



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 14, 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.

2020-2021 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 2020-2021. (A complete set of the financial statements is available on our Parish Website, StmaryStcatherine.org)

We remain extremely grateful for the extraordinary generosity of both our parishioners and the Charlestown community at large during what has been one of the most challenging periods in our lifetimes. Despite the ongoing impact of the pandemic, we ended the fiscal year in a financially stable position with net operating income of \$23,667 as of June 30, 2021. In addition, the fiscal year ended with net assets increasing \$69,225 over last year.

Despite resuming in person celebration of Mass, the primary source of our funds – offertory collections – is down compared to last year. Our total offertory for last fiscal year was \$359,086 falling short of the prior year by approximately \$86,000. Moreover, this year's Grand Annual collection, while strong under the circumstances, was almost 8% below budget and \$21,860 less than last year. In order to help stem the drop off in weekly offertory collections, we ask that you strongly consider switching to on-line giving if you have not already done so. We also ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Grand Annual collection this year. Every donation helps ensure a healthy and vibrant parish.

Gifts, and especially bequests, are items that can vary significantly from year to year. But these unplanned items can be critical to the financial success of the parish. Last year, these items totaled \$214,257. This year, we received major bequests totaling \$41,057 along with other gifts and income totaling \$59,965, which is a decrease of more than \$113,000.

Our community's continuing 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 ongoing economic impact of the pandemic has increased the need for food assistance, our parishioners and other members of the community stepped up and contributed over \$336,719, an increase of \$84,000 or approximately 33%! It is incredibly heartening to see that we, as a Christian community, are truly living the words of the gospel.

Not surprisingly, all major operating expense categories, including the costs associated with the food pantry, increased by 9%-10% in the aggregate over prior year levels. The confluence of increased expenses and reduced income has put a financial strain on the parish. With your support, the parish will continue to thrive as together we figure out what the new-normal looks like for our parish and the larger Charlestown community.

Last year we completed the interior painting and restoration of our beautiful church. This undertaking was our largest capital project in recent years. The initial phase of the Inspiring Hope campaign raised most, though not all, of the funds necessary for



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.

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

John Anthony Volpe

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

Staff emails are first initial with last name (example, "jsmith@stmarystcatherine.org")

Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie
Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.
Fr. Britto Dhinakaran
Fr. Mark Shimave

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Brendan Sullivan

Vice Chair Finance Council

Kevin Walsh

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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. We continue to pay down this loan as pledges are paid. 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. Due to rising costs of insurance, utilities, and the overall cost of goods and services, our budget for 2021-2022 projects an operating 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), Kevin Walsh (Vice chair), Alexandra Conforti-Cook, Brian Fleming, Dennis Hanson, Nancy Higgins, Maureen Moore, Tom Mosel, James Santosuosso (Ex-officio),

Balance Sheet Summary as of June 30, 2021

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	
Checking Accounts	\$155,288
Depository at RCAB	252,936
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	408,224
Total Prepaid Expenses	5,108
Investments	1,023,885
Total Assets	\$1,437,217

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P	\$18,500
RCAB Agency Obligations	8,700
Notes Payable & Related	210,140
Total Liabilities	\$237,340
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets Beginning of Year	1,130,653
Current Year Change in Net Assets	69,224
Total Net Assets	1,199,877
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,437,217

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.

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**
info@stmarystcatherine.org

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**

2020-2021 Summary

Regular Parish Income	\$ 581,662
Food Pantry Income	\$ 336,719
One-Time Bequests	\$ 41,057
Total Parish inflows	\$ 952,162
Regular Parish Expenses	-\$ 44,978
Food Pantry Expenses.....	-\$ 183,517
Total Parish Expenses	\$ 928,495
Net Cash inflow from Operations.....	\$ 23,667
Church Capital Income	\$ 323,626
Church Capital Improvements	-\$ 278,068
Total Cash inflow	\$ 69,225

In addition, our parishioners contributed \$13,178 to special collections benefiting retired priests of the Archdiocese, Retired Religious Women, the Propagation of the Faith and other second collections.

