

St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena Roman Catholic Parish

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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.

October 30, 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.

Friends,

Last weekend I paid tribute to the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council (1962 – 65). This monumental meeting of the Bishops throughout the world was called by Pope John XXIII and had its opening session in October of 1962. The documents and teachings of this Council sent shockwaves throughout the Catholic Church.

Prior to the "Ecumenical" Council (because it also invited other Christian religions to participate) Catholic Church theology (understanding of God) and ecclesiology (understanding of the Church) was based primarily on the teachings of Vatican I (1870) and the Council of Trent (1545). As I mentioned in my homily, the 2nd Vatican Council truly made it possible for me to reconcile my humanity with my priesthood.

I spoke about 10 areas of the teachings of Vatican II that I believe, transformed the direction of the Catholic Church in a positive way. Some people requested that I make these available in the bulletin. I am privileged to do so. The 2nd Vatican Council is primarily responsible for these insights which changed my life and my ministry.

- 1. Mass (the Eucharist) is now seen as a community celebration, not a private devotion. You are as important to this celebration as I am.
- 2. God loves me unconditionally I cannot earn or lose that love.
- 3. No religion is favored by God over others. The Catholic Church and God are not equal. As an example, the Council forced us to face our antisemitism.
- 4. The Bible is meant to be taken seriously but not always literally: we are encouraged to study the history and background of Scripture.
- 5. It is our Baptism that gives us rights, responsibilities and privileges in the Church, not being ordained a priest.
- 6. It is no longer the Church and world (we are not enemies) It is the Church IN the world. The Church is a human institution and we must adopt with the times.
- 7. The Sacraments were not always celebrated the way they are today. They evolve as we better understand their purpose
- 8. Every Catholic person must form his/her own conscience through prayer, listening to the Church and learning from their own life experience. We then may disagree with the institution and still be a good Catholic.

Insíde: Harvest on Víne

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.

Administrator Fr. Ron Coyne

Pastoral Associate Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Finance & Operations Manager James Santosuosso

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Vice Chair Finance Council Kevin Walsh

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- The Catholic Church must challenge each of us to take responsibility for those who are marginalized, ostracized and have the least opportunities among us. The poor are a priority.
- 10. The history of the Church is meant to be studied and we have to face our history honestly. We have not always been a positive presence in the world and may need to apologize and make reparations.

Because I embrace these beliefs I am a better human being, Christian and priest.

Imagine the challenges and opportunities that would face a Third Vatican Council.

Enjoy life! Fr. Ron Coyne

This week, the staff experienced issues with their Parish emails. If you sent a message and did not hear back, please follow up with a phone call to make sure it was received. We apologize for the inconvenience.



REST IN PEACE, LILY, OUR DEAR FORMER "CO-PASTORAL ASSOCIATE" AND FRIEND

For all of you who knew her, Lily, Fr. Ronan's beautiful, black English Labrador Retriever, loyal sidekick and friend, had her own special ministry in our Parish. She brought great joy, laughter, and comfort to all and was very popular at Masses, Baptisms and, when invited by the family, at funerals. We all missed her when she began her retirement in the spring and wished her a long and happy retirement. Now we take leave of

this beautiful creature of God who will always be remembered by those who benefitted from her peaceful presence.



Thanksgiving Organ Concert

November 20, 2022 at 3:00pm St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

All are welcome to join our parish family for a concert on our very own Harris and Woodbury organ, featuring:

<u>Rosalind Mohnsen</u>

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



Érase una vez un rey que mandó colocar una gran piedra en medio del camino. El rey observaba a sus súbditos para ver si alguno la quitaba. Los ricos comerciantes y los cortesanos, al verla, simplemente daban un gran rodeo y seguían su camino. Algunos criticaban al rey por no tener limpios los caminos.

Un día un campesino llegó con su carga al hombro, la dejó en el suelo y después de muchos intentos logró echar la piedra fuera del camino. Cuando volvió a coger su carga vio una bolsa donde había estado la piedra. La bolsa contenía muchas monedas de oro y una carta del rey que decía que las monedas de

oro eran para el que quitara la gran piedra. Y aprendió, aquel día, que cada obstáculo en el camino de la vida es una oportunidad para mejorar nuestra situación.

La vida es una larga carrera de obstáculos. Hay personas que los evitan y hay otros que se enfrentan a ellos y encuentran su recompensa. Hay cristianos que piensan que es Dios quien tiene que quitar los obstáculos de su camino y hay otros cristianos que simplemente piden a Dios el valor y la fuerza para enfrentarse y vencer los obstáculos de la vida.Haga un repaso de su vida y haga una lista de los obstáculos que ha superado para llegar hasta aquí. ¿Y en la vida cristiana?

