



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

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*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 22, 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.

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD



Through the years, most parish priests encounter strangers who, after a moment or two, say to them something like, “*Father, I am a Catholic, but ...*” This is always the beginning of a personal story wherein they share something of their life

journey and seek to explain where God is in that journey; or it may be better said, where they see themselves in relation to God on that journey. No two stories are alike. Sometimes they have been baptized Catholic but no other faith formation has taken place. Other times they have received all of the sacraments yet the commitment to practicing the faith on the home front has been nonexistent. And at other times, they have been raised in the practice of the faith, but then “life happens” and they have fallen away and/or put it aside.

In every circumstance, they acknowledge some measure of incompleteness, some experience of restlessness and see themselves as searching for something more than, to this point, life has offered. Ironic that, in many situations, the persons with whom I am speaking have been “successful” in life, are well educated, and outwardly would appear to “*have it all.*” It is as if the deception of “having it all” in life bringing happiness has been laid bare. The world and the popular culture hold out this promise - however it turns out to be false. But before this realization sets in, they diagnose that the incompleteness they are experiencing in life is due to not yet achieving everything necessary for the formula to work. Consequently, they work even longer hours, acquire more stuff, earn more and climb higher – in pursuit of that elusive sense of inner completeness and peace they long for.

Then experimentation begins with whatever movement seems to offer the most likely path to completeness. Variations of exercise

***Inside: Ascension Thursday***

## 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.

### Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

### Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

### Finance & Operations Manager

James Santosuosso

### Social Ministry Director

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### Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

### Director of Music

John Anthony Volpe

### Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

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### Clergy In Residence

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

### Hispanic Ministry

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Kevin Walsh

and fitness rank high, diets and travel are popular, new age music and yoga fit in too – sexual experimentation in different forms, from excess to abstinence and more. There are gurus, guides, webinars, and any number of self-help/promotion products.

Usually, after some combination of failures and often as a result of being in relationships where honesty is called for, they come to recognize that “*something is missing*”. About that time, thoughts of God and returning to church surface – in fact they have been lingering around for some time – but now are allowed to be considered seriously. For many, this is a difficult threshold to cross, literally and figuratively. Making the hard call to cross it, speaking up, seeking out, and entering in, opens the door to the true path toward completeness.

This journey toward completeness about which I speak is the development of an even deeper relationship with God. It is the spiritual side of our very being, for we are more than flesh and blood. We have a mind and a soul as well. Nourishing only one part of our beings leads to an imbalance, a lack of inner integrity and restlessness. The mystics and ancients have written about this journey for centuries, and contemporary popular authors as well write eloquently about this *Holy Longing* (Rolheiser).

For many of us who have been down this road, taking the step into a church, opening our heart before God, and seeking guidance from a competent spiritual guide are precisely the steps that truly lead toward satisfying that inner hunger for a more complete life. And eventually, we come to discover that God has been very close to us all along, longing to be in a deeper relationship with us as well.

Fr. Ronan



## JESUS IS HERE

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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

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On Sunday 5/15, our Religious Education program concluded its 2021-22 year with a Family Faith Formation Celebration. After the 10:30 Mass, families gathered at the Parish Center for a barbecue. We celebrated and thanked Father Ronan, and wished him many blessings in his retirement! Fr. Ronan, your leadership, support, prayers, and effort have meant so much to so many children and families in the Religious Education Program over these last 18 years.

The children of the program made Fr. Ronan a prayer bouquet—composed of flowers with notes of prayers for a healthy, happy, retirement! Many thanks to all who volunteered and attended.

