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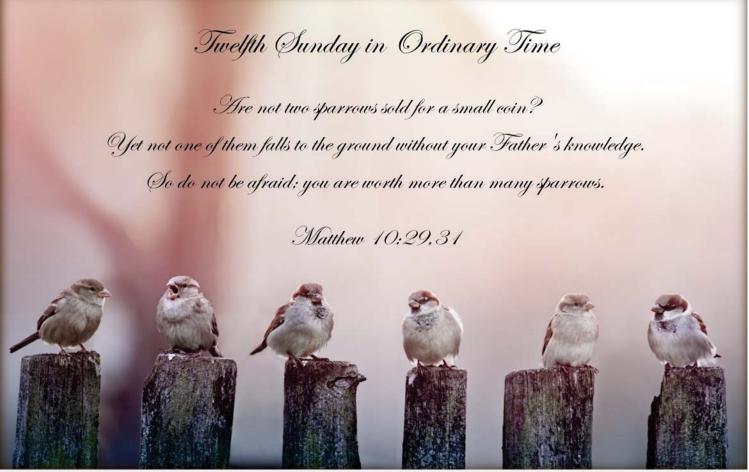
Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129

June 25, 2023



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

Saturdays 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

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> Social Ministry Director Thomas J. MacDonald

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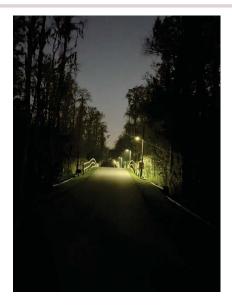
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### From our Pastor ...



It's been a long road, to get from there to here.

It's been a long time, but my time is finally here.

And I can feel a change in the wind right now. Nothing's in my way.

And they're not gonna hold me down no more.

No, they're not gonna hold me down...

'Cause I've got faith of the heart. I'm going where my heart will take me.
I've got faith to believe. I can do anything.
I've got strength of the soul, and no one's going to bend or break me.
I can reach any star. I've got faith, faith of the heart.
Faith of the Heart, written by Diane Warren

I took this picture on retreat years ago, and it's one of my favorites. Some people tell me it looks dark and scary, but faith and hope are excited for what awaits. There may be darkness around us sometimes, but the light of Christ that awaits us is greater than any fear or doubt around 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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't hold back- He knows what awaits His disciples, and He challenges them (and us) to keep going, that they're not alone. In five months, shrouded in the dark November sky, we will begin our journey anew, following a star that will lead us to new hope, new joy. Everything would change, and we now await hope's fulfillment in His return.

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This is Commitment Weekend. We ask that you place your completed envelope in the collection basket. If you left it at home, or still thinking about it, feel free to either mail it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket the following weekend. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the simplicity and convenience of online giving. Thank you!

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On Sunday, July 2, please note that the **Sunday 6 pm Mass is suspended**, and daily Mass at St. Francis will be offered at **9 am on Monday & Tuesday**, **July 3 & 4**. I'll be out of state June 28-July 3.

We're nearing our Catholic Appeal goal- 81%- but we need your help to get there- have you given yet? Every donation helps the Archdiocese, and our parish! Go to bostoncatholicappeal.org!

Fr. John Sheridan

## **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (10/29)**

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the cardinal. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Couples can register or find more information at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass">bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass</a>.

### SAVE THE DATE

# 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!



En el Evangelio de este décimo segundo domingo ordinario escuchamos por tres veces la invitación de Jesús: No tengáis miedo. Se trata del discurso misionero del evangelio de san Mateo. Jesús alerta a sus apóstoles sobre las dificultades que encontrarán en su actividad misionera y los instruye sobre el falso temor a los hombres y el verdadero temor de Dios. Es, pues, una invitación llena de vigor a la confianza, a la seguridad en Dios (EV). La experiencia que vive el profeta Jeremías es semejante. Le ha tocado en suerte, como vocación divina, anunciar un mensaje de destrucción para Jerusalén. Un mensaje impopular que hiere los oídos de sus oyentes. Incluso sus amigos le dan la espalda y se vuelven contra él maquinando insidias e intrigas. "Pavor en torno". Sin embargo, Jeremías se levanta con

una confianza magnífica: el Señor está conmigo como fuerte soldado. (1L). La segunda lectura nos ofrece un nuevo texto de la carta a los romanos que venimos escuchando cada domingo. También aquí el elemento de confianza y seguridad subyace a la exposición del pecado y de la redención obtenida en Jesucristo. El tema de fondo de la liturgia es, por tanto, una contraposición entre el miedo del mundo, de los hombres y de la desesperación del pecado y la confianza en Dios que cuida providentemente de sus creaturas y se muestra como soldado que fortalece a los suyos. El bien ha triunfado sobre el mal y la muerte gracias a Cristo Jesús.



