



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.

March 6, 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.

The Lights Went Out



As I was at my desk preparing to write this article, suddenly all went dark. Lily kept on snoring over on her bed, and like everyone else around town on Sunday evening, I wondered what was happening. A glance out the window made it clear

the entire neighborhood was

without lights. There was nothing to do other than to sit and ponder the troubles of these days reflected in the pervasive anxiety among people.

The loss of electricity meant so much that we take for granted is gone so we might sort of begin taking stock of what is left: my flashlight, my phone (how charged is it? – could I charge it in the car?), blankets/warm clothes for a cold night, some way of cooking, etc., etc. Of course, the electricity returned and all returned to normal – but should it?

The holy season of Lent has now begun and Christians are urged to embrace these forty days, maybe as if the lights are out. For me, when everything is “turned off” and I cannot busy myself with doing stuff, I settle down and enter into some welcome quiet. It is in the quiet that I turn to God and, in that space, God can get through to me! The overarching invitation of Lent is to prepare to approach the center of our Hope in the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. It is prayer that opens us to the power of this truth and the outflow of joy it yields.

All of us can find these times frightening as we see and hear breakdowns of order and civil discourse and our children hear horrible “breaking news” alerts. What we seek and that for which we hunger can be found within, not outside of us. It is in our humble seeking God in the quiet where we can find peace.

Lights out also lets me see how much stuff is crammed into my day, because I cannot see it, do it, eat it or turn-it-on. It's a type of fasting, which is the second pillar of the Lenten journey. That really means cutting back and/or cutting out whatever. Introducing an element of self-denial into my Lenten days frees me to

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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be more attentive to Grace and the gift of so much all around me, often taken for granted.

Lights-out quickly makes me think of others for whom such times might be perilous; elderly who are alone, folks who are ill, families in need, those struggling with addiction and mental illness. These moments help me recognize how blessed I am and how important it is that I share my blessings, in whatever way possible with others. So, it is that almsgiving, acts of kindness, and generosity is the third pillar of the Lenten journey.

Combined, these three pillars of the Lenten journey offer us valuable tools to seek and find a much-needed refreshment in this disturbing time. We all know it will pass, yet it is in this moment we find ourselves. The Scriptures express an urging to live into today, now. Let's turn out the lights and get going.

Fr. Ronan

LENTEN PROGRAMS

ADORATION ON FRIDAYS IN LENT –

5:30 TO 6:30 IN CHURCH

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Each Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 in the Church or by appointment

Wednesdays, March 30, April 6, April 13 from 6PM – 7:30PM at the Parish Center

Lenten Prayer and Reconciliation Service – April 7, 6:30PM in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 15 at 3PM

And soon, Stations of the Cross booklet will be placed on the tables in the Church for your personal devotion at home.



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE

Please let the priest know of your need

**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**

Free Prayer Apps and Websites

Pray as you Go - <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> - prayer app or website, about ten minutes in length that reflects on a scripture reading of the day and prompts the listener to reflect on related questions.

3 Minute Retreat - <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer> - offers a sentence or two to focus us, a piece of scripture, a reflection question, and a closing prayer.

Good News Reflections - gnmreflections1@gogoodnews.net – offers a brief topic for reflection each day.

Sacred Space - <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> - offers a 'Sacred Space' in our day with guidance and the help of scripture that is chosen each day.

Laudate – a phone app that contains the divine office and a compendium of many forms of prayer for your choosing.

Ignatian Prayer Examen: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/>

Amen App - a free app from Augustine Institute with many prayers, Bible readings and special prayers for Lent

Hallow App - You can access ALL of Hallow's content for free for 90 days AFTER WHICH THERE IS A FEE. Join Catholics across the Archdiocese in prayer this Lent with a special focus on The 7 Last Words of Christ. Accept the #Pray40 Challenge today!

Through the Archdiocese - Another resource to help you and your family grow is the **Lenten Journey Calendar for Families**. We hope this will help guide your Lenten journey this year. Just download the calendar from BostonCatholic.org

Lenten Groups

Men's Group

When: Early Tuesday mornings beginning March 8, 7AM TO 8:15AM

Where: Parish Center at 46 Winthrop

Facilitated by Fr. Ronan

Women's Group

When: Wednesday evenings, beginning March 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Where: Via Zoom

Facilitated by Sr. Nancy

Mixed Group

When: Tuesday mornings, beginning March 8, 8:45-10:15

Where: St. Mary Church Hall

Facilitated by Kathy Devaney

Check one

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**You can return this form to the
Parish Center,
46 Winthrop Street,
or put it in the collection basket. If you have any
questions, please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at
617-242-4664 or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org**



Please pick up a rice bowl and would like to, there are some at the back of the church. Please return the Rice bowls on Palm Sunday. Thank You!



Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays
in the Church
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

or call the for an appointment by dialing
617-242-4664



Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays
3:00 to 5:00 pm

**At the Parish Center
46 Winthrop St.**

Come to the Waters

A Healing Mass for Those Impacted by Divorce & Separation

March 28th | 7:00-9:00 PM

St. John's, Quincy

Come to the waters, where the Lord invites you to receive His healing embrace. From the wellspring of His heart, we find peace, love and joy. The Family Life Team of the Archdiocese of Boston invites all those impacted by divorce or separation to an evening of prayer, healing and reconciliation at a Healing Mass. Fr. Matt Williams, pastor of St. John the Baptist parish in Quincy, will be the Mass celebrant. All ages are welcome to attend and meet the Lord in His great mercy and love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered

and guests are invited forward for healing prayers following the Mass, if desired. Registration was established to anticipate the number of guests attending but is not required for attendance. Those who register will receive an email reminder prior to the Mass. Please invite friends, family, and all who have suffered the pain of divorce or separation in any way, to attend.



