



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.

May 1, 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.

A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING



The springtime blossoms bursting with soft white flowers along Winthrop Street cast a festive glow over the Training Field. At the moment I am writing, families are gathered with small children on blankets as a troubadour serenades the gathering and the kids sing along. Seasons changing is one of the many blessings of life in New England.

Yet the metaphor of changing seasons extends beyond climate and weather. The

exquisite passage from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8), has been read for thousands of years and appreciated for its wisdom and beauty. There are multiple seasons of our lives and the text eloquently describes them from birth to death, laughter to tears, war to peace, planting to harvesting and so many more. Each of us knows these seasonal changes in our own lives and in all around us - our families, our communities, and our world.

I am preparing for a change of seasons, so to speak, in my own life. On June 5, I will retire as pastor in Charlestown after 18 years. Now months after my 77th birthday, I am thinking a lot about seasons changing! Someone asked me after Mass on Sunday how good I was in "letting go". I had to think about how I wished to answer, for I had not thought much about that.

Like every one of us, I have had to let go of many places, jobs, family members, homes, friends, and more over the years. Sometimes these changes are wrenching and other times less so. Leaving Charlestown will be hard to do. There is so much that is wonderful about the people in The Town and about being a parish priest here. Furthermore, returning to Boston after many years away has been a joy - I am a city guy and love this unique neighborhood.

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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 call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664.

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There is, however, another aspect of this evolution that is constant. For forty years, I am an ordained Catholic Priest and a man never retires from the most essential life and work of a priest. Yet, retiring from being a pastor – that is another matter!

The final lines of the passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes are profound for me and perhaps also for you: "I have considered the task which God has appointed for us to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into our hearts, without our ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done".

With immeasurable gratitude to God and to so many in our community, I will let go of Charlestown and carry within me the multiple blessings of these years. A new season is ahead and God is good.

Fr. Ronan



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

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& Eucharistic Chapel**

46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**
info@stmarystcatherine.org

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Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren and Soley Street

Social Ministry Office
49 Vine Street **617-580-8305**

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20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**

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Third Sunday of Easter - April 30/ May 1, 2022

This weekend's Gospel reading from John enjoys a number of themes not least of which has to do with hearing Christ's call to live differently but returning to our "comfort zones." Even after seeing the risen Lord and receiving his blessing and missionary charge, his disciples go back to what they were doing before Jesus first called them. Instead of continuing Jesus' ministry, they return to the life they knew. When faced with the choice between embarking on a new way of life or staying where life is familiar and comfortable, they chose the latter. Good stewards know that Christ has called them to open their hearts and live in a different way. How often do we retreat from the Lord's call so that we may remain with what is

UNA TEMPORADA PARA TODO

Los capullos de primavera llenos de suaves flores blancas a lo largo de la calle Winthrop arrojan un brillo festivo sobre el campo de entrenamiento. En el momento en que escribo, las familias están reunidas con niños pequeños sobre mantas mientras un trovador da una serenata a la reunión y los niños cantan. El cambio de estaciones es una de las muchas bendiciones de la vida en Nueva Inglaterra.

Sin embargo, la metáfora del cambio de estaciones se extiende más allá del clima y el tiempo. El exquisito pasaje del Libro del Antiguo Testamento de Eclesiastés (3:1-8), ha sido leído durante miles de años y apreciado por su sabiduría y belleza. Hay múltiples estaciones de nuestras vidas y el texto las describe con elocuencia desde el nacimiento hasta la muerte, de la risa a las lágrimas, de la guerra a la paz, de la siembra a la cosecha y muchas más. Cada uno de nosotros conoce estos cambios estacionales en nuestras propias vidas y en todo lo que nos rodea: nuestras familias, nuestras comunidades y nuestro mundo.

Me estoy preparando para un cambio de estaciones, por así decirlo, en mi propia vida. El 5 de junio me jubilaré como pastor en Charlestown después de 18 años. Ahora, meses después de mi cumpleaños número 77, estoy pensando mucho en el cambio de las estaciones! Alguien me preguntó después de la misa del domingo qué tan bueno era en "dejar ir". Tuve que pensar en cómo deseaba responder, porque no había pensado mucho en eso.

Como cada uno de nosotros, he tenido que dejar muchos lugares, trabajos, familiares, hogares, amigos y más a lo largo de los años. A veces estos cambios son desgarradores y otras veces menos. Dejar Charlestown será difícil de hacer. Hay tantas cosas maravillosas en la gente de The Town y en ser párroco aquí. Además, volver a Boston después de muchos años de ausencia ha sido un placer: soy un hombre de ciudad y amo este vecindario único.

Hay, sin embargo, otro aspecto de esta evolución que es constante. Durante cuarenta años, soy un sacerdote católico ordenado y un hombre nunca se retira de la vida y obra más esencial de un sacerdote. Sin embargo, retirarse de ser pastor, iese es otro asunto!

