

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

September 24, 2023



“The LORD does not
look at the things man looks at.
Man looks at the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at the heart.”

* 1 Samuel 16:7 *

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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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September 24: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's gospel has many explanations. In it, Jesus presents a lesson for his first disciples as well as for us - his disciples today. It is almost as if he is saying, "Everyone, no matter when they come to the faith, is equally precious to God." As Christ's disciples today, we need to celebrate each new generation and culture that comes to the faith. If we are to be the evangelizing parishes that God intends us to be, we need to welcome all those who come to our parishes. That means we can't disregard anyone, whether they speak a different language or have different religious practice or have different economic circumstances. Rather we are to see all as "equally precious to God."

Pics from the Harvest on Vine COOKOUT.

Rain date was Sunday 9/17

Thank you to all the volunteers who cooked **520 hamburgers, 400 hot dogs**, passed out food and even assisted with pony rides!



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

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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 ...

*Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings, there's not a day ahead You have not seen.
So, in all things be my life and breath, I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less.*

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You. I will trust in You.*

from **Trust in You**, written by Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Paul Marbury

I'm often asked if I wish I knew what lies ahead for the future, and my answer is always no.

Today's readings point us to see that God's plans and dreams for us
may be very different than what we often imagine them to be,
and we're called to keep focused on what is around us and on what lies ahead.

Who knows what the future brings? We know.

Will there be disappointments, heartaches, and pain? Yes, there always have been,
but there will also be joys, victories and dreams achieved we never imagined!

Our faith gives us the courage to walk through the changes in our lives-
to accept God's will even though we may not understand or even welcome it-
to see God's hand in all that is in our midst, to learn the lessons from the moments in our lives
and, above all, to keep going.

We are called, each of us, *as ambassadors of Christ*, to look up and look ahead,
just as this Collaboration is all about, to have the courage to let go of what was,
and have the faith to plan for a new generation. We can do this for them. We owe it to them.
As we begin a new era together in Charlestown, may our Blessed Mother point us to her Son,
the Hope of our world, and may we run- without hesitation- to what He is calling us to.

Blessed Mother, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Thanks, Most Rev. Mark O'Connell, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, my classmate,
and friend. Thanks to the concelebrating priests today, our many guests,
those who lead us today and every day in word, symbol, song, and service, reception hosts,
setup and clean up teams, our Collaborative staff, parish councils and volunteers, friends,
and everyone who is joining us in many ways.

Look up. Look ahead. There is cause for rejoicing!

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@stmarystcatherine.org.





St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 23 at 4:00 pm

Sunday Sept 24 at 9:30 am Helen Hunna Gillen

Monday, Sept 25 at 8:00 am

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

Tuesday, Sept 26 @ 8:00 am

Wednesday Sept 27 at 8:00 am

Saturday Sept 30 at 4:00 am Richard(38) & Rose (9) Lyman and James(7) & Catherine (3) Ellis

Sunday October 1 at 9:30 am Megan & Jillian Johnson; Jim & Joan Godding

St. Francis de Sales

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Sept. 24—Organ Restoration

Oct. 1—Holy Father's Missionary Efforts

Oct. 22—Mission Sunday

Nov 5—Capital Improvement

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

**We are grateful to you for
your offerings from the
weekend of September 17**

**\$1,8473 was contributed
to the Weekly Collection**

**and \$429 for the
Clergy Collection**

ATTENDANCE—9/16 & 9/17

Sat. @ 4:00 pm 52

Sun @ 9:30 am 54

Total 106

**Collation at Bishop Lawton
Hall celebrating the installa-
tion of Fr. John this Sunday
September 24 after the 11 am
Mass at St Mary Church**

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

“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!



*Sacrament of
Reconciliation:
Saturdays in the Church
3:15- 3:45 pm
Both parishes*

All Are Called; All Belong: A Workshop in Ministry with Persons with Disabilities (10/11)

All are Called, All Belong is a free workshop on the realities of living with disabilities in the Church and society. With inspiring witnesses by author and person living with autism and Tourette's, David Petrovic and Cassie Drahos, mother to Sophia with down syndrome, this day will reawaken our understanding of the inherent dignity and value of all children of God and the truth that all baptized in Christ are called and belong to His Body, the Church. Mass, lunch, and more included.

