



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 29, 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.

MEMORIAL DAY

While Memorial Day has its origin as honoring war veterans, many citizens choose the day to remember their deceased loved ones as well. The birthplace of Memorial Day is Waterloo, NY. There on May 5, 1866 local veterans remembered those who served and lost their lives in the Civil War. Shops were closed, flags were flown at half-mast, and flowers were placed on the graves of the deceased veterans.

From that time, and especially in 1888 when a major observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery, until the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May.

As a child, one early memory of this important day of remembrance was getting into our old Chevy wagon and going over into Forest Hills, Hyde Park and those neighborhoods where there are several cemeteries. On the way we would stop and purchase flowers, baskets, ivy, and the like. The whole experience was unusual for me as family members explained that a deceased grandparent or other relative was buried here and on this day we place flowers at the graveside to honor and remember. I had never met any of these deceased and so the occasion offered family a chance to tell me something of their story. Looking back over the years, I can see that the simple experience of going to the cemetery and remembering brought into the present the reality of that person's life and often a recollection of the blessings that one brought to our family.

There are so many Americans who have served in the military. And for we served and/or those in the same branches of the service who

INSIDE: MEMORIAL DAY

Mass Schedule

Saturday – St. Mary Church

900 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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served in the same places, bases, ships, planes ... who lost their lives in service. And on this day, everyone is caught up, once again, in the tragedy of war. How many great leaders of nations, religions and armies have made impassioned pleas to end war and not to go to war? And yet our human condition is such that at times we are unable to resolve the intractable issues of world conflicts without going to war.

This Memorial Day, as is at times the case, falls in the Easter Season. The centrality of the *empty tomb* and belief in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead frees us to see the grave as not the end of the story of a life. And so we remember how fragile is this sweet experience called life. And we ask our merciful God to receive our beloved dead to a place of eternal peace and to bless us, the living, with courage to create an ever more just world. For the words of Pope Paul VI in the late 60's remain prophetic and wise, "If you want peace, work for justice".

Fr. Ronan



Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day. In observance of the holiday, the Pastoral Center will be closed.

Morning Mass is at 9am in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel. Please enter through the Soley Street door. We look forward to welcoming you!



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& Eucharistic Chapel**

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info@stmarystcatherine.org

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Acabamos de escuchar algunas de las frases más fuertes y exigentes del mensaje moral de Jesús: “**amad a vuestros enemigos**, haced el bien a los que os odian, bendecid a los que os maldicen, orad por los que os injurian”. Todas estas frases, fuera de su contexto, aisladas, pueden parecer exageradas, utópicas, absurdas... Pero ¿cuál es su **contexto**? El contexto es la situación en la histo-

ria del hombre con respecto a Dios.

¿Y cuál es esa historia? Resumiendo mucho, es esta: Dios nos crea sin necesitarnos para nada, por un puro acto de amor, por ser bueno, con el único fin de hacernos felices participando de su vida infinita. Pero nosotros, con nuestros pecados, le respondemos que no, le ofendemos y le rechazamos. La consecuencia es el infierno, que Dios nunca quiso, pero que nosotros forzamos con nuestro pecado. Todos merecemos el infierno, también tú y yo, porque le hemos dicho a Dios que no, que no queremos seguir sus planes, que no queremos estar con Él... Y el lugar donde Dios no está es el infierno, con todas sus terribles consecuencias. Pero, sin tener por qué hacerlo, siendo nosotros enemigos suyos por el pecado, **Dios nos amó, nos perdonó**, y nos devolvió la participación en su vida divina mediante la encarnación, muerte y resurrección de Cristo.

Por tanto, cuando Jesús nos dice: “amad a vuestros enemigos”, nos está diciendo con otras palabras: haced lo que Dios Padre ha hecho con vosotros. No es ninguna exageración, ni ninguna locura cristiana... es lo justo. El mismo Jesús nos lo dice: “sed compasivos como vuestro Padre es compasivo”. ¿Es que no voy a **hacer yo con los demás lo que Dios ha hecho conmigo**? Porque yo, al fin y al cabo, soy un hombre pecador, y en parte seguro que me merezco la ofensa que me han hecho; pero Dios es el santo, el justo ¡y yo lo he ofendido! Por eso, si Dios nos ha amado tanto, con ese amor que llamamos misericordia, que es su amor puesto en contacto con nuestra miseria--, lo único que nos está pidiendo Jesús es que hagamos lo mismo.

