

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

September 3, 2023



Twenty-second  
Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 16:24-25

## 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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**FYI - Labor Day - September 4th, our offices are closed and daily Mass will be at 9:00 AM at St. Francis de Sales**

## Happy Labor Day

### Prayer for Work

CREATOR GOD,

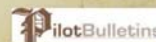
Thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.



From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice (USCCB, April 1998)

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.



## From our Pastor ...

*Where did I misplace my faith? Where did I set it down?  
Which one the day that I forgot, what this was all about?  
And I came so close to throwing it all away... but I'm taking it back again.  
So come and rejoice... what was lost is found.*

*When did I get so sensible? Make me a fool again.  
My life was a half empty glass, now it is full again.  
And this road we take is never an easy place,  
But somehow we've found our way...*

*Rejoice, written by Steve Mac, Wayne Hector*

I love to make people laugh. I know that God has a great sense of humor, and I believe that His humor reveals itself in so many ways, at the heart of each of us and beyond us- and sadly, we miss it. There are sometimes in my life when I will pause in the midst of the frantic world and look for Him, and I can find Him drawing me, all of us, into something deeper than the moment in front of us, drawing deeper into something extraordinary, warm, and funny, because it's so real and human- I discover His presence and can't but share it with others.

Following Christ is gloriously ridiculous. It makes no sense- it will get you nothing on this earth, and yet as Jeremiah in today's first reading proclaims it, God finds us a way to dupe us into it, and it's the things like this that make this give our lives meaning and are so beautifully worthwhile. It's a wonderful contradiction!

### September 3 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul puts a very strong challenge before us in today's second reading, "Do not conform yourselves to this age..." It is so easy to be seduced into thinking that accumulating material things will satisfy the longings in our hearts. The Scriptures today remind us that when we follow the example of Christ, and strive to live consciously as his disciple, not only will our longings be satisfied but we will be better able to discern God's will in our daily lives. Take a moment at this Eucharist to ask Christ to conform your life to his. Pray that your priorities will align with those of Christ so that everything you do will be good and pleasing to God.



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

The beginning of our new year of Faith Formation is quickly approaching! We will kick off our year on Catechetical Sunday, September 17, 2023 at the 11:00 am Mass with a blessing for the Religious Education volunteers and staff. Please be sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Religious Education classes will take place on Sundays and Tuesdays and begin in October.

Please register on the Charlestown Community Catholic website. For any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to call the Parish office at 617.242.4664.

On Catechetical Sunday, Father Sheridan will be introducing the newest members of the

team who will be leading the Religious Education Program this year.

### 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!



### Intentions

Saturday Sept 2 at 4:00 pm  
 Sunday Sept 3 at 9:30 am Joan Donovan  
 Monday, Sept 4 at 9:00 am Labor Day—office closed  
     Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood  
 Tuesday, Sept 5 @ 8:00 am  
 Wednesday Sept 6 at 8:00 am— Eddie “Biga” Greatorex & Mary “Nana” Small  
 Saturday Sept 9 at 4:00 am Rita E. Rae  
 Sunday Sept 10 at 9:30 am

### St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Sept. 3—Capital Improvement  
 Sept. 17—Clergy Trust  
 Sept. 24—Organ Restoration  
 Oct. 1—Holy Father’s Missionary Efforts  
 Oct. 22—Mission Sunday

### WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

**We are grateful to you for  
your offerings from the  
weekend of August 27**

**\$1,634 was contributed  
to the weekly Collection**

**and \$324 for the  
Second Collection**

### ATTENDANCE—8/26 & 8/27

<b>Sat. @ 4:00 pm</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Sun @ 9:30 am</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

Thanks to the Leahy Family, the Marian Statue across from St. Francis de Sales has been cleaned and painted. This year the Blessing of the Animals will take place at the Statue on September 23rd.  
 More information to come!

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



## INSTALLATION OF FR. JOHN SHERIDAN AS PASTOR

## INAUGURATION OF THE CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

**Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 11AM**

**Mass will be at St. Mary Church and the collation will be at Bishop Lawton Hall at St. Francis de Sales Church. We need your help at:**

