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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 May 7, 2023



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (Jn 14:1-2)

WELCOME!

To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished

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 am St. Mary-St. Catherine

9:30 am St. Francis

11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine

6 pm St. 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

Pastoral Assistant Joan C. Rae

Music Director Timothy Leahy

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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 ...

"I have always dreamed of a far-off place, where a great, warm welcome will be waiting for me. Where the crowds will cheer, when they see my face, and voice keeps saying, this is where I'm meant to be. I will find my way. I can go the distance."

From Go the Distance, from Hercules

"Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently."- Henry Ford

The internet is filled with stories of inventors, writers, business-people, athletes, artists, and other folks who, like Henry Ford, failed in countless endeavors, but never gave up until they succeeded. It's very inspiring to read these stories, especially when we can feel overwhelmed or frustrated by our own limitations, but I always think of the words of Pope Benedict XVI that each of us, in our own way, have been called to greatness- not as the world sees it, but the greatness that Christ has prepared for us.

Will it be easy? Nothing great is easy, but in Christ all is possible. In today's Gospel, Thomas doesn't understand the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven, but Jesus comforts him with the promise that awaits him- all he needs to do is to stay focused on the promise and live his life, as St. Paul writes, worthy of the calling we have received. We may fail at times, and feel like that the stone that builders rejected, but as Christ is our cornerstone, we will not fail.

Saint Mary Church 55 Warren Street Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel Warren & 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

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Handicap Access

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Resquiescat in Pace

John Peter Ciannino



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 05/06

9 AM

4 PM + FRANCIS & ELIZABETH HENNESSY

SUNDAY 05/07

8 AM

11 AM + ROBBIE, BOBBY & MEAGHAN BRADY

HEMMESS

MOTHER'S DAY 8 AM 11 AM

SUNDAY 05/14

6 PM

8 AM

8 AM

9 AM

6 PM

4 PM +

THURSDAY 05/11

FRIDAY 05/12

SATURDAY 05/13

Poppy poppy & Marcy IV



JOB OPENING: Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation

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 ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org 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 29/30 Parishioners contribute \$4,451.29 to the Weekly Collection

Attendance:

4pm 111 8 am 46 11 am 123 6pm 48

TOTAL = 328

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 ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org for more information. We look forward to your involvement in continuing to make our Parish a vibrant and welcoming community!











































Pictured above are those who received Confirmation along with their sponsors on Saturday, April 29 at the 4 pm Mass from the Very Rev. Jonathan Gaspar. Congratulations to Shannon Dominguez, Carina Fujimoto, Abygail King, Samatha Markey, and Megan McGuinness.



On Sunday, April 30, was the last Family Day at the Parish Center for the 2022-2023 Religious Education Program. This is also Katy Fleming's last year as the Program's Director. At the 11:00 am Mass, some gifts were presented to her from the parents of the students who attended the Program. We do wish Katy the very best. Katy and family are active parishioners so we will see her around.

The Gallagher Scholarship

Rev. Henry Gallagher was born in Charlestown in 1910 and ordained in 1941. He served as spiritual director of St. Mary's conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society and arranged scholarships for Boston College High School students and seminarians.

Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a generous bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped students in a scholarship program for more than a decade.

Applicants must be a registered member of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena or St. Francis de Sales parishes and provide the name of the school they will attend.

Applications are available for pick up at the Parish Office located at 46 Winthrop Street. The deadline for applications is July 21.



Wedding Banns

I James Kerrigan & Katherine Colanton

Fifth Sunday of Easter Weekend of May 6/7, 2023

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

- A word of sincere congratulations to our young women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Very Rev. Jonathan Gaspar, and the girls and boys who are receiving first Holy Communion this weekend- it's extra special to have Fr. Jim Ronan with us to concelebrate!
- Thanks to those who prayed with us last Saturday on the feast of St. Catherine of Siena for so many troubled people who gathered in Boston. May the peace of Christ reign in the hearts of all people of good will.
- Please note that I will be away May 10-18 on a family trip.
- If you haven't done so, please consider giving online to our Parish Family- it's very simple and tax deductible! Give Dianne a call at the parish offices and she can guide you through the steps. It will help us through the long summer months to keep our ball rolling!
- Please remember to mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, June 4th for the 11 am Mass at St. Mary's for the Inauguration of our Collaboration of St. Mary- St. Catherine & St. Francis de Sales parishes and the installation of the pastor- a collation will follow at St. Francis de Sales.

