



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 21, 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.

Who Are You?



Not many people are honest enough or brave enough to ask the question in today's Gospel. Just think about you asking some friend or perhaps, more courageously, some enemy – Who do you say that I am....What do people think of me? Or perhaps move to another step and ask yourself – Who am I?

I recently read a story about a doctor in a New York City Hospital who

makes time to attend Mass every day. When someone told him how impressed they were, he said he was not always so faithful. It was a patient who made him look at his life. He said he would do rounds every day with his students examining patients. As they entered the room, the patients would look intimidated and apprehensive except one man, an African American in his sixties who was very sick. He said the man would always greet them with "Hey boys and girls", as if they were a bunch of teenagers. Sometimes the patient would make the students nervous, as one said – "He seems to look right through us."

The man grew worse, he was sinking. The doctor went to see him alone and the man opened his eyes with a grin and said "Well" – like he expected the doctor. The doctor did not say anything as he read the chart. Then the man hit the doctor with a single remark that was half a question and half something else. He asked with a smile, "Who are you?" The doctor first thought that because of the drugs that he did not recognize him but as if sensing what the doctor was thinking, he said, "Dr. Smith, who are you?" The doctor started to say, well as you know, I am a doctor and then he just stopped cold. It was hard for him to describe or sort out what went on in his head. All kinds of answers went through his mind which all seemed true and yet somehow less than true.

Yes, I am this, but I am also that, but that is not the whole picture. The doctor's confusion must have shown because the man gave him a grin and closed his eyes. The doctor asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" The man said no, I am tired. He died a few hours later.

21st 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

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My friend, the doctor, could not get him or his question out of his mind– who are you? For years he had trained as a physician and got lost in his profession. He realized that the man had taken away his degree, tossed it back to him and said – but who are you....beyond the degree? The story does the same for us. Who are you beyond the facade, the front that you put up? Who are you beyond your job title, degree or trade?

So often we try to be like the people we see in the commercials who are neat, well-dressed, smiling, smelling great, hair gleaming, underarms sterilized, homes comfortable and lives that are stress free. There is no blemish – laughter – joy and the good life abound but that is not real, that is not who we are. Who are you beyond all the externals? Who do people say that I am, is the question that Jesus asks in today's Gospel? How you answer that question says a lot about you.

Does Jesus have any effect on your day to day living...on the way you treat others...on the way you treat yourself? There is danger that people fall into and that is we try to make Jesus in our image and likeness and we humans often do this. The crusaders of the twelfth century tried to make him into a warrior who delighted in the slaughter of Muslims.

The Ku Klux Klan has tried to make him into a middle class white American. Catholics have tried to make Jesus Catholic and Protestants have tried to make him Protestant. Many of us have been guilty in one way or another, trying to make Christ in our own image. We want him to be like us.

We want Jesus to be the kind of Savior that we want. Sometimes we fail to realize that we do not call Jesus, He called us to follow Him. Yes, He has called you, not only Priests and religious but you sitting in the pew. It was His cross that was signed on your forehead and because of your Baptism you are a disciple of Christ. The question that we all ask ourselves is – are we living it?

Christ is here with us and someday He will come in power and glory to place all creation at the feet of his Father. But today He comes quietly, subtly, invisibly and wherever you are, look for Him in the preached word. In the host at communion time, look for Him inside you. Look for Him at home on the faces of your dear ones but look for Him, especially where He told you to look. In the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and the imprisoned and the AIDs afflicted and the drug addicted.

I would ask you to think about this wherever you go in life, where you work, where you play and pray and where you live or go to school. If anyone is looking for Christ, will they find Him in you or do they have to look for another? If Jesus were to ask you – who do you say that I am – what would your answer be?

Fr. Bob Warren, SA

<https://www.atonementfriars.org/fr-bobs-thoughts-21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-2/>

**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**

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OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH IN ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

National Teacher Shortage – Willing to Consider Career Changers & Retirees

Across the nation, public and religious schools are facing a shortage of teachers as we head into the fall. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are seeking teaching candidates at all grade levels for our Catholic schools. We also need substitute teachers. We are open to teachers who will teach even a single course, if they are not able to take on a full course load. We also are open to candidates who are not able to make a full-year commitment but are willing to help out for just the fall or spring. We have a particular shortage for math, science, technology and engineering teaching positions. We also need qualified teachers who speak Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Chinese, French Creole and other languages given the many diverse languages spoken by the families we serve.

