

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.

October 16, 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 embrace our lives of service and compassion.

Be grateful for doubt

The fact is that all the great spiritual models of the ages before us found themselves, at one point or another, plunged into doubt, into darkness, into the certainty of uncertainty: Augustine, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Meister Eckhart, John the Baptist, Thomas, Peter, one after another of them all wondered, and wavered, and believed beyond belief.

Surely, then, doubt is something to be grateful for, something about which to sing an alleluia. Unlike answers that presume the static nature of God and the spiritual life, doubt stretches us beyond ourselves to the guidance of a God whose face is not always in books.

Doubt is what leaves us open to truth, wherever it is, however difficult it may be to accept. But most of all, doubt requires us to reconfirm everything we've ever been made to believe is unassailable. Without doubt, life would simply be a series of packaged assumptions, none of them tested, none of them sure, and all of them belonging not to us, but to someone else whose truth we have made our own.

The problem with accepting truth as it comes to us rather than truth as we divine it for ourselves is that it's not worth dying for—and we don't. It becomes a patina of ideas inside of which we live our lives without passion, without care. This kind of faith happens around us but not in us—we go through the motions. The first crack in the edifice and we're gone. The first chink in the wall of the castle keep and we're off to less demanding fields.

Doubt, on the other hand, is the mother of conviction. Once we have pursued our doubts to the dust, we forge a stronger, not a weaker, belief system. These truths are true, we know, because they are now true for us rather than simply for someone else. To suppress doubt, then, to discourage thinking, to try to stop a person from questioning the unquestionable is simply to make them more and more susceptible to the cynical, more unaccepting of naive belief.

It is doubt that is the beginning of real faith.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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—from Uncommon Gratitude by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams (Liturgical Press)

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Friends,

To say I am thrilled to return to Charlestown is an understatement. I was honored to be there for the month of June and then went to the Back Bay for 3 months which had been arranged prior to my coming to Charlestown. And now I am happy to say that I will be with you until the last week in November.

I am grateful to Fr. Gianni for his time in the Parishes and feel very hopeful and

enthusiastic about Fr. John Sheridan's new ministry as the Pastor of St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish beginning November 27th.

Enjoy life, Fr. Coyne



SAVE THE DATE

Fundraiser to support

Harvest on Vine Food Pantry
Sunday, October 23rd
12:00 - 2:00 pm at the
Brewer's Fork, Moulton St. Charlestown

\$50.00 per person at the door

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

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VIGÉSIMO NOVENO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

EL PODER DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Dios es nuestro Padre y nunca ha dejado de comulgar y comunicarse con nosotros Sus hijos. De diferentes maneras habló y continúa hablándonos a nosotros Sus hijos. La Palabra de Dios contenida en la Sagrada Escritura sigue siendo uno de los medios más esenciales a través del cual Dios se comunica con nosotros. La Sagrada Escritura, junto con la Tradición de la Iglesia, nos expone al rico depósito de nuestra fe. En la Sagrada Escritura, no solo tenemos un atisbo de quién es Dios; también descubrimos cuán cerca ha estado Dios de nosotros, qué quiere Dios que hagamos y quién quiere ser y el camino para llegar a donde está Dios; donde Él quiere que nosotros también

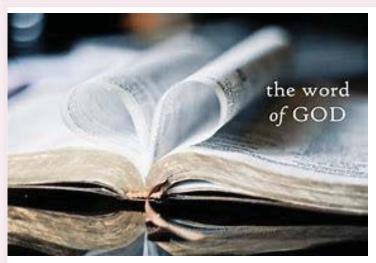
estemos.

