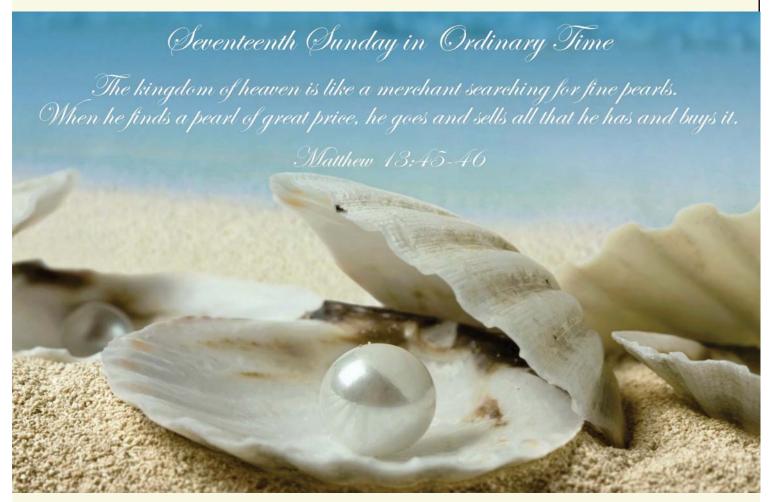
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Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129 July 30, 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 de Sales 4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

Sunday

8 am St. Mary- St. Catherine 9:30 am St. Francis de Sales 11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine 6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

> **Pastor** Fr. John Sheridan

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From our Pastor ...

In the very exciting climax of the movie *Indiana Jones and* the Last Crusade in 1989 (yes that's almost 25 years ago- I feel old, too), Indiana is forced to make a difficult decision, to choose what is more important to him, at the ultimate risk to himself or what he desires. It's all Hollywood and that, but it's very well done - it can call us to think about what we consider important, what we would sacrifice for what we love, what we believe in.

Christ calls us to a love supreme, beyond us, where we understand His love is the basis of all love, and if we choose that love, we will discover Him and His presence everywhere. The man who discovers the pearl in the Gospel is willing to sacrifice all his possessions for that one thing, and Christ calls us to let go of the things of this world and cling to what is priceless- Christ himself.

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This weekend we begin to turn a corner- on Sunday, Sept. 25th, we will be celebrating our unity and I will be formally installed as pastor (thanks for your patience) and throughout the fall we will be putting a plan for the collaboration of our parish families and what it will entail. We will be working with both parishes' Pastoral and Finance Councils, hosting presentations for the wider community, and we'll be welcoming your input, questions, and comments as we work to the next chapter for the Catholic Community of Charlestown.

Through it all, I ask for your prayers and encouragement as we discern God's will for us and look up and look ahead for us all. Blessed Mother, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!

~ Fr. John Sheridan

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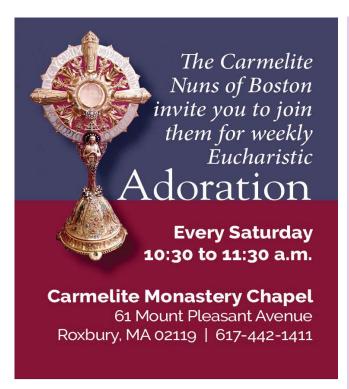
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Handicap Access

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

Rosarv

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 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

Log onto our website at

Charlestown Catholic Community

for news, information and resources.

We are taking applications for the Religious Education Program. 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.

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!



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (9/23, 11/11)

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, Project Rachel I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Sept. 23 and Nov. 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Fr. John is a Project Rachel priest.

Intentions



Saturday July 29 at 4:00 pm Maureen Wedge Sunday July 30 at 9:30 am Sandra Cardoso Monday, July 31 at 8:00 am

Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood Tuesday, Aug 01 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday Aug 02 at 8:00 am—for the sick members of the parish Saturday Aug 05 at 4:00 am Richard D. Hagerty & Richard T. Hagerty Sunday Aug 06 at 9:30 am George & Marjorie McCabe

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Aug 6 Capital Improvement

Aug 13 Religious Education

Aug 20 Parish Deficit

Aug 27 Mission Appeal

ATTENDANCE-7/22 & 7/23 Sat. @ 4:00 pm 31 Sun @ 9:30 am 42

Total 73

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of July 23

\$759 was contributed to the Weekly Collection

and \$283 for the Second 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.

