



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.

August 28, 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.

DELIGHT IN OUR GOD



We thought you might enjoy a reprint of an article by Fr. Ronan from 2016.

This week I returned to the Parish after more than 2 weeks of vacation time. Adapting to the change of pace that comes about from leaving one's work-a-day world does not happen quickly. In fact, for the first days Charlestown and activities in the Parish were never far from my mind. Even though I returned to Charlestown for several commitments that emerged, slowly I became more used to the rhythm of the beautiful summer days along the coast in the Plymouth area. The natural loveliness of this corner of the coastline is alluring, and spending as much time as possible out-of-doors made the time go slowly. Gradually, the disconnect began to happen.

When every waking moment is not filled with issues, people, projects and various needs and challenges of the Parish, something else seeps in. I became much more conscious of everything around me: the sea and the tides, the birds and wildlife, the sunshine and the showers, the morning coffee and the quiet. As you know, Charlestown is not a quiet place - certainly not at St. Catherine's Rectory which is under the Tobin Bridge and periodically sways to the weight of passing vehicles. Yet out on Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth Bays - it is the sound of the ocean passing under the hull of the sailboat, the screeching of the gulls and the hurried chirps of the diving wrens that are heard.

And I do love to sail, a cat boat preferably and my 35 year old Marshall Sandpiper, only 15' long, seems to love to be out on the water no matter the wind and conditions. Yet the sea is a master teacher and one who does not heed, very carefully, the signs and songs of the sea, pays a steep price.

There are few things I have done in my adult life that have so consistent-

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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ly been so humbling! It is the tide and the currents along with the winds and gusts that all play into a day of sailing, and it is never boring. For me what seems to slowly fall away is the need to be busy and productive – a trap we all might fall into. Stepping outside of that, one's senses are sharper and creativity more evident. There is a sense of knowing more completely that God is always active – all around in every moving and living thing as well as in the sky, rocks, the air and the sea.

The power of God is easier to see and feel and to be amazed at. One knows that God is always "there" yet that is not to say that I am always present to God. Any of us can get caught into a trap, become stale, and miss the subtlety of the movement of God's Spirit everywhere. Days away make possible a sense of being surrounded by and enfolded in the beauty of God.

The word "delight" is found often in the Book of Psalms and especially as used to describe how God delights in God's creation – including you and me. Yes, I believe we are a source of delight to God! This God, Who is Love, sees us and all that surrounds us as a cause of delight. Isn't that amazing? And so I have come to believe that just as God delights in us, God also wishes that we delight in God and in all of the beauty and wonder of God's creation.

Now I am back in Charlestown. Many of us walk everyday all over town. And way too many walk looking down at smart phones and listening to music actually oblivious to all that surrounds us. Even a casual "good morning" goes unheeded because a fellow walker is someplace else wrapped in some distant busyness far from the beauty of the birdsong, bright summer flowers, the screeching gulls coming off the harbor and the sounds of children playing in a yard. Delight is missed all around.

It is good to be back in the Parish – really! Yet it so good to step away, as well, and become refreshed in all that God is - and to delight in it all.

Fr. Ronan

FYI - Labor Day - September 5th, the office is closed and the daily Mass is at 9:00 AM in the Chapel.



Dear Marian Friends,

On Saturdays, we gather for our

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.

**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**



Fall 2022 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats – October 1, October 29 & November 19

“Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. 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 participant.

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. Fall dates are October 1, October 29, and November 19 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

From the Office for Homeschooling, Archdiocese of Boston (8/30/22)

Thinking about homeschooling? Know someone who is? If you are new to home schooling, thinking about it, or know someone who is in either of those situations, you are invited to attend a Zoom meeting to talk about how to get started. Several experienced Catholic homeschooling parents will discuss letters of intent, legal issues, HSLDA, curricula, how you keep your home & marriage going while homeschooling, and more.

If you would like to attend this Zoom meeting on Tuesday, 8/30, at 7:30pm please register at: www.chimehomeschool.com/getting-started-at-homeschooling-meeting/

For more information, please feel free to contact Fr. Ed Riley, Spiritual Director for the Office for Homeschooling at: eriley@rcab.org.

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.

“There are two loves, the love of God and the love of the world. If the love of the world takes possession of you, there is no way for the love of God to enter into you. Let the love of the world take the second place, and let the love of God dwell in you. Let the better love take over.” — St. Augustine

Emmaus Ministry Retreat for Grieving Parents

Sat., October 15, 2022 from 9:30AM – 6:30PM at the Pastoral Center, Braintree

The Family Life team invites all parents who have lost a child of any age, by any cause, and no matter how long ago to attend the Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents. The retreat includes prayer, breakout sessions, an Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Reconciliation, and time for reflection. Meals are included. For more information, email Emily.Elliott@rcab.org or visit emfgp.org.

To register, Visit bit.ly/EmmausRetreat.



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrating baptisms is always a joyful event.

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@stmaryscatherine.org

Marriage Prep

is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation.