**St. Mary Church on the morning of the event**

**Bishop Lawton Hall to decorate on Saturday, September 23 at 1pm**

**Please contact Dianne Ludy: [dludy@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmarystcatherine.org)**



**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 09/02**

**9 AM  
4 PM MARGARET & EMMETT PULLIAM  
HELEN IRVING, RITA SULLIVAN  
& ELEANOR CONNORS**

**SUNDAY 09/03**

**8 AM RUTH ANDERSON GOGGIN  
11 AM SR. CYNTHIA LOVELL  
6 PM**

**THURSDAY 09/07**

**8 AM**

**FRIDAY 09/08**

**8 AM**

**SATURDAY 09/09**

**9 AM  
4 PM JOSEPH BELIZAIRE, TITO  
BELIZAIRE, LORMELIE MEYFOR  
& JIM FIZELUS**

**SUNDAY 09/10**

**8 AM  
11 AM  
6 PM**



*Resquiescant in  
Pace*

*Kathleen Sheehan*

*John Riley*

*Robert Henry Kane Jr.*



Saint Mary Church  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit in remembrance of  
Ruth Anderson Goggin

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

September 10—Monthly  
September 17—Clergy Trust  
October 1—Holy Father Mission Efforts  
October 15—Monthly  
October 22—Mission

**Attendance 8/26 & 8/27:**

4 pm	115
8 am	43
11 am	72
6pm	49
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>279</b>

**Weekend of August 27**

**Parishioners contributed**

**\$4,849.12 to the  
weekly Collection**

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Allison Buff, and I will be coordinating the religious education program. I have been working in the field of education for over 20 years and I am excited to be a part of your Catholic community. What I hope to bring to your parish are valuable experiences that will last a lifetime for our religious families. Let's roll up our sleeves and work together .

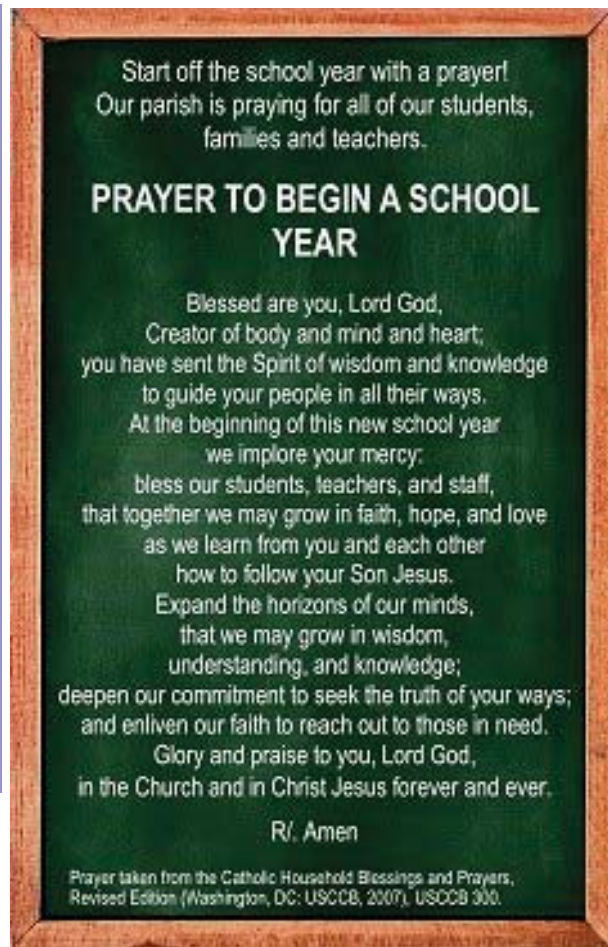
2023-2024 registration is now OPEN!!!

If you have talents that you would like to share, let me know.

We welcome parents to assist in teaching.

Please sign-up on our website .

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
MAUI  
This Weekend of September 2/3, 2023**







Un día apareció un hombre que tocaba la flauta tan maravillosamente que todo el pueblo acudía a la plaza a escucharle. Un día un joven que conocía a un anciano que era sordo y que pedía limosna quedó sorprendido al verle todos los días en la plaza. No aguantando la curiosidad, escribió unas preguntas para el anciano. ¿Qué vienes a hacer aquí si eres sordo? ¿Qué te extasía tanto si no puedes apreciar la música?

El anciano le contestó: Mira al centro de la plaza, levanta la vista, ¿qué ves? Una cruz, respondió el joven. Es la cruz de Cristo que se alza sobre la cúpula de la vieja iglesia. Ciertamente, no oigo nada, pero me extasía pensar que algún

día la música de la verdad crucificada fascine y cautive a los hombres y pongan sus ojos en la cruz, la de Jesús. Algo muy anunciado son las pastillas, esas píldoras maravillosas que curan toda enfermedad y toda impotencia. Pero todas producen efectos secundarios.