In particular, we encourage applications from:

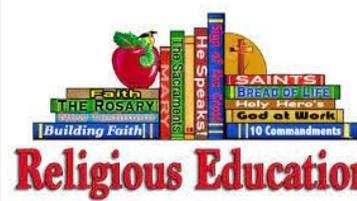
- Retired Catholic school or public-school teachers;
- Retired military who may have experience that would make them a strong teacher of global studies, math, science, technology, engineering and many other subjects;
- Retired college professors;
- Parishioners with business or nonprofit experience that would make them excellent teachers in science, technology, engineering, math, business or entrepreneurship or other subjects;
- Parents who successfully homeschooled their children; and
- Parishioners with Catholic youth ministry experience.

All candidates, as with any Catholic school teacher, are subject to CORI background checks and will need to complete the Archdiocese's Protecting God's Children training.

Please consider this opportunity yourself but also share with friends and family.

Evangelizing and sharing our faith with today's youth is paramount as we, as a society, educate them to be the leaders of tomorrow. Pope Paul VI said: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." It is crucial -- in the midst of this teacher shortage -- that we make sure we have faithful men and women like you in our schools.

If you are interested, please visit bostoncatholicschools.org/Teacher-Recruiting-Summer-2022



Registration for Religious Education for 2022-23 is on our website!

At this time, we are planning a similar program for the 2022-23 school year as we had this past year: a Hybrid program with one in-person class per month and one grade level Zoom class per month on **Tuesday afternoons at 4pm**.

Family Formation calls will continue once per month, and we will encourage families to gather for Mass together throughout the year.

Confirmation classes will follow the same structure, with classes and calls on Sunday evenings.

Youth Group (grades 5-7) will also continue once per month on a Sunday evening.

We will have a Welcome Zoom Call on Catechetical Sunday, September 18, and our first in-person classes will be the week of October 2. Please contact Katy Fleming at kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org with any questions.



August 21 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah directly to us speaks on behalf of the Lord, "...proclaim my glory among the nations." During the summer months missionaries from various countries go to our parishes to talk about the ways God is made known in different nations. Proclaiming God's glory isn't just for those far away from our lived realities, in other countries. The Church in her wisdom reminds in today's psalm refrain that each one of us is to: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news!" Pray with today's psalm and ask for the courage to share your faith and love of God in your part of the world.

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



TURN IT AROUND



3rd Annual Summer

ART HEALING

PROJECT

CHARLESTOWN

FEATURING:
AMANDA BRAVO
TRAUMA INFORMED ARTIST



DETAILS

Date: Tuesday August 30th

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM EST

Location: O'Reilly Way
Court Boston, MA 02129

Join us and the Charlestown community for a night of food, drinks, healing and art!

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](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org) or visit emfgp.org.

To register,

Visit bit.ly/EmmausRetreat.

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. - Psalm 117



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@stmaryscatherine.org for more information.

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

Érase una vez una mujer muy, muy malvada. Y el día en que murió nadie recordaba ningún gesto de caridad que hubiera hecho a lo largo de su vida. Así pues el demonio la llevó al infierno. Su ángel de la guarda empezó a repasar su vida para ver si encontraba una buena acción para presentársela a Dios. Finalmente encontró una. Una vez arrancó una cebolla de su huerto y se la dio a un mendigo.

Dios le dijo al ángel de la guarda: "Toma una cebolla, enséñasela y que se agarre a ella, si la puedes subir hasta el paraíso que entre, pero si la cebolla se rompe se quedará en el infierno". El ángel de la guarda corrió hacia ella y le dijo: Ven, agárrate y yo te salvaré. Con mucho cuidado empezó a subir y ya estaba casi afuera cuando otros pecadores que la vieron ya casi salvada se agarraron a ella para salir también ellos. Pero como era tan mala empezó a darles golpes y les dijo: "Me están sacando a mí, no a vosotros; es mi cebolla, no la vuestra. Soltadme". Al decir esto la cebolla se rompió. La mujer cayó de nuevo al infierno y allí sigue hasta hoy. Su ángel de la guarda sigue llorando porque no pudo salvarla.

Hoy, le preguntan a Jesús si es verdad que son pocos los que se salvan. Jesús no contesta a la pregunta de aquel hombre curioso. No dice si son muchos o pocos. Simplemente dice: "esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha porque yo les digo que muchos tratarán de entrar y no lo lograrán. Hay algunos grupos y predicadores que hablan de la salvación como si de un relajo se tratara, barra libre para todos, entrada gratis, precio gritar dos veces: gloria a Dios. Hay otros grupos que dan a sus miembros un pasaporte azul, como el de USA, y es el único pasaporte para el cielo. En la práctica casi todos los grupos afirman lo mismo, tiene la salvación asegurada si se hace miembro de nuestra iglesia.