INCOME

Offertory \$359,086

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

Other Income ... \$59,965

- Playgroup
- Miscellaneous
- Gifts
- Catholic Appeal Rebate

Sacramentals ... \$43,315

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

Rental Income... \$112,020

- Good Shepherd School
- GSS Utility Reimbursements

One-Time Bequests ...

..... **\$41,057**
Donations made through a will or estate plan

Food Pantry ... \$336,719

All donations made to Harvest on Vine Food Pantry

EXPENSES

Compensation...\$400,749

- Clergy
- Lay Staff
- Health and benefits

Office Expenses ... \$25,875

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

Facilities \$183,636

- Utilities
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Snow Removal

Pastoral/Liturgical... \$39,253

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

Food Pantry ... \$183,517

- Food Cost
- Salary & benefits
- Utilities

Household \$34,217

- Food / supplies for church functions
- Rectory food

Miscellaneous \$61,248

- Support for Archdiocese
- Miscellaneous

CAPITAL

Capital Income \$ 323,626

- Capital Campaign
- Investment gain/loss

Capital / One-time Expenses \$278,068

- Church Painting
- Interest on Loan

TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Había una vez una rata que estaba atravesando pausadamente una cocina seguida por sus seis pequeños ratoncillos. De repente se encontró con un gato grande y de aspecto furioso. Mamá rata se quedó petrificada. En seguida se sobrepuso al susto y lanzó un grito con toda la fuerza de sus pulmones. El gato, en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, desapareció. Mamá rata se acercó a sus ratoncitos y les dijo bajito: ¿entienden ahora por qué les recuerdo todos los días que es muy importante aprender un segundo idioma?

Los creyentes tenemos muchas razones para venir a la iglesia, a nuestra cita con Dios, a la escuela de Jesús, a la asamblea de los hermanos. Hoy, cuando ya se acaba el año litúrgico, cuando la Palabra de Dios nos habla del fin del mundo y nos recuerda nuestro personal final, déjenme que les dé una razón más para venir a la iglesia.

Tenemos que aprender un "segundo idioma". Un segundo idioma para asustar y espantar a ese gato negro y amenazador que se llama: muerte, fin del mundo, fin a secas. Un segundo idioma para vencer el miedo con la esperanza, Para escribir nuestros nombres en el libro de la vida, Para despertarnos con Cristo, Para vivir en la justicia y brillar como estrellas para siempre.

Tenemos que aprender un segundo idioma, especialmente para comunicarnos con Dios nuestro Padre. La oración, la eucaristía, la alabanza, la adoración, la escucha de la Palabra de Dios, la profesión de nuestra fe, la acción de gracias... son el segundo idioma del cristiano. Y todos sabemos que lo que no se practica se olvida.

Cada domingo, con fidelidad, tenemos que acudir a la escuela de Jesús a aprender con Él y practicar con Él el idioma del amor, el de Dios. A nosotros nos pasa con el idioma de Dios lo que nos pasa cuando aprendemos inglés. Como no lo necesitamos en la vida diaria, no lo aprendemos. Y nos pasamos la vida sin aprenderlo. Y también podemos pasarnos la vida sin aprender el idioma de Dios. ¡Para lo que sirve! ¿Acaso Dios me va a pagar el coche o el Canal+?

La Palabra de Dios, hermanos, nos recuerda una vez más, que tarde o temprano, tendremos que hablar con Dios, tendremos que vernos cara a cara con El, tendremos que hablar su idioma o de lo contrario... El evangelio de hoy termina con esta afirmación solemne: "Los cielos y la tierra pasarán, mis palabras no pasarán". En cuanto al día exacto y la hora, nadie lo sabe, ni los ángeles del cielo ni el Hijo, sólo el Padre. No preguntes a los científicos de la Nasa, ni a los sabios, ni a los adivinos, ni a los predicadores, ni a los curas... No preguntes a nadie. No mires al calendario. No esperes un final como el de Independence Day. Mira a Dios y aprende su idioma.

