

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

July 9, 2023



*The LORD supports all who are  
falling and raises up all who  
are bowed down. Psalm 145:14*

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## 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

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## From our Pastor ...

The Gospel today is one we use a lot at funerals. I think of all the people in my life I've loved who worked hard and gave so much in their lives in many ways and now they rest happily in Christ. I also think about those around me today who quietly work heroically to make the lives of those around us safer, better, more just, and more beautiful and more kind.

The work may be what we may do for a living, but what we do for God, our prayer, good works, and encouragement we give others, is just as crucial to our world.

Growing up, I learned that hard work presents itself in a million ways, and God sees the good work we do, even if the world can't, or even won't. The work we do may seem small or even inconsequential at times to us, but if our work is making the lives around us better, it is indeed of the Lord, and it is blessed.

## July 9 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Savor these words of comfort. They are an expression of how Christ is present to you. Then, consider if there is someone you know who needs this blessed assurance, someone who is not here with you today. Invite that person to join you at Mass next week. The invitation is simple. . . Come and rest in the Lord.

**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

**St Mary-St. Catherine of Siena**

**Parish Center**

46 Winthrop Street

617-242-4664

**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.**



## Dear Charlestown Catholic Community -



...anyone who wants to become Catholic?

...anyone who is baptized Catholic but has not received First Communion and Confirmation and would like to?

...any Catholic in good standing that married outside of the Catholic Church and would like to receive the Sacrament of Marriage?

If you do, please have them contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or [ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org)

Thanks so much!



### YOU ARE CALLED

There is an old tradition that the Creator sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others, with a special act of love to bestow. No one else can speak my message, or sing my song, or offer my act of love. These have been entrusted only to me.

According to this tradition, the message may be spoken, the song sung, the act of love delivered to a few, or to all the people in a small town, or to all the people in a large city, or even to all the people in the whole world. It all depends on God's unique plan for each unique person.

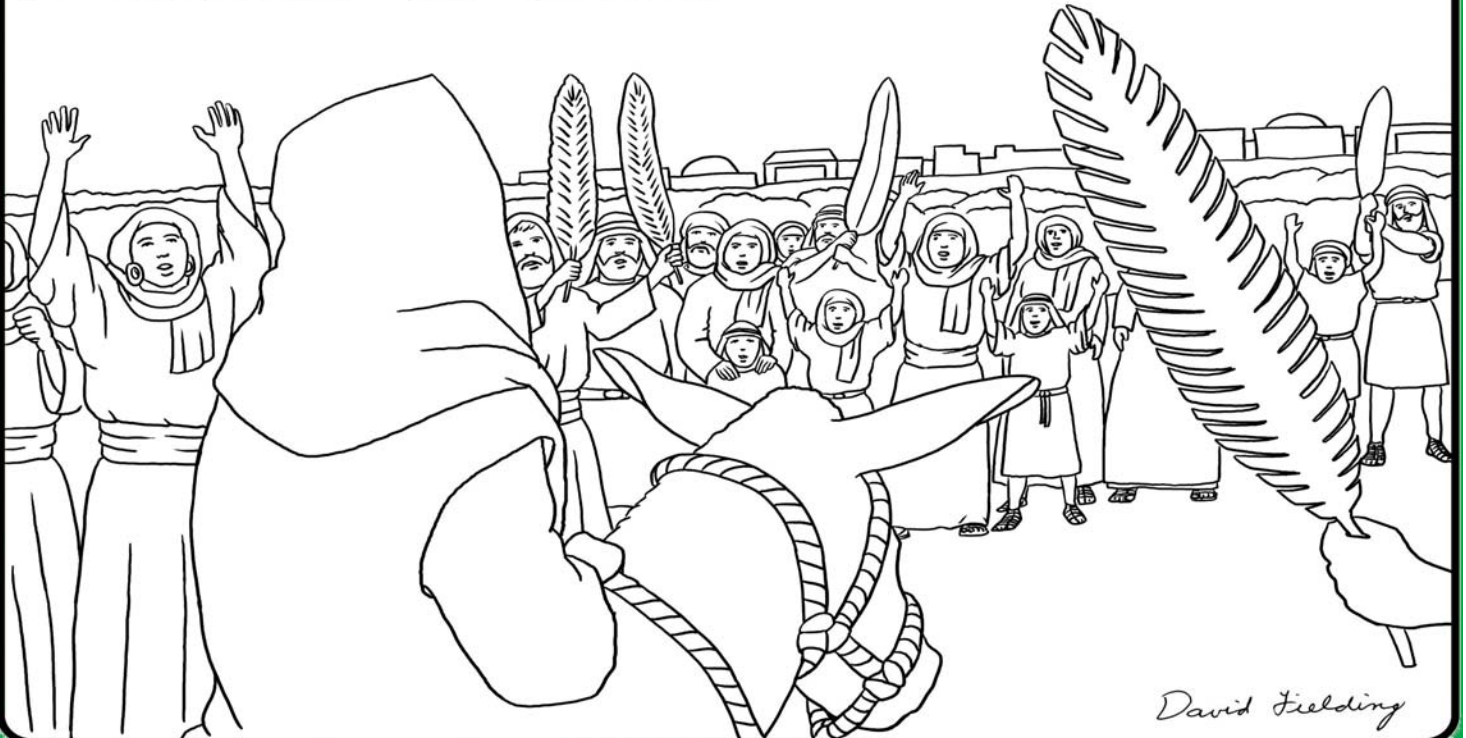
So from my heart, I want to say this to you – please believe that you have an important message to deliver, you have a beautiful song to sing, and a unique act of love to warm this world and to brighten its darkness.

