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The Parish Families of

St. Mary- St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis de Sales

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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 share their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

Welcome!

To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished here— welcome to all!

Regardless of your status, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at our parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.

We are 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 strive to build a vibrant parish that strengthens our faith and elevates 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.

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Led by the Holy Spirit, the Parish Family of St. Francis de Sales seeks to know and celebrate Jesus through Mass, Prayer, Sacrament and Service.

St Francis de Sales Church is the oldest consecrated church in New England, the oldest in the city of Boston in continuous service, and the fourth oldest in America, dating to 1859, when it was built, 163 years ago, on the top of Bunker Hill.

St. Francis is also known affectionately as the Firefighter's church – The statue of St. Florian, patron saint, is located in the bell yard next to the church.

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 St. Catherine of Siena 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

Saturday - St. Francis de Sales

4:00 p.m. Sunday - St. Francis de Sales

10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass - St. Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. St. Francis de Sales

Holy Day Masses St. Francis de Sales 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass 12:05 p.m. on Holy Day

Reconciliation 3:15 - 3:45 Saturdays

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Pastor Fr. John Sheridan

St Mary - St Catherine of Siena Pastoral Associate Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Finance & Operations Manager James Santosuosso

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St Francis de Sales

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Parish Nurse Ministry Director Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

From our Pastor ...

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone.

January can be a very difficult time for people. The Christmas rush has passed- we're in Ordinary Time, and the spring seems so far away. Many people suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder and depression can hit, and it's understandable- the sun, when it's out, seems almost indifferent to the cold that surrounds us. Lent is also coming soon.

But so is Easter. We belong to light, and victory, and hope. This truth doesn't deny the challenges and difficulties in our midst, but I pray it gives us opportunities to find the light of Christ in our world, within others, and even more powerfully, within ourselves.

Winter is challenging, but there are some hopes for better times ahead the Red Sox truck is leaving soon for Florida and the sunsets are just a little later, day by day. It's easy for us to give in to doubt and fear, but we belong to Christ as we dig in our shovels into the winter cold, let's dig in our heels into the hope Christ brings us and share it.

Men's Lenten Discussion Group

Gentlemen of our beloved parishes!

I would like to host a Men's Discussion Group this Lent from our perspective-

Join us as we walk through these days to Easter Victory!

We'll meet Mondays, February. 27 to April 3, 6:30-7:30 pm at St.

Catherine's Chapel please invite any guys you know and let's get to it!

-Fr. John

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

January 23, 2023 is the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."

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** **St, Francis de Sales Church** 313 Bunker Hill Street

Bishop Lawton Hall 313 Bunker Hill Street **617.242.9771**

St. Francis de Sales Parish Center 325 Bunker Hill Street 617.242.0997

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St. Mary St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

January 22 - Latin America February 5 - Fuel Collection

Weekend of January 14 & 15

Parishioners contributed

\$12,013.55 to the Weekly collection

Thank you to all who contributed!

Attendance:

4 pm 73

8 am 41

10:30 am 109

6:00pm 42 TOTAL = 265

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays in the Church 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Rosarv

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

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

All are most welcome

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 confined to home, 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

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

POPE FRANCIS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD





WORD OF GOD SUNDAY – JANUARY 22, 2023

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16)

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. We will celebrate Word of God Sunday on January 22, 2023.

In the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and Confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).

We look forward to celebrating with you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES - PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

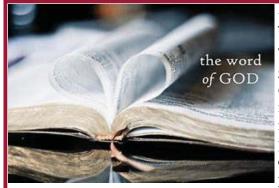


Full adult membership in the Roman Catholic Church is achieved with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Most Catholics born into our faith receive Baptism as infants and Eucharist in the second grade. Usually, Confirmation is received in the tenth Grade. Due to circumstances of all kinds, a significant number of adults have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Maybe... It's Time: to deepen your relationship with God who loves and cares about you. To re-engage your world again as a Catholic more informed about your faith and its impact in your life.

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

Candidates 18 years of age or older will attend seven 90-minute classes with orientation on Wednesday evening at 6:30 on January 25th.. Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at 617-242-4664 or ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org for additional details and to register for the program.



January 22 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are filled with inspiration and instruction and offers us great words of encouragement! Isaiah reminds us that we no longer walk in darkness. For us, the 'great light' he speaks of is Jesus Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the community to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" and "let there be no division among you." In the gospel, Jesus invites the first Apostles: ""Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Do you see yourself as a fisher of men/women? Is God inviting you to bring his light, his peace and reconciliation to a difficult relationship or

situation? Take God's word with you. . . let it grow!