Katy Fleming, Pastoral Assistant





En Polonia vivía un rabino muy famoso y un turista soriano que había oído hablar de su santidad y de su sabiduría decidió hacerle una visita. Le sorprendió mucho que la casa del rabino fuera sólo una habitación, limpia y ordenada, que sólo contenía un catre, una mesa, dos sillas y unos libros. ¿Rabino, le preguntó el turista, dónde están los muebles? El rabino le contestó con la siguiente pregunta, ¿y dónde están los suyos? ¿Mis muebles? Yo sólo soy un turista, estoy aquí de paso. Chaim, el rebino, le contestó: Yo también estoy de paso. El domingo pasado recordábamos el testamento vital de Jesús, su undécimo mandamientos, el “como yo os he amado”. En el evangelio de hoy que suena a despedida, Jesús nos dice: “Me voy y vuelvo a vuestro lado”. Jesús también estaba de paso y ahora está de mudanzas. Cumplida su misión deja la casa de la tierra y se muda a la casa del cielo, a la derecha del Padre. Uno de los signos de los tiempos es la movilidad. Los hombres somos hoy más nómadas que en el pasado. Por razones económicas, sociales y religiosas estamos de mudanzas continuamente, dejamos una ciudad, un país, una casa, un trabajo...estamos de paso y de mudanzas continuas. Jesús vuelve al Padre, a la ciudad que no necesita sol ni luna, a la ciudad sin templos porque el Señor es el templo.

Dios siempre fue nómada, compañero de camino de su pueblo. Un día lo encerraron en el gran Templo de Jerusalén y sólo fue liberado cuando los romanos lo destruyeron y no dejaron piedra sobre piedra. Desde entonces sigue viajando en busca de una morada en el corazón de los hombres. Nosotros nos instalamos y nos acomodamos tan profundamente que ya no queremos movernos, ni siquiera la promesa del cielo y la tierra nueva nos interesan. No me pregunten cómo será el nuevo cielo, sólo sé que allí todo será wireless. Mi Padre lo amará y vendremos a él y haremos morada en él, dice Jesús.

Dios no necesita templos. Nosotros, los que lo amamos, los que escuchamos y vivimos de acuerdo con sus enseñanzas, somos el nuevo templo, la morada en la que Dios quiere habitar. C.S. Lewis nos recuerda en uno de sus escritos que en la vida todo son necesidades: tengo sed, tengo hambre, tengo frío, necesito cobijo y algo alguien provee a nuestras necesidades. Ahí tienes agua, ahí tienes comida... Sólo hay una necesidad, la necesidad de vivir siempre, la vida eterna, que ningún gobernante puede prometer ni dar. Ninguno queremos desaparecer, las mudanzas al camposanto, nos aterran porque no nos fiamos de las promesas de Dios, el único que puede satisfacer la necesidad más profunda y más humana que anida en el corazón del hombre.

Jesús, en sus últimas recomendaciones, nos dice que el Espíritu Santo será quien nos recuerde todo lo que yo os he dicho. En esta aparente orfandad, en esta ausencia dolorosa, los creyentes contamos con la eficaz presencia del Espíritu Santo al que tenemos que preparar nuestro interior para que Él se mude y sea el dulce huésped del alma. Aquí, en la asamblea dominical, no enseñamos nada nuevo, simplemente nos recordamos lo que ya sabemos. El Espíritu es el despertador del cristiano, el voicemail, el Messenger, el whatsapp, el GPS, el mejor gadget que Dios puede darnos y que nos indica las direcciones para ir, sin titubeos, a la casa del Padre en el día de la mudanza definitiva.

Yo sé que ustedes hacen muchas novenas a todos los santos. Si puedo darles un buen consejo, bíblico y seguro, es que la mejor devoción y la mejor novena es la que hagan al olvidado Espíritu Santo. ¿Han preparado ya su vida interior para que el Espíritu Santo encuentre una morada habitable y hospitalaria el día de Pentecostés? Nuestra fe en Jesucristo resucitado no nos hace optimistas e ilusos, sí nos hace hombres esperanzados, no nos quita la ansiedad ante la mudanza final, sí nos da valor, no elimina las turbulencias que sufrimos en este mundo cambiante, sí nos da la paz. “La paz os dejo, mi paz os doy. No os la doy como la del mundo. Que no tiemble vuestro corazón ni se acobarde”.



In our first reading, we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were creating something new ~ a community of believers, disciples of Jesus Christ. There was confusion and discussion about who could be a disciple and differing opinions about what was essential to being a follower of Jesus. We hear those same discussions even today. However,

first Christian did not let differences stand in their way or create divisions among them. They relied on the Spirit’s prompting and on Jesus’ words “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” The message today is rely on the Holy Spirit – the Advocate – who is still with us.



