel is proclaimed during Holy Week and narrates the story of the Last Supper, the arrest and torture of Jesus and His crucifixion and death. On Easter Sunday, we proclaim the story of the empty tomb: Jesus has been raised from death and now lives again.

So it is that we can tell the story, just like we can say that at a certain time and place a precious child was born and similarly at such and such a time, a terrible and fatal accident occurred. And yet the narration only tells a part of the story and there is so much more to really begin to understand the event. It is moving beyond the story and into the real meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that brings one into the place where we struggle to find the words.

Music, poetry, literature, drama, opera, art in every form has all sought to lead us into the depths of the Jesus story. Often all of these most noble of efforts are helpful in lifting us beyond mere words toward a mystery as elusive as it is alluring. For we are seeking to know something of God, the ineffable and omnipotent One, and still, there are no words. Yet the magnitude of the Easter story impels us to seek to understand, something!

INSIDE: SAVE THE DATE!

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.

Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

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Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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Director of Music

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Dianne Ludy

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Our tradition asserts that this broken world, including you and me, with all of the evil, fear, darkness and sadness of our time, has been embraced by the Son of the Living God, nailed to a primitive cross to suffer, die and be buried. And early in the morning of the third day, this same Jesus rose from death, conquering the power of evil and death forevermore. On the first Easter morning, Hope was born. It is not a theoretical and distant Hope, rather one that is available to all. On Easter the Church celebrates in a particular way the Sacrament of Baptism, initiating a person into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There is a stirring in people, an inner something that longs to grasp this enormous truth, for which there are no words. Christ is Risen and in the midst of all the activities of humankind, the joyful and the sad, Hope is present and can never be diminished. To move beyond the story this Eastertime, to let the inadequate words lead us deep into our heart and to listen to that inner longing for Hope and walk in the promise of Easter is the gift God offers every one of us.

Fr. Ronan

INSURANCE COLLECTION

Nest weekend, May 1st and 2nd, there is a collection for our Parish Insurance. The cost of insurance is one the largest expenses for the Parish. Total costs of property, liability and health insurance exceeds \$130,000 annually - and as you know, it continues to rise.

This insurance recently covered roof and flashing damage caused by high winds a few weeks ago.

Please consider earmarking a donation for the insurance by putting it in the basket in a separate envelope or notation if you are giving by check. You may also donate on our web site by using the pay pal button.

Thank you for considering this request and for your ongoing support and generosity of the Parish.

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

- **Next weekend the second graders in our Religious Education Program will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2nd at 1:00 pm.**
- **On Saturday, May 1st, the Confirmation class will receive their Confirmation at the 4:00 pm Mass.**

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.

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The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

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A Pathway to Citizenship: The Role of the Community April 27, 2021 6:30-8PM ET

Join A Faith That Does Justice for a discussion about the challenges facing immigrants in the United States and the current proposed legislation to create pathways to citizenship. Learn how you can support the immigrant community. We are pleased to welcome immigration experts to the conversation:

- Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director, Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR)
- Eva Millona, President and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
- Mary Chin, Chief Executive Officer of the American Asian Civic Association in Boston
- Peter Gyves, SJ, MD, Founder of A Faith That Does Justice (moderator)

Register for free: <http://bit.ly/AFTDJo4>

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 13, 2021

CARDINAL SEAN will be
Celebrating the
10:30 am Mass



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER – MAY 1ST



The first day of the month is the feast of St. Joseph the worker, who is the patron of social justice. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the *Book of Genesis*, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in *Genesis* to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-the-worker/>

Tech ministry...

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@stmarystcatherine.org



Sanctuary Lamps

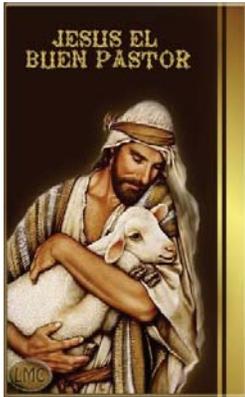
To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 24 / 25 2021

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow him, trust him?



