



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.

October 31, 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.

ASKING THE WHY?



Years ago I heard a saying and it has always stayed with me: "I gave bread to the hungry and people called me a saint. I asked why people were hungry and people called me a communist". Of course, there is a story behind the saying.

The work of the Catholic Church is now and has always been deeply involved at all levels of human life. It simply is not possible to separate our belief in a loving God and our responsibility to our neighbor.

As the Catholic Church works to respond to the needs of the poor, she has consistently developed programs and services to meet the identified needs. Sometimes these are soup kitchens and food pantries. There are neighborhood medical dispensaries and hospitals as well as all types of educational initiatives and programs such as orphanages and safe houses for folks in need. The list is long as the needs are many.

Most of the time Christians see this work as appropriate and flowing from their life as faithful believers. Yet when the Catholic Church actually asks the question "WHY" there are so many people who are suffering and in need and "WHY" policies, government practices, financial systems and more are not helping to resolve and may be even contributing to the problems, some of the faithful are uncomfortable and some have said that the Church should stay out of politics.

And so it is that many are comfortable giving bread to a hungry person (extending charity), but not pleased with asking the reason why there are so many hungry people, (working toward the elimination of hunger by addressing problematic systemic issues). The reasons for this may be varied, but one known reason is that people are not always informed about the dynamics involved and, even if they are, they feel powerless in their ability to effect change on such a grand scale.

The work of the Church in social justice is broad and the areas of concern are many. The following is a list, by no means exhaustive, of some of the more compelling areas: *budget – federal and state; elder care; children and child care; criminal*

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS TODAY

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 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.

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justice and prison reform; death penalty; domestic abuse; health care; housing/homelessness; human rights; hunger; human trafficking and environmental justice, immigration, national aid, global poverty, arms control, veteran's rights, pandemic related issues, and so much more. So many challenges need to be addressed. None of us can do everything, but we can do something to educate ourselves about one of these concerns. Then, by joining our voices with the voices of others who are laboring to create a more just society, change can happen.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I want to extend my gratitude to our parishioners and others in the Charlestown Community who so generously contribute to our Parish emergency food pantry, Harvest on Vine and to our Parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Until all have enough, these services that provide food and essential items and financial assistance are so greatly needed.

Fr. Ronan

Harvest on Vine Collection

While Thanksgiving is certainly a wonderful time to take note of the blessings we have received, it can also be a time to offer our fortune for the good of others.

Every year during Thanksgiving we collect food for Harvest on Vine – the emergency food pantry on Vine Street supported by the St. Mary – St. Catherine Parish.

Specifically, we need:

Rice (1-3 lbs. bags)

Low-sugar cereals

Pasta

Macaroni and Cheese

Thank you for your gift to our community and for supporting those in need during this time of joy.



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."

Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

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

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

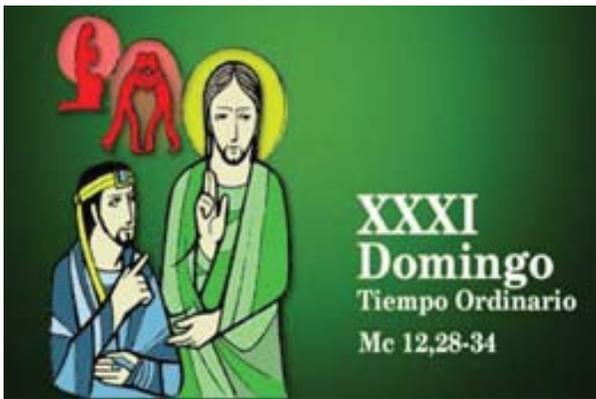
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55 Warren Street

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**



Los hombres se han convertido en vallas publicitarias. Las camisetas que nos ponemos lucen todo tipo de productos, dicen las ciudades que hemos visitado, proclaman nuestros actores o futbolistas favoritos y, a veces, hasta predicán ideas. Muchos mensajes me han llamado la atención, pero recuerdo uno que leí en una camiseta este verano en Nueva York: Love All. Ama a todos. Taste Some. Prueba algunos. Harm No One. No hagas daño a nadie.

En un monasterio había muchas normas, respetar el gran silencio, no mirar por la ventana, ser puntual a la oración... toda una letanía de minucias necesarias para la santificación de los monjes. La vida religiosa para muchos superiores es más cuestión de mortificación que de santidad, de renuncia que de entrega. Mucho cumplimiento y poco amor. El hombre

obediente guarda las normas. El hombre que ama sabe cuando puede incumplir la ley.