El evangelio de Jesús es también una pastilla maravillosa que nos da la salvación eterna. ¿Va acompañado este anuncio de algún efecto secundario? Sí, hermanos, Jesús nos lo dice muchas veces y de muchas maneras. ¿Quieres salvación y felicidad y vida eterna? Carga con la cruz y sígueme. Hay una cruz para Jesús y hay una cruz para usted. La cruz es el efecto secundario del seguimiento de Jesús. ¿Recuerdan la confesión de Pedro en Cesarea de Filipo? Pedro habló inspirado por Dios y tuvo un gran día. Jesús le cambió el nombre y le entregó las llaves. El evangelio no lo dice pero ¿no se imaginan a Pedro dando una gran fiesta para celebrarlo?

Hoy, Jesús quiere poner los puntos sobre las íes y les dice: el Hijo del hombre tiene que subir a Jerusalén, ser matado y resucitar. Jesús es un aguafiestas. ¿Por qué habla de sufrimiento y muerte? Ahora que lo estamos pasando pipa nos anuncias tristeza. Pedro que ya veía brillar las llaves del poder le dice: Jesús no te pongas dramático, nada de desgracias, no te pasará nada, al menos mientras yo esté contigo. Pedro quería la gloria pero no la cruz. Quería el triunfo pero no el sacrificio. Quería la salvación pero no la sangre. Quería a Jesús a su manera humana pero no la voluntad de Dios Padre. Quería un Jesús superestrella pero no un Jesús humillado. El querer humano siempre tiene una mezcla de egoísmo, de vanidad, de carne y sangre, de placer y de odio a todo lo que nos lleva la contraria y nos hace sufrir. Por eso Jesús le dice: Pedro, tú quieres como quieren los hombres, no como quiere Dios.

Tú piensas como piensan los hombres, no como piensan los hijos de Dios. Apártate de mí, Satanás. Jesús pone precio a sus discípulos. “El que quiera seguirme que se niegue a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga”. Jesús es un aguafiestas. Jesús viene a poner unas prioridades en la vida de sus seguidores: la renuncia, la cruz, el seguimiento, el compromiso, el sufrimiento, el amor... Frente a las prioridades del mundo: el placer, la frivolidad, el egoísmo, la comodidad, a mí que me dejen tranquilo, me basta mi grupo...

La vida de Jesús tuvo un precio y no fue precisamente 30 monedas de plata. El precio fue: aprender a obedecer sufriendo, revestirse de carne, amar sin límites a todos, dar su sangre por todos, cargar con la cruz hasta el Calvario... Y el premio, la resurrección. La vida del cristiano tiene también un precio. Sólo lo pagan los que como el profeta Jeremías se dejan seducir por Dios, y se atreven a ser diferentes “no os ajustéis a este mundo”. Esto exige: sufrimiento, oración y lucha. Premio: encontrar la vida en Cristo.

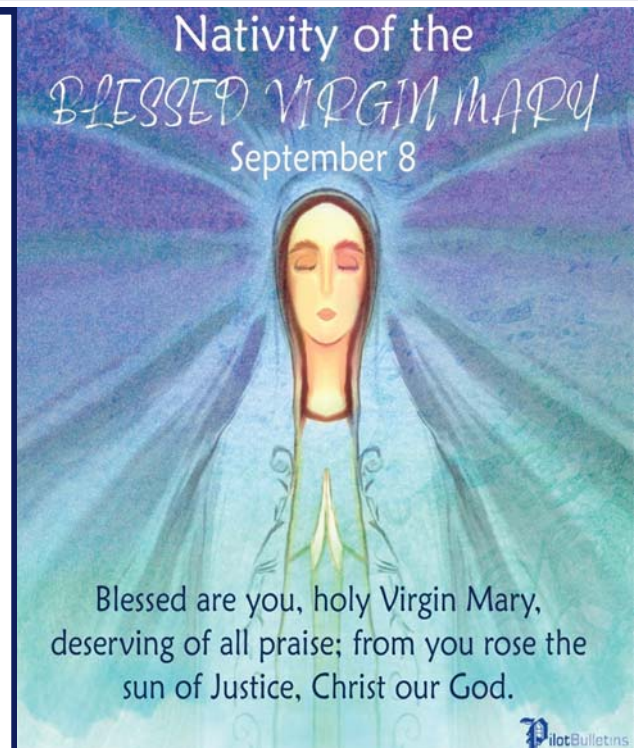
## **“Bundle Sunday” in Charlestown will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023!**

Bundle Sunday is a call to all Charlestown residents to donate clothing and shoes to support the efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul locally. All clean, usable clothing and shoes will

be gratefully accepted, so please, use this opportunity to streamline your closet and that of your family members.

Collection will occur from **October 14<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. During this week, donations can be left at the back of St. Mary and St. Francis de Sales Churches before and after services, St. Mary Parish Center at 46 Winthrop Street, and at the Harvest on Vine Office at 49 Vine Street.

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