

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

June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I bore you up on eagles' wings
and brought you to myself.

Exodus 19:4



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

Pastoral Associate

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From our Pastor ...

You taught me how to love, what it took..

You never said too much, but still, you showed the way,

and I knew, from watching you....

Nobody else could ever know, the part of me that can't let go...

From Everything I Own, written by David Gates

My father seemed different from other fathers in my neighborhood. He was a quiet man, not very tall, but strongly built, with piercing blue eyes. He was not one for emotional expressions, showing his devotion not so much in words, but in deeds. He didn't say a lot, but my mother and us kids knew that we were loved- he worked endlessly to make sure that we had what we needed, and with our mother, he molded us to be people of Catholic conviction, in our thoughts, words, and actions.

I see St. Joseph is the way I see my father- and I cherish his memory as we mark 35 years since his passing this past month. I miss him, but I hear his quiet and strong voice in many places, moments, and other's voices. I have been blessed with a happy memory.

Father's Day gives us a chance to honor and remember our fathers, as well as those who are and have been father figures for us. May their memory, words and examples point us to our Savior. Joseph, pray for us.

-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!

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@stmarystcatherine.org

Attendance 6.10 & 6.11:

4 pm 65

8 am 62

11 am 66

6pm 50

TOTAL = 243

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!



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 06/17

9 AM

4 PM

SUNDAY 06/18

FATHER'S DAY

8 AM

11 AM

6 PM

THURSDAY 06/22

8 AM

FRIDAY 06/23

8 AM

SATURDAY 06/24

9 AM

4 PM + JAMES C. DEVLIN, JR.

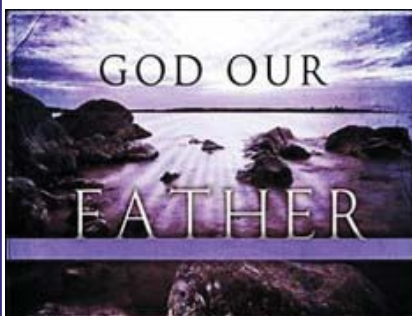
SUNDAY 06/25

8 AM

11 AM + ROBBIE BRADY

6 PM

*** OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 19 AND MASS IS
AT 9:00 AM AT ST. FRANCIS**



A Father's Day Prayer

*God our father, we give you thanks and praise
for all fathers young and old, especially our
own fathers.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing
their vocation; may they find courage and perse-
verance to balance work, family and faith in joy*

and sacrifice.

*We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they
know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love
and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with
us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen*

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 18—Promoting the Gospel

July 16—Monthly

August 15—Assumption

Weekend of June 11

Parishioners contributed

\$3,754.16 to the

Weekly Collection

And

\$ 990 to the Monthly collection



Saint Mary Church

Sanctuary Lamp

**is lit in remembrance
of the**

Fathers in the Parish



***Resquiescat in
Pace***

Douglas McNeil II



I am pleased to share that St Mary—St Catherine Siena has raised \$26,035 toward our 2023 Catholic Appeal goal of \$32,306. More importantly, 67 families have joined in to support our parish campaign. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach our goal by June 30th. Gifts can be made using the QR code or by returning an in-pew envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

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Pictured is the group Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums. (John Nicholes is the director) with our music director John Volpe on June 11th—parade day!

Sanctuary Lamps & Mass Intentions

To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664. If your family will attend a scheduled Mass and would like to bring up the gifts, please see Sister Nancy before the service in Church or Chapel.

A Sanctuary Lamp is a candle beside the tabernacles in our Church and Chapel that burns for approximately one week. To light a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

CÓMO REZAR LA LITURGIA DE LAS HORAS

¿Qué es la Liturgia de las Horas, o tal se le llamaba antes, el Oficio Divino? Conforme a la Oficina de la Sagrada Congregación para el Culto Divino en el Vaticano: “Desde tiempos antiguos, la Iglesia he tenido la costumbre de celebrar cada día la Liturgia de las Horas. De esta manera, la Iglesia cumple con el precepto del Señor de que oremos sin cesar, y al ofrecer su alabanza a Dios Padre intercede para la salvación del mundo”.

Cuando los sacerdotes (quienes están en la obligación de rezar la Liturgia de las Horas diariamente), los diáconos (quienes tienen la obligación de hacer las oraciones de la mañana y de la tarde), y todo laicado reza parte de la Liturgia de las Horas diariamente, la Iglesia en su totalidad se une. Además de la Misa diaria, rezar la Liturgia de las Horas nos permite unirnos como hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo y estar frente a Dios Padre con gratitud, ofreciéndole alabanzas y pidiéndole que escuche nuestra oración por las muchas necesidades del mundo.

