



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://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.*

January 16, 2022

### 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.

## ORDINARY TIME



There always seems to be a bit of a letdown after the holiday season passes and we roll into the winter months. Looking ahead into January, February, and March, spring-time seems far off. Liturgically, we

enter into what is called ORDINARY TIME. This is the season when the priest wears green vestments at Mass, and there are no major feasts and celebrations like Christmas and Easter on the horizon.

After such a time like the rush of the past weeks, I think we could all use a break – time to stop, look around, and kind of get our bearings. If we were to do that as individuals and as a parish, all of the readings for this weekend, especially the reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:4-11), have a beautiful message to offer us.

To me, St. Paul's letter seems to be a tribute to the complex and wondrous thing called our differences. Some might call this a tribute to diversity, a popular word these days. The sacred author acknowledges that there are many different gifts and talents and the source of them is the same: God's Spirit.

We are all so very different. We come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and our color, race, culture, and background may vary. Each individual is a work of art! No two of us are exactly alike. Even identical twins are distinct as time passes. However, different as we are, we have so very much in common. God has seen to that! We share the same hopes, dreams, pains, joys, and sorrows. We worry about the same things and struggle with the same issues, and on and on. Of course, there are differences in expressions and points of view, yet at the very root of everything; we are all God's creation.

Yet, if we are so alike, why do we have such a hard time getting along with one another? Why do we let our differences often keep us so far apart? Each of us is born with our own freedom and our own ego and will, and we are born into a sinful world that we help maintain. The choice to forgive each other our shortcomings and faults and the choice to love our neighbor is a big one and it

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## 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/](http://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

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does not come easily. Our own ego, selfishness, and righteousness often get in the way. Nonetheless, our faith points us to our merciful, loving Lord wherein we find the way to move forward daily toward that unity with one another that offers us hope and from which love blossoms.

So let us celebrate our sameness and all that also sets us apart! As we do that, perhaps in this ordinary week of this ordinary New Year, we can experience the extraordinary power of God's Grace calling us to be as ONE.

Fr. Ronan

## CORI Time - Reminder

To all our volunteers:

January is the month for our parish to complete CORI forms. A copy of the form will be emailed to volunteers. You may have it notarized and send it back or bring it filled out to Church and Sister Nancy or approved staff member will be there to verify your signature. Please bring your photo ID. You may also drop by the office. Also, there will be blank CORI forms at the office and at the Church for your convenience. All forms must be submitted by Friday, January 25, 2022.

**Thank you for all that you do.**



## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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.



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15/16, 2022

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

**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](mailto: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



## JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is **National Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. The U.S. Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad, through U.S. embassies and consulates. During this month, we recognize the efforts of foreign governments, international organizations, anti-trafficking entities, law enforcement officials, survivor advocates, communities of faith, businesses, and private citizens all around the world to raise awareness about human trafficking.

### **The History Behind the Month**

More than 20 years ago, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 enshrined the United States' commitment to combating human trafficking domestically and internationally. In 2010, by presidential proclamation, President Obama declared January "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" and every year since, each president has followed this tradition.

President Biden has proclaimed January 2022 as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month," reaffirming his Administration's commitment to protect and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking, to prosecute traffickers, and to bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and around the world. "Since human trafficking disproportionately impacts racial and ethnic minorities, women and girls, LGBTQI+ individuals, vulnerable migrants, and other historically marginalized and underserved communities, our mission to combat human trafficking must always be connected to our broader efforts to advance equity and justice across our society."

Presidential proclamations not only raise the profile of the issue, but are also snapshots of global trends and challenges, and significant U.S. anti-trafficking policy achievements.

