

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

September 10, 2023

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

SUNDAY **XXIII** DOMINGO
IN ORDINARY TIME ORDINARIO

Vengan, lancemos vivas al Señor, aclamemos al Dios que nos salva. Salmo 94, 1



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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St Mary - St Catherine of Siena

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September 10 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” These words are hope-filled words, but they are also challenging. We know Christ is present when we are gathered for Eucharist. It is easy to believe Christ is present when we are comfortable with loved ones and friends. But are we as aware of Christ’s presence when we are with people who look different from us or hold opposing views to ours? Do we believe that Christ is just as present and makes a difference in those situations? Take time this week to consider these words of Jesus, ask for the grace to be aware of Christ “in the midst” of us in both the pleasant and unpleasant interactions and conversations.



September is the month of the SEVEN SORROWS (DOLORS) OF MARY

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th), and during the season of Lent.

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus

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 ...

*If confession is the road to healing, forgiveness is the promised land.
I'm reaching out in my conviction, I'm longing to make amends...
So, I'm sorry for the words I've spoken, for I've betrayed a friend.
We've got a love that's worth preserving, and a bond I will defend...*
From *Between You and Me* by DC Talk

It's a sacrament that scares everyone, and one that many of us avoid- the Sacrament known as Reconciliation, Penance, or Confession. Everyone has or knows stories of people who experienced difficult moments in "the box", as it were, but I sincerely hope that there have been moments of peace, or relief, even joy, in hearing another voice say, "You are absolved from your sins." It's important to stress in the Sacrament that it's not me who absolves, it's Christ who does- I am simply His grateful minister, middleman, if you will- I just say the words- it is He who imparts the grace.

I have heard confessions in some unusual circumstances and places, These are moments when I have been profoundly changed and made a better person by the grace, humility, trust, and courage people have shown wherever I've honored, privileged, and humbled by the role I have in this moment as confessor. Please don't hesitate to see me or any of the priests to receive this precious gift, the gift of relief and joy.

Blessings,
Fr. John



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.



RCIA

Registration for RCIA classes is now open. This program is for those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion and Confirmation and for those who would like to become Catholic.

Orientation is on Monday, September 25th at 6:30 at the Parish Center, 46 Winthrop Street. Please call Sr. Nancy if you are interested: 617-242-4664 or email her at ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org.



Intentions

Saturday Sept 9 at 4:00 pm Rita E. Rae
 Sunday Sept 10 at 9:30 am
 Monday, Sept 11 at 8:00 am Remembrance of 9/11
 Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood
 Tuesday, Sept 12 @ 8:00 am
 Wednesday Sept 13 at 8:00 am— Eddie “Biga” Greatorax & Mary “Nana” Small
 Saturday Sept 16 at 4:00 am Richard E. O’Brien Sr. (23rd anniversary)
 Sunday Sept 17 at 9:30 am Helen Hunna Gillen

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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 September 3**

**\$1,122 was contributed
to the weekly Collection**

**and \$545 for the
Second Collection**

ATTENDANCE—9/02 & 9/03

Sat. @ 4:00 pm	36
Sun @ 9:30 am	44
Total	80

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



**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 09/09
9 AM**

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

**SUNDAY 09/10
8 AM BROTHER MARTIN COSTELLO
11 AM
6 PM**

**THURSDAY 09/14
8 AM**

**FRIDAY 09/15
8 AM**

**SATURDAY 09/16
9 AM
4 PM RONALD GOGGIN**

**SUNDAY 09/17
8 AM JANET G. HIGGINS
11 AM KELIANN BURTON-KARABELLO
6 PM**



**Saint Mary Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in remembrance of

Anne Castro**

**The St. Catherine Siena Chapel
Sanctuary Lamp

is lit in remembrance of

Ronald Goggin**

**Weekend of September 3
Parishioners contributed**

**\$5,146.18 to the
weekly Collection
and**

**\$1,735
To the Maui Collection**

Attendance 9/02 & 9/03:

4 pm	62
8 am	44
11 am	66
6pm	35
TOTAL = 207	

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

We Remember those who lost their lives on September 11. Please join us at the 8:00 am Mass on Monday, September 11 at St. Francis de Sales

**“Bundle Sunday” in Charlestown
will be**

October 22nd, 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 14th to October 22nd. 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.