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

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Jacob Christopher Rivera



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 07/29 9 AM

4 PM

SUNDAY 07/30 8 AM 11 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS 6 PM + MARISOL COOVERT

THURSDAY 08/03 8 AM

FRIDAY 08/04

SATURDAY 08/05

9 AM 4 PM

SUNDAY 08/06 8 AM + CATHERINE GREENE 11 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS 6 PM



Resquiescat in Pace

Christine Jane Cowan

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Weekend of July 23
Parishioners contributed
\$2,477.09 to the
Weekly Collection

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 15—Assumption

August 20-Monthly

Attendance 7/22 & 7/23:

4 pm 65

8 am 44 11am 95

6 pm 52

TOTAL = 256

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Welcome to Leo David Cacciola who was Baptized on July 23.

Congratulations to Vivian Herbert who was welcomed into and Confirmed by the Catholic Church on July 23



WEDDING BANNS
Gregory Brown & Julie Benway



DON'T FORGET THE POOR

The work of the
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Continues in our parishes.
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of individuals and families in
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Según una antigua leyenda, el rey Salomón tenía que tomar una decisión muy importante. Reunió a todas las criaturas existentes para que le aconsejaran. Salomón tenía en la mano una hermosa copa que estaba llena del agua de la vida para siempre. El que bebiera de esa agua no moriría, viviría siempre. Todas las criaturas estuvieron de acuerdo en que el rey debería beberla. Todas a coro dijeron: Bebe. Oh rey. Y vive siempre. Salomón preguntó si todas estaban presentes y le dijeron que la paloma no había llegado.

Cuando llegó la paloma, Salomón le preguntó su opinión y ésta le dijo: Señor, si mi compañero muere yo también debo morir. ¿De qué me serviría vivir siempre y ser inmortal si todos mueren y muere todo lo que yo amo? Escuchado el consejo de la paloma, Salomón derramó el agua de la vida sin fin y no la probó. Póngase usted en el lugar de Salomón ¿cómo respondería a la propuesta de Dios?

"Pídame lo que quiera y yo se lo concederé". ¿Ya se ha puesto a soñar? ¿Ya sabe lo que pediría? Yo pediría la luna, yo la tarjeta Visa Oro, yo una casita junto al mar, yo un gran amor, yo no tener que usar ninguna pastilla ni azul ni rosa... No sabemos lo que pasó por la cabeza de Salomón en aquella visión cuando estaba en el templo de Gibeón ofreciendo su sacrificio a Dios. Sí sabemos, lo dice la Palabra, lo que pidió. "Da a tu siervo un corazón que sepa escuchar para juzgar a las personas y distinguir el bien del mal".

Salomón no cayó en la trampa de peticiones egoístas: salud, dinero y amor. Pidió un corazón que sepa escuchar, una mente atenta a la mente de Dios, saber tomar decisiones que agraden a Dios, sabiduría para distinguir lo bueno de lo malo. Eligió vivir en armonía con la voluntad de Dios. Dios le concedió la sabiduría y un corazón atento y todo lo demás. Pidió lo que Dios puede y quiere dar a sus hijos.

Para todas esas cosas que usted pediría está el trabajo, la ambición, la suerte, el robo, el engaño y los negocios sucios del mundo. La Palabra de Dios nos avisa hoy: "cuidado con sus deseos, cuidado con lo que piden". Para pedir bien necesitamos un sistema de valores sano y cristiano y tener claras nuestras prioridades. Sólo desde la sabiduría de Dios nuestras prioridades serán justas. Salomón pidió bien porque pidió lo que Dios puede dar.

El evangelio nos habla de un tesoro escondido y de una perla que hay que buscar y hay que darlo todo para hacerse con ella. El Reino de Dios, Jesucristo. Buscar no en los catálogos, en las iglesias... Apreciar, convencerse de su valor. Darlo todo para quedarse con lo esencial. Sólo un corazón que escucha puede encontrar lo esencial. Usted es el único hombre célebre. No olvide que Jesús es su mayor fan.



July 30 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our first reading we hear that God appeared to Solomon telling him to ask for whatever he wanted. Take note, Solomon does not ask for riches or a long life or an untroubled life. Solomon asks for an understanding heart! Consider - would your answer be like that of Solomon? To help us be clearer about what is important, Jesus gives us two short parables, the pearl of great price and the hidden treasure that is sought after and found. Do you think about of your faith as a pearl of great price, or a treasure to seek after? These readings give us much food for prayer ~about what we value, what we seek after, and whose we want to be!



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?

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