"Los cielos y la tierra pasarán", lo dice el Señor. Tú y yo pasaremos, tenemos fecha de caducidad y lo quiere el Señor; todo pasará. Nosotros venimos aquí a ponernos en sus manos, hacer su voluntad y confiar en Él nuestro final. No estamos aquí para asustar a nadie con eso del fin del mundo para que cambien. Nuestra religión no tiene nada que ver con el fin del mundo ni con la muerte. Nuestra fe es fe en un nuevo principio, una vida siempre nueva y eterna, una renovación de la comunidad cristiana, una humanización de nuestro vivir. Nuestra fe es una gracia, una responsabilidad, nunca una evasión. Nuestra fe nos exige trabajar, aquí y ahora, para construir un mundo más humano, más pacífico, más habitable, más justo, más amable, más de Dios.

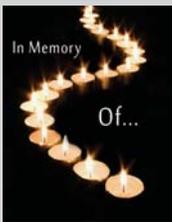
Los cielos y la tierra pasarán pero nosotros estamos llamados a vivir como si no fueran a pasar nunca, trabajando por el reino de Dios, amando con el corazón de Dios, hablando siempre el idioma de Dios. "Mis palabras no pasarán", dice el Señor. Por eso tenemos hambre de una palabra que no pasa, que se cumple, que es siempre igual, que es de Dios. Dios no cambia de opinión como nosotros, Dios no cambia de amante como nosotros, Dios no cambia de religión como nosotros... Dios es siempre fiel. En este diálogo con Dios, a través del segundo idioma de la oración, la alabanza y la eucaristía, nosotros le contamos nuestras infidelidades y Él nos promete su fidelidad. Yo estaré con vosotros todos los días hasta el fin del mundo. Ante ese stop final para mí, Dios no me pide miedo sino confianza, no me pide despreocupación sino vigilancia, no me pide haraganería sino trabajo, no adivinación sino fe, no me pide silencio sino comunicación.

Dios me pide que aprenda su idioma, que viva este día como si fuera el último, que prepare y espere su venida con gozo, que confíe y viva de su palabra. El futuro de Dios se prepara en el interior, en el corazón y se prepara hoy. El futuro con Dios no hay que ir a buscarlo en ninguna parte, está aquí en esta asamblea, en esta palabra, en esta mesa, en estos hermanos.



November 14 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are nearing the end of the Liturgical Year. The readings call us to think about the 'end times'. That topic we easily push away. . . "Oh, I'll think about it at another time." Yet it is not the time to be comfortable and complacent because as we hear in the scripture "of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Even though you do not know when death will come, how well do your words and actions reflect your commitment to being a disciple? The time to be intentional about following Jesus is NOW! Do not wait.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Today - Sunday, November 14th at 6PM

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance on November 14 at 6PM. At this liturgy, the names of all persons for whom a Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the past year are included in the Litany of Remembrance and a candle is lighted for each one. We also remember and light a candle to represent all family, relatives and friends of our Parish Community who have gone to God, one for those who have died as a result of violence, one for those who have died from substance use, and one for those who have no one to remember them.

Harvest on Vine

While Thanksgiving is certainly a wonderful time to take note of the blessings we have received, it can be a time of stress for many others.

It gives those fortunate enough to do so the opportunity to offer our support for the good of others.

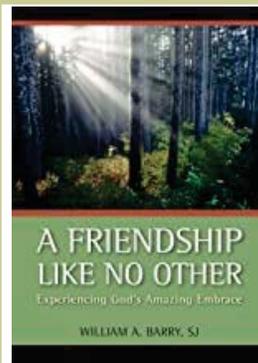
Every year during Thanksgiving we collect food for our Parish food pantry, Harvest on Vine. This emergency food pantry serves over 300 Charlestown families each month. At Thanksgiving, numbers increase to close to 600.

For a donation of \$35, you can provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.

Harvest on Vine offers a variety of items each distribution. The items greatest in need are:

- Rice (1-3 lbs. bags)**
- Low-sugar cereals**
- Pasta**
- Macaroni and Cheese**

Thank you for supporting those in need.



