



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 17, 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.



Alleluia - He Has Risen - Happy Easter

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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Lily

All of us who have been privileged to share our lives with a dog dread the day when our dog ages and can no longer continue in long established and mutually appreciated routines. My English Labrador Retriever, Lily, has been a fixture at the Parish for

more than 10 years as was her predecessor, Daisy, for many years before.

Lily is now more than 13 years old and unable to climb the impossibly steep stairs in Charlestown. So she has retired from her active ministry and is at home with family – enjoying a more quiet life out of the city. She is well with some of the issues that come with a dog of her age.

Many parishioners have enjoyed coming to know this gentle loving Lab, as the picture shows!

The Holy Night of the Easter Vigil April 16, 2022

Alive in Christ! That's what we are. Among the many readings of Easter, Saint Paul reflects on this "newness of life" in his letter to the Romans. The Christian life is a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have; and in their commitment to the Lord, they know what it means to be alive in Christ. It is time to rejoice. He is risen! Alleluia



First Communion students make their pew banners for their special Mass on May 1st

**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
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Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren and Soley Street

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

For more than 2000 years Christians have tried to put into words the Easter story. The Passion gospel is proclaimed during this Holy Week and narrates the story of the Last Supper, the arrest and torture of Jesus and His crucifixion and death. On this Sunday of Easter, 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!

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 Easter-time, 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

No Hay Palabras

Hay momentos en la vida de todos nosotros cuando surge una experiencia que nos estira, hace que sea difícil de entender, explicar y comprender. A veces la experiencia es belleza y hermosura, por ejemplo, el nacimiento de un niño. En otras ocasiones, el evento puede ser terrible, feo y trágico, un accidente automovilístico fatal, las atrocidades que ocurren en Ucrania. Y cuando pasamos de esos momentos y luego tratamos de explicarle a otro lo que escuchamos, lo que pasó, cómo fue, fallamos; simplemente no hay palabras adecuadas.

Durante más de 2000 años, los cristianos han tratado de poner en palabras la historia de la Pascua. El evangelio de la Pasión se proclama durante esta Semana Santa y narra la historia de la Última Cena, el arresto y tortura de Jesús y Su crucifixión y muerte. En este domingo de Pascua, proclamamos la historia del sepulcro vacío: Jesús ha resucitado de entre los muertos y ahora vive de nuevo.

Entonces es que podemos contar la historia, así como podemos decir que en un momento y lugar determinado nació un niño precioso y de igual manera en tal o cual momento ocurrió un terrible y fatal accidente. Y, sin embargo, la narración solo cuenta una parte de la historia y hay mucho más para realmente comenzar a comprender el evento. Es ir más allá de la historia y hacia el significado real de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús lo que lo lleva a uno al lugar donde luchamos por encontrar las palabras.

La música, la poesía, la literatura, el teatro, la ópera, el arte en todas sus formas han buscado llevarnos a las profundida-

des de la historia de Jesús. A menudo, todos estos esfuerzos tan nobles son útiles para elevarnos más allá de las meras palabras hacia un misterio tan esquivo como atractivo. Porque estamos buscando saber algo de Dios, el inefable y omnipotente, y todavía no hay palabras. Sin embargo, la magnitud de la historia de Pascua nos impulsa a tratar de comprender, ¡algo!

Nuestra tradición afirma que este mundo roto, incluyéndote a ti y a mí, con toda la maldad, el miedo, la oscuridad y la tristeza de nuestro tiempo, ha sido abrazado por el Hijo del Dios vivo, clavado en una cruz primitiva para sufrir, morir y ser enterado. Y temprano en la mañana del tercer día, este mismo Jesús resucitó de la muerte, venciendo el poder del mal y la muerte para siempre. En la primera mañana de Pascua, nació la Esperanza. No es una Esperanza teórica y lejana, sino que está al alcance de todos. En Pascua la Iglesia celebra de manera particular el Sacramento del Bautismo, iniciando a la persona en la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Hay una agitación en la gente, un algo interior que anhela captar esta enorme verdad, para la cual no hay palabras. Cristo ha Resucitado y en medio de todas las actividades de la humanidad, las alegres y las tristes, la Esperanza está presente y nunca puede disminuir. Ir más allá de la historia en este tiempo pascual, dejar que las palabras inadecuadas nos lleven a lo más profundo de nuestro corazón y escuchar ese anhelo interior de Esperanza y caminar en la promesa pascual es el don que Dios nos ofrece a cada uno de nosotros.

Padre Ronan



Banns Of Marriage



III Mary McCarthy & David Merrill



Father Tony speaks with First Communion class!



The 30th Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, at The Weston Golf Club. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4b5c89> or call 781.899.5500.



Our Religious Education Program is hosting a Hygiene Product Drive for Harvest on Vine. Did you know that items like shampoos, toothpaste and feminine products are not covered by SNAP benefits? And prices are rising. If you would like to donate, you may drop off at Parish Center until April 30th.



The Confirmation students met with Mr. Dan Ponsetto from Boston College on Sunday April 3

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

SATURDAY 04/16

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM PRAYER SERVICE

7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY 04/17

EASTER

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

NO 6:00 PM MASS

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 04/18

PATRIOTS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM

TUESDAY 04/19

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 04/20

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 04/21

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 04/22

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

SATURDAY 04/23

9:00 AM

**4:00 + KATE PACHECO
THERESA GALLAHER
JAMES GALLAGHER**

SUNDAY 04/24

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM + MARY BYRNE

**6:00 PM MASS + FLORENCE & FRANCESCO SACCO
THOMAS McMANUS
MARIA CERASUOLO**



ATTENDANCE

APRIL 9

4:00 PM 58

APRIL 10

8:00 AM 62

10:30 AM 200

6:00 PM 65

TOTAL 385

Weekend of

April 9 & 10

Parishioners contributed

\$ 4,810.22 to the weekly Collection

And

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Apr 17 Easter Clergy Benefit
May 01 Parish Insurance Collection
May 15 Monthly
June 5 Seminary Collection

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