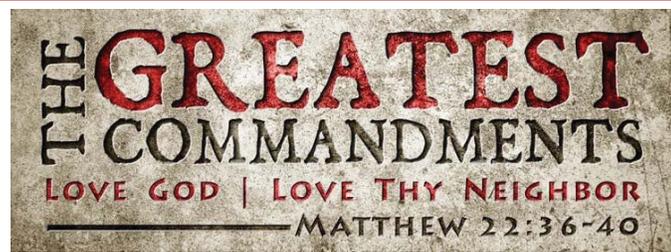
Los judíos del tiempo de Jesús gemían bajo el peso de la Torá. Sus 613 mandamientos eran un yugo insoportable. ¿Tienen todos los mandamientos el mismo valor y rango? La escena del evangelio de hoy tiene su lógica. En la vida hay que priorizar, hay que encontrar el mínimo común denominador, hay que distinguir el trigo de la paja y como ésta se ve y abulta más nos quedamos con frecuencia con la paja y despreciamos el trigo. No es de extrañar que el escriba se acerque a Jesús y le pregunte: ¿Qué mandamiento es el primero de todos? Si hubiera preguntado a un fariseo o a un sacerdote seguro que le habrían dado una respuesta muy distinta de la de Jesús.

Ante ciertas preguntas de moral, si usted consulta a diez curas, seguro que le darán diez respuestas distintas. Preguntar a los hombres no nos saca de dudas, hay que preguntar a Jesús. Jesús que conocía la Torá, conocía la Biblia, acudió al libro del Deuteronomio y le respondió: “escucha, Israel, el Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente, con todo tu ser”. Fórmula ritual que los judíos saben de memoria y recitan diariamente, así como los musulmanes repiten su fórmula: “no hay dios sino Alá y Mahoma es su profeta” y los católicos recitamos el Padre Nuestro cada vez que oramos. Y acudió también al libro del Levítico y le recordó el versículo 18 del capítulo 19: “Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”. Toda la Biblia unida e interpretada, los 613 mandamientos sintetizados en una palabra, AMOR. Palabra vieja y siempre nueva, una realidad fundamental del vivir, amar. Amar a Dios y amar al prójimo.

Respuesta nada original, pero Jesús fue el primero en unir lo que estaba separado, dos realidades distintas pero complementarias. Unidas las dos evitan muchos problemas a la convivencia humana. El fanatismo y el fundamentalismo, fruta que producen las tres grandes religiones monoteístas, se da por vivir estos dos amores desconectadamente. El amor de Dios que experimentamos en nuestra vida nos tiene que llevar a ver al prójimo con los ojos de Dios que ve a todos, sean de la religión que sean, con ojos de amor y de perdón. El amor no es un mandamiento, es una necesidad. La historia de la salvación es la historia del amor de Dios y cada uno de nosotros somos un milagro, el milagro del amor.

Nuestro Dios no es un tirano, no es un legislador de minucias conventuales, no es amante de la obediencia ciega. El amor hace sus elecciones y el creyente elige amar a Dios, amor que no es tan espontáneo y tan sensible como amar a las criaturas, pero que también tiene sus expresiones y manifestaciones sensibles, culturales, y hasta sus éxtasis. Cuando el amor y la ley entran en conflicto, el amor tiene que tener la última palabra. Cuando el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo entran en aparente conflicto, elige al prójimo y acertarás. Para el que ama no hay mandamientos, hay entrega y dedicación.

Dios y el hombre, dos amores muy distintos pero complementarios, dos caras de la misma moneda, la del amor. Con esta moneda se compra todo, el cielo aquí y el cielo allá, se agrada a Dios y se construye la paz del mundo y se establecen unas relaciones justas entre los seres humanos. Separar lo que Dios ha unido es muy peligroso. Mejor pecar de compromiso social que no de espiritualismo.



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30/31, 2021

In today's Gospel Jesus said: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” It was not meant to be a suggestion or an option. He didn't say we shall love our neighbor when it fits into our day or suits our schedule, or after we've completed our various recreations.