Las líneas finales del pasaje del Libro del Eclesiastés son profundas para mí y quizás también para ti: "He considerado la tarea que Dios nos ha asignado para que nos ocupemos. Dios ha hecho todo apropiado a su tiempo, y ha puesto lo atemporal en nuestros corazones, sin que jamás descubramos, de principio a fin, la obra que Dios ha hecho".

Con una gratitud inconmensurable a Dios ya tantos en nuestra comunidad, dejaré Charlestown y llevaré dentro de mí las múltiples bendiciones de estos años. Se avecina una nueva temporada y Dios es bueno.

Padre Ronan

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.



DON'T FORGET THE POOR

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues in our parish.

The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown. Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes at the back of the church. Thank you so much!



May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

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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.



Dates In May -

May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

May 26: Solemnity
Ascension of the Lord

May 31: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary



CROWNING MARY

(Weekend of May 1st-2nd)

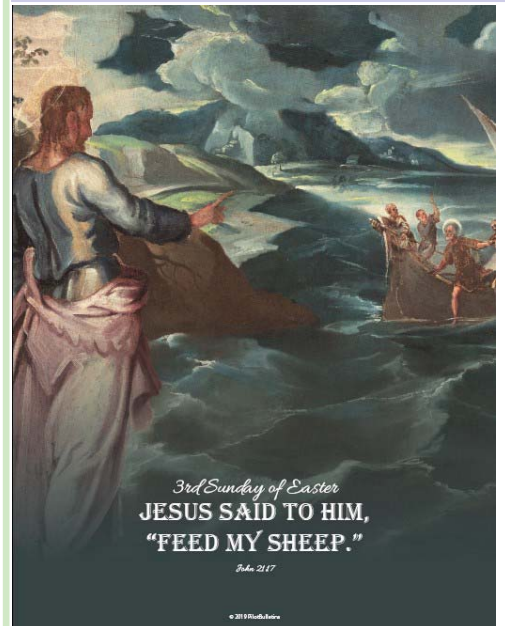
Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring flowers the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain:

***O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.***

Our voices ascending, in harmony blending,
Oh! thus may our hearts turn, dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! thus shall we prove thee
how truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary, life's journey would be.
Refrain

O Virgin most tender,
our homage we render,
Thy love and protection, sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us,
in sorrow befriend us,
As pure as the lilies we lay at your feet. *Refrain*



"NEVER BE AFRAID OF LOVING THE BLESSED VIRGIN TOO MUCH. YOU CAN NEVER LOVE HER MORE THAN JESUS DID." -- SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



Wedding Banns

1.

Brian McNulty
&
Mary Kate Sexton

1.

Ryan Getchell
&
Evin Quinlan



FYI / REMINDER

**SPECIAL ELECTION FOR
DISTRICT 1 ON MAY 3RD
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**



COME CELEBRATE THE 40TH YEAR OF ORDINATION AND EIGHTEEN YEARS AS PASTOR OF FR. JIM RONAN

on June 5, 2022 at 10:30 Mass

Reception to follow

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this celebration. Please call 617-242-4664 or email dludy@stmarystcatherine.org to let us know if you plan to attend so that we may adequately plan for the reception. If you have any pictures of Fr. Ronan with you and/or your family, please send us a jpg by May 9th. We hope to include them in the celebration.

VEN A CELEBRAR EL 40 AÑO DE LA ORDENACIÓN Y DIECIOCHO AÑOS COMO PÁRROCO DE FR. JIM RONAN

el 5 de junio de 2022 a las 10:30 Misa

Recepción a seguir

Todos los feligreses están cordialmente invitados a asistir a esta celebración. Llame al 617-242-4664 o envíe un correo electrónico a dludy@stmarystcatherine.org para informarnos si planea asistir para que podamos planificar adecuadamente la recepción. Si tienes alguna foto del P. Ronan con usted y/o su familia, envíenos un jpg antes del 9 de mayo. Esperamos incluirlo en la celebración.



*Congratulations to our
2022 Confirmation Class*

And to our

2022 First Holy Communion Class

who are receiving the Sacraments this weekend.

God Bless and keep you always



MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 04/30

9:00 AM

12:30 1ST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

4:00 CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY 05/01

8:00 AM + GERALD STILPHEN & FR. BOB MOTTAU

10:30 AM + ROGER "PEEWEE" WOODS

1:00 PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

6:00 PM + MARY TRACY

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 05/02

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 05/03

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 05/04

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 05/05

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 05/06

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 05/07

9:00 AM

4:00 MOTHERS DAY

SUNDAY 05/08

MOTHERS DAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM MASS

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

ATTENDANCE

April 23

4:00 PM 56

APRIL 24

8:00 AM 38

10:30 AM 121

6:00 PM 64

TOTAL 279

Parish Giving

Weekend of

April 23 & 24

Parishioners contributed

\$ 6,611.14

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 01 Parish Insurance Collection

May 15 Monthly

May 26 Ascension

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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.



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

Welcome



The Church Sanctuary Lamp Is lit for Our Confirmandi And First Holy Communion Class

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