Thank YOU for your generosity in responding to this call for help!



**Community
COOK OUT**

**Saturday, September 16th
(Rain date September 17th)
1 to 3 pm**

**Harvest on Vine Food Pantry
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La tribu Babemba de Sudáfrica celebra el siguiente ritual para corregir la conducta criminal o antisocial de sus miembros. Si un miembro de la comunidad actúa irresponsablemente se le coloca en la plaza del pueblo. El trabajo cesa, y todos los hombres, mujeres y niños forman un gran círculo alrededor del acusado. Y uno a uno, incluidos los niños van diciendo las virtudes y todas las cosas buenas que el acusado ha realizado.

No se puede ni mentir ni exagerar ni inventarse nada. No se puede decir ninguna cosa negativa del acusado. La ceremonia dura un par de días hasta que todos han tenido la oportunidad de contar sus bondades. Al final el círculo se rompe, la fiesta comienza y la persona es acogida de nuevo en la comunidad. El acusado se siente fortalecido y animado a vivir de acuerdo con las normas e ideales de la comunidad.

El mal existe, las conductas antisociales existen, el pecado existe a mi alrededor y dentro de mí. Y el pecado existe en la comunidad de Jesús. Somos una comunidad de pecadores. En este evangelio de Mateo, Jesús nos dice cómo hay que resolver las situaciones conflictivas, cómo hay que tratar al pecador, a los hermanos de la iglesia. Primero. Habla en privado con la persona que te ha ofendido. Cara a cara, en diálogo fraternal o en diálogo acalorado, no importa. Él es el destinatario de tu reproche, tu enojo, tu ira y también de tu responsabilidad y de tu amor. Como Jesús, nosotros tenemos que ofrecer el perdón y el amor a los hermanos de la comunidad. Y como Jesús el ofendido, no el ofensor, es el que da el primer paso, el que busca... ¿Verdad que nosotros lo primero que hacemos es contárselo a otro? Se trata de ganar a un hermano, de afianzarlo en el camino del Señor y de que viva en la comunidad de Jesús. Es el misterio del perdón.

Segundo. Si no te escucha lleva contigo dos o tres testigos. “Porque donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo”. Donde está Jesús está la salvación y el perdón. Donde está Jesús hay que doblar no sólo la rodilla, hay que doblar y ablandar el corazón, rendirse a Él y perdonar como Él. El ofendido, no el ofensor, y los hermanos dan el primer paso, buscan al ofensor para ganar a un hermano y que éste permanezca en la iglesia de Jesús. Tercero. Si no hace caso, díselo a la comunidad. A la comunidad, la iglesia reunida, para escuchar el mensaje de su Señor y para perdonar. La iglesia es lugar de escucha y de perdón. La iglesia es responsable de la vida cristiana de todos sus miembros. Su misión es la de reconciliar a todos con Dios y a los hermanos con los hermanos.

Que ninguno se pierda. Que ninguno almacene el veneno del odio. Que ninguno se obstine en el pecado. Que ninguno destruya la comunidad de Jesús. Que ninguno viva lejos del amor de Dios. Confesar, admitir el pecado es vencer su poder mortal. La comunidad reunida celebra el regalo del perdón de Dios. Todos unidos bajo la mirada de Dios nos dejamos perdonar y nos abrimos al don de la reconciliación con los hermanos. “Perdónanos, Padre, nuestras ofensas como también nosotros... Cuarto. Al que rechaza la conversión y el perdón de Dios Padre y de los hermanos considéralo como gentil o publicano. Quinto. Puertas siempre abiertas. “Tal vez sea menos pecado matar a alguien que negarle el perdón. Matar a alguien puede ser efecto de la pasión. No perdonar es una elección del corazón. Es un crimen espiritual que excluye y mata la imagen de la persona odiada

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

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.



St. John School is a Catholic valued-centered learning community welcoming PreK thru Grade 8 students located in Boston's North End committed to educating children in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community, faith, and academic excellence. We are proud of our partnership with the Lynch Early Childhood Project, an extraordinary project funded by Peter S. Lynch, the famed Fidelity Investments money manager. We welcome you to join us at an open house at 10

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To schedule a tour kindly email Lesley McCormick at lmccormick@sjsne.org or call 617-227-3143.

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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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