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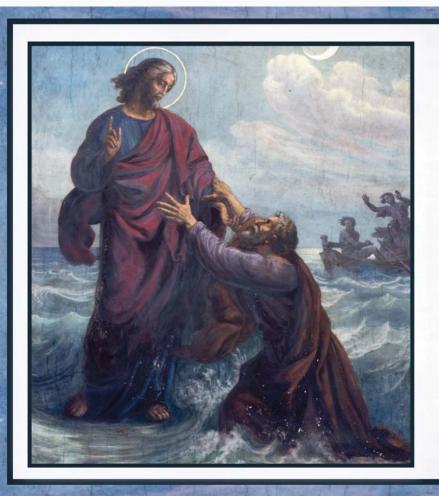
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Charlestown, MA 02129*

August 13, 2023



Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jesus stretched out his hand
and caught Peter,
and said to him,
"O you of little faith,
why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

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 ...

I was sure by now, God, You would have reached down and wiped our tears away, stepped in and saved the day...
But once again, I say amen, and it's still raining.
As the thunder rolls, I barely hear Your whisper through the rain, "I'm with you."

And as Your mercy falls, I raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes away.

And I'll praise You in this storm, and I will lift my hands...

'Cause You are who You are, no matter where I am...

and every tear I've cried, You hold in Your hand.
You never left my side... And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm.

From Praise You in the Storm, written by Bernie Herms and Mark Hall

There are times in life, when somehow, we made it through something-doubt, injury, fear, sickness, whatever it may be-something we alone may know-but somehow, we found our way, or more likely, God found our way through. All He asks us to do is to trust Him. It's so hard to do that especially when we live in a world who keeps saying we can do anything-we can't, and that's not a bad thing. Jesus called Peter out, but his fear won out over his faith. He understands our doubts- let us cast away our fears a little and trust in His love for us when we're out on the waters.

Many thanks to Fr. Louis Kemayou from the US Virgin Islands,

who preached and presided at our Masses this weekend on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith.

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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.

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- We had two weddings last Saturday! Congratulations to Julie & Gregory who were married by Fr. Ronan at St. Mary's, and Mary Kate & Edward, married by me at St. Francis Church!
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be offered at 9 am at St. Francis de Sales and 6 pm at St. Mary's Church.

- It is our honor to host the Young Catholic Professionals group of the Archdiocese as they gather at St. Catherine's Chapel on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7 pm.
- Join us at Bishop Lawton Hall on Monday, Sept. 18 at 7 pm for an update on St. Francis de Sales-

we'll look at finances, activities, ideas and plans through Christmas!

Fr. John Sheridan

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY August 15th

What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.



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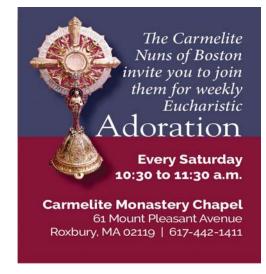
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Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgr.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu.



Intentions



Saturday Aug 12 at 4:00 pm Sunday Aug 13 at 9:30 am Billy McKillop Monday, Aug 14 at 8:00 am

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

Tuesday, Aug 15 @ 9:00 am Feast of the Assumption —Mass at 9:00 am

Wednesday Aug 16 at 8:00 am— for the sick members of the parish Saturday Aug 19 at 4:00 am

Sunday Aug 20 at 9:30 am Catherine Marie Norris-10 year anniversary

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Aug 13 Religious Education Aug 20 Parish Deficit Aug 27 Mission Appeal

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of August 06

\$1,218.85 was contributed to the Weekly Collection

and \$377 for the Second Collection



Resquiescat in Pace

Colleen M. Devlin

ATTENDANCE-8/05 & 8/06

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 52 Sun @ 9:30 am 52 Total 104

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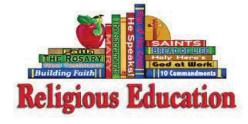
Dear Charlestown Catholic Community -



- ...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@stmarystcatherine.org

Thanks so much!



Registration for Religious Education for 2023-24 is on our website!

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!



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 08/12

9 AM

4 PM

SUNDAY 08/13 8 AM 11 AM +CELIA, BILL & ED HAFEY 6 PM TUESDAY 08/15
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
6:00 PM

THURSDAY 08/17 8 AM

FRIDAY 08/18 8 AM

SATURDAY 08/19 9 AM + NANCY WELCH

4 PM + EMMA MAHONEY

SUNDAY 08/20

8 AM

11 AM + ROBBIE, MEAGHAN & BOBBY BRADY; DAVID LATTA

6 PM

Weekend of August 06
Parishioners contributed
\$5,543.47 to the
Weekly Collection
And
\$1,427.00 to the
Mission Collection

Attendance 8/05 & 8/06:

4 pm 69 8 am 43 11 am 73 6pm 36

TOTAL = 221



Saint Mary Church

Sanctuary Lamp

is lit in remembrance of

Maureen Dewey

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 15—Assumption

August 20—Monthly

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Please welcome Emma-Anne Nee who was Baptized on August 6

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.