Nosotros, hoy, nos vamos a olvidar de todas las recetas fáciles, adulteradas y fraudulentas de los predicadores charlatanes que tanto abundan y nos vamos a fijar en la respuesta de Jesucristo, la receta de Cristo. "Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha". Recuerden una cosa: Jesús no nos pide nada que Él no haya hecho primero. Él fue el primero en entrar por la puerta estrecha. "No mi voluntad sino la tuya, Padre. La angustia del bautismo de sangre. El fuego del Espíritu. No la paz sino la división. La cruz abrazada responsable y amorosamente. La puerta estrecha de Jesús es una vida entera puesta al servicio de la liberación humana y espiritual de todos. La puerta estrecha de Jesús es ayudarnos a nacer de nuevo y acercarnos a todos hasta el amor de su Padre.

Jesús no habla de la puerta del cielo, el cielo no tiene puertas. De la puerta del cielo sólo hablan los malos predicadores para crear efectos especiales y asustar a los ignorantes. "Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha". No mañana. Hoy. No el domingo. Todos los días de la semana. No cuando se muere. Aquí en la tierra. Aquí y ahora, en esta iglesia, en estas calles, en este barrio, con estos hermanos, con estos problemas, Jesús nos ofrece la salvación. La salvación no está allá sino acá. Jesús ya abrió la puerta de par en par. Jesús ya hizo todo lo que el Padre le mandó para que haya salvación para todos.

A nosotros nos toca pasar día tras día por la puerta estrecha de esta vida. Y como la vieja malvada del cuento que hizo un gesto de amor, suficiente para ser salvada, nosotros llamados a hacer un gesto de amor a los hermanos. El amor a Dios y el amor a los hermanos es el único pasaporte válido para entrar en el Reino de Dios. A todos los que presentan otro pasaporte, el de predicador, el de don de lenguas, el de oyente de su enseñanza, el de ... les dirá: "No sé quiénes son ustedes". Y el festín del Reino se llenará con los que aquí sirvieron y amaron.

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 Home-schooling at: eriley@rcab.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 08/20

9:00 AM

4:00 + MARGARET & EMMETT PULLIAM, SR; HELEN IRIVN, RITA SULLIVAN & ELEANOR CONNOLLY

SUNDAY 08/21

8:00 AM + MARY CATHERINE THORREZ - WHEELER

10:30 AM + CATHERINE, DANIEL, GEORGE & JOHN NOONAN

6:00 PM + FRANCESCO & FLORENCE SACCO

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 08/22

8:00 AM + VINCENT C. ROSA, JR.

TUESDAY 08/23

8:00 AM + CARLOS ABUD

WEDNESDAY 08/24

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 08/25

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 08/26

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 08/27

9:00 AM

4:00 PM +EMMA MAHONEY

SUNDAY 08/28

8:00 AM

10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTION

6:00 PM + MARION BURR & SHIRLEY DUBE



**Resquiescat
in
Pace**

Harold Gerard Robinson

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 21 Monthly
September 11 Monthly
September 18 Clergy Benefit

ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 13

4:00 PM 47

AUGUST 14

8:00 AM 39

10:30 AM 94

6:00 PM 21

TOTAL 201

Parish Giving

Weekend of Aug 13 & 14

**Parishioners contributed
\$ 4,121.02**

To the Weekly Collection

**Thank you for your
continued support**

Welcome

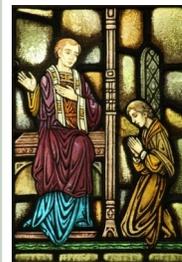
We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish.

**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:
www.stmarystcatherine.org**

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICE OF BOSTON'S FALL CONGRESS

On Saturday, September 10th, Charismatic Renewal Services will host their Fall Congress at St. Stephen's parish in Framingham, MA from 8 AM to 5 PM. This year's theme is "Power came forth from Him and He healed them all" and will feature keynote speakers Vincent Cerasuolo (English track) and Fr. Alejandro Marca Mansilla (Spanish/Portuguese track). Registration is \$30 and includes lunch. Register using this link:

<https://crsboston.com/index.php/en/events/eventdetail/294/-/fall-congress-2022>



**Sacrament of
Penance
at the Church
Saturdays -
3:15 pm to
3:45 pm**

**To learn more and/or become involved contact us at
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