Una de las actitudes denigrantes hacia la Palabra de Dios en nuestro tiempo es la de la indiferencia. Algunas personas se sienten despreocupadas por lo que la Palabra de Dios nos comunica en los diferentes ámbitos de nuestra vida. Esto se debe a los muchos enfoques modernos de las Sagradas Escrituras que no se limitan a negar el origen divino de las Escrituras, sino que van más allá y las tratan como mera literatura; desprovisto de todo trasfondo espiritual. San Pablo nos recuerda hoy en la Segunda Lectura (2 Tm 3-14) "toda la Escritura es inspirada por Dios y puede servir provechosamente para enseñar, para refutar el error, para guiar la vida de las personas y enseñarles a ser santas. " La mayoría de los problemas que enfrentamos en el mundo de hoy es que muchas personas no han seguido el camino rector de la luz de las Escrituras en los ámbitos económico, político, cultural e incluso religioso. La mayoría de estos se remontan al hecho de que han surgido diversos estilos de interpretación de las Escrituras; algunos de los cuales despojan a la Santa Biblia de todo carácter espiritual; clasificándolo como una colección de mitos y leyendas o como una obra literaria ordinaria.

La Palabra de Dios tiene su origen en Dios (2 P 1) y porque su origen es la Vida misma y la Fuente de toda vida, la Palabra de Dios es viva y eficaz (Hb 21). Por eso, la Palabra de Dios da vida a todos los que la reciben y los conduce a través de acciones que seguramente los llevarán a su origen (Juan 4: 12-1). ¡Esta Palabra no ha perdido su poder! Sigue siendo tan eficaz como siempre porque Dios, su origen, es la fuente de toda eficacia. Fue a través de esta misma Palabra que Moisés recibió el secreto del éxito de la batalla en la Primera Lectura de hoy (Éxodo 1:5-17). Esta misma Palabra nos asegura las promesas de Dios de traer justicia a los hijos de Dios (Lucas 8:13-18).

De todos estos; "cuando venga el Hijo del Hombre, ¿hallará fe en la tierra?" Nuestra fe en la Palabra de Dios, en la Sagrada Escritura, es lo que nos abre los tesoros inestimables del Logos; el Verbo hecho Carne. ¿Todavía crees en el poder de la palabra de Dios? ¿Se deja llevar por algunas de las teorías engañosas que degradan la Palabra de Dios? Que el poder en la Palabra de Dios edifique, fortalezca y vivifique cada aspecto de tu ser ahora y siempre;

Amén.



October 16 \sim Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed. . . proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient". Paul makes a strong point about the importance of listening to and living by the word of God! In other words, living by God's word isn't about picking and choosing what we'll take to heart or when we will witness to our faith. Pray with the words of this familiar hymn "Take the word of God with you as you go. Take the seeds of God's word and

let them grow." Is there a word or challenge you heard in today's scripture that God is inviting you to take with you, to let grow and then proclaim?

PRAYER

Below is the prayer Sr. Nancy offered at the Faith and Blue Prayer Service at the Charlestown Peace Park last Friday, October 7ty.

Creator of the Universe, giver of every good gift, we thank you and praise you as we come before you to celebrate the bonds that have been forged between faith and blue and our community. We stand together on this hallowed ground as sisters and brothers of different faiths united by what we hold in common rather than divided by our differences.

We are mindful, dear God, that this blessed, sacred corner of Charlestown, is dedicated to the life of Robert McGrath, a member of our community, whose life was taken over 30 years ago as a result of violence. And so, dear God, as you know, this holy place was born as a result of violence and pain, sorrow and struggle, gratitude and love. And by your grace, and the work of the Charlestown Coalition under the direction of Sarah Coughlin, The Turn it Around Youth, City of Boston funds, benefactors and other people of good will, it was resurrected with inspiration, dedication, tenacity, and hope.

And now we lift up before you, O God, Robert McGrath and so many others who have come home to you from our Town through violence and substance use, and other illnesses and who are remembered by us this day, and remembered everyday by those who love them deeply here on earth as they are in heaven.

And we pause in silent prayer to honor their memory.

Our Peace Park, dear God, brings solace to so many and is a symbol of your light that shines through each person who longs and works for unity, peace, and the well-being of one another especially the less fortunate among us. We ask your blessings on all those who brought the vision of this place to fruition

We pray for our women and men in blue who get up each day and strive to fulfill their mission to protect and serve us all, and we pray for their families. We are grateful to them, O God, for the sacrifices they make to fulfill their noble mission, for their collaboration with our faith communities and other Charlestown organizations, and for their presence and solidarity with Charlestown residents. Strengthen them and guide them, and in your tender compassion, keep them safe from harm and bless them abundantly.