**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:**

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## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF CHARLESTOWN—CYAC

*Want an authentic group of people to spend time with and a captivating mission to live for?*

As we work our way out of such a trying and challenging last couple of years, we feel that now is the perfect time to reignite the Young Catholic Adults group here in Saint Mary Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.

Whether you are a Charlestown townie, new to the area, or looking to reenter the church, all are welcome. Our goal is to bring young catholic adults together to build and foster a community of support, service, friendship and faith.

At the end of each Mass this week, there will be a sign up sheet located on the table at the back of the church for anyone that is interested in additional information and upcoming events. What we ask of you, is to share your email address and complete a short survey on what YOU would like to get out of the Young Catholic Adults group.

Lastly, for anyone who is not ready to join, we kindly ask that you share with all who may be interested, as well as your prayers and support as we rebuild this group.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation! - The CYAC Team

### ASCENSION THURSDAY

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Ascension Thursday, also known as the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics around the world. On this day, the faithful celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after Resurrection.

We invite you to join us for the liturgical celebration of this holy feast.

#### MASS TIMES

FOR THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ARE:

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30pm

And

Thursday, May 26, 8am

MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

#### 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!

**COME CELEBRATE THE 40TH YEAR OF ORDINATION AND EIGHTEEN YEARS AS PASTOR OF FR. JIM RONAN**  
**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@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmaryscatherine.org) to let us know if you plan to attend so that we may adequately plan for the reception.**

**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@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmaryscatherine.org) para informarnos si planea asistir para que podamos planificar adecuadamente la recepción.**

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS:



You may donate to lighting the Sanctuary Candle in either the upstairs Church or in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel in memory of a loved one. The red Sanctuary Lamp is always lit when the Real Presence is in the Tabernacle. There is a requested donation of \$15.00 which is used for the purchase of the candles. The Lamp will be lit for seven days (Sunday to Saturday) in memory of your loved one.

#### MASS FOR AN INTENTION AND MASS CARDS



It is a common and beautiful gesture for parishioners to ask to have Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one and/or for some special intention. Praying for our loved ones who are deceased is a spiritual work of mercy. Customarily, an offering is made for a special intentioned Mass. In order to avoid any abuses about the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Church law regarding the appropriate stipends for such requests is very specific and the standard offering requested for an intentioned Mass is \$15.00. Mass Cards are available at the Parish Center and are also \$15.00 (These are for Masses said privately by a priest)

The bulletin lists requests for intentioned Masses and who the Sanctuary Candle is lit for each week. Any requests to appear in the bulletin must be made no later than one week prior.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY 05/21**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + JENNIFER ROBINSON**

**SUNDAY 05/22**

**8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS**

**10:30 AM + CATHERINE JACOBUS**

**6:00 PM + JAMES COOPER**

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

**MONDAY 05/23**

**8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 05/24**

**8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 05/25**

**8:00 AM**

**6:30 PM VIGIL MASS OF THE ASCENSION IN THE CHURCH**

**ASCENSION THURSDAY 05/26**

**8:00 AM IN THE CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 05/27**

**8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY 05/28**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 + EMMA MALONEY**

**SUNDAY 05/29**

**8:00 AM INTENTION OF PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS**

**10:30 AM**

**6:00 PM**

# Welcome

To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or check out the website! [stmaryscatherine.org](http://stmaryscatherine.org)

## ATTENDANCE

May 14

4:00 PM 39

MAY 15

8:00 AM 38

10:30 AM 155

6:00 PM 48

TOTAL 280

## Parish Giving

Weekend of May 14 & 15

Parishioners contributed

\$ 2094.00

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Parishioners contributed

\$920

To the Monthly Collection

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## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 26 Ascension

June 5 Seminary Offering

## St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

### Call to Stewardship

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### OTHER MINISTRIES

CYAC

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### PARISH COUNCILS

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### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HARVEST ON VINE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish.

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