Vivimos en una sociedad del placer sin frenos, de los derechos sin obligaciones, del dinero sin trabajar, del divorcio sin firmas, del amor sin rostro...una sociedad cada día menos cristiana. Y en medio de ella tenemos que vivir en cristiano. Y ahí están los obstáculos que tenemos que superar. Y saben una cosa, esto no está nada fácil. La enseñanza de la liturgia de estos domingos nos está regalando una palabra fantástica para transformarnos y enseñarnos a superar los obstáculos. El fariseo y el publicano.

Hoy, el evangelio de Zaqueo. Jesús está en Jericó, cerca ya de Jerusalén. Es la última etapa del último viaje. Y Jesús tiene que enfrentarse al último obstáculo de su vida: la pasión y la cruz. Un obstáculo grande superado con un gran amor. Y allí en Jericó sucedió algo que sucede todos los días desde entonces. Jesús mira a Zaqueo y Zaqueo mira a Jesús. Es el encuentro, el flechazo, la casa abierta, la mesa compartida, la palabra escuchada, la conversión ansiada, la salvación ofrecida.

¿Saben cuál era la profesión de Zaqueo? Pecador. Pecador como el publicano del domingo pasado. Pecador con curiosidad por conocer a Jesús. Quería ver a Jesús, ese hombre del que todos hablaban bien, que hacía signos maravillosos, que hablaba con autoridad, que era el nuevo profeta. Zaqueo era de baja estatura. Primer obstáculo a superar: su limitación física. ¿Se imaginan un hombre de sesenta años subiendo a un árbol? Un poco difícil y ridículo pero como dice una feligresa: "el que quiere azul celeste que le cueste". Y ahí está Zaqueo haciendo lo imposible por ver a Jesús, a un Jesús que no conoce, pero al que quiere conocer.

Jesús toma la iniciativa: "Zaqueo, baja porque quiero hospedarme en tu casa". Y Jesús, el amigo de los que nadie ama, se hospeda en su casa y le da la salvación. Los pecados de Zaqueo, el gran obstáculo para ver a Jesús, también han sido superados. Jesús derriba, limpia el pecado para poder encontrarnos con él.

Zaqueo fue un hombre con suerte. Y la aprovechó. Tuvo su oportunidad y la cogió al vuelo o en el árbol. Tuvo sus obstáculos físicos y morales y los superó. Fue obra de Dios, claro, pero él no se cerró a la acción de Dios. Quiso ver a Jesús y se dejó mirar por él. En esas miradas nació el amor.

Hoy, tenemos que hablar también de nosotros. ¿Saben que es una iglesia, una capilla, un templo? Es una casa donde los pecadores se encuentran con Dios. En nosotros hay un querer ver, conocer y mejorar que tiene que ser despertado. ¿Quién despertó la curiosidad en Zaqueo? No lo duden, alguna persona de la ciudad. ¿Y a usted? ¿Quién va a despertar su curiosidad, su querer ver a Jesús? La Palabra de Dios en este domingo. "Hoy quiero hospedarme en tu casa". El Señor está aquí, en nuestra casa, y te trae la salvación y el perdón de tus pecados y te da la fuerza para superar los obstáculos físicos y morales que te impiden verlo. Hoy Jesús quiere entrar en tu casa, en tu vida, en tu intimidad. ¿Qué está sucia? ¿Qué está ocupada por otro? no importa. Ábrele la puerta. Él ha venido a entrar en la casa de los pecadores.

Zaqueo entregó el dinero robado. ¿Y usted qué tiene que entregar?



October 30 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take note of Zacchaeus, in today's gospel, because he was "seeking to see who Jesus was." Notice also that Jesus responded immediately to Zacchaeus. The lesson is simple – if you are seeking Jesus, it doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, young or old, have a high-powered job or no job at all. As he did with Zacchaeus, Jesus wants to come to "your house" to your heart. All that is needed an open heart, and the willingness to welcome Him. Seek Jesus out whether you are the seeker, or the seeker is someone you know. The reward will be an encounter you won't regret.



Thanksgiving - When I was hungry...

The Thanksgiving holiday is almost here again. It is a time when we give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received as well as to those who have been a blessing in our lives. And so during this Season of Thanks, we want to take the time to express our profound sense of gratitude to you, our Parishioners, for the many ways in which you support our Parish and all of its ministries, in particular, our Parish Emergency Food Pantry, HARVEST ON VINE.

As you well know, every year at this time we come to you requesting your support for our Food Pantry's efforts to provide food items for a Thanksgiving meal to the many families who request assistance.

For a donation of \$35 you can assist in this effort. Thanksgiving dinner items will be included at the distribution held on November 22nd at 1:00 pm. Harvest on Vine assists over 600 families in our community who are experiencing food insecurities.