Y esta lógica del perdón, no solo es justa, sino que es necesaria. Tanto, que, **si no perdonamos a los demás**, no podemos recibir el perdón de Dios y por tanto **no podemos salvarnos**. Esto es lo que dice Jesús para terminar este discurso: “no juzguéis, y no seréis juzgados; no condenéis, y no seréis condenados; perdonad, y seréis perdonados”. Es lo mismo que nos enseña en el Padrenuestro: “perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”.

Pero esta lógica no solo tiene sentido para con Dios. Pensemos en nuestras relaciones con los demás aquí. ¿Cómo podemos parar cualquier espiral de odio o de violencia o de enemistad que se produzca? ¿Dando un golpe más fuerte? A lo mejor con eso se soluciona el problema temporalmente, pero a la larga el problema se empeora... **La única solución para acabar con el odio y la enemistad es el perdón y el amor desinteresado.**

Por eso, pensemos en **aquellas personas que más nos han ofendido en nuestra vida y perdonémoslas de verdad en nuestro corazón**. ¡Que si no, no podemos ir al cielo...!



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Most Loving and Faithful God, You loved humankind into being and you bless us now with each precious moment of life. Our hearts are grateful for your loving faithfulness. Grateful, too, are we for the millions of loving acts that blossom from human hearts around us every day. On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember those we love who are now enjoying the fullness of Your promise. We especially remember with deepest gratitude and awe the extraordinary men and women

who, out of love, followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. Keep these fallen heroes in the light of your loving care. Help us to be mindful of the wounded heroes in our midst who, with valorous hearts, risked their lives that we might prosper and that our children's futures might be secured. Shower your love and care on the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day. May they feel our love and support, and may they trust in You who are with them always. We ask you this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



In today's Gospel we hear part of Jesus's final discourse to his Apostles. Jesus speaks from his heart, giving instructions and encouragement to his closest friends and then turns to pray to his Father. Listen to his prayer. It is his prayer for us: "...I have given them

the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me..." Take time this week to reread this gospel as Jesus' prayer for us. What feelings does his prayer evoke in you? How will you respond to Jesus in your prayer?

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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.

We want to do our best to help them feel connected to our community.

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"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself." – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat.

Retreats will take place on **June 4**. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com



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.



**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:

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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



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@stmarystcatherine.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@stmarystcatherine.org para informarnos si planea asistir para que podamos planificar adecuadamente la recepción.

*Offer God your imperfections.
It is through our broken,
vulnerable, mortal ways of
being that the healing power
of the eternal God becomes
visible to us. - Henri Nouwen*



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!

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 05/28

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + EMMA MALONY

SUNDAY 05/29

**8:00 AM INTENTION OF PARISH
IONERS**

**10:30 AM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE STANFORD & RONAN FAMILIES**

6:00 PM + GREGORY MOSEL

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

MONDAY 05/30 MEMORIAL DAY

**9:00 AM THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN
SERVICE TO OUR NATION**

TUESDAY 05/31

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 06/01

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 06/02

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 06/03

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 06/04

9:00 AM

PENTECOST

4:00 PM + CATHERINE POTTER

SUNDAY 06/05

**8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF PARISH
IONERS AND VISITORS**

10:30 AM FR. RONAN'S FAREWELL

6:00 PM FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Welcome

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

ATTENDANCE

MAY 21

4:00 PM 66

MAY 22

8:00 AM 58

10:30 AM 75

6:00 PM 47

TOTAL 246

Parish Giving

Weekend of May 21 & 22

Parishioners contributed

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June 5 Seminary Offering

June 12 Monthly Offering

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