

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

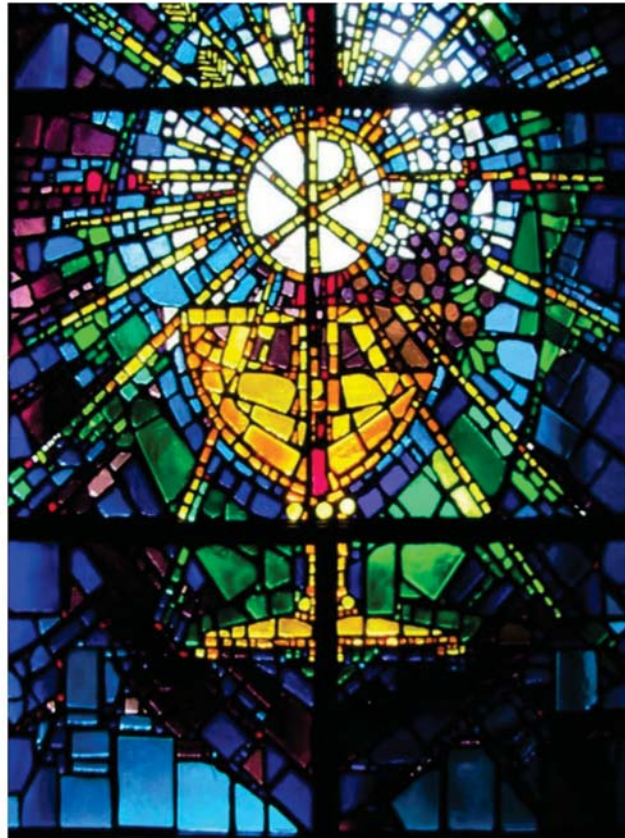
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Charlestown, MA 02129

June 4, 2023

*Solemnity
of the
Body and
Blood
of Christ*



*Unless you eat
the flesh of the
Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have
life within you.
John 6:53*

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!** Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.

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

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From our Pastor ...

A few years ago, I went on retreat with some priests. One of us, who was born and raised in Ethiopia, took a group of us out for supper to an Ethiopian restaurant. It was a great experience- I learned so much in a place that uses no cutlery. We used very different bread to wrap the delicious food and laughed and learned so much about the fraternity we shared from such different lives and cultures.

Sometimes we take for granted how diverse our Church is- we think everyone has the same way of looking at the world as “we” do, and we’re confronted by how diverse this world is, but what brings us together is so much more amazing and beautiful. The Eucharist, the sharing of bread and wine that is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, changes us every time we receive it and unites the Body of Christ, the Church, which we are.

Every culture in our earth may have a different understanding of bread, yet we share the precious gift of the Eucharist. We may speak in different languages, different music, dance, expressions, but we together share one faith. Let’s rejoice in this precious gift of unity that we hold in our hands, our hearts, our souls, our lives... our Lord, our Savior

- Fr. John Sheridan

UPDATE—Fr. John’s Installation

Our Installation and Inauguration Mass with Bishop O’Connell has been rescheduled for:

Sunday, September 24

at 11 am

at St. Mary’s Church! A collation will follow at Bishop Lawton Hall. Please invite everyone to join us!

DON’T

FORGET THE POOR

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues in our parishes.

The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown. Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes at the back of the church. Thank you so much!



Saint Mary Church

55 Warren Street

Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren & Soley Street

617.242.4664

St. Francis de Sales Church

313 Bunker Hill Street

617.242.0147

Social Ministry Office

49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

Good Shepherd School

20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800

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@stmaryscatherine.org

Attendance:

4 pm 62

8 am 60

11 am 80

6pm 42

TOTAL = 244

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 11—Monthly

June 18—Promoting the Gospel

Weekend of June 4

Parishioners contributed

\$4,774.47 to the
Weekly Collection

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 06/10

9 AM

4 PM + GERARD DOHERTY

SUNDAY 06/11

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

8 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

11 AM + EMMA MAHONEY

6 PM

THURSDAY 06/115

8 AM + EDWARD DEVLIN

FRIDAY 06/16

8 AM

SATURDAY 06/17

9 AM

4 PM

SUNDAY 06/18

FATHER'S DAY

8 AM

11 AM

6 PM



Margot Grace Delulis



Graham Robert Forsa



Parker Edward Martin



Ella Frances Mullaney



Caleb Chetachi Uzoma

Baptized Saturday

June 3rd!