The month of March dedicated to St. Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries (On the Devotion to St. Joseph)* in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents."

In Catholic traditions, Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers and is associated with various feast days. The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a happy death,

due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. Joseph has become patron of various dioceses and places. Being a patron saint of the virgins, too, he is venerated as "most chaste". A specific veneration is attributed to the most chaste and pure heart of Saint Joseph. His feast day is celebrated on March 19th.

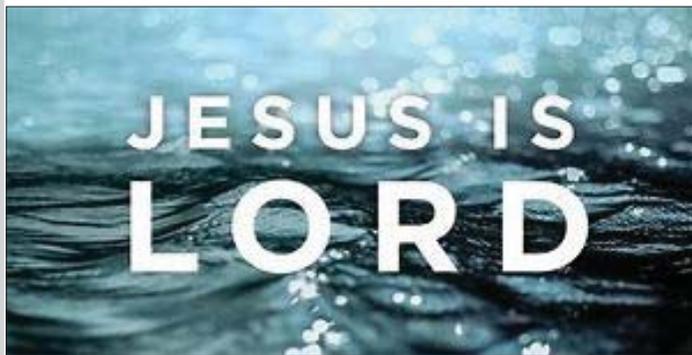


Father Ronan
with the
First Holy
Communion
class on
Tuesday.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is home bound, either on a short or longer term basis, as we want to do our best to help them feel connected to our community.

Please call us at 617-242-4664 if you, a relative or neighbor is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.



First Sunday of Lent - of March 5/6, 2022

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?



Primer Domingo de Cuaresma Fin de Semana del 5/6 de marzo de 2022

La segunda lectura de San Pablo a los romanos es una de las favoritas de quienes participan en el ministerio de la evangelización. No hay discípulos “secretos” del Señor. Quienes ejercitan la buena corresponsabilidad de su fe se dan cuenta de que identificarse públicamente como seguidores de Cristo tiene un efecto purificador en sus vidas. Confesar abiertamente a Cristo les hace más conscientes de cómo viven su vida diaria. ¿Estamos satisfechos de privatizar nuestra fe o somos buenos corresponsables de una fe que compartimos, hacemos pública e identificamos habitualmente como una vida en Cristo?

Reflection on the Eucharist by Pope Francis



Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us allow our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist to transform us, just as it transformed the great and courageous saints...Like them, may we never be satisfied with little; may we never resign ourselves to a faith based on ritual and repetition, but be ever more open to the scandalous newness or of the crucified and risen God, the Bread broken to give life to the world. In this way, we will be joyful ourselves and bring joy to others.

During Catholic Sisters Week...

We gratefully lift up the women religious throughout the years who have brought the Lord's light into our broken world.



Catholic Sisters Week
March 8-14, 2022



March 8 through March 14, is National Catholic Sister's Week.

It was established in 2014 to honor women religious and to encourage those women who are considering a vocation in religious life. Check out the web site: nationalcatholicsistersweek.org.

AND by the way, *Happy National Catholic Sister's Week to you, Sister Nancy, our Parish Pastoral Associate and to you, Sister Kathleen, guitar player extraordinaire! Thank you for all you do!*

Pope's prayer intention for sisters

Pope Francis asks us to pray for sisters and consecrated laywomen as they continue in their mission with courage

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 03/05

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 03/06

8:00 AM + MARGARET COSTELLO & RACHEL BARBERIAN

10:30 AM + GRACIELA AMIJOS AND THE RITE OF SENDING FORTH

6:00 PM + JAMES P COLLINS SR. & JAMES P. COLLINS JR,

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 03/07

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 03/08

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 03/09

8:00 AM + CHARLES FARMER & CISSY DELANEY

THURSDAY 03/10

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 03/11

8:00 AM + TRANQUILLINO, MINNIE & VINCENT CITRO; JOSEPH & ARTHUR MARI; FABIO LAUDADIO

ADORATION AT THE PARISH CENTER 3 TO 5

SATURDAY 03/12

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + LAWRENCE MAHONEY

SUNDAY 03/13

8:00 AM + COLLEEN BOWMAN

10:30 AM + JOHN, DONALD,

THERESA & JACK RING

6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTION

To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or check out the web site! stmarystcatherine.org

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 26

4:00 PM 74

FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM 29

10:30 AM 100

6:00 PM 32

TOTAL 235

Weekend of February 26 & 27 Parishioners contributed

\$ 4,271.16 to the weekly Collection And

\$ 390 to Around the World Collection

Thank you for your continued support



Resquiescat in Pace

Julianne Walsh

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.



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



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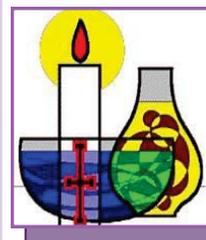
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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- Mar 13 - Fuel collection
- Mar 20 Monthly
- Apr 10 Parish Easter 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



Dear Marian Friends,

On Saturdays, we gather for our Saturday

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

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