## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes *Parish Center & Eucharistic Center*, 46 Winthrop Street, 617-242-4664, stmarystcatherine.org *St. Francis Rectory,* 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, stfrancis02129@gmail.com Charlestown, MA 02129 April 30, 2023



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

#### WELCOME!

#### SAINT MARY - SAINT CATHERINE

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.

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 worship.

#### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

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

Saint 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, built in 1859, on the top of Bunker Hill. Saint Francis is 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 at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 AM Masses – Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed at St. Francis Thurs, Fri & Sat at St. Mary-St. Catherine in the Chapel

Weekend Masses Saturday 4 pm St. Francis 4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

#### Sunday

8 amSt. Mary- St. Catherine9:30 amSt. Francis11 amSt. Mary - St. Catherine6 pmSt. Mary - St. Catherine

**Pastor** Fr. John Sheridan

St Mary - St Catherine of Siena

Pastoral Associate Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Finance & Operations Manager James Santosuosso

> Social Ministry Director Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation Katy Fleming

> Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

Administrative Assistant Dianne Ludy Hispanic Ministry Blanca Paz

#### St Francis de Sales

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Music Director Timothy Leahy

Parish Nurse Ministry Director Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

#### **Clergy in Residence**

Fr. Jerome Gillespie Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p. Fr. Britto Dhinakaran Fr. Mark Shimave

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#### From our Pastor ...

The house I grew up in was just off routes 128 and 9, and we often had people show up at our front door at all hours looking for directions or make a phone call, in the days before cell phones and GPS (yes, young people, there were those days). We were taught to be careful, yet courteous to these unexpected visitors, understanding how it can be confusing and what a small amount of kindness and help can do.

This weekend some troubled, very lost people are gathering in Boston, looking for something. It would be easy for us to disregard these people, to pity them, even to resent their presence, disrespect, and vitriol. By our prayers and actions, offered in love, we can help these soul-sick people find the way.

There will be those who will reject us, as we seek to hear and follow the voice of the shepherd, and many may say hurtful, angry, and sad words, but I pray they will find in our concern and love for them the true Shepherd of our hearts and our world. Please remember them in your prayers this week-end and always. Mary, Queen of peace, pray for us.

#### May at a Glance -

May 1: St. Joseph the Worker May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 14: Mother's Day May 18: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea May 27: Pentecost Sunday May 29: Blessed Virgin Mary—Mother of the Church May 29: Memorial Day May 31: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

May is Asian & Pacific Island National Heritage Month May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Access the USCCB web site for more information on Asian & Pacific Island National Heritage Month; Foster Care Awareness Month and the National Day of Prayer for Mariners

Saint Mary Church 55 Warren Street Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel Warren and Soley Street 617.242.4664

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 617.242.0147

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

> Bishop Lawton Hall 313 Bunker Hill Street 617.242.9771

#### Handicap Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street. St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.



Sacrament of Penance Saturdays in the Church 3:15 - 3:45 pm

#### Rosary

On Saturdays, we gather for our Saturday Rosary via Zoom. Sign on is at 8 am and we will begin praying at 8:15. If you are interested, please email Donna at: 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

#### **Our Stewardship Prayer**

Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### ST MARY - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 Am Sunday Mass is live on our Website and Facebook and archived on Facebook for future viewing

Saturday 04/29 9 am 4 pm + Mary Sheehy

Sunday 04/30 8 am 11 am + Patricia & jack Ring 6 pm



#### JOB OPENING: Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation

11 AM + ROBBIE, BOBBY & MEAGHAN

THURSDAY 05/04

SATURDAY 05/06

4 PM + FRANCIS & ELIZABETH

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FRIDAY 05/05

**SUNDAY 05/07** 

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Are you willing and able to share your time and talent with our parish?

We are hiring!

The Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation coordinates the Religious Education program for students in grades K-8, including Youth Group, along with Confirmation 1 and 2. The Program Coordinator attends meetings with parish staff and meets and works regularly with the Pastor, Pastoral Associate and the Parent Advisory Council to plan classes, Masses and Family Formation activities.

Please reach out to <u>jsheridan@stmarystcatherine.org</u> or <u>ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org</u> if you are interested in applying!