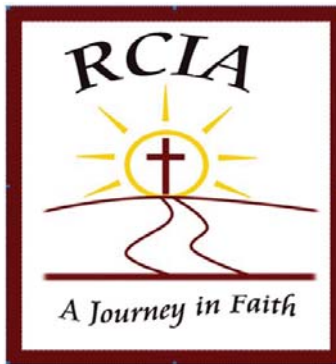
*Congratulations to all
the newest members of St.
Mary St. Catherine Parish
family.*



Navy Yard Summer Solstice Celebration Wednesday, June 21, 2023 5:00 PM to Sunset Amphitheater in Shipyard Park

Co-Sponsored with Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard & Charlestown Mothers Association

Harvest on Vine emergency food pantry will be hosting a table at the summer solstice celebration in the Navy Yard on June 21st. Please stop by and say hello if you are in the area. Harvest on Vine is grateful for your support. Because of your generosity, we have the means to put forth a first-class food pantry, giving each family we serve roughly ten days of groceries. Thank you!



What is Rite of Christian Initiation?

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?)
- Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey. Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them!

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

To find out how you may participate in the RCIA process, please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at (617) 242-4664 or ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org. We look forward to welcoming you!

NFP Community Mass and Gathering (7/23)

Come and join families and friends from the natural family planning community as we gather on Sunday, July 23rd from 3:00-6:00 PM for Mass, food, and fellowship at Saint Mary's Parish in Waltham, MA. After the 3 PM Mass, we will gather as a community in the parish hall to share a meal and discuss all things NFP together. Please come, and bring the kids, too! Register at <https://bit.ly/NFPGathering>

Virtual Rosary for Couples Experiencing Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Miscarriage (7/27)

"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you." - St. Padre Pio

Are you or someone you know experiencing infertility, difficult pregnancies, or miscarriage? If so, we invite you to come and offer your prayers and petitions to our Mother Mary, by meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Come and unite your prayers with others from the archdiocese on Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 PM as Fr. Matt Williams leads us in this virtual prayer experience. Register at <https://bit.ly/NFPWeekRosary>

walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel - [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston)

June 11 ~ Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ ~ Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings today give us “food for thought” to savor and ponder, especially these words from the gospel, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” And “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him [her].” It is important for us to stop long enough to think about the promise that Christ gives us in this blessed Sacrament. As we leave Mass today, let us strive to remain with and in Jesus, bringing Him with us to all that we meet and in all that we do

11 de junio ~ Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo ~ Corpus Christi

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Nuestras lecturas de hoy nos dan “alimento para el pensamiento” para saborear y reflexionar, especialmente estas palabras del evangelio: “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna”. Y “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él [ella]”. Es importante que nos detengamos el tiempo suficiente para pensar en la promesa que Cristo nos da en este santísimo Sacramento. Al salir de la Misa hoy, esforcémonos por permanecer con y en Jesús, llevándolo con nosotros a todo lo que encontramos y en todo lo que hacemos.

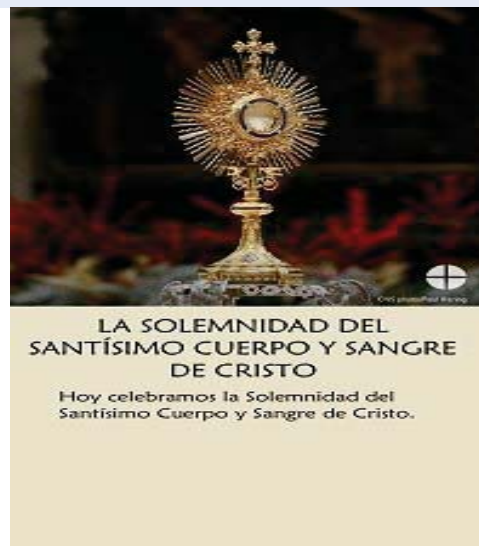
Misa anual de aniversario de bodas (29/10)

Todas las parejas que celebran sus 10, 25 o 50 aniversarios de boda están invitadas a unirse al Cardenal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap. el domingo 29 de octubre a las 3:00 PM en la Catedral de la Santa Cruz, Boston. La Misa incluye una renovación de votos y una bendición especial del cardenal. Familia y amigos están invitados a asistir. Las parejas pueden registrarse o encontrar más información en bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass.

