



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 9, 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.

Gratitude to God for His Goodness



The miraculous healing of the 10 lepers, according to St. Luke, happens at a distance, as it were off stage, like the healing of the Centurion's servant. It's remarkable how little personal interaction is involved. There is no stretching out of the hand, no healing touch, no word of power, no discussion about faith. Jesus simply orders the lepers to show themselves to the Priests; they go, and they are cured. So the dramatic emphasis of this story is not at all on the miracle, but on what follows: on the giving of thanks, and its lack.

St. Luke the gentile, writing especially with a gentile audience in mind, highlights here the identity of the man who came back: he was a Samaritan. Immediately we are reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan (10:25-37). In both stories there's a contrast in behavior. The action of the outsider puts to shame that of the insiders who should have known better. According to the Old Testament law, leprosy renders a person not only contagiously diseased, but also ritually unclean. So lepers have to stand far off. The Greek word they use in their anguished cry to Jesus is: *Eleison!* Have mercy! It's the very word we sing at the beginning of Mass, and in the Good Friday liturgy. With the lepers of the Gospel story, we also cry out to Jesus, because we also recognize our radical need for God's mercy. But with the lepers also we boldly confess, with complete faith and trust, the power of Jesus to help us. Then, following the prompting of this story, with the Samaritan we return and give thanks.

It's good for us to identify ourselves very closely with this leper, because what Jesus did for him is a sign or foreshadowing of what he has done for each of us. As St. Paul put it to the Corinthians: You have been washed clean, you have been sanctified, you have been justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (1 Cor 6:11). Or as St. Peter puts it in his first letter: Formerly you were a non-people; now you are the people of God. Formerly you were outside mercy. Now you have received mercy (2:10). In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Priest and Levite who pass by on the other side represent religious people who somehow miss the point of their religion. They are so caught up with their own concerns, or so focused on their need to preserve their ritual purity, that they shamefully neglect a manifest duty of charity. In today's story of the ten lepers, the nine who fail to give thanks seem no less shockingly neglectful. They also can represent all who receive the Lord's mercy and love, yet somehow pass it all heedlessly and selfishly by. Who of us does not feel in some degree convicted by this warning?

28th 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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Who among us has not at times been so caught up with his own concerns, his worries, problems or pains, that he has somehow missed the point, and failed to remember, or even notice, the goodness, mercy and love of God, and the blessings lavished upon us in Jesus Christ our Lord?

Ingratitude is a horrible thing. In one of his homilies St. Bernard describes it as "the enemy of the soul". He pictures ingratitude as "a burning wind that dries up the fountain of piety, the dew of mercy, and the flowing stream of grace" (In Cant. Serm 51:6). Where there is ingratitude, he says, "merit is emptied out, virtue wastes away, and benefits received are lost".

St. Paul tells us we should give thanks in all circumstances (cf. I Thess 5:17), or for all things. Part of the vocation of any Christian, very much so of any monk, is to give God thanks and praise, on behalf of those who do not know him, and even on behalf of dumb creation. We thank him for our being; for the created world we live in; for the food we eat and the air we breathe; for our family and friends, our occupation, our health, for those we live with, for our country, and its relative peace and prosperity. We thank him for special moments of grace, for the inspiration of good example, for the sources of encouragement or consolation or joy that come our way.

And if our portion is predominantly trials, difficulties, pains and griefs, then according to the teaching of the Apostle we thank him for those also, for in them we are more closely united with Christ crucified, and enabled to enter ever more deeply into his Sacred Heart. But beyond and above all these things - as it were in a higher mode - more radically we thank God for Jesus Christ himself; for his Incarnation; for his saving death and life-giving resurrection. This is for us the gift of gifts and the grace of graces. If all other lesser gifts were to be taken away, yet leaving us with only Christ, then we would be rich indeed, and with good cause for endless joyful thanksgiving. The Greek word Luke uses for the leper's thanksgiving in today's story is "eucharistein". And we are here now because we know that the best possible way of expressing our thanks to God for all his gifts is through participation in the Holy Eucharist. Here is made present Christ's self gift to the end: his body offered for us in sacrifice, his blood poured out for us. Here Jesus gives us himself, not in part, but wholly. He gives not of course craving our gratitude, but freely, simply, out of love. Yet we are the ones who will benefit if we receive him with open hearts and minds; if we notice what he has done for us, and return due thanks. Having that attitude of mind we will truly live the Eucharist, and receive from it the life, blessing, health and holiness Jesus wants to give us.