Yo soy el Buen Pastor

Se llama al IV domingo del tiempo pascual «domingo del Buen Pastor». Para comprender la importancia que tiene en la Biblia el tema del pastor hay que remontarse a la historia. Los beduinos del desierto nos brindan hoy una idea de la que fue, en un tiempo, la vida de las tribus de Israel. En esta sociedad la relación entre pastor y rebaño no es sólo de tipo económico, basada en el interés. Se desarrolla una relación casi personal entre el pastor y el rebaño. Pasan días y días juntos en lugares solitarios, sin nadie más alrededor. El pastor acaba conociendo todo de cada oveja; la oveja reconoce y distingue entre todas la voz del pastor, quien frecuentemente habla con las ovejas.

Esto explica por qué Dios se ha servido de este símbolo para expresar su relación con la humanidad. Uno de los salmos más bellos del salterio describe la seguridad del creyente de tener a Dios como

pastor: «El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta...».

Posteriormente se da el título de pastor, por extensión, también a quienes hacen las veces de Dios en la tierra: los reyes, los sacerdotes, los jefes en general. Pero en este caso el símbolo se divide: ya no evoca sólo imágenes de protección, de seguridad, sino también las de explotación y opresión. Junto a la imagen del buen pastor hace su aparición la del mal pastor, la del mercenario. En el profeta Ezequiel encontramos una terrible acusación contra los malos pastores que se apacientan sólo a sí mismos, y a continuación la promesa de Dios de ocuparse Él mismo de su rebaño (Ez 34, 1 ss.).

Jesús en el Evangelio retoma este esquema del buen y mal pastor, pero con una novedad: «¡Yo --dice-- soy el Buen Pastor!». La promesa de Dios se ha hecho realidad, superando cualquier expectativa. Cristo hace lo que ningún pastor, por bueno que fuera, estaría dispuesto a hacer: «Yo doy mi vida por las ovejas».

El hombre de hoy rechaza con desdén el papel de oveja y la idea de rebaño, pero no se percata de que está completamente dentro. Uno de los fenómenos más evidentes de nuestra sociedad es la masificación. Nos dejamos guiar de manera supina por todo tipo de manipulación y de persuasión oculta. Otros crean modelos de bienestar y de comportamiento, ideales y objetivos de progreso, y nosotros los seguimos; vamos detrás, temerosos de perder el paso, condicionados y secuestrados por la publicidad. Comemos lo que nos dicen, vestimos como nos enseñan, hablamos como oímos hablar, por eslogan. El criterio por el que la mayoría se deja guiar en la propias opciones es el «Così fan tutti» («Todos son así». Ndr) de mozartiana memoria.

Mirad cómo se desarrolla la vida de la multitud en una gran ciudad moderna: es la triste imagen de un rebaño que sale junto, se agita y se amontona a hora fija en los vagones del tren y del metro y después, por la tarde, regresa junto al redil, vacío de sí y de libertad. Sonreímos divertidos cuando vemos una filmación a cámara rápida con las personas que se mueven a saltos, velozmente, como marionetas, pero es la imagen que tendríamos de nosotros mismos si nos miráramos con ojos menos superficiales.

El Buen Pastor que es Cristo nos propone hacer con Él una experiencia de liberación. Pertenecer a su rebaño no es caer en la masificación, sino ser preservados de ella. «Donde está el Espíritu del Señor, allí está la libertad» (2 Corintios 3, 17), dice San Pablo. Allí surge la persona con su irrepetible riqueza y con su verdadero destino. Surge el hijo de Dios aún escondido, del que habla la segunda carta de este domingo: «Queridos, ahora somos hijos de Dios y aún no se ha manifestado lo que seremos».