And when the final history of the world is written, your message, your song, and your love will be recorded gratefully and forever.

John Powell, SJ

### A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MT 11:25-30



Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins



## Intentions

Saturday July 08 at 4:00 pm Mary V. Beaton

Sunday July 09 at 9:30 am

Monday, July 10 at 8:00 am

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

Tuesday, July 11 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday July 12 at 8:00 am— for the sick members of the parish

Saturday July 15 at 8:00 am

Sunday July 16 at 9:30 am Parishioner Intentions

“God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?”

— St. Francis de Sales

## 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. 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.

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

July 9 Religious Education

July 16 Parish Deficit

**Bulletin for the 16th will report contributions for the 4th and 9th of July weekend collections. Bulletin was sent for print early due to the holiday.**

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



## 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. Thanks so much!

## WE KNOW...

that with the arrival of summer, you'll be going on vacation. We'll miss you but don't miss Mass! Visit [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) for churches wherever you go, or tune in virtually at [stmarystcatherine.org!](http://stmarystcatherine.org!)



## SAVE THE DATE

**Fr. John's Installation**

Our Installation and Inauguration Mass with Bishop O'Connell has been rescheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 11am** at St. Mary's Church! A collation will follow at Bishop Lawton Hall.

*Please invite everyone to join us!*

The **Harvest**  
on Vine  
food pantry

Summer is here and school is out. As in summers past, we are requesting cereal donations for a cereal drive. If you are able to help out, please drop the boxes of cereal off at the Church before or after the Masses. You can also drop off cereal (or other non perishable food donations) at the Parish Center—46 Winthrop Street or at the food pantry on Vine Street. Thank you.



## 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 07/08**  
9 AM  
4 PM + HELEN McLAUGHLIN

**SUNDAY 07/09**  
8 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS  
11 AM + MICHAEL & BOB BURTON, JR.  
6 PM + HELEN M. BARKER

**THURSDAY 07/13**  
8 AM

**FRIDAY 07/14**  
8 AM

**SATURDAY 07/15**  
9 AM  
4 PM + DOROTHY SULLIVAN

**SUNDAY 07/16**  
8 AM  
11 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS  
6 PM + JULIE QUINN



Saint Mary Church  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit in remembrance of  
Francis J. Sheehan

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

July 16—Monthly  
August 15—Assumption

## 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.*

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We are able to provide consecrated low gluten hosts for those who are gluten intolerant.

Please join the end of the priest communion line and let him know that you require a low gluten host.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

**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](mailto: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 long term basis. We want to do our best to help those who are homebound feel connected to our community. Please call the Parish Center at 617-242-4664 if you have a relative or neighbor who is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

is always a joyful event in the 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](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org)

Log onto our website at

## Charlestown Catholic Community

For news , information and resources.

Select the education button at the top to register for the Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 year.

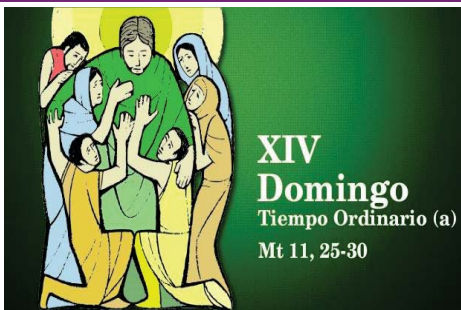
If you are new to the parish and would like to register, just select join and complete the registration form.