#### St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTION

May 7—Parish Insurance May 21—Monthly May 28—Seminary

Weekend of April 15/16 Parishioners contribute \$3,535.51 to the Weekly Collection

Attendance:	
4pm	56
8 am	55
11 am	87
6pm	51

TOTAL = 249

#### It Takes A Village...

Every pastor and pastoral staff know that a parish cannot run without the involvement of its parishioners. And so, this is a call to all of our parishioners to volunteer your time in various ministries and activities in our Parish. Some of the ministries in need of your presence are: The Baptism Committee, The Funeral Team, Hospitality Committee, Faith Formation, Liturgical Ministries and more!

Please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or <u>ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org</u> for more information. We look forward to your involvement in continuing to make our Parish a vibrant and welcoming community!

### The Parish Pastoral Council 2023

On Pentecost, May 28, 2023 at the 11:00 a.m. Family Mass, we will select names of persons who have been nominated and have accepted nomination to be members of our Parish Pastoral Council. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, four names will be selected by lot. The nomination process begins on the weekend of April 22/23. Only registered parishioners may nominate or be nominated.

Nominees must also participate in the sacramental life of the Church and be 18 years of age or older. PPC members must serve a full term of three (3) years and attend monthly meetings from September to June. As a consultative body, the Parish Pastoral Council is responsible to the pastor, assisting and supporting him in his leadership role. It recognizes the varied gifts of the parish members and invites them to an active leadership role in the parish.

The Council is an important means by which the pastor hears the voice of parishioners. In deliberations and consultation with the pastor, the council helps to unite the pastor and parishioners. Together they discern the pastoral needs of the parish and ways in which those needs can be addressed.

Once the nominations are in, the nominees will be contacted to see if they accept the nomination. If they do, their names will go into a "pot" for selection on Pentecost Sunday. Regardless of how many times people are nominated, their names are placed into the pot only once.

Please prayerfully consider possible candidates for the Council and submit their names no later than Tuesday, May 16th, to give us adequate time to contact the nominees prior to selection on Pentecost Sunday.

Nominate by filling out the 2023 Parish Council Nomination Form below. You may place the form in a the box on the table near the entrance of the church, mail it, drop it off at the Parish Center.

We thank departing members of the Council for their insight on serious issues and dedication to Parish initiatives. Our community is not complete without the guidance and support of such wonderful people.

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#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in response to the celebration of May Day by Communist workers. St. Joseph, who was given the title of Protector of the Universal Church in 1870, had



the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus. He now cares for and watches over the Church and exemplifies the dignity of human work.

## WORD & DEED

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The life of a shepherd is difficult, filled with hard work, long hours and sleepless nights. To keep the sheep safe, a shepherd must watch them closely, herding them together and chasing after the one that strays. In all kinds of weather, the shepherd remains and guards his sheep. A good shepherd sacrifices a lot for the sake of his flock.

Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. He sacrifices Himself for the sake of His people and remains ever present and vigilant as he guides us on our journey of faith. He calls us by name and knows us better than we know ourselves. He gives us all that we need to follow Him and receive the life He promises. He describes Himself as the sheep gate, keeping us safe and guarding against the enemy. He leads us into the green pastures of life so no one can take us out.

We do not have to be afraid. Jesus has already destroyed sin and death. We trust in Him, accepting His love and mercy as we battle our own sins and failures. Through His compassion and forgiveness, we are re-made in His image, and led to the Father. He is indeed the Good Shepherd and we should follow Him wherever He may lead.

-James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

#### April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Please remember the poor boxes in at the doors at the back of the Church, both at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary Church.

Thank you!



#### The Lord is My Shepherd – Psalm 23:1-6 NRSV

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His Name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.



#### April 30 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

The words from today's Gospel are both comforting and challenging! Jesus likens himself to a Shepherd. He calls his own sheep by name, leads them out and they recognize his voice. Imagine in your prayer, Jesus calling you by your name, inviting you to follow him. Do you recognize his voice? Will you confidently follow him where he leads? In case your confidence is weak, the first and second readings today remind you that you are given grace and the Holy Spirit to follow where Christ leads us. This week pray for openness to the voice of the Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.



To our Confirmandi class receiving the Sacrament of

Confirmation this weekend ... You are in our prayers and Congratulations!

Come Holy Spirit, and enkindle in them the heart of Your love.



#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today we recognize the World Day of Prayer for Vocations! Join us in prayer for young people seeking the will of God in their lives!

In Pope Francis's recent Apostolic Exhortation, Christ is Alive!, he writes, "The word 'vocation' can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us." (Christus Vivit, no. 248)



#### May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which

account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

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The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for <u>Monday, May</u> <u>15th</u>, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost

of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500, email her at kfolan@psjs.edu, or visit <u>www.psjs.edu</u>.

## Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

"Pedro les contestó: 'Arrepiéntanse y bautícense en el nombre de Jesucristo para el perdón de sus pecados y recibirán el Espíritu Santo. Porque las promesas de Dios valen para ustedes y para sus hijos y también para todos los paganos que el Señor, Dios nuestro, quiera llamar, aunque estén lejos."' (Hch 2:38-39)



#### Felipe y Santiago, Apóstoles

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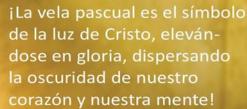


Felipe y a Santiago el Menor, hijo de Alfeo, nombrados entre los Doce Apóstoles, fueron comisionados por Jesús. Felipe llevó a Natanael donde Cristo, participó en alimentar a los 5,000 y, en la Última Cena, cuando pidió que le mostrara al Padre, Cristo le dijo: "Felipe, hace tanto tiempo que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conocen?" Quizás pudo haber evangelizado en Turquía. No se conoce mucho acerca de Santiago pero lo de "el Menor" quizás se refiera a su estatura. Una tradición lo ubica en Siria, mientras que otra dice que fue martirizado cuando sufrió la misma per-secución que Santiago el Justo en Jerusalén.

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#### THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The weekly Offertory Collection at all the weekend Masses: the first collection, is directed entirely to the daily operating costs of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales. The Offertory Collection stays in the Parish for these operating expenditures. No part of the Offertory Collection is directed to any other entity outside of the Parish. Please know we are truly grateful for your sacrificial gifts to the weekly Collection.



**Clean up Continues!** On Saturday morning, May 6th at 9:30 am we are looking for volunteers to continue cleaning the Church. Look forward to seeing you there!



Saint Francis de Sales

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#### Intentions



Saturday, April 29 at 4:00 pm Sunday, April 30 at 9:30 am – James "Jimma" Tallent–2nd anniversary Monday, May 1–at 8:00 am–Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, the Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood Tuesday, May 2 @ 8:00 am–Weekly Mass for the Members, Benefactors & Friends of the Parish Wednesday May 3 at 8:00 am–Weekly Mass for the Sick Members of the Parish Saturday May 6 at 4:00 pm

Sunday May 7 at 9:30 am

# ATTENDANCEWE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOUSat. @ 4:00 pm37Sun @ 9:30 am4279\$1,430 contributed to the Weekly Collection,BUILDING FUND

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For All the deceased Priest and Sisters who have served Saint Francis De Sales Parish; For all the deceased members, benefactors and friends of the Parish; for all those enrolled in the Saint Francis de Sales Memorial Building Fund Society and for all the souls in purgatory, we pray to the Lord



#### TRUE or FALSE ?

- 1. Peter stood up with the Eleven.
- 2. Peter lowered his voice when he spoke.
- 3. Peter told his listeners that they should be baptized.
- 4. He told them that through baptism their sins would be forgiven.
- 5. Only a handful of people accepted Peter's message.
- 6. It is not acceptable to God that you should put up with suffering.
- 7. When Jesus was insulted, he returned no insult.
- 8. Jesus said that thieves and marauders always use the gate to the sheepfold.
- 9. The shepherd of the sheep calls them by name.
- 10. Jesus called himself the gate to the sheepfold.

ANSWERS 6 talse, 7 true, 8 talse, 9 true, 10 true. 1 true, 2 false, 3 true, 4 true, 5 false,

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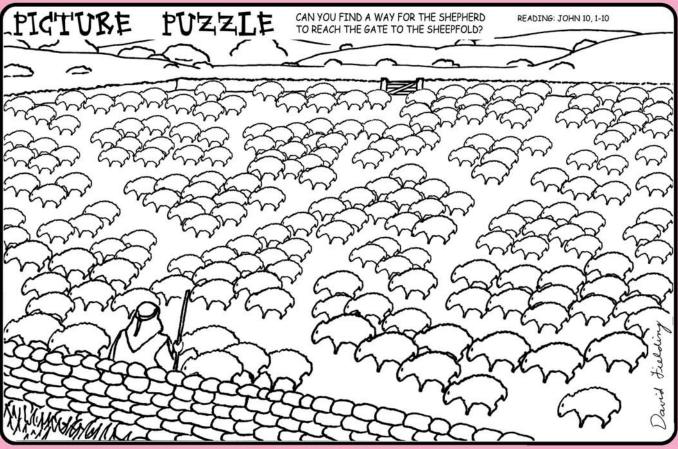
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