SPEAKING OF GRATITUDE...

Our hearts are full of gratitude for Fr. Vincent Gianni, our Interim Administrator, who is leaving our Parish on October 12th. Fr. Gianni has served us so well, presiding at Masses, funerals, Baptisms, Blessing of the Animals Service, home visits to the elderly and so much more. His supportive presence to the Parish Staff and his incredibly wonderful sense of humor made this time of transition easier. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Fr. Gianni. You will always be remembered fondly and we hope you have an opportunity to visit with us from time to time. God's abundant blessings for all you have done for us.

**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 niño que jugando en el muelle del puerto se cayó a las aguas profundas del océano. Un viejo marinero, sin pensar en el peligro, se lanzó al agua, buceó para encontrar al niño y finalmente, agotado, lo sacó del agua. Dos días más tarde la madre vino con el niño al muelle para encontrarse con el marinero. Cuando lo encontró le preguntó: "¿Es usted el que se lanzó al agua para rescatar a mi hijo?" "Sí, yo soy", respondió.

La madre le dijo: "¿Y dónde está el gorro de mi hijo?"

El evangelio de hoy nos recuerda una dimensión profunda de toda vida cristiana: la gratitud, la acción de gracias. Creer, tener fe, es ser agradecidos a Dios que actúa en las cosas normales de cada día.

Muchas veces vemos a Dios en los acontecimientos extraordinarios y venimos a darle gracias porque algo inesperado y bueno nos ha sucedido, pero hay que ver a Dios en la vida de cada día: en el trabajo, en las luchas, en las benditas peleas y enfados... Dios es nuestro compañero y Padre cada día. Y casi siempre pasa desapercibido.

La gratitud es una actitud necesaria. En ella experimentamos la salvación que Dios tiene para nosotros.

Hermanos, contemplan este edificio, esta iglesia y esta cruz que nos preside, todo es don de Dios y nosotros estamos aquí por la gracia de Dios. Dios nos ha traído aquí para recordarnos que todo lo que nos rodea, todo lo que somos y tenemos es su don, su regalo. Y nos recuerda también, miren a los hermanos, que muchos de sus dones, como esta iglesia, nos vienen a través de otras personas que no conocemos y que han vivido antes que nosotros. ¿Somos conscientes de lo mucho que hemos recibido sin hacer nada, sin merecerlo? ¿Da gracias a Dios todos los días? Sin el agradecimiento, nuestra salvación está incompleta, nuestras familias, nuestra iglesia y nuestro mundo está en peligro.

Jesús, maestro, ten compasión de nosotros", gritaban los leprosos. Jesús no hizo nada. Sólo los mandó presentarse a los sacerdotes, ir al templo. Ya están los impuros, purificados. Ya están los apartados, integrados. Ya están los leprosos, sanados. Ya están los alejados, probados en la obediencia y la fe. Nueve eran judíos y fueron al viejo templo de Jerusalén, a la vieja ley y a los viejos sacrificios. Sólo uno, samaritano, pagano, cayó en la cuenta de que Jesús, al que habían gritado todos: "Señor, ten compasión de nosotros," era el nuevo templo, la nueva alianza, el nuevo perdón, el nuevo rostro de Dios.

Y se volvió para ofrecerle a él un sacrificio de acción de gracias. La purificación sólo produjo la fe en el extranjero. El convertido, el que vuelve a Jesús vuelve a dar gracias. Gracias por la sanación, por la dignidad humana recuperada, por la amistad de Dios que es gratis, por encontrarse con Jesús el que desafía todas las fronteras y tiene compasión. Hay una fe que pide y se va a sus quehaceres, a su rutina, y olvida. Hay una fe que mira a Jesús, le da gracias todos los días y ve a Dios en los acontecimientos sencillos de la vida. Nosotros somos los diez leprosos que venimos a gritar a Jesús. "somos impuros", "Señor, ten compasión de nosotros". Y podemos quedar purificados.