Getting married? Fill out the wedding request form under resources and/or go into Sacraments for more information and wedding checklist form!

Bulletins, and Mass times for both our parishes are available on the website. The latest recorded Sunday Mass may be viewed there as well. There is Music, news from Harvest on Vine, pictures, and more.

You may donate to the Parish or its various ministries by selecting the Donate tab.





Un profeta no carece de honor excepto en su lugar natal y entre sus propios parientes y en su propia casa ". Estas palabras de Jesús son probablemente proverbiales. Es decir, pertenecen a la simple sabiduría popular que se transmite por la cultura y se transmite a través de los siglos; algo como "El que madruga, Dios lo ayuda". La sencillez y el carácter común de estas palabras desmienten una profundidad oculta. Las palabras de Jesús hieren el corazón y deberían hacernos replantear nuestras vidas y especialmente nuestras interacciones entre nosotros.

Cuando el Señor estaba enseñando en la sinagoga de su ciudad natal, no recibió una cálida bienvenida, todo lo contrario. Rechazaron a Jesús. Nuestro leccionario

dice que la gente "se ofendió por él". "Se ofendió" no captura completamente lo que sucedió. Esa frase traduce la palabra **σκανδαλίζω**, que significa causar pecar, es decir, crear un escándalo en el sentido auténtico. El evangelio de Marcos nos dice que las enseñanzas de Jesús repugnaron tanto a la gente que no solo lo rechazaron, sino que comenzaron a pecar por su culpa. Es como si escucharan lo que decía y luego hicieran lo contrario para fastidiarlo. Esta respuesta debería sorprendernos y horrorizarnos. Jesús nos dice que la suma de toda la ley y los profetas es amar a Dios y amar al prójimo. ¿Qué comunidad, que indudablemente pretende buscar a Dios y la felicidad, podría rechazar esa enseñanza? ¿Qué comunidad podría sentirse tan ofendida por esas palabras que abandonarían a Jesús?

Lo podemos. Lo hemos hecho. Somos la comunidad que ha echado a Jesús de en medio y ha elegido el pecado. Jesús está presente en cada persona de la Tierra. Si queremos ver el rostro de Dios, solo tenemos que mirar a nuestro alrededor, y si miramos a nuestro alrededor, veremos que faltan muchos rostros. Cada dos meses, hablo con alguien que cree que no es bienvenido aquí. Estas personas han pasado años de sus vidas lejos de la parroquia por temor a que no se les permitiera regresar debido a un pasado pecador, una pelea con alguien o cualquiera de una docena de otras razones. Temen que nadie pueda perdonarlos, que nadie esté dispuesto a mostrarles compasión y darles la bienvenida. No están enojados con la Iglesia Católica universalmente ni con sus enseñanzas. Todo lo que quieren es una comunidad compasiva y misericordiosa, y no la han encontrado.

"Un profeta no carece de honor excepto ... en su propia casa". Esta parroquia es la casa de Dios, pero lo hemos deshonrado con los extraños entre nosotros. Al escuchar sus palabras y recibir su cuerpo y sangre cada semana, nos hemos vuelto complacientes. Nuestros corazones se han endurecido y ya no permitimos que su gracia nos mueva a amar. Esto debe cambiar. Todos los que desean la misericordia de Dios deben encontrar un hogar aquí, y es nuestra responsabilidad, impulsados por la gracia de Dios, hacer que eso suceda.

No sé qué debe cambiar, qué nuevas formas necesitamos para dar la bienvenida a los demás. Sé que las palabras no bastarán. No podemos simplemente decir que la gente es bienvenida y que perdonamos, debemos demostrarlo. Mire a su alrededor y si ve una cara nueva, preséntese; Trate de formar una relación real con esa persona o familia. Si ves semana tras semana que falta una cara conocida, llámalos o visítalos y ofréceles apoyo. Debemos ser la comunidad compasiva que Jesús estableció. Lo más importante es que todos debemos mirar en nuestro corazón y preguntarle al Espíritu Santo cómo podemos convertirnos en las personas para las que fuimos creados.

**June 11, 2023 – June 17, 2024—FYI**

**Cardinal Seán O'Malley reminded us, "It is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity." Thousands gathered together with our Cardinal Archbishop on June 18, 2022 to celebrate Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Congress concluded with a Eucharistic Procession, where we brought Jesus out to the world, to remind everyone who they truly are.**

**We are now entering the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival, which focuses on our parishes, the Church's hands and feet in the world. This phase "will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit."**

**40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration**

**Date: August 31-September 1, 2023**

**Location:**

**Immaculate Conception Parish**

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