It is a requirement for Christians; to exercise good stewardship over the neighbors entrusted to us by God. It is a requirement often ignored when we put up barriers of anger, fear, or intolerance for a neighbor. How can we look beyond our own personal difficulties to see what we can do to love the person who lives next door, works next to us, or who sits next to us in the church pew

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

(iSantoi iSanto! iSanto! Señor omnipotente)

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not
see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

---1 iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

2 iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! El numeroso coro
de tus redimidos te adoran con fervor;
de alegría llenos, con sus coronas de oro,
rinden alabanza a ti, oh Creador.

[iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.]

3 iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres solo, y nada hay a tu lado
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.

4 iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras en cielo, tierra y mar.
iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! La huanidad te honre,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783 -1826 Tr: Juan Baustista Cabrera 1837-1916

Tune: Nicaea; John B. Dykes, 1823 - 1876

Descent: David Mck. Williams, 1887-1978

PREPARATIONS OF THE GIFTS

ABIDE WITH ME

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows
flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

---1 Señor Jesús, la luz de sol se fue.
La noche cierra; tú conmigo sé.
No hay otro amparo; ten, pues, compasión,
y al desvalido da consolación.

2 Veloz se va la vida con su afán;
su gloria, sus ensueños pasarán.
Mudanza y muerte veo en derredor.
Conmigo sé, bendito Salvador.

3 Siempre tu gracia sea mi sostén.
¿Quién otro puede al tentador vencer?
Tan solo en ti mi guía encontraré.
En sombra sol, Señor, conmigo sé.

4 No temo el mal si tú conmigo vas;
al enemigo tú lo vencerás.
En medio de miseria y de dolor,
Señor Jesús, sé tú mi auxiliador.

5 Cuando mis ojos cierran a la luz,
se alce ante mí la gloria de tu cruz.
Pasen las sombras, triunfe al fin la fe.
Jesús, conmigo, en vida y muerte, sé.

Text; Henry F. Lyte 1793 - 1847, alt; tr. Thomas M. Westrup 1837-1909

Composer: Eventide, William H. Monk 1823 -1889

Psalm 18:

Response: I Love You, Lord, My Strength

1. I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, and my Savior.
2. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my help, my

stronghold! The Lord is worthy of all praise. When I call I am saved from my foes.

3. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. You who gave great victories to your king, and love shown to your anointed

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Still My Soul

1. Be still my soul – the Lord is on the side!
Bear patient-ly the cross of grief or plain;
Leave to they God t order and provide -
In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still my soul – the best, thy heav’nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still my soul – thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past;
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake-
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul – the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still my soul – the hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still my soul – when change and tears are past.
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10; Katharina von Schlegel; in Neue Sammlung Geislicher Lieder, 1752; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–195

THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIP Mission Appeal

Sr. Leonore Coan, SNDdeN , who is a member of the same religious community as our Sr. Nancy, will speak on behalf of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur ministries in Africa and Latin America on October 30th and 31st.

She will tell the Notre Dame story from personal experience throughout countries in Africa and Latin America. The financial appeal that she will make is on behalf of the ministry needs in evangelization, education, pastoral and health care.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, were founded in 1804 by Marie Rose Julie Billiard, a French peasant women. The vision and hope of St. Julie Billiard was that her sisters would go throughout the world, proclaiming God's loving care for all peoples. Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame serve in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States. Throughout their long history as an educational order they have always emphasized the care of those living in poverty in the most abandoned places. They are women of courage and faith, unafraid of the personal cost of the living out of the Gospel. They stand with the poor through a diversity of educational ministries at all levels of society.

Today we welcome the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to our parish. Our prayers, encouragement, and the collection which will be taken up join our parish in a very particular way with the mission of this religious congregation of Sisters. Let us be as generous as we can.



BACH or BOO?

By John Anthony Volpe

Johann Sebastian Bach was a German composer, organist, harpsichordist, violist, and violinist born in Eisenach, Germany on March 21, 1685. Much of his busy life was spent as a family man, a father to thirteen children. He was a church cantor, and Director of Music for many churches in Germany. He was considered to be the main composer of Baroque music, specializing in sacred and secular works.

The Baroque period of the Roman Catholic Church began in Rome, Italy. It dominated church music from 1600 to 1760. The word Baroque is derived from the Portuguese word, “barroco”, meaning “misshapen pearl.” A misshapen pearl with all of its discoloration, indentations, and ornate appearance symbolized the music of the period that was filled with drama and

tension.