El pasaje del Evangelio del tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario concluye con las palabras: «Recorría Jesús toda Galilea, enseñando en sus sinagogas, proclamando la Buena Nueva del Reino y curando toda enfermedad y toda dolencia en el pueblo». Cerca de un tercio del Evangelio se ocupa de las curaciones obradas por Jesús durante el breve tiempo de su vida pública. Es imposible eliminar estos milagros o darles una explicación natural sin desmembrar todo el Evangelio y hacerlo incomprensible.

Los milagros en el Evangelio tienen características inconfundibles. Jamás están para sorprender o para ensalzar a quien los realiza. Hoy algunos se dejan encantar al oír a ciertos personajes que dicen poseer poderes de levitación, de hacer aparecer o desaparecer objetos y cosas por el estilo. ¿A quién sirve este tipo de milagro, suponiendo que sea tal? A nadie, o sólo a uno mismo para ganar adeptos y dinero.

Jesús realiza milagros por compasión, porque ama a los demás: hace milagros también para ayudarles a creer. Obra curaciones para anunciar que Dios es el Dios de la vida y que al final, junto a la muerte, también la enfermedad será vencida y «ya no habrá luto ni llanto».

Jesús no es el único que sana, sino que ordena a sus apóstoles hacer lo mismo detrás de Él: «Les envió a anunciar el Reino de Dios y a curar a los enfermos» (Lc 9,2); «Predicad que el reino de los cielos está cerca. Curad a los enfermos» (Mt 10,7 s.). Encontramos siempre las dos cosas a la vez: predicar el Evangelio y curar a los enfermos. El hombre tiene dos medios para intentar superar sus enfermedades: la naturaleza y la gracia. Naturaleza indica la inteligencia, la ciencia, la medicina, la técnica; gracia indica el recurso directo a Dios, a través de la fe, la oración y los sacramentos. Estos últimos son los medios que la Iglesia tiene a disposición para «curar a los enfermos».

Lo malo empieza cuando se busca una tercera vía: la de la magia, la que hace palanca en pretendidos poderes ocultos de la persona que no se basan ni en la ciencia ni en la fe. En este caso o estamos ante pura charlatanería o –peor— ante la acción del enemigo de Dios. No es difícil distinguir cuándo se trata de un verdadero carisma de curación y cuándo de su falsificación en la magia. En el primer caso, la persona jamás atribuye a poderes propios los resultados obtenidos, sino a Dios; en el segundo, la gente no hace más que alardear de sus pretendidos «poderes extraordinarios». Cuando por ello se leen anuncios del tipo: mago tal de no sé quién «llega donde otros fracasan», «resuelve problemas de todo tipo», «poderes extraordinarios reconocidos», «expulsa demonios, aleja el mal de ojo», no hay que dudar ni un instante: son grandes engaños. Jesús decía que los demonios se expulsan «con ayuno y oración», ¡no vaciando el bolsillo de la gente!

Pero debemos hacernos otra pregunta: ¿y quien no se cura? ¿Qué pensar? ¿Qué no tiene fe, que Dios no le ama? Si la persistencia de una enfermedad fuera señal de que una persona carece de fe o del amor de Dios por ella, habría que concluir que los santos eran los más pobres de fe y los menos amados de Dios, porque los hay que pasaron toda la vida postrados. No; la respuesta es otra. El poder de Dios no se manifiesta sólo de una manera -eliminando el mal, curando físicamente-, sino también dando la capacidad, y a veces hasta el gozo, de llevar la propia cruz con Cristo y completar lo que falta a sus padecimientos. Cristo redimió también el sufrimiento y la muerte: ya no es signo del pecado, participación en la culpa de Adán, sino instrumento de redención.



Blessing of the Throats at all Masses on the weekend of February 5- St. Blaise

According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

NEWS FROM SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday February 2nd at 6:30PM in the Bishop Lawton Hall there will be an open Parishwide meeting to get your ideas, suggestions, etc for the Parish Family of Saint Francis de Sales.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and meet our New Pastor, Fr. John Sheridan if you haven't met him already.



St. Francis de Sales - Feast Day January 24. - Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Francis de Sales (Aug 21, 1567 to Dec 28, 1622) was trained to be a lawyer and meant to succeed his father as a provincial senator in France. The young man changed his mind after his doctorate and wanted to join the priesthood; it took some effort to convince his parents. After ordination, he found success in converting Calvinists in Geneva and went on to greater things. He was made a bishop of Geneva at the age of 35. The gentle personality and kindness of Francis de Sales was well known. His words are sweet and encouraging to the faithful: "The person who possesses Christian meekness is affectionate and tender towards everyone: he is disposed to forgive and excuse the frailties of others; the goodness of his heart appears in a sweet affability that influences his words and actions, presents every object to his view in the

most charitable and pleasing light." He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists and the deaf.

