



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://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.*

**Novemember 6, 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,

As I write these notes I am anticipating the mid-term elections on Tuesday, November 8 and hoping that the majority of American will cast their votes. That statement in itself is lowering the bar because a majority is one over half (meaning just over 50%). I will be amazed if that many people vote. How sad is that! When I was growing up our family was a priority; it was where we received our value system and where we set our priorities. Next to our families it was the country and the Church that taught us right from wrong. The United States and the Catholic Church reinforced what we were taught at home. It was just understood and expected that we celebrated our faith each week at Mass. It was also understood that when we turned 18 we would begin a lifelong experience of voting in local and national elections. I'd also say that our school system and education strongly encouraged each of us to belong to a faith tradition and take our responsibility and privilege of participating in elections seriously.

WE always voted on election day and I Loved the experiences of being part of the process for which our ancestors fought. That freedom is a gift and being surrounded by so many others as we stood in line to vote was a proud moment for me. In 2008 and 2016 the line actually stretched the entire length of Holy Name schoolyard. (It reminded me of standing in line for the Saturday night dances in high school). I have to admit the past 2 elections I voted by mail. I never thought I would vote early or by mail but I am grateful for the opportunity. The pace of life today demands that we expand the avenues for Americans to participate in this right and this responsibility. So I continue today to be a Catholic American and an American Catholic and very proud of both affiliations.

So for me it was truly the Church and country that reinforced my value system and continues to do so.

I wonder what has replaced those two institutions for our young people today. It is obvious that the great majority of our children, youth and young adults are no longer celebrating their faith at Church on a regular basis and I respect that choice although it is a huge loss to the Church and I believe a loss to our families. It is also



## *Inside: Veterans Day Prayer*

## 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.

### Administrator

Fr. Ron Coyne

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obvious that the majority of our young people are not participating in the voting process and I respect that choice although it is also a huge loss to the country and I believe a loss to the younger generations. I realize the world is changing rapidly and I am a product of my upbringing which I believe worked out very well for me.

So, my question again is what has replaced the Church and the country as strong support systems for parents who are attempting to raise their children in today's environment? Where do our children, teenagers and young adults turn to when they are seeking out how to make decisions in their lives? As individuals we cannot make decisions in a vacuum. We need to be reminded that it's a big world out there and each of us has responsibilities in this world. The Church and the country always reminded me that it's not about me, it about us.

Celebrating my faith each week and participating in the elections process doesn't mean I agree with my Church or my country, all the time. It does mean I value the presence of each of them in my life enough to challenge them to be all I believe they are meant to be. Obviously these are priorities for me and I can't be a part of the solution if I divorce myself from either institution.

Enjoy life!

Fr. Coyne



## 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:

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## 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:*

**Rosalind Mohnsen**

**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@stmaryscatherine.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**



**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Fr. Coyne

*On All Saints Day, we decided to have a little*

fun during the homily. I shared with the Congregation the following Patron Saints. There are so many others but I was aware of the time constraint.

If you look into some of the history of these men and woman (only 1 includ-

ed) it makes some sense that they'd be identified with these areas of concern. Some of what we read about the saints is legend.

Matthew - Accountants

Genesius - Actors

Gabriel - Broadcasters

Martha - Cooks

Francis of Assisi - Ecologists

Peter - Fisherman

Joseph of Arimathea - Funeral Directors

Valentine - Lovers

Jerome - Librarians

David - Poets

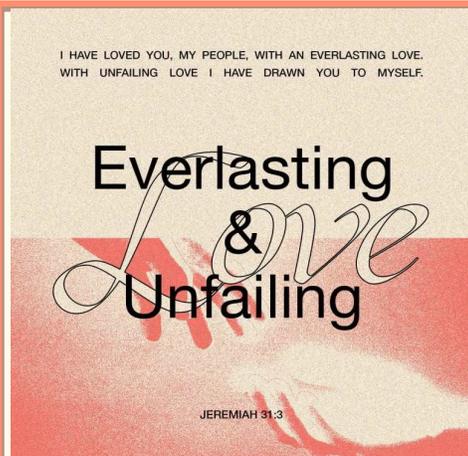
Jean Vianney - Priests

Vitus - Dancers

Christopher - Travelers

Michael - Police

Florian - Firefighters



**November 6 -**

**Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians can be our prayer, "May the Lord direct [our] hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ." Disciples are people of faith. As baptized disciples, we must bring the Word of God into every aspect of our lives - with our families, with co-workers, and neighbors. Pray for the grace you need to share the Word of God with confidence, trusting that our Lord Jesus Christ... "has loved **you** and given **you** everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace. . . strengthening you in every good deed and word.

