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

Parish Center & Eucharistic Center, 46 Winthrop Street, 617-242-4664, charlestowncatholic.org

St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, info@charlestowncatholic.org

*Charlestown, MA 02129** October 8, 2023



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 St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church

Weekend Masses Saturday

9 am St. Mary-St. Catherine
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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October 8 "Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

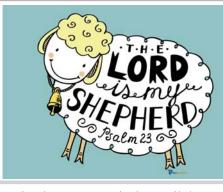
"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Once again, St. Paul is direct in his teaching which is so relevant as we strive to live as faith-filled disciples in a world that promotes attitudes that are counter to the way Christ calls us to live! Establishing a pattern of daily prayer, even if only ten minutes a day, gives us a greater ability to face life's anxieties and difficulties. We also need to give thanks for the good things that may be overlooked. St. Paul knows the fruit that is borne from prayer, "Then the God of peace will be with you." How might you pass this simple practice of daily prayer to another so that they might come to know God's peace?

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHED-ULE A MASS OR LIGHT A SANCTU-ARY CANDLE FOR A LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH CENTER AT 617-242-4664

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



Charlestown Catholic Collaborative 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 ...

Wandering the road of desperate life... aimlessly, beneath the barren sky.

Leave it to Me, I'll lead you home.

So afraid that you will not be found... it won't be long before your sun goes down.

Just leave it to Me, I'll lead you home.

So let it go and turn it over to the One Who chose to give His life for you.

Just leave it to Me, I'll lead you home. Leave it to Me, I'll lead you home.

from I'll lead you home, by Michael W. Smith

Today's Gospel is such a revelation- something that we all need to hear, about a King who wants so much to share his generosity with all of us, and how many people reject this invitation to the feast. I'm sure all can feel the sadness and frustration of the King as he sees how so many folks turn away from his invitation- especially when we see empty pews in our churches. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to spread the Good News of Christ, and reach out to the lost sheep in our midst and bring them in.

So many people- family members, friends, do not join us at Mass- folks that we love so deeply who for one sad reason or another choose not to receive the Word of God, the Body of Christ, the community of his faithful. We need to address this sad circumstance and address it NOW-please join me and encourage someone you care about- a family member, friend, coworker- this week, to come to Mass with you. Your invitation may be the very words they need to hear. You don't have be an expert to do this- be yourself. The Holy Spirit will give you the words you need.

As we begin now to look up and look ahead at a season of change and renewal, this is a perfect time to personally take your baptismal calling and proclaim the Good News- it may seem awkward at first, but the change that will take place will be worth the effort- be the one who leads them home to the feast!



Would you like to help?

A university professor of Pediatric Neuropsychology from out of State is working on development of prevention and treatment methods for children w. anxiety in collaboration with scientists from the Mass General Hospital/HMS. She visits MGH in Charlestown about 3-4 times per year, each time for about 4 weeks. She is searching for rental of a little room + bathroom in Charlestown. She leaves each day in the morning and returns from the laboratory at about 6PM (very quiet, no smoking, no social visits). She will pay by cash on the first day of her visit. If you have a spare room + bathroom and would like to help, please contact *Sr. Nancy at* 617-242-4664 or ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org. Thank you for considering her request.

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, Somerville Parish - Annual Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 3rd, from 2 PM - 7 PM and Saturday, November 4th, from 9AM - 2PM.

Located in St. Catherine's Hall 179 Summer St., Somerville, MA.

Silent Auction, Raffles, Games, Punch Board, Refreshments, and much more.

Free Admission - Plenty of Parking. For Raffle tickets please call Fr. Harry Kaufman at (617) 666-2087.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

The 11:00 am Sunday Mass is live on our Website and Facebook and archived on Facebook

Saturday October 14

9 am

4:00 pm Molly Carr & Samuel Madden

4 pm + Kathleen, Michael, Mary & John Devlin

Sunday, October 15

8 am Graciella Ortiz

9:30 am + Joan & Joseph Sr and Joseph Jr Farley

11 am + Nancy Kroon & Rosemarie Hoff

6 pm + Richard McPherson

Monday, October 16

8:00 am

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 am

Wednesday, October 18

8:00 am

Thursday, October 19

8:00 am

Friday, October 20

8:00 am

Saturday October 21

9:00 am

4:00 pm Robert & Catherine Meehan, Dorothy Meehan and Daniel & Margaret Canney

4 pm + Eugene J. Sullivan & Kitty Sullivan

Sunday, October 22

8 am Jane & John Taglilatela & Mary Margaret Shea

9:30 am + Helen Connolly & Eugene "Money" Connolly

11 am + Ruth Gorman

6:00 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

News from Faith Formation 4th Grade Service Project:

This month the 4th graders worked on promoting the St Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday .

We are asking for you to clean out your closets and encourage your friends to do the same.

We are looking for clothes and shoes.

All items must be clean and in good shape.

This Drive runs Oct. 14th- Oct. 22nd

Clothes can be dropped off at the back of the church (St. Mary's & St. Francis)

Come Join the Children's Choir (k-6)

We are encouraging all to participate regardless of ability or experience. The Choir will be led by our 6 pm cantor and retired Elementary Music Teacher Jeanie Grace, with Music Director, John Volpe.