-Fr. John

To Love as Jesus Loves: An Easter Reflection

Excerpted from the 2021 book, The Heart of the Mission: Simple Ways to Bring People to Jesus by Cande de Leon, chief advancement officer of the National Eucharistic Congress, published by Our Sunday Visitor. Cande will be a session presenter and speak about the Church's Eucharistic Revival at the 2023 ICSC Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Jesus has given each baptized Catholic a mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20). Our mission is to live this calling every day of our lives.

People are at the heart of the mission of the Church. Strengthening relationships, boldly growing engagement and connecting people to the mission are simple ways to bring people to Jesus. It is not complicated – we just need to bring people to Jesus. God is always drawing closer to us, so we can rest assured that he is the one doing the hard work – not us! In order to bring people to Jesus, we must start with loving and caring for people one at a time. It has to come from a genuine desire to love and show peo-

ple that they matter. After all, why would anyone listen to the Good News from us, if we haven't shown them God's love?

If we are all God's children, then we have a responsibility to help each other. We are meant to live in relationship, and to be the living presence of God in the world – to show his love to the people around us. This means treating people like family, not transactions. It's easy to do this with the people we enjoy being around. It's a lot harder to put into practice when we are talking about a coworker or acquaintance who drives us crazy. But like it or not, we are all called to this. For me this is a revolutionary idea: I am not better than anyone else. The world tries to separate us all the time by putting us into categories of race, gender or socioeconomic status. Those don't really matter.

We are all children of God. It is important for all of us to try to see the people in front of us and love them like Jesus does. I invite you to join me in that, to strive each day to see people as your brothers and sisters and to treat them accordingly.

Icsc May 2023 bulletin

Quinto Domingo de Pascua Fin de semana del 6/7 de mayo de 2023

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles vemos como la primera comunidad de cristianos se reunió para discernir y resolver juntos cómo cuidar unos de otros de sus necesidades. Como buenos corresponsables de las hermanas y hermanos que se reunieron alrededor de la mesa Eucarística, la comunidad de fe seleccionó de entre ellos a aquellos que se asegurarían de que nadie fuese olvidado. ¿Cómo decidimos nosotros el servir las necesidades de nuestra familia parroquial? ¿Cómo nos aseguramos de que aquellos que tal vez sean percibidos como los menores de nuestro hermanos y hermanas no sean abandonados y olvidados?

Nuestra Señora de Fátima

SIGLO XX DÍA DE FIESTA—13 DE MAYO

n 1917, María apareció seis veces ante los tres pastorcitos entre el 13 de mayo y el 13 de octubre cerca de Fátima, Portugal, y les pidió oraciones por la paz mundial y por el fin de la Primera Guerra Mundial, por los pecadores y por la conversión de Rusia. Ella les confió a los niños tres secretos relacionados a la devoción a su Inmaculado Corazón, les mostró una visión del infierno y la de un "obispo vestido de blanco" a quien unos soldados le disparaban balas y flechas. Muchos han relacionado el tercer secreto al atentado de asesinato que sufrió el beato Papa Juan Pablo II el 13 de mayo de 1981. El papa le agradeció a María por desviar la bala y salvarlo. El pasado 13 de octubre, en el Vaticano, el papa Francisco se paró ante la estatua de Nuestra Señora en el Santuario de Fátima y, formalmente, encomendó el mundo a María.





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5th Sunday of Easter

Building a house requires no small amount of patience, careful planning and attention to the budget. It's exciting to watch as progress is made step-by-step until the building is under roof and the attention is focused on the construction inside. Each day brings us closer to the goal of finishing the house and having a family move in.