For upcoming 2022-2023 dates, locations, and

registration information, visit www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove;

or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org



UN ASIENTO DE PRIMERA

En un vuelo de British Airways, una señora blanca y rica se encontró sentada junto a un hombre negro. Ésta llamó a la azafata para exponerle sus quejas y su disgusto. “Me han sentado junto a este negro y no puedo viajar así. Búsqueme otro asiento”. “Cálmese señora”, le dijo la azafata, “el avión está lleno, pero miraré a ver si queda algún asiento libre”.

Minutos más tarde, la azafata sonriente volvió con la buena noticia. “Señora, sólo queda un asiento en primera clase”. “Hacer un cambio de asiento es algo extraordinario, pero dadas las circunstancias, el capitán ha concluido que sería una grave desconsideración hacia el pasajero tener que volar junto a una persona tan desagradable”. Y dirigiéndose hacia el hombre negro le dijo: “Señor, recoja sus cosas y sígame, tengo un asiento preparado para usted en primera clase”.

El resto de los pasajeros respondió con una fuerte ovación. En algunas iglesias de Nueva York aún se pueden leer los nombres de la gente importante: Cornelius Vanderbilt, el hombre más rico de su tiempo, John Rockefeller, el hombre que desde su primer sueldo hasta el final de su vida siempre dio el diezmo a su iglesia. Éstos compraban su banco en las primeras filas y en su ausencia nadie los ocupaba.

Las listas humanas y el protocolo de los hombres no se parecen en nada a las listas de Dios.

El primer banco de nuestras iglesias está siempre vacío, excepto el día en que, por razones ajenas al culto, acuden las autoridades civiles y militares que, con mucha solemnidad y todo derecho, ocupan el primer banco.

Dios, asombro y alegría, no mide la categoría de las personas por los cargos que ostentamos, por los títulos conseguidos o por la riqueza acumulada. En las iglesias, en torno a la mesa de Jesús, todos somos ilegales, porque todos somos pecadores, todos los bautizados tenemos la misma dignidad porque todos ostentamos el único título de hijos de Dios. Todos somos miembros de la misma familia de Dios.

La sociedad de ahí afuera es muy imperfecta. Aquí adentro todos somos importantes pero yo no soy más importante que el que está a mi lado o el que está detrás o delante. Todos participamos de la misma mesa y recibimos al mismo Jesús.

Todos invitados como en la parábola: “amigo, sube más arriba”. La cercanía con Dios no es cuestión de lugar ni de geografía, es cercanía que sintoniza con Jesús, el que nos enseña a eliminar barreras y a valorar a todos, especialmente a los más desfavorecidos de la sociedad, los que nadie invita. Los no invitados son los preferidos de Jesús y debieran ser también los nuestros. Los judíos, los primeros invitados a la nueva fiesta inaugurada por Jesús, despreciaban a los extranjeros y no querían que se sentaran junto a ellos ni viajaran con ellos.

Jesús, en cuyo nombre nos reunimos, nuestro anfitrión, invita a todos a su mesa, a esta conversación dominical a esta tertulia de amigos entorno a la Palabra de Dios y las historias que Jesús nos cuenta para mostrarnos su corazón e infundirnos su espíritu. Hoy, Jesús, el hombre humilde, nos exige ser humildes. ¿Somos humildes ante Dios? Dios mira con agrado la humildad de sus siervos ¿Se lo ha preguntado alguna vez? No me diga que se sienta en el último banco por humildad. Se sienta ahí por miedo o para salir de la iglesia el primero. Jesús nos exhorta también a ser comunidades de acogida donde nadie se sienta extranjero, desconocido o no querido.



RCIA A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?)

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we are here to accompany you on your journey of faith. Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them!

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of readings, discussions, and prayer time. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SND deN at (617) 242-4664 or ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 08/27

9:00 AM

4:00 + EMMA MAHONEY

SUNDAY 08/28

8:00 AM +

10:30 AM + SHARON McLAUGHLIN

6:00 PM + MARION BURR & SHIRLEY DUBE

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 08/29

8:00 AM

TUESDAY 08/30

8:00 AM + BAO TRAM DOAN

WEDNESDAY 08/31

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 09/01

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 09/02

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 09/03

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

SUNDAY 09/04

8:00 AM

10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTION

6:00 PM



**Resquiescat
in
Pace**

Lisa A. Hansen O'Neil

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 11 Monthly

September 18 Clergy Benefit

ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 20

4:00 PM 46

AUGUST 21

8:00 AM 44

10:30 AM 72

6:00 PM 38

TOTAL 200

Parish Giving

Weekend of Aug 20 & 21

Parishioners contributed

\$ 4,028.51

To the Weekly Collection

And

\$ 500

To the Monthly Collection

Thank you for your continued support

Saint Vincent de Paul - our parish chapter:

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "... when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

In the last two months, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 7 families,

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Thank You!

Please remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church. It matters and really does provide some help for those in need



Sacrament of Penance

at the Church

Saturdays -

3:15 pm to

3:45 pm

To learn more and/or become involved contact us at

617-242-4664 or check out the web site!

stmaryscatherine.org

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry all the day long. O
Lord, you are good and for-
giving, full of mercy to all
who call to you*

From Psalm 86

Welcome

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:
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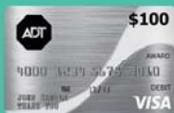
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