#### 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 6.17 & 6.18:

4 pm 50 8 am 38 11 am 98 6pm 46

TOTAL = 232

#### DON'T FORGET THE POOR

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

The Society helps a number of indi-

Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes at the back of the church. Thanks so much!

viduals and families in Charlestown.

#### 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 06/24 9 AM 4 PM + JAMES C. DEVLIN, JR.

SUNDAY 06/25 8 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS 11 AM + ROBBIE BRADY 6 PM THURSDAY 06/29 8 AM

FRIDAY 06/30 8 AM + JOSEPH MARI, MINNIE, TRANQUILLINO & VINCENT CITRO, ARTHUR MARI & FABIO LAUDADIO

SATURDAY 07/01 9 AM 4 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

Sunday 07/02 8 am 11 am + John, Catherine & George Noonan 6 pm - No 6 PM MASS THIS WEEK

#### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Gratefully acknowledging that God gives us all, we each willingly offer our unique gifts to one another and all creation in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.



Saint Mary Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in remembrance of
Robbie Brady

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

July 16—Monthly August 15—Assumption

#### Weekend of June 11

Parishioners contributed \$3,426.59 to the Weekly Collection and \$ 660 to the Promoting the Gospel collection

# July 4th Holiday

Next week, Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th, the office will be closed for Independence Day

Also, the Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on both days At St. Francis de Sales Parish.

#### WE KNOW...

that with the arrival of summer, you'll be going on vacation.

We will miss you!!! But don't miss Mass!!!

Visit <u>Masstimes.org</u> for churches wherever you go, or tune in virtually at stmarystcatherine.org!



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see the misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like."

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

- St. Augustine

#### June 25- The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today speak of God's care and providence. Three times in the gospel we are reminded not to be afraid. Some days we need to hear that message repeatedly. Just as it was important for the disciples at the time of Christ, it is also important for us to hear that being a disciple of Christ requires a certain amount of courage and fearlessness. Let us set aside our fear and hold fast to the message Jesus speaks about God's love and providence, remembering that nothing can separate us from the love of God poured out for us in Christ Jesus!

# Apostles Peter and Paul

FIRST CENTURY FEAST DAY: JUNE 29

hese apostles share a feast as founders of the church in Rome. Peter, a Galilean fisherman chosen by Christ as on of the Twelve Apostles, became the undisputed leader of the fledgling church after Pentecost. Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who had persecuted Christians, became after his dramatic conversion the church's greatest missionary, its "apostle of the gentiles." By tradition both were martyred in Rome. Their adventures are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, and letters from them are included in the New Testament.





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Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



# Peter and Paul

God has made

he Gentiles

June 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter was the chief of

the irs too! Ithe Apostles. He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to e also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back.

die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

We should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith too!

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#### June 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

From his birth, John the Baptist was "a light to the nations" and one who grew strong in God's spirit. While John knew he was not the messiah, he also knew that his role was to prepare people's hearts for the coming of Christ. In what ways are you, like John the Baptist, "a light for the nations" leading others to Christ? Who are the people in your life that need to be pointed toward Christ?

#### **Intentions**



Saturday June 24 at 4:00 pm Sunday June 25 at 9:30 am + Mary Gillen Monday, June 26 at 9:00 am

Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood Tuesday, June 27 @ 8:00 am
Wednesday June 28 at 8:00 am— for the sick members of the parish

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#### **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

June 25 Religious Education

July 2 Capital Improvement

July 9 Religious Education

July 16 Parish Deficit

ATTENDANCE-6/17 & 6/18

Sat. @ 4:00 pm

31

Sun @ 9:30 am

34

Total 65

#### WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of June 4 \$1,393 contributed to the Weekly Collection And \$160 for the 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.

For all the deceased Priests and Sisters who have served St. 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.

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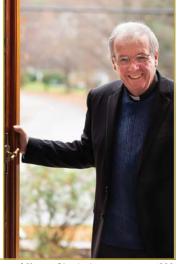


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