Bach and his music disappeared after his death on July 28, 1750. Disappeared? Let me explain. Bach was buried in an unmarked grave, unnoticed and undiscovered until 1894, nearly 150 years after his death! As for Bach’s compositions, well...they went unnoticed until the latter half of the 19th century!

Johann Sebastian Bach’s world-renowned organ works have been gracing concert halls, chapels, churches and cathedrals for over 300 years. While I am a huge fan of Bach’s compositions, there is one of his 1,000 compositions in particular that resonates in my mind, especially around this spooky time of year, Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D minor! Although it wasn’t until the 1980’s that the Toccata and Fugue was repurposed, setting the stage for countless ghostly soundtracks. It can now also be heard in pop media, such as Walt Disney’s movie, Fantasia, video games, and rock music. This is quite comical being that Bach originally wrote this piece to be used as a sacred work for the Mass.

Through some further investigation, I also found that Toccata comes from the Italian word, “toccare” which when translated means, “to touch.” It is considered to be a virtuoso piece of music meant for fast moving fingers and plucked multiple instruments. Personally speaking, I know this to be true being that this Toccato is one I practice for fun and it frequently leaves my fingers in knots!

Many of you may still be asking, “What is this piece John is rambling on about?” Well folks, question no longer! Margie Pearse will be playing the Toccata and Fugue in D minor as a prelude before the 4:00 PM Mass on October 30th and the 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM Masses on October 31st! All are welcome to come, listen, and let this piece touch the spooky side of your hearts.

<https://youtu.be/Nnuq9PXbywA>

MASS SCHEDULE

10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS IS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AND ARCHIVED ON FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE FOR FUTURE VIEWING.

SATURDAY 10/30

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + GEORGETTE BURNS

SUNDAY 10/31

8:00 AM + ANN M. KESTERSON & DONALD J. KESTERSON

10:30 AM + DAN HOOLEY, SR.

6:00 PM INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 11/01

ALL SAINTS DAY 8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/02

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 11/03

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/04

8:00 PM

FRIDAY 11/05

8:00 AM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
PARISH CENTER
3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

SATURDAY 11/06

9:00 AM

4:00 PM INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY 11/07

8:00 AM + ROBERT ALIX

**10:30 AM + ELIZABETH, FRANCES,
JOE, JACKIE & JEFF**

BURTON

6:00 PM

Welcome

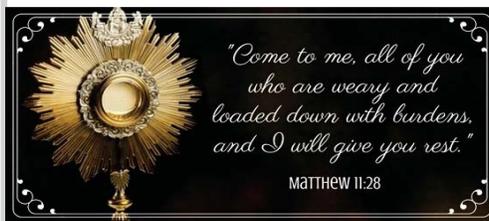
We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish. If you are new to Saint Mary -Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, please visit our website for events and resources. You may also register online at:
www.stmaryscatherine.org

**Weekend of
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**Banns of Marriage
II Kelly McGowan &
Anthony Nardella**



During this Year of the Eucharist, we initiated a custom of having Eucharistic Adoration after each Mass on the last full weekend of the month. Unforeseen circumstances prevent us from holding Adoration this weekend. We will resume the custom on the

last weekend of November, which is the first Sunday of Advent.

Just a reminder that we have Adoration at the Parish Center every Friday from 3-5PM. All are welcome to attend and receive the graces of this devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

ATTENDANCE

**OCTOBER 23
4:00 PM 40**

**OCTOBER 24
8:00 AM 51
10:30 AM 96
6:00 PM 55**

TOTAL 242



*Resquiescat
in
Pace
Anne Marie Harding*

And

*Rev. David A. Curran who
was baptized here at St. Mary
Church on August 16, 1942*

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Nov 14 - Monthly

Nov 21 - Retired Sisters

Dec 12 - Monthly

Massachusetts
Newborns
Protection
Coalition



They need our help.

With the passage of the ROE Act (Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion) last December, Massachusetts is now among the most pro-death states in the country having removed the existing state law mandating lifesaving medical care to be administered to a child who survives an abortion. The Massachusetts Newborns Protection Coalition is conducting a fall statewide signature campaign to place a question on the 2022 ballot ensuring life saving medical care for babies born alive after a botched abortion.

If you believe that every newborn in MA deserves this life-saving protection, *please sign the petition that will be available after every Mass the weekend of November 6 and 7.*

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