To learn more about human trafficking please visit: <https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>

**To report suspected human trafficking to Federal law enforcement call: 1-866-347-2423.**

**To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline call: 1-888-373-7888 to text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).**

**Please pray for and advocate for an end to human trafficking and please pray and advocate for the victims of human trafficking.**

Loving and Compassionate God, we seek your divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved. For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom. We beseech you to release them from their chains. Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment. Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning. Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes. Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking. Make us instruments of your spirit for their liberation. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (United Catholic Conference of Bishops)

## **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 Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

## **Adult Confirmation Classes**

### **Please Spread the Word**

Sacrament of Confirmation  
*for Adults*

Full adult membership in the Roman Catholic Church is achieved with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Most Catholics born into our faith receive Baptism as infants and Eucharist in the second grade. Confirmation is often received in the tenth grade. Due to circumstances of all kinds, a significant number of adults have never had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Maybe... It's Time

To deepen your relationship with God who loves and cares about you.

To re-engage your world again as a Catholic more informed about your faith and its impact in your life.

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

Candidates 18 years of age or older will attend seven 90-minute virtual classes. Orientation begins on Monday, January 31, 7-8:30PM. Candidates need to meet with Sr. Nancy to complete registration prior to the first class.

Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND at 617-242-4664 or [ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org) for additional details and to register for the program.

## Living out Christmas in the New Year 9 Days for Life Novena

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join **9 Days for Life**, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

*Join today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!*

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### TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Siempre parece un poco decepcionante después de que pasa la temporada navideña y llegamos a los meses de invierno. Mirando hacia el futuro - enero, febrero y marzo, la primavera parece lejana. Litúrgicamente entramos en lo que se llama TIEMPO ORDINARIO. Esta es la temporada en la que el sacerdote usa vestiduras verdes en la Misa, y no hay grandes

fiestas y celebraciones en el horizonte como Navidad y Semana Santa.

Después de un tiempo como el ajetreo de las últimas semanas, creo que a todos nos vendría bien un descanso: tiempo para detenernos, mirar alrededor y orientarnos. Si tuviéramos que hacer eso como individuos y como parroquia, todas las lecturas de este fin de semana, especialmente la lectura de la carta de San Pablo a los Corintios (1 Cor 12:4-11), tienen un hermoso mensaje que ofrecernos.

Para mí, la carta de San Pablo parece ser un tributo a lo complejo y maravilloso llamado nuestras diferencias. Algunos podrían llamar a esto un tributo a la diversidad, una palabra popular en estos días. El autor sagrado reconoce que hay muchos dones y talentos diferentes y la fuente de ellos es la misma: el Espíritu de Dios.

Todos somos tan diferentes. Venimos en una variedad de formas y tamaños, y nuestro color, raza, cultura y antecedentes pueden variar. ¡Cada persona es una obra de arte! No hay dos de nosotros exactamente iguales. Incluso los gemelos idénticos son distintos a medida que pasa el tiempo. Sin embargo, a pesar de lo diferentes que somos, tenemos mucho en común. ¡Dios se ha ocupado de eso! Compartimos las mismas esperanzas, sueños, dolores, alegrías y tristezas. Nos preocupamos por las mismas cosas y luchamos con los mismos problemas, y así sucesivamente. Por supuesto, hay diferencias en las expresiones y puntos de vista, pero en la raíz misma de todo; todos somos creación de Dios.

Sin embargo, si somos tan parecidos, ¿por qué nos cuesta tanto llevarnos bien? ¿Por qué dejamos que nuestras diferencias a menudo nos mantengan tan separados? Cada uno de nosotros nace con nuestra propia libertad y nuestro propio ego y voluntad, y nacemos en un mundo pecaminoso que ayudamos a mantener. La elección de perdonarnos unos a otros nuestros defectos y faltas y la elección de amar a nuestro prójimo es grande y no viene fácilmente. Nuestro propio ego, egoísmo y rectitud a menudo se interponen en el camino. Sin embargo, nuestra fe nos señala a nuestro Señor misericordioso y amoroso en el que encontramos el camino para avanzar cada día hacia esa unidad con los demás que nos ofrece esperanza y de la que brota el amor.