Caminando con los Santos

¿A quién no le gusta una buena historia de santos? Únase a nosotros cada dos semanas para "Caminando con los santos", una serie de videos donde sacerdotes y religiosos de toda la Arquidiócesis de Boston comparten sobre un santo que han llegado a conocer. Míralo ahora en el canal de YouTube de Evangelize:

[YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).



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 ncit-ro@stmaryscatherine.org for more information. We look forward to your involvement in continuing to make our Parish a vibrant and welcoming community!

Happy Bunker Hill Day!



Oh beautiful, for heroes proved,
in liberating strife...
Who more than selves their country
loved, and mercy more than
life.

On Saturday, June 17 at 10 am,
join us for an Interfaith Prayer Service
at St. Francis de Sales Church in honor of Bunker Hill Day.



Intentions

Saturday June 10 at 4:00 pm + Edward J. "Bigga" Greatorex—10th anniversary

Sunday June 11 at 9:30 am + John "Duke" & June Reilly

Monday, June 12 at 8:00 am

Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood

Tuesday, June 13 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday June 14 at 8:00 am—Weekly Mass for the Sick Members of the

Saturday June 17 + Mary V. Beaton—16th anniversary & birthday Mary E. Mahoney

Sunday June 18 at 9:30 Father's Day

Monday June 19 is Juneteenth Day and the office is closed.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 11 Capital Improvement

June 18 Promoting the Gospel

ATTENDANCE

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 60

Sun @ 9:30 am 34

Total 94



Baptism at St. Francis de Sales

6.4.2023



Saint Francis de Sales
Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for
Thomas Doherty

JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth (June 19) - the office is closed.
The morning Mass will be at 9:00 am.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of June 4
\$2,629.91 contributed to the Weekly Collection

Summer Safety Tips

Don't Forget Sunscreen: There are various types of sunscreens out there for sensitive skin, sports/physical activities, babies, skin tones and more, but no matter which you choose, always make sure you have a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays. The CDC recommends at least SPF 15+ when outside. Make sure to reapply a generous coat every two hours and more frequently after every swimming, sweating, and drying off.

Avoid Pesky Ticks: Ticks like to live in grassy or wooded areas, so make sure to check your clothes, backpacks and pets after spending time outdoors, and do a skin check before taking a shower. When you're outside, walk in the middle of trails, wear clothing that will protect your legs and ankles, and avoid areas where ticks may thrive.

Plan Safe Hikes: While hiking is a great way to enjoy nature, it can also be hazardous. Always research which trails are best for your or your group's hiking abilities, bring plenty of food and water, wear comfortable, supportive shoes and check the weather beforehand. Cell phones are not always reliable, even when fully charged, in remote areas. You should consider bringing walkie-talkies or a locator beacon to ensure that you have a means of communication. You should also craft an emergency plan in case someone gets lost or injured.

Be Careful Around Water: Beaches and pools can be a great place for the family to relax, but they can also be very dangerous. Drowning is the second highest cause of

death in children and they should always be supervised while in the water. Regardless of age, do not dive in shallow or unfamiliar waters and never swim alone.

Protect Against Bug Bites: Summer is great, except for those annoying bugs! It's important to protect yourself and your loved ones against bug bite-related illnesses. Use insect repellent and protective clothing to prevent bites, close doors and windows in the house, and turn on the air conditioning – mosquitos prefer warm, damp places.

Beat the Heat: Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can affect anyone in hot temperatures for long periods of time. Make sure to take frequent breaks, stay hydrated, find some shade, and avoid spending time outside during the hottest times of the day (usually between 11am and 3pm).

Ride Smart: Biking is one of the best ways to exercise and get where you want to be! Bicyclists can face hazards by sharing the road with cars or even on a designated path. Always make sure before riding that your tires are inflated, front and back brakes are functional, and reflectors are on the front, back, tires and pedals of the bike. You should also wear bright clothing so others can see you clearly and wear a proper-fitting helmet. When riding on a road, make sure to follow the same rules as motorists, use hand signals when turning, remain alert, and if traveling in a group, ride single file in the direction of traffic.

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