We pray for each of us gathered here, government officials and all of us who live and work in Charlestown. Keep us strong and united in your love – teach us to not only hear one another, but to really listen to one

another, with acceptance and respect and to find common ground on which bridges of understanding, cooperation, and collaboration may be built.

We pray that you guide government officials, law enforcement locally and throughout our nation, and community members, and all who are involved in creating meaningful solutions that will help end violence on our streets and will ensure safety in our homes and schools. Bless them dear God and their important work.

We pray that you heal divisions within our country and within and among nations in our world. Convert the hearts of those who seek to sew division and violence and grant us the peace for which we work and long for.

We pray for those in our community who continue to suffer from addiction, homelessness, poverty, hunger, and physical and mental illness. Bless us with the wisdom and resources needed to address their needs and recognize their inherent dignity.

Lastly, dear God, we pray the prayer of St. Francis. May it take root and flourish within our lives:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace, Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so

much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.





Wedding Banns



III Laura Dziorny & Guillermo Cinelli

Wedding Anniversary Mass

If you, your parents, or your grandparents are celebrating a 10th, 25th, 50th, or some other epic anniversary (40th, 30th) join Cardinal Seán for the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Vow Renewal.

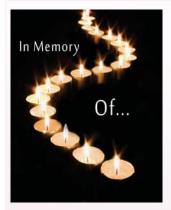
Sunday, November 6 2:00 PM

Cathedral of the Holy Cross

For more information or to register, please log on at

www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass





MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 6 at 6PM

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance on November 6 at 6PM. At this liturgy, the names of all persons for whom a Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the past year are included in the Litany of Remembrance and a candle is lighted for each one. We also remember and light a candle to represent all family, relatives and friends of our Parish Community who have gone to God, one for those who have died as a result of violence, one for those who have died from substance use, and one for those who have no one to remember them.





PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY | ORAR Y DAR GENEROSAMENTE

OCT. 23, 2022

We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together Next Week!

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS "RACE AND THE AGE OF APOSTOLIC BATTLE" TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 7:00 PM POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY

You are invited to hear Danielle M. Brown, Esq. speak at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, 558 South Avenue in Weston. Ms. Brown is Associate Director of the ad hoc Committee Against Racism at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary forms men ages 30-60 for priesthood. To learn more, visit www.psjs.edu. You can also watch the presentation via livestream: https://www.psjs.edu/chapel-livestream.

MASS SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY 10/15 9:00 AM 4:00 PM + KITTY & DENIS SULLIVAN, EUGENE J. SULLIVAN & DOTTIE SULLIVAN

SUNDAY 10/16 8:00 AM + LAWRENCE MICHELINI 10:30 AM + BILLIE BUCKLEY 6:00PM + LEO GRACE

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE THE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 10/17 8:00 AM

TUESDAY 10/18 8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 10/19 8:00 AM

THURSDAY 10/20 8:00 AM

FRIDAY 10/21 8:00 AM

SATURDAY 10/22 9:00 AM 4:00 PM + ROSE & MARIO FABIANO

Sunday 10/23
8:00 am + Nancy Kroon &
Rose Marie hoff
10:30 am + Vincent c & Catherine
Rosa
6:00pm + John & Geraldine

6:00pm + John & Geraldine Carven

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 16 - Monthly October 23 - Mission Sunday October 30 - Hurricane Relief November 1 - All Saints

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 8 4:00 PM 48

OCTOBER 9 8:00 AM 38 10:30 AM 85 6:00 PM 31 TOTAL 208

Parish Giving

Weekend of Oct 8 & 9 Parishioners contributed \$4,754.63

To the Weekly Collection

Thank you for your continued support



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.

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donna.lecam@gmail.com for the Zoom information.

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