¡Así que celebremos nuestra igualdad y todo lo que también nos distingue! Mientras hacemos eso, tal vez en esta semana ordinaria de este Año Nuevo ordinario, podamos experimentar el poder extraordinario de la Gracia de Dios que nos llama a ser UNO.

Fr. Ronan



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**Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. January 23**

For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith.

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To learn more, please visit

[www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**The Dreamer**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a community of goodwill and understanding that “does not begin by discriminating between worthy and unworthy people ... It begins by loving others for their sakes.” Let us thank God for the leadership and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. who incorporated Gospel values in the non-violent struggle for equality, justice, freedom and peace for all human beings.

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“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

Join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Chapel on Mon., Jan. 17. (The Parish Center will be closed that day.)

**If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other - that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

**A NEW BEGINNING!**



We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to the voice saying to us: “I have a gift for you and can’t wait for you to see it!” Imagine.

Is it possible that our imagination can lead us to the truth of our lives? Yes, it can! The problem is that we allow our past, which becomes longer and longer each year, to say to us: “You know it all; you have seen it all, be realistic; the future will just be a repeat of the past. Try to survive it as best you can.” There are many cunning foxes jumping on our shoulders and whispering in our ears the great lie: “There is nothing new under the sun . . . don’t let yourself be fooled.” When we listen to these foxes, they eventually prove themselves right: our new year, our new day, our new hour become flat, boring, dull, and without anything new.

So what are we to do? First, we must send the foxes back to where they belong: in their foxholes. And then we must open our minds and our hearts to the voice that resounds through the valleys and hills of our life saying: “Let me show you where I live among my people. My name is ‘God--with--you.’ I will wipe all the tears from your eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone” (Revelation 21:2--5). - Henri Nouwen

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY 01/15**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + BARBARA SMITH**

**SUNDAY 01/16**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**8:00 AM + ROY MACNEIL**

**10:30 AM + ALLEN JARASITIS**

**6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTION**

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

**MONDAY 01/17**

**OFFICE CLOSED - MLK DAY**

**9:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 01/18**

**8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 01/19**

**8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD**

**THURSDAY 01/20**

**8:00 AM**

**ADORATION AT THE PARISH CENTER 3 TO 5**

**FRIDAY 01/21**

**8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 01/22**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + THOMAS E. BYRNE**

**SUNDAY 01/23**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

**6:00 PM**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**JANUARY 8**

**4:00 PM 60**

**JANUARY 9**

**8:00 AM 30**

**10:30 AM 109**

**6:00 PM 29**

**TOTAL 228**

**Weekend of January 8 & 9 Parishioners contributed**

**\$ 12,666.33 to the weekly collection**

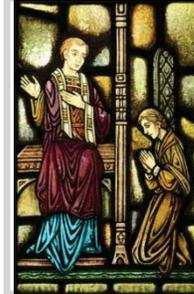
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**\$1,454.00 to the monthly collection**

***Thank you for your continued support***

## **Tax Season Coming Up!**

Would you like a statement of your Parish contributions? Please email Dianne at [dludy@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmarystcatherine.org) or call (617) 242-4664. Please include your full name and address with your request. Statements may take 3-5 business days to process.



## **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturdays in the Church  
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
or call the for an appointment by dialing  
617-242-4664

## **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Jan 23 - Latin America  
Feb 6 - Fuel Collection



## **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@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org)**



## **WEDDING BANNS**

**III Matthew Lindmark & Lauren Thornton**

# *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.stmarystcatherine.org](http://www.stmarystcatherine.org)*



## **WINTER ALERT**

**2021 - 2022**

Dear Friends, in the event of inclement weather that necessitates the closing of the church, we will post the closing on Channel 5, WCVB-TV and Channel 7 WHDH and 56 WLVI

**Stay warm and safe!**



## **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](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)** for the Zoom information.

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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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