The Season of Advent is fast approaching. We thought we would offer this book as a possible read for you in preparation for the Advent.

And, anyone who wishes, can join us for a virtual discussion of the book via Zoom on Thursday evening, December 2nd at 6:30. The book is available for purchase at Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

We used this book as an introduction for our RCIA candidates and received such wonderful feedback that we thought we would offer this opportunity to our parishioners. Here is a brief description that is listed on the back cover of the book:

Throughout *A Friendship Like No Other*, renowned spiritual director William A. Barry, SJ, explores the premise that God wants to relate to us as a close friend. Barry has contemplated this idea – radical for many Christians – throughout his lifetime, and he explains that it actually traces back to the “developing revelation of God contained in the Bible.”

A Friendship Like No Other offers three well-supported and practical sections: prayerful exercises to lead you to the conviction that God wants our friendship; a close look at objections to this idea; and reflections on experiencing the presence of God and discerning those experiences. Brief, personal meditations are woven throughout.

Grounded in biblical tradition and with a clear focus on Ignatian spirituality, this book offers a fresh, heart-changing approach to living joyfully in the freedom of the divine embrace.

So pick up a book and join us! We look forward to welcoming you.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

- **SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH AFTER THE 10:30 MASS**
- **MUFFINS WITH ST. NICHOLAS!**
- **PLEASE JOIN US THAT DAY FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS, LEARNING THE STORY OF ST. NICHOLAS, MUFFINS, COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE.**
- **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**



The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: 19th Annotated Retreat An invitation to Meet Christ in Prayer

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The 19th Annotated Retreat is a special form of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which permits a person to be directed through the Spiritual Exercises while remaining at home. The retreat is available for Catholic adults in a group setting over the course of twenty-four weeks.

When: Wednesdays 12/1/21 to 5/4/22 **Time:** 10 am to 12:00 noon Our Lady Help of Christians, 573 Washington Street, Newton MA

Format hybrid setting: Most sessions via Zoom; In Person sessions at Our Lady Help of Christians

Spiritual Directors: Mary Ann McLaughlin & Deacon Dan Burns; Contact Mary Ann McLaughlin: 617-686-2287 or maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com

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 11/13

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + ARTHUR & NANCY RUSSELL

SUNDAY 11/14

8:00 AM + MARGARET ANN McGRATH STILWELL

10:30 AM + SUE TUBBS

6:00 PM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 11/15

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 11/16

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 11/17

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 11/18

FRIDAY 11/19

8:00 AM

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

SATURDAY 11/20

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + ROSE BOYLE & MARGARET BOYLE

SUNDAY 11/21

8:00 AM

10:30 AM + MARIE, JOHN, & NANCY McLAUGHLIN

6:00 PM INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

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
November 6 & 7
Parishioners contributed
\$ 6,642.99 to the weekly
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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Nov 14 - Monthly

Nov 21 - Retired Sisters

Dec 12 - Monthly

Project Nazareth: Advent Series

How can we help our families establish Catholic traditions at home? One way is by encouraging our families to live Advent in expectation of the coming of Jesus. Project Nazareth is offering a **free 4-week Advent series** to help families prepare for Christmas.

It's simple! All parents need to do is sign up and then each week they receive the resources in their inbox (beginning November 21st). They also gain access to our Nazareth Nights, a virtual gathering for community among all Project Nazareth users. All you have to do is share the sign-up link (<https://bit.ly/PNAdvent>) and we do the rest! Let's help Advent begin at home!



ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 6	
4:00 PM	62
NOVEMBER 7	
8:00 AM	49
10:30 AM	108
6:00 PM	82
TOTAL	301



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



Sacrament of Penance Saturdays

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Or call the office for an appointment
617-242-4664

WOMEN'S FAITH-SHARING GROUP



The women's group meets every other Wednesday, at 6:30pm via Zoom. The group welcomes new participants. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture your soul and make new friends. Please call Sr. Nancy if you want to learn more.

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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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