No te vayas al viejo templo, a la vieja alianza, a los viejos sacrificios, al corazón duro. Ven al único templo, a Jesús. Él te hace puro, él te ofrece un nuevo Padre, un nuevo amor y ofrece el único sacrificio de acción de gracias, la eucaristía. ¿No sanaron los diez? ¿Dónde están los otros nueve? ¿El único que ha vuelto es este extranjero? Orar es tener a alguien a quien podemos dar gracias. La gratitud es una actitud siempre necesaria.

FYI: NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AS IT IS A HOLIDAY.

THE MASS IN THE CHAPEL WILL BE AT 9:00 AM.



October 9 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A holiday weekend in New England is, of itself, a good reason to give thanks. In spite of summer's drought, causing a less than vibrant array of color, the fall season seems to invite us to acknowledge the variety of ways God has been present and blessing us. It is also good for to recall with gratitude when God carried you through a difficulty -a sickness, the death of a loved one, employment concerns, or concerns about children. Our gospel today recounts the familiar story of the ten lepers. All were made clean, but only one expressed gratitude. Take a moment today to say thank you to God for the ways God was present with you when times were rough and those times when you were surprised by God's presence and peace. Let's be like the leper who went back to say thank you, not be like the nine who didn't!



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
Tickets on sale beginning next weekend after Mass or at the
Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street. 617-242-4664

**COME JOIN THE MUSIC
MINISTRY!**



No matter your instrument or musical ability, the music ministry is seeking new members to be a part of a vibrant and quickly growing team!

For more information contact John Anthony Volpe, Director of Music:
Jvolpe@stmaryscatherine.org

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena

Parish

Thanksgiving Organ

Concert

November 20, 2022

at 3:00pm

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

featuring:

Rosalind Mohnsen



A note from our music director

A very special thank you goes out to the Music Ministry students from Bishop Guertin High School!

Thank you for joining us at Mass and sharing your gifts with the Parish!

A wonderful Mass was shared by all!



Wedding Banns



II Laura Dziorny & Guillermo Cinelli

BAPTISMS - October 1, 2022



Connor Paul Aronson

Blessing of the Animals Sunday Oct 2nd - With Fr. Gianni And The Reverend Greg Johnston from St. John's Episcopal Church



Martin Tran Dineen



MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY 10/08

9:00 AM

4:00 PM + LAWRENCE MAHONEY & MARY HOLMES

SUNDAY 10/09

8:00 AM + ROBERT STONE

10:30 AM + JANE GREEN

6:00PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE THE DAILY MASS

MONDAY 10/10 HOLIDAY

9:00 AM

TUESDAY 10/11

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 10/12

8:00 AM

THURSDAY 10/13

8:00 AM

FRIDAY 10/14

8:00 AM

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 + BILLY BUCKLEY

6:00PM + LEO GRACE

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



The Church Sanctuary Lamp

Is lit for
Ann Castro

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 16 - Monthly

October 23 - Mission Sunday

November 1 - All Saints

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 1

4:00 PM 62

OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM 57

10:30 AM 98

6:00 PM 151

TOTAL 368

Parish Giving

**Weekend of Oct 1 & 2
Parishioners contributed
\$5,606.84**

**To the Weekly Collection
And
\$ 970.00
To the Mission Sunday
collection**

*Thank you for your
continued support*

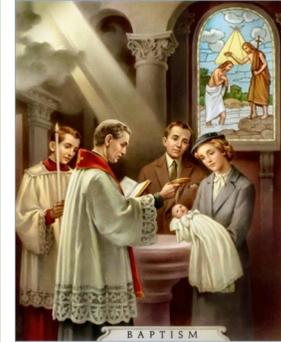
Welcome

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*



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



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

is always a joyful event in our Parish.

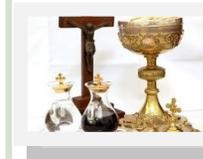
It's such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child. To learn more, please contact Sr. Nancy at:

617-242-4664 or email:
ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org



SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MEMORIAL MASS OR LIGHT A SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR A LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 617.242.4664 CENTER AT 617-242-4664



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.