

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

August 20, 2023

Then Jesus said to
her in reply, "O
woman, great
is your faith!"

Matthew
15:28



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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 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

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From our Pastor ...

"I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." John 15:11

The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.

Gaudium et Spes, Preface

We're months away from Advent, but the summer sky is full of stars. As children, we were encouraged to look up, to the stars, to find inspiration as they point out for us the way. In Scripture, Abram is assured of God's promise of the future by the stars in the sky. The star of Bethlehem led shepherds and kings to the Christ Child. In the Book of Revelation, the woman is presented with the twelve stars around her, reflecting the tribes of Israel.

Look up. Look ahead. I use this phrase a lot around here- I find it helpful for me to focus on my priorities, my work, my vocation. We have spent too much time, wasted too many dreams, looking back to a world that simply doesn't exist anymore (and maybe never did) and looking down, awash in sorrow, pain, and grief, feeling almost incapable of looking ahead with any expectations. Yes, there is much to look at and be sad about today in our world. Does that mean we should ignore the problems of our lives, our world, our times? Most certainly not.

We are called to address the problems, worries, and doubts of this dark world, not with sad resignation and fear, but with humble and open hearts to the possibilities that only the Holy Spirit can give. Some people are afraid to look ahead because they're vision is limited to the earth, only to the here and now- our Christian faith calls each and all of us to look ahead with hope- that's the key here. It seems that years ago people spoke so joyfully about the future- they seemed to dream more- today, there seems so much dystopian visions, doubt, and fear foreboding- have we lost the ability to hope and dream of a new world, new ideas, new possibilities?

Our loving God reminds us that as much as He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He is also the God Who makes all things new, Who refreshes and renews us every day, every moment, with His grace and love. The timeless God of all that was, is and will be, calls us to newness of life, to cast off our sorrow and fear. Is it risky? Of course it is- anything worth it is. It's a chance we're taking, and it's worth everything, and whatever we may lose on this earth, we will receive so much more of the blessings God will give us. I take great inspiration that perhaps the most important document in the Second Vatican Council, its Pastoral Constitution, is entitled *Gaudium et Spes*- Hope and Joy. It is THAT Hope and Joy that attracts us to Christ, to bring some of those gifts to the world.

"We must attract them by joy in order to lead them to its source, the heart of Christ."

St. Katherine Drexel

Saint Mary Church

55 Warren Street

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Warren & Soley Street

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Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street.

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to Heaven



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Go On a
Pilgrimage



To Help You
Get There!



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Join the Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Nov. 1-9, 2023, organized by our parishioner, Donna LeCam. A number of our parishioners have joined Donna's pilgrimages to Medjugorje in the past and there are several who

will be participating again in this November pilgrimage including Sr. Nancy.

Some wonder what one would do on a pilgrimage for a week. Do you pray ALL the time? If this is you, don't worry. While in Medjugorje, there is plenty of opportunity to pray for all the intentions in your heart, experience the beautiful culture, and enjoy some scenic areas of Eastern Europe.

Those who participated in this pilgrimage before reported that they were genuinely moved by the way their hearts were filled with a deep sense of joy and peace. Pause for a moment...see if Our Lady might be calling you to visit the hamlet of Medjugorje.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Medjugorje, Our Blessed Mother began appearing to six young children on June 24th, 1981. These apparitions continue to this day to three of the six and offers messages of peace, request for prayers for peace, assurances of Jesus' love for one and for all, and enjoins us to faithfully follow her son.

For more information, please contact
Donna LeCam at donna.lecam@gmail.com

2023 marks the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Most Rev. Robert P. Reed, auxiliary Bishop of the West Region and the Sisters invite you to a liturgy of thanksgiving at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington St, Newton Sept. 9 at 4 pm. This liturgy is our expression of gratitude to all those who have supported us in so many ways in our ministry to the dear neighbor here in the Archdiocese of Boston.

For further information visit <https://www.csjboston.org>

All are welcome to attend!

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22

A PRAYER TO MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD AND
PATRONESS OF AMERICA

O Most Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the problems of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of each life and of creation, and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life for all who live within our borders and beyond. Amen.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays in the Church

3- 3:45 pm

North End's

SAINT ANTHONY'S FEAST

August 24 to August 27

**Check Boston Calendar
for event schedule**



Intentions

Saturday Aug 19 at 4:00 pm

Sunday Aug 20 at 9:30 am Catherine Marie Norris—10th anniversary

Monday, Aug 21 at 8:00 am

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

Tuesday, Aug 22 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday Aug 23 at 8:00 am— for the sick members of the parish

Saturday Aug 26 at 4:00 pm

Sunday Aug 27 at 9:30 am Joan Donovan—1 year anniversary

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Aug 20 Parish Deficit

Aug 27 Mission Appeal

ATTENDANCE—8/12 & 8/13

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 33

Sun @ 9:30 am 51

Total 84

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful for your offerings
from the weekend of August 12-13

\$1,581 was contributed
to the Weekly Collection

and \$211 for the
Second Collection



*Resquiescat in
Pace*

Ann Marie Tierney

“Truly it is a blessed thing to love on
earth as we hope to love in Heaven,
and to begin that friendship here
which is to endure for ever there.”