There will be 3 rehearsals between now and December. Please email Allison Buff: abuff@charlestowncatholic.org

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays in the Church 3:15- 3:45 pm at both Parishes

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.



Weekend of October 7-8

Parishioners contributed \$5,557.42 to the Weekly Collection at St. Mary– St. Catherine Parish.



Resquiescant in Pace

Mary Elizabeth Smith

and

Mary Ann Wilkins

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings! From the weekend of October 7-8, \$1,546 was contributed to the Weekly Collection at St. Francis de Sales Parish



Attendance 10/07 & 10/8

4 pm 48 8 am 47 11 am 90 6pm 53 TOTAL = 238

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 14-15—Monthly

October 21-22—Mission Sunday

November 11-12—Monthly



ATTENDANCE-10/7/30 & 10/8

 Sat. @ 4:00 pm
 39

 Sun @ 9:30 am
 68

 Total
 107

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Oct. 21-22—Mission Sunday Nov 4-5—Capital Improvement

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

The Charlestown Catholic Community will now be offering a new ministry The Charlestown Catholic Community Arts and Environment Team

The Arts and Environment Team will be a group of parishioners who love to craft, clean, and beautify our parish Homes. Whatever your gift/talent we need your help with our many tasks through the year and not just Easter and Christmas! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Volpe at javolpay@gmail.com.

If Interested, please fill out the form which can be found at the front entrances of the church. Again we need your help, so please come join the team

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND Sunday, October 22, 2023.



Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35).

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

ONLINE GIVING

Many have asked us how to contribute through online banking so that when they are not in the Parish, they can continue to make their offertory collection and second collection donations.

This can be done easily by logging into your online harding assount and entering St. Francis do Sales.

banking account and entering St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary—St. Catherine as vendor/payee.

For St. Francis, please use 303 Bunker Hill Street for the address. For St. Mary – St. Catherine, please use 46 Winthrop Street.

If you have any questions, please contact James Santosuosso at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Érase una vez un hombre muy rico que solía dar una cena al mes a sus amigos. En una ocasión algunos invitados no pudieron asistir por enfermedad. Nuestro hombre quería celebrar y brindar con los amigos ausentes en la siguiente reunión, así que mandó a su mayordomo colocar una botella de su mejor vino en una caja especial y le dijo al mayordomo: "Respeta esta caja. Tiene una finalidad muy especial para nuestros huéspedes".

El mayordomo respetó la orden de su señor y cada vez que pasaba delante de la caja hacía una inclinación. Poco después el señor

murió y las cenas siguieron celebrándose. El mayordomo recordó a los invitados que tenían que respetar la caja especial. Así las cenas comenzaron a ser más serias y en lugar de celebrar la amistad de todos, se dedicaron a comer en silencio y a mirar la caja con mucho respeto. La palabra de Dios, en este domingo, nos habla también de un Dios rico en amor, de un gran banquete y de una fiesta de bodas.

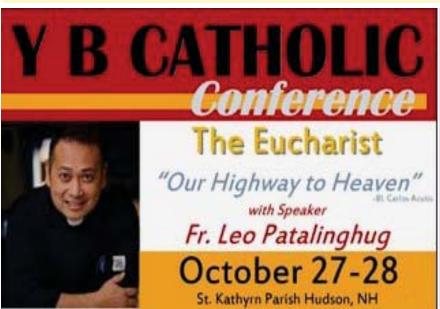
Dios invita a todos a su fiesta, nadie queda excluido, sólo quedan fuera los que no quieren entrar; los que no aceptan la invitación; los muy ocupados en sus negocios para escuchar al Señor. El Reino de Dios, la vida de Dios el pueblo de Dios está siempre en fiesta, es la boda de su hijo y boda es igual a amor, alegría, familia, reunión, comida, vino, música, el encuentro cálido de los seres humanos. En el álbum de fotos de la familia, las más hermosas y abundantes son las fotos en torno a una mesa, una tarta y unas velas y un niño o una abuela expresando un deseo y apagando las velas.

Dios nos ha hecho de tal manera que necesitamos comer y nuestras comidas son una comunión con los otros. La comida y la mesa de la amistad es mucho más que llenar el tanque del cuerpo, es momento de compartir comunitariamente y conectar con el significado profundo de la vida. No hay celebración sin mesa y comida. Y no debería haber un día sin mesa y comida compartida juntos, en familia. En este mundo de prisas es también de más soledad, estamos solos, comemos solos, vemos cada uno nuestra televisión, el comedor se ha convertido en sala de silencio, se ve televisión.

En la Escritura la imagen del banquete, de la comida, se repite muchas veces para comunicarnos que Dios quiere compartir con su pueblo su amor y su alegría. El profeta Isaías describe el futuro del pueblo de Dios como una gran comida preparada por Dios para su familia. Imagen llena de risas, seguridad y abundancia. Imagen de toda la familia reunida en torno a la misma mesa.

Fíjense en las veces que se repite "todas las gentes", "todas las naciones", "toda la tierra", "salgan a los caminos e inviten a todos los que encuentren". Esta es la pasión de Dios. Dios incluye