**"Seré lleno, cuando despierte, con la vista de tu gloria, oh Señor".** Un deseo común de toda criatura viviente es ser satisfecho de muchos de los anhelos de nuestro corazón. Algunos de estos anhelos son ciertamente loables y nobles, mientras que otros son vergonzosos y mundanos. ¡Despertar a la vista de la gloria de Dios es el secreto más seguro para satisfacer nuestros loables y nobles propósitos! Que despierten a Su vista y que se llenen de las cosas buenas que vienen de Él; Amén. "

Despertar "a la vista de la gloria de Dios" significa tener siempre delante de nosotros el mandamiento y las promesas de Dios para nosotros; especialmente la promesa de la Vida Eterna. Esta vida eterna es la vida que la aurora de la resurrección de entre los muertos otorgará a toda alma que haya mantenido la vista en la gloria de Dios. Sin esta Vida Eterna, sin la certeza de la resurrección de entre los muertos, nuestra fe y su práctica carecerán de sentido y estarán vacías. La muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo es una clara afirmación de esta verdad. La Sagrada Escritura lo dejó muy claro, "si Cristo no resucitó, vana es entonces nuestra predicación, y vana es vuestra fe" (1 Corintios 15:14).

Jesucristo aclaró la confusión de los saduceos sobre esta verdad de nuestra fe en el Evangelio de hoy (Lc 20, 27-38). El mundo moderno está lleno de neotipos de los saduceos. Aquellos que quieren hacernos creer que la vida se trata del aquí y el ahora. Nos llenan de muchas ideologías erróneas y escandalosas y nos alientan a saborear las inclinaciones destructivas de la vida. Una de sus armas más mortíferas es hacernos creer que todos nuestros deseos deben ser satisfechos; incluso aquellas que nos someten a un estatus inferior al de los animales. Olvidan que los verdaderos deseos y ambiciones celestiales que Dios ha puesto en nosotros solo pueden lograrse a través de nuestro despertar diario y consistente con la vista de la gloria de Dios. La vista de las promesas de Dios y la morada eterna en nuestra patria celestial.

¡La historia de los siete hermanos con su madre en la Segunda Lectura (2 Macabeos 7:1-2; 9-14) es un claro ejemplo de lo que todos y cada uno de nosotros enfrentamos! Los saduceos modernos con muchas teorías engañosas, como el Rey en la Primera Lectura, harán todo lo posible para obligarnos a perder de vista la gloria de Dios que es el principal estímulo de todo deseo de ser santo. ¿Puedes ser tan firme como estos hermanos en enfocarte en las promesas de Dios; al despertar cada día con la vista de Su gloria; y en el cumplimiento de las demandas de sus promesas? Querida, decir que es fácil sería engañoso, viendo la prueba de fe, las torturas psicológicas y físicas que estos hermanos sufrieron junto con su Mamá. Decir que no es posible sería más catastrófico porque sería engañar a Dios que nos ha prometido que "os basta mi gracia" (2 Cor 12).

Que la gracia de Dios los mantenga enfocados y sin distracciones de la vista de Su gloria ahora y siempre; Amén. Feliz domingo;

## Dates Coming up!

November 6 – Daylight Savings: **Fall Back**  
November 8 - Election day  
November 11 – Veterans Day - *Office closed*  
November 13 – World Day of the Poor  
November 20 - Christ the King of the Universe  
November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
November 24– Thanksgiving - *office closed*  
November 25 - *office closed*  
November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

## Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats – 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. Upcoming dates are 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](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

## Fiat (11/16)

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic is: “Sisters on the Frontlines.” If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

## Retrouvaille (11/11)

**Retrouvaille** helps Christian couples through difficult times in their marriages. Catholic in origin, the program is designed to provide the tools to help couples get their marriages back on track, giving them the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. For information on the Aug 12-14 or Nov. 11-13 weekends, please visit

[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 508-271-7155

## PROJECT NAZARETH

FAITH BEGINS AT HOME

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS



*“The Catholic Church is a community of people of all colors, nationalities, and ethnicities. Catholic moral teaching is based on the fact that all people - without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or nationality - are created in the image of God.”*

Cardinal Sean O'Malley

## About Project Nazareth

Discipleship begins at home. Passing on the Catholic faith is probably the most crucial work parents will do. We created Project Nazareth to help.

Project Nazareth is a resource to assist parents in speaking about their faith and creating Catholic culture at home. Every toolkit gives readings from Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church to empower parents and form children.

Project Nazareth digitally delivers weekly resources to families with children ages 5 through 12. But, they can be adapted for other ages and work with children with varying abilities. Additionally, these materials show parents how to teach their children to Ponder, Listen, Pray.