— St. Francis de Sales

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



Welcome the newest members of the parish who
were Baptized this past weekend— Sunday,
August 13th at St. Francis de Sales!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Installation of Fr. John as Pastor
and Inauguration Mass of our Collaborative with Bishop O’Connell
will be **Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 11 am** 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 08/19
9 AM + NANCY WELCH
4 PM + EMMA MAHONEY

SUNDAY 08/20
8 AM
**11 AM + MEAGHAN, ROBBIE & BOBBY
 BRADY & DAVID LATTA**

6 PM
THURSDAY 08/24
8 AM

FRIDAY 08/25
8 AM

SATURDAY 08/26
9 AM
**4 PM MICHELE & JIM DUANE'S 50TH
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

SUNDAY 08/27
8 AM
11 AM + MARION BURR
6 PM + DOAN LAN & BAOTRAM DOAN

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 20—Monthly

Weekend of August 13

Parishioners contributed

\$3,708.86 to the

Weekly Collection

Attendance 8/12 & 8/13:

4 pm	45
8 am	46
11 am	62
6pm	56

TOTAL = 209



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

*Michelle & Jim Duane will be joined by family & friends at the 4 pm
 mass on 8/26, when they will be renewing their marriage vows in celebration of
 their 50th wedding day.*

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Baptized 8.13.2023—Rory Elizabeth Getchell



Baptized 8.13.2023—Isla & Maeve Doherty

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



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!

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Érase un anciano que, todas las noches, caminaba por las calles oscuras de la ciudad con una lámpara de aceite en la mano. Una noche se encontró con un amigo que le preguntó: ¿qué haces tú, siendo ciego, con una lámpara en la mano?

El ciego le respondió: “Yo no llevo una lámpara para ver. Yo conozco la oscuridad de las calles de memoria. Llevo la luz para que otros encuentren su camino cuando me vean a mí” ¡Qué hermoso sería si todos ilumináramos los caminos de los demás! Llevar luz y no oscuridad. Luz... demos luz. De la historia de Pedro,

ciego y náufrago en la tormenta del domingo pasado a la historia de hoy, de la mujer cananea, invisible y marginada. Del grito de Pedro: “Señor, sálvame” al grito de la mujer extranjera: “Señor, socórreme”. De la respuesta de Jesús a Pedro: “Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué vacilaste? a la respuesta de hoy: “Mujer, qué grande es tu fe”.

Y en medio de la ciega tormenta está Jesús salvando a Pedro náufrago y en medio de esta mujer y su hija atormentada por un demonio está Jesús y le dice: “Mujer, que se cumpla tu deseo”. Y en medio de nosotros en este domingo está también Jesús que viene a traernos la luz y la salvación. ¿Cómo nos sentimos nosotros hoy? ¿Como hijos de Dios, como miembros de la Iglesia o como perritos que comen las migajas que caen de la mesa?

La mujer cananea no fue saludada, no le dieron un aplauso de bienvenida como hacemos nosotros, era gentil, extranjera, y como a un perro había que despacharla porque con sus ladridos asustaban a todos y Jesús tampoco le hizo mucho caso. Pudo más la fe y la insistencia de la mujer que todos los rechazos. Pudo más su perseverancia y atrevimiento que las palabras de los discípulos y la frialdad de Jesús. Siempre puede más la fe que la duda, la insistencia que el cansancio. En el corazón de Dios, en la Iglesia de Jesús, cabemos todos. Todos llamados a ser injertados en el árbol de la vida, a pertenecer y a heredar el Reino. Todos somos ovejas perdidas de Israel. La mujer cananea y su hija atormentada por un demonio son símbolo de todos nosotros.

Ellas se alimentaban con las migajas que caían de la mesa de sus patronos. Pero querían participar de la mesa como hijos, querían sentirse amados por Jesús, querían gozar de la fiesta que Jesús traía. Y la fe y la perseverancia abrieron de par en par las puertas del corazón de Jesús. Muchos hermanos nuestros y nosotros también vivimos de las migajas de la iglesia: una oración rutinaria, una misa más penitencia que gozo, unos miedos, una vida cristiana tibia y otros un vago recuerdo de su bautismo... migajas en nuestro plato cristiano. La mujer cananea no se contentó con las migajas que caían de la mesa, quiso el pan entero, el amor entero, la sanación entera, la vida entera, la pertenencia entera. ¿Por qué contentarnos con un poco cuando lo podemos tener todo? ¿Por qué considerarnos extranjeros cuando somos hijos? ¿Por qué no invitamos a tantos hermanos alejados que comen las migajas de los celos, del alcohol, de la droga, de la infidelidad a ser miembros de la Iglesia de Jesús?

Nuestra responsabilidad no es de apartar a nadie que busca sinceramente al Señor, los apóstoles aquel día hicieron de espantapájaros, sino de acercarlos con amor hasta la fuente del perdón y de la salvación. En Internet hay una lista de las personas más odiadas del mundo. No le resultaría difícil poner algunos nombres: Adolfo, Osama, Sadam... Suscitan en nosotros emociones demasiado fuertes como para pensar en ofrecerles nuestro perdón. ¿Guarda usted una lista de las personas que le han ofendido? Si la tiene el reto del perdón es más grande, pero la exigencia de perdonar no por eso es menor. ¿Tiene Jesús una lista? Él no tiene ninguna lista de personas odiadas. Su lista es la del amor a todos, incluido usted.

August 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take a moment and look around the people gathered at Mass today. Are there people present whom you have never met or who may come from a different culture? In what way might you be a welcoming presence to the stranger or immigrant in your midst? Today's scripture makes clear that the message of God's love is not meant to be kept to ourselves. It is not only for those longtime parishioners or certain groups – it is for everyone! Pray for the grace to do your part to make your parish a place where all feel welcome and at home!

Don't forget the poor—St. Vincent de Paul Society is helping those in our community who are in need.

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people.
It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds;
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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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