Register at: <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/all-are-called-all-belong-workshop>

Fiat

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be “Overcoming Fear in Responding to God's Call.” If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



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 09/23

9 AM

4 PM + ANNE MARIE COLLINS

SUNDAY 09/24

8 AM + WILLIAM POTTER

11 AM INSTALLATION OF FR. JOHN

6 PM NO MASS THIS WEEK ONLY

THURSDAY 09/28

8 AM

FRIDAY 09/29

8 AM

SATURDAY 09/30

9 AM

4 PM + KATHLEEN, MICHAEL, MARY &
JOHN DEVLIN

SUNDAY 10/01

8 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

11 AM + ROBERT MYERS PEARSON

6 PM



Saint Mary Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in remembrance of
The Devlin Family

Weekend of September 17

Parishioners contributed
\$4,160.55.00 to the
Weekly Collection
and
\$1,524.00
To the Clergy Collection

Attendance 9/16 & 9/17:

4 pm	67
8 am	51
11 am	108
6pm	70
TOTAL =	296

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 1—Holy Father Mission Efforts
October 15—Monthly
October 22—Mission Sunday
November 12—Monthly

Rosary — All are welcome!

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 more info

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Maya Seraphina Cacciola



Julian & Levon Das



Casey Andre Mulroy



Aine Concetta Smith

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.

This weekend we welcomed the
newest members of our parish!
(Pictured here)

To learn more, please contact Sr.
Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email

ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org

*"All of you desire to belong
entirely to God, and God also
wants all of you to belong to
Him."*

— St. Vincent de Paul

Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Son muchas las cosas de la vida que nos sorprenden y escandalizan.

Imagínense la alegría de un estudiante que ha preparado a conciencia un trabajo durante una semana y el profesor le premia con un 10. Pero su alegría se desvanece cuando uno de sus compañeros que ha dedicado una hora recibe también otro 10. No es justo, piensa el primero.

Imagínense un feligrés de toda la vida que colabora en mil asuntos de la parroquia y llega uno nuevo y el párroco le da más confianza y responsa-

bilidades que a él. Qué falta de consideración y respeto con los de siempre.

Imagínense los escándalos financieros. Leía yo en el periódico que un ejecutivo de GM no sólo recibía un sueldo millonario sino que además la compañía le pagaba un apartamento, el colegio de los hijos, una limusina y un avión particular.

¿Qué pensarían los pequeños inversionistas de GM? Injusto, un robo.

Imagínense un cura que va al cielo y San Pedro lo coloca en un rincón y a un taxista lo coloca en la sección V.I.P. ¿Acaso no merece el cura un sitio mejor? San Pedro le dice, cuando tú predicabas la gente dormía a pierna suelta, pero mientras el taxista conducía la gente oraba sin parar.

Nuestra primera reacción ante muchas situaciones de la vida es gritar: No es justo. Vaya fraude.

Y tenemos razón. Vivimos en un mundo de injusticias. Todos somos víctimas de la injusticia humana.

La palabra de Dios en esta historia de Mateo nos sorprende y escandaliza.

Los trabajadores de última hora reciben los mismos euros que los que trabajaron todo el día. No comprenden ni la generosidad ni la extravagancia de semejante patrón.

Éstas son cosas que no suceden en el mundo real. En el mundo real hay explotación y, a veces, uno no recibe ni lo que se merece.

Aquí y ahora, en la iglesia, en cierto sentido no estamos en el mundo real ni hablamos de los patronos salvajes de este mundo.

Aquí estamos hablando del Reino de Dios. Nuestro patrón es Dios y no se parece en nada a los tiburones del mundo real.

Aquí estamos en el mundo de Dios que es también el mundo real, el mundo de los hijos de Dios.

Según el evangelio que hemos proclamado, nuestra lección para hoy, Dios no es un capataz cruel, no es un juez sin entrañas, no es un policía inculto, Dios es un padre siempre generoso, siempre sorprendente, siempre extravagante.

Jesús, hoy, nos avisa y alecciona: cuidado con aquellos que creen conocer a Dios muy bien.

A Dios nunca lo conoceremos muy bien. No esperen justicia de mi Padre y de su Padre. Esperen, sí, compasión y amor.

No piensen que se lo merecen. Es un don que Dios da a los de siempre y a los que creemos que no son dignos.

No confíen en sus méritos y en sus muchos trabajos. Sitúense ante Dios como niños que todo lo esperan de sus padres.

St. Vincent de Paul - Feast Day - September 27



Saint Vincent de Paul built a network of missions and confraternities for those in need beginning in the 1600s. This foundation for a global charity system now operates in 142 countries. In the United States, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of 12 million people annually. Vincentians come from all walks of life and work for a noble purpose. In their work to address the needs of the poor, both spiritually and materially, they see the face of Christ.

*** Saint Mary—Saint Catherine of Siena Parish is a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission. Due to your support, so far this year the St Vincent de Paul Conference of our parish has helped 39 families with their various needs. (rental assistance,

beds, tables, lamps, and much more) Thank you for your help and please continue to remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church, or you can mail a donation to the Parish Center at 46 Winthrop St. 100% of all donations go to help those in need! And don't forget the bundle drive! All is much appreciated by those we serve.



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