La Liturgia de las Horas, rezada con atención se convierte en todo un coro de alabanza, adoración, acción de gracias y de petición que llega ante el trono del Padre permanentemente, como una sola voz, en todo el mundo. Algunos la han llamado el “incienso aromático” que se eleva hacia Dios día y noche. Debido a que estamos unidos en Cristo con verdaderos creyentes en todo el mundo, no hay un momento en el que Dios no reciba nuestra adoración.

Cuando el sol se pone aquí, se eleva en otra parte del mundo; el coro de alabanza y adoración es, en un sentido real, “sin cesar”. Qué privilegio ser parte de esto. Nunca estamos solos, incluso si estamos orando físicamente la Liturgia de las Horas en la tranquilidad de nuestra casa, en una habitación de hospital o en nuestro lugar de trabajo o en cualquier lugar.

Aunque los sacerdotes y diáconos tienen ciertas obligaciones de rezar la Liturgia de las Horas que son muy importantes, y las comunidades religiosas de hombres o mujeres rezan de acuerdo a las reglas de sus propias comunidades religiosas, se anima a los laicos para que oren las partes del Oficio que les sea posible conforme a sus otras responsabilidades.

Finalmente, la Liturgia de las Horas es muy útil para dar un marco a la oración diaria y nos ayuda a evitar las distracciones. Sin embargo, tengamos siempre en cuenta, que ésta debe ser un trampolín para un contacto más personal con Dios. Es un regalo de la Iglesia para fortalecer su propia relación personal con el Padre; también puede ayudar, al mismo tiempo, a reafirmar su identidad como parte del cuerpo de Cristo en todo el mundo.

Tenga en cuenta que la Liturgia de las Horas en su presentación completa de cuatro volúmenes, rezada especialmente por los obispos, sacerdotes y diáconos, es muy cara y no es necesaria para todos, a menos que desee utilizarla. La edición-cristiana en un solo volumen – Oración Cristiana: La Liturgia de las Horas – cubre algunas de las horas y puede ser una mejor opción para el horario de una persona común.

June 18 ~ The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel we see Jesus summoning his disciples in order to send them out in ministry. Jesus issues that same summons to us, his disciples in this time and age. Very simply, he sends us to do the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that we were taught earlier in our lives. They give us a model for how we should treat all others – as if they were Christ in disguise. Jesus attended to the spiritual wellbeing of those he companioned and ministered to, he also responded to the basic needs of people. Jesus calls you and me to be about these same works now. Through them, God uses us to be channel his mercy to others.



Navy Yard Summer Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, June 21

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 firstclass food pantry, giving each family we serve roughly ten days of groceries. Thank you!



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All. All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On World Refugee Day we pause and remember the 25 million people who have had to flee their countries in search of safety for their families.

Learn more about refugees and Catholic teaching at JusticeForImmigrants.org



Intentions

Saturday June 17 at 4:00 pm

Sunday June 18 at 9:30 am - Father's Day

Monday, June 19 at 9:00 am—Juneteenth holiday

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

Tuesday, June 20 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday June 21 at 8:00 am—Weekly Mass for the Sick Members of the Parish

Saturday June 24

Sunday June 25 at 9:30 + Mary Gillen

Monday June 19 is Juneteenth Day and the office is closed. Mass at 9:00 am

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 18 Promoting the Gospel

June 25 Religious Education

July 02 Capital Improvement

July 09 Religious Education

July 16 Parish Deficit

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of June 4

\$1,210 contributed to the Weekly Collection

And \$346 for the Capital Improvement Collection

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.

ATTENDANCE—6/10 & 6/11

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 41

Sun @ 9:30 am 40

Total 81

I am pleased to share that At. Francis de Sales has raised \$10,720 toward our 2023 Catholic Appeal goal of \$ 16,936. More importantly, 35 families have joined in to support our parish campaign. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach goal by June 30th. Gifts can be made using the QR code or by returning an in-pew envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support. —Fr. John

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FYI—

The Boston Public Schools is excited to offer **free summer meals** to all young people who are 18 years old and younger at more than 100 locations across the City of Boston. A final list of sites is coming soon. The locations will have breakfast and lunch services available to students, with no identification or pre-registration required.

This year's free meal program will launch on Thursday, July 6, 2023, and will be offered through late August. You can learn more about this program by visiting www.projectbread.org/summereats or calling 1-800-645-8333. We will be providing an update soon regarding locations for summer meals.



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