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.

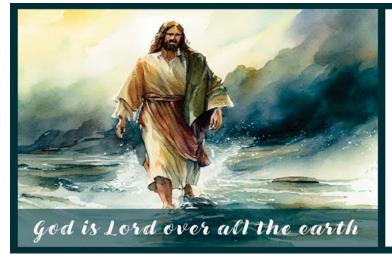
Getting married? Fill out the wedding request form under resources and/or go into Sacraments for more information and wedding checklist form!

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.

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!



Sunday's Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2023

First Reading: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (I Kgs 9:11)

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85:8)

Second Reading: And from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. (Rom 9:5)

Gospel: Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." (Mt 14:33)



Érase una vez un enfermo mental que insistía en que era Jesucristo. Ningún médico pudo convencerle de que se trataba de una ilusión, de que él era simplemente Félix Jiménez de Noviercas. Un día el médico le dijo que extendiera los brazos y lo midió y también lo midió de la cabeza a los pies. El médico salió y regresó con un martillo y unos clavos. El enfermo empezó a sentir gran curiosidad y nerviosismo. ¿Qué está haciendo?, le preguntó el enfermo. ¿Usted es Jesucristo, no es cierto? Sí, lo soy. Entonces, mientras el médico hacía una cruz, entonces usted debería saber lo que estoy haciendo.

Espere, espere, por favor, gritó el paciente, yo no soy Jesucristo. Yo soy Félix Jiménez de Noviercas. ¿Qué le pasa, doctor, está usted loco? ¿Hay aquí algún Félix Jiménez que cree ser Jesucristo?, que extienda las manos y lo mediremos. ¿Hay aquí alguien como Pedro que quiera

caminar sobre las aguas del Duero? Todos, todos, estamos llamados a caminar al encuentro de Jesús. Todos, por lo tanto, llamados a caminar sobre las aguas.

Las aguas son el símbolo de las furias, la tormenta, las fuerzas del mal, la sed de venganza, la sed de la pasión que con sus rugidos apagan la voz de Jesús que nos dice: Ven. La llamada de Jesús es constante pero la tormenta en nuestra vida también es constante y por eso no oímos, no creemos, no caminamos con fe hacia Jesús que nos llama y vivimos como náufragos. Estamos llamados a caminar hacia Jesús no a ser Jesucristo. Sí a dar la vida por Jesucristo y los hermanos. Para caminar hacia Jesús hay que saber dónde encontrarle. Hay que aprender a escucharle.

El profeta Elías, defensor de Dios, se pasó toda la noche escuchando y comprobó que Dios no estaba en el viento, no estaba en el terremoto, no estaba en el fuego, y lo sintió presente y vivo en un levísimo susurro. Una vida y una hora en la iglesia para escuchar a Dios y sentirlo presente y vivo en su vida y en la asamblea litúrgica; para sentirlo vivo y presente en las pequeñas cosas, en los acontecimientos cotidianos, en el silencio y en lo inesperado. A Dios no se le puede programar. Dios es sorpresa constante.

Dios no está en la limusina blanca. Dios no está en las palabras sabias. Dios está en el suspiro vacilante de todo corazón que escucha, que busca al Dios escondido y se deja sorprender. Nos dice el evangelio que los discípulos iban solos en la barca. Jesús oraba en la montaña. Y la barca atravesaba por en medio de una gran tormenta. Solos en la barca. Solos en la tormenta. Solos en la impotencia. Solos en la comunidad. ¿Sabrán escuchar su voz y distinguir su presencia? No es un fantasma el que camina sobre las aguas. Es el Señor. La fe les abrió los ojos.

La Iglesia vive también este tiempo, separada de su Señor Resucitado que nos espera en la otra orilla y nos manda remar, trabajar, avivar la fe, enfrentar las tormentas, confesar a Jesús ausente-presente, y confiar en el poder de Jesucristo que viene a rescatarnos. Pedro dejó la barca para descubrir su propia debilidad y aprender a fiarse del poder de Dios. 1.- Confianza, la base de nuestra relación con Dios. 2.- Seguridad, ponerla en las manos de Dios. 3.- Llamada, escucharla cada día. 4.- Oración, "aumenta mi fe".

August 13 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reading from the first Book of Kings recounts the prophet Elijah's encounter with God. Much to Elijah's surprise, God did not come to him in the wind or the earthquake, rather God came in a tiny whispering sound. In the Gospel, Jesus takes time apart to be in God's presence before joining the disciples. The storm which the disciples encounter causes them to be frightened and uncertain about Jesus' presence. The storms in our lives can cause us to forget who Jesus is and wants to be for us. The scriptures today remind us that whether we are in quiet prayer, or during a stormy time in our lives God is present to relieve our fears and to give us hope, even when we least expect him. Be attentive then, God's presence is very likely to surprise you!

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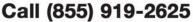
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