New Director of Music

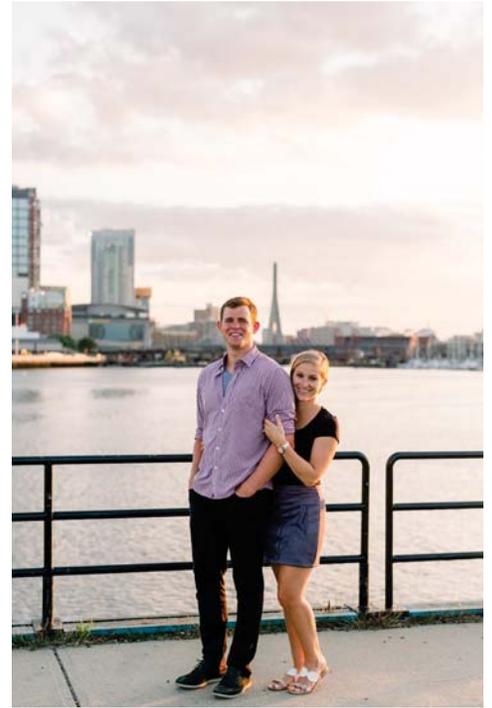
This weekend we are most happy to welcome John Anthony Volpe as the new director of music at our parish. John was previously director of music at the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative, and also served as director of music for several years in Hudson. With a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and a master's degree in theology with a concentration on sacred music, combined with his previous experiences, John is well prepared to assume his new position.

As a pianist, organist and singer, John has done work in a number of different arena and as parishes in the entire city start to open up more after this most challenging year, we look forward with enthusiasm to the growth and expansion of our music program.

I am so happy to say that Katie O'Reilly will be continuing with us in her role as Cantor at parish liturgies. Katie has so competently served as interim director during the past several months and we all enjoy her music and appreciate her many gifts enhancing our prayer and liturgy. I am most grateful for her service during this transition.

Fr. Ronan

Wedding Banns



III Connor Harrison & Amanda Quinn



Baptisms were held on April 17th at the Church.

Lilly welcomed one of our newest parishioners, Nevin Thomas Young into the Church while Michael Young assisted his son for the pic!

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



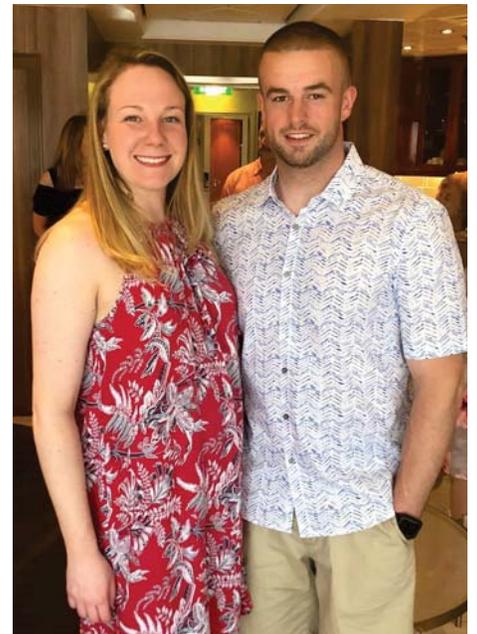
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Please Remember the Poor Boxes at the back of the Church.

Because of your ongoing support, we were able to help several families with beds and rental assistance.

Thank you!



III Aaron Pellitier & Michelle Atkins

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 04/24

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + JAMES C. DEVLIN

SUNDAY 04/25

8:00 AM + ELEANOR FARRELL

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

6:00 PM + KATE PACHECO &
THERESA GALLAGHER

ROSARY SAID BEFORE
DAILY MASS AT 7:30

MONDAY 04/26

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 04/27

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 04/28

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 04/29

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 04/30

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 05/01

9:00 AM

4:00 PM CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY 05/02

8:00 AM JOHN & MARY WALSH

10:30 AM + PATRICIA & JACK RING

1:00 PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

6:00 PM

*We extend a warm welcome to
all visitors and those who are
new to our parish.
If you are new to Saint Mary -
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please visit our website for
events and resources. You may
also register
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Weekend of April 17, 18, 2021 Parishioners contributed

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ATTENDANCE

APRIL 17
4:00 PM 41

APRIL 18
8:00 AM 31
10:30 AM 73
6:00 PM 25

TOTAL 170



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Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in honor
of our
First Communion
Students

Welcome



Dear Marian Friends,

On Satur-
days, 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.



*Resquiescat
in
Pace*

*Edward Boyle
&
Florence Sacco*

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- May 2 - Parish Insurance
Collection
- May 13 - Ascension
- May 16 - Monthly
- May 23 - Seminary Offering



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 fol-
low 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 pa-
rishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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