The Apostles are nervous and uncertain, trying to grasp the meaning of all that has happened. Jesus wants them to have confidence in God's plan and He is very clear and very certain. Jesus knows His Father's house. The apostles have nothing to fear. Jesus has done it all, not only preparing a place in His Father's house for everyone, but also giving Himself as the way, the truth and the life. The last step He leaves for us to take: follow Him with all that we are and all that we have so that we will be all that He wants us to be.

Our faith is not insulated from the temptations of sin and failure, from doubt and even despair. We need to keep working and build the Kingdom of God. We choose to build a life of grace and peace, of faith and trust. The example of Jesus, His words and His life, guide us and give us hope as we follow Him to the Father.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

Intentions



Saturday, May 6 at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 am

Monday, May 8 at 8:00 am Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, the Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood

Tuesday, May 9 @ 8:00 am- + Frances Conway

Wednesday May 10 at 8:00 am-Weekly Mass for the Sick Members of the Parish

Saturday May 13 at 4:00 pm + Edward & Loretta Carpenter; Rose & Christopher Carbonello & Courtney Beals

Sunday May 14 at 9:30 am - MOTHER'S DAY

ATTENDANCE

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 45 Sun @ 9:30 am 61

106

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of April 30 \$1,790 contributed to the Weekly Collection,



Resquiescat in Pace

Dorothy "Dot"

McNeil

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Sacrament Altar is a visible sign the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle. Here in Saint Francis de Sales the Sanctuary candle burns daily in the Upper Church and in the Chapel of All Souls in the lower Church. The Sanctuary Lamp is a seven day candle. If you wish to donate a Sanctuary Candle that burns for one week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family Member or friend, kindly contact the Rectory Office at 617-242-0147 or see the Ushers at the weekend Masses. The suggested offering is ten dollars. The name of the person in whose memory or honor the Sanctuary Candle is lit will be noted in the Parish. Bulletin.

St. Francis de Sales

UPCOMING COLLECTIONs

May 18—Ascension

May 21—(Monthly) Parish Deficit

May 28—Seminary



Saint Francis de Sales Sanctuary Lamp is lit for

the Sick Members of the Parish

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.

May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,

and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.

The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

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. We thank you for your continued support.





FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLE PETER

After Jesus rose from the dead, his apostles began their task of



spreading the good news throughout the world.

During the coming weeks, we will see what happened to each of the apostles - as far as we know.

We know that Peter was the head of the Church in Jerusalem. We know that he was imprisoned and was miraculously released by an angel. (Acts 12; 1-17)

It seems certain that Peter went to Rome and preached the Gospel there. He was the first Bishop of Rome; the first Pope.

He was martyred in Rome on the same day as Saint Paul, somewhere around the year 67 A.D. Saint Paul was beheaded, whereas Saint Peter was crucified, hanging upside down.

CODE -BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: F = I, and X = A.

Crossword solution from last week



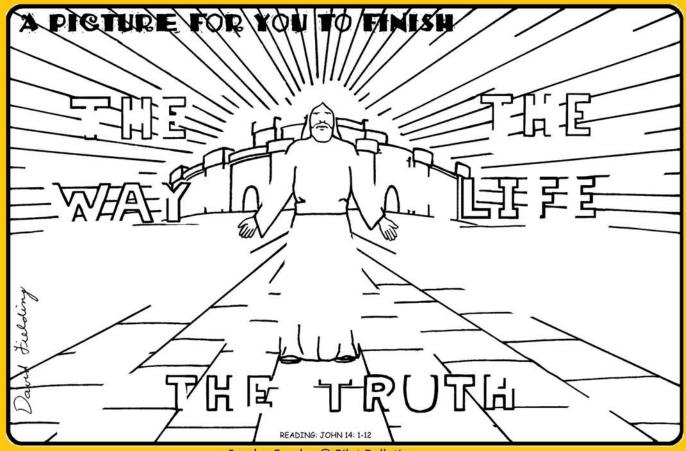
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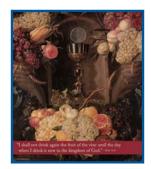
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Thessalonians 5:17



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