Pope: St. Francis de Sales was 'great reader of signs of the times'

On the 400th anniversary of the death of the Saint Francis de Sales, Pope Francis issues an Apostolic Letter entitled 'Totum amoris est' ('Everything Pertains to Love'), in which he recalls how the Doctor of the Church was able to help people seek God in charity, joy, and freedom in an era of great changes.

"To live in the midst of the secular city while nurturing the interior life, to combine the desire for perfection with every state of life, and to discover an interior peace that does not separate us from the world but teaches us how to live in it and to appreciate it, but also to maintain a proper detachment from it. That was the aim of Francis de Sales, and it remains a valuable lesson for men and women in our own time." *Pope Francis quote*

HUNGRY SUNDAY APPEAL LAST WEEKEND

We are grateful for your response to the Hungry Sunday Appeal last weekend for the Harvest On Vine Food Pantry. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND

The Second Collection next weekend is the Special Appeal for the Church in Latin America.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Be mindful of the poor among us by assisting the Saint Vincent de Paul Society by way of their collection boxes at the doors of the Church. The weekly offerings given to the Parish Conference of the Society are their main source of income in assisting the needy of the Parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS

It is always encouraging to see new faces at Mass. We warmly welcome all of you who are newcomers to Charlestown and to Saint Francis de Sales. We receive many requests for recommendations for individuals who are asked to be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. It is necessary, for us to know you to comply with these requests for letters of recommendations. It is important, too, that you are on the Parish Mailing List for Sacramental Records as an active practicing Catholic. We invite you to fill out the Registration Form.

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ST MARY - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA MASS INTENTIONS

10:30 Am Sunday Mass is live on OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AND ARCHIVED ON FACEBOOK FOR FUTURE VIEWING

SATURDAY 01/21 9:00 AM 4:00 PM + IRENE MOORE

SUNDAY 01/22

8:00 AM + THOMAS DEELEY 10:30 AM + JAMES F. MURPHY 6:00PM +DOROTHY COLLINS

MONDAY 01/23 8:00 AM

TUESDAY 01/24 8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 01/25 8:00 AM

THURSDAY 01/26 8:00 AM

FRIDAY 01/27 8:00 AM + VINCENT, MINNIE, AND TRANQUILLINO CITRO JOSEPH MARI, ARTHUR MARI & FABIO LAUDADIO

SATURDAY 01/28 9:00 AM 4:00 PM + JOHN B. CARVEN, JR. & GERALDINE DORSEY

SUNDAY 01/29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM + DAVID LATTA, JR. 6РМ



Resquiescat in Pace

Carol A. Begley

Norman P. Doherty

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes of St. Mary St.- Catherine of Siena and St. Francis de Sales Thank you for joining us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST FRANCIS DE SALES

ROSE "DOT" MCCABE, BERNARD MCCABE, SR. & JR., BILL and PEGGY MCCABE and GEORGE COLLIER - Anniversary Mass Saturday 4:00PM

JOHN H. KEENAN, SR & JR. - Anniversary Mass Sunday 10:00

WEEKLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO CONSECRATED LIFE. THE PER-MANENT DIACONATE & PRIESTHOOD - Monday 8:00

TUESDAY - 8:00

WEEKLY MASS FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF THE PARISH - Wednesday 8:00

THURSDAY - 8:00

WEEKLY MASS FOR THE MEMBERS, BENEFACTORS & FRIENDS OF THE PARISH - Friday 8:00



Resquiescat in Pace

Marilyn "Cissy" Greatorex

Weekly Novena Devotions At St Francis de Sales

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM in the Chapel of All Souls, there are special Novena Prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful as part of Our Parish devotions to Saint Anthony and Saint. Jude.

On Tuesday Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony and on Thursday Novena Prayers to Saint Jude.



HARVEST ON VINE **CEREAL DRIVE**

Harvest on Vine Pantry is in need of cereal. If you would like to donate cereal to the food pantry, you may do so by leaving it at the back of the Church at both Churches before or after Masses or drop off at

the Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street.

Harvest on Vine is registered as an emergency food pantry, but for most of our families, all of whom live far below the poverty line, the state of emergency never ends. Food insecurity is a constant for our neighbors. Harvest on Vine is hoping to alleviate that fear, but it's not enough. Our goal is not just to eliminate food insecurity, rather to promote food security, so that every family in our community knows they will always have enough to eat.

We are grateful to all those individuals and local organizations and businesses that support Harvest on Vine. A special thank you to St. Francis De Sales Parish, who hosts Hungry Sunday, a monthly food drive. We at St. Mary-St. Catherine are most grateful for this support.









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"Pray without Ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17



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