We are grateful also to the number of Charlestown organizations who continue to join us in this effort. If you want more information, please call the Parish Office at 617-242-4664 or email Tom at:

tmacdonald@stmarystcatherine.org

Financial contributions made payable to HARVEST ON VINE can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, mailed to 46 Winthrop Street, Charlestown, MA 02129, or via PAYPAL on our website stmarystcatherine.org

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Next Weekend

Sunday,

November 6 at 6PM

ADORATION -This weekend 10/29 & 10/30 At the close of Mass except the 10:30 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

Upcoming Classes:

No classes this weekend/week. Below is our November schedule.

Tuesday November 1 at 4pm - IN PERSON class at the Parish Center for Grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 4

Sunday November 6 at 9am - IN PERSON class for the Sunday Grade 2 students

Sunday November 6 at 6pm - IN PERSON Mass and Class for Youth Group (Grades 5-8) and Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10)

Tuesday November 15 at 4pm - ZOOM Class for Grades 1, 2 and 3

Sunday November 16 at 9am - ZOOM Family Formation Call

Sunday November 16 at 6pm - ZOOM Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10) calls



1 decade Rosary beads made by the students!



October 31 "All Hallows Eve"

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

Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 Oc-

tober, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of All hallow-tide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

In the annual rhythm of the Church's life of prayer and worship, the Solemnity of All Saints (Sunday, November 1) actually begins with Evening Prayer I in the Liturgy of the Hours on Saturday, October 31. We rejoice in those who celebrate the heavenly banquet with Jesus Christ and we recall the Church's rich tradition of faithfilled stewards. Keep "All Hallows Eve" from becoming "hollow" by celebrating the Christian connection to Halloween and the positive messages that stem from the holiday for the benefit of ourselves and the spiritual formation of our children. Celebrate Monday, October 31, as a Catholic heritage of faith.

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Harvest on Vine Fall Fundraiser



Last Sunday, Harvest on Vine emergency food pantry held a fundraiser at the Brewer's Fork in Hayes Square. Our supporters donated more than \$9,000 to feed the needy families of Charlestown. The Brewer's Fork furnished the space and provided the food at no charge, so all the proceeds will go to Harvest on Vine. Thank you to the owners, Michael and Kari Cooney!

As part of the festivities, we recognized Sister Kathleen Carven with the Harvest on Vine Humanitarian of the Year award. Sister Kathleen has been volunteering at the food pantry for many years. She is our spiritual anchor. Before each food distribution, Sister Kathleen offers an inspiring prayer that she writes specially for that day, setting the tone for a God-centered happening. Her humility and compassion are contagious. We do our best to follow her example. We are blessed to have Sister Kathleen in the pantry. Our clients love her. We all love her.

We at Harvest on Vine are grateful for your generosity. We are now getting ready for Thanksgiving, where we expect to give out roughly 550 turkey baskets with all the fixins'. We wish you a joyful holiday season.













And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me".





MASS SCHEDULE

10:30 Am Mass is live on our Website and Facebook and archived on Facebook for future viewing

Saturday 10/29 9:00 am 4:00 pm + Frank & Nora Butler

Sunday 10/30 8:00 am + Margaret Shea & John Taglilatela 10:30 am + The Coyne Family 6:00pm Parishioner Intentions

Rosary said at 7:30 before the Daily Mass

Monday 10/31 8:00 am

Tuesday 11/01 - All Saints Day 8:00 am Holy Day of Obligation 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11/02 - All souls Day 8:00 am

THURSDAY 11/03 8:00 AM

FRIDAY 11/04 8:00 AM

Saturday 11/05 9:00 am 4:00 pm + Margaret Kijanka

SUNDAY 11/06 8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS 10:30 AM + FRANCIS, JOE, JACKIE & JEFF BURTON 6:00PM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or check out the web site! <u>stmarystcatherine.org</u>



The Church Sanctuary Lamp Is lit for Frank & Nora Butler

All Saints Day Tuesday, November 1 We invite you to join us for the liturgical celebration of this holy feast.

MASS TIMES Tuesday, 8AM and 6:30pm Both Masses are in the CHURCH

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 30 - Hurricane Relief November 1 - All Saints November 13 - Monthly November 20 - Retired Religious Sisters

ATTENDANCE

October 22 4:00 pm 66

OCTOBER 23 8:00 AM 63 10:30 AM 92 6:00 PM 56

TOTAL 257

Parish Giving

Weekend of Oct 22 & 23 Parishioners contributed \$3,078.56

To the Weekly Collection And \$ 804 To the Monthly Collection

> Thank you for your continued support



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: ncitro@stmarystcatherine.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.



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: <u>donna.lecam@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom information.

All are most welcome.



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