The key to Project Nazareth is relationships. God wishes to be in relationship with each one of us. A network of relationships between parish leaders, parents, children, and families will create the foundation for the building of this relationship with God. Children are more likely to carry their faith to adulthood when parents share their faith. Therefore, Project Nazareth equips and inspires parents in raising Catholic kids, and Act on Sacred Scripture.

A mission of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship in the Archdiocese of Boston Access material through the [bostoncatholic.org](http://bostoncatholic.org) web site.



## Giving Thanks for Our Parish Communion

For most of us, the ultimate way we experience Christ's active presence is in our parishes. It is there that we hear the Word of God and are nourished by the Eucharist. So, this Thanksgiving let us offer prayers of gratitude for our parishes, pastors, pastoral teams, parish leaders and all the faithful who gather together to give witness to Christ's presence.

What does it mean to be a parish, though, and how is a parish a unique manifestation of the Church?

Sixty years ago, when Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962, he urged the Council Fathers to reflect on the mystery of the Church present throughout the world. One of the major descriptions employed by the Council Fathers to describe the Church was "communion." The very opening words of the first document of the Council, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church proclaim: "The Church is a kind of sacrament or mystery; a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people." Note that the Second Vatican Council made a deliberate choice to refer to the Church as a "communion" rather than simply using the term "community." While the term The Holy Spirit calls us into being and bonds us together in communion and mission with God and each other. Community refers to independent persons working toward a common goal, the term communion conveys a much deeper reality, persons sharing the same sacramental life. Our communion is literally a "sharing of gifts" as sisters and brothers of the one Christ Jesus whose Spirit brings us into unity not only with God but also with each other. Sacramentally, we manifest the mystery of the divine communion of the Blessed Trinity. Sharing the Trinity's communion in love, as a Church, we have been called to live together in unity for the sake of following the Gospel and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. As a Communion of faith, as a Church, we are born out of and live within the Paschal Mystery. As a communion of faith we experience and celebrate these mysteries of Christ's life in and through its daily and weekly sacramental life. All of this means that a parish is not simply a human creation, it is God's work. The Holy Spirit calls us into being and bonds us together in communion and mission with God and each other. Jesus assures us that we are not left to our own devices when we walk in his footsteps and gather in his name. He has given us the Holy Spirit, who teaches, guides and protects us. And that is accomplished most uniquely through the sacramental life of our parish. This month, let us give thanks to God for our parish and re-commit ourselves to participating more fervently in its life and mission.

Icsc Nov 2022 bulletin



## NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "**it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.**"

*(2 Machabees 12:46)*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace...Amen



## Veterans Day Prayer By Joanna Fuchs

*Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace*

*and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Friday, November 11th. Mass on that day will be at 9AM in the Chapel.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY 11/05**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + MARGARET KIJANKA**

**SUNDAY 11/06**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM FRANCES, JOE, JACKIE & JEFF BURTON**

**6:00PM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE THE DAILY MASS**

**MONDAY 11/07**

**8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 11/08**

**8:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 11/09**

**8:00 AM**

**THURSDAY 11/10**

**8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 11/11 VETERANS DAY**

**9:00 AM -**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY 11/12**

**9:00 AM**

**4:00 PM + MARY E. DEVLIN**

**SUNDAY 11/13**

**8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**10:30 AM**

**6:00PM**

# Welcome

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The Church  
Sanctuary Lamp  
Is lit for  
Margaret Kijanka  
&

The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp is lit for  
All those listed for the  
Mass of Remembrance



*Resquiescat in  
Pace*

*Ruth Gorman  
&  
June Maccarone*

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 13 - Monthly

November 20 - Retired Religious  
Sisters

### ATTENDANCE

**OCTOBER 29  
4:00 PM 58**

**OCTOBER 30  
8:00 AM 45**

**10:30 AM 101**

**6:00 PM 55**

**TOTAL 259**

### *Parish Giving*

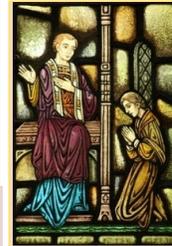
**Weekend of Oct 29 & 30  
Parishioners contributed  
\$3,537.54**

**To the Weekly Collection  
And  
\$ 804  
To the Hurricane Collection**

*Thank you for your  
continued support*

### LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

If you require a low gluten host for communion, please let the priest who is celebrating Mass know, and he will give you the consecrated low gluten host.



**Sacrament of  
Penance  
at the Church**

**Saturdays -**

**3:15 pm to 3:45 pm**



**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.



*Be a part of our choir*



**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:  
[donna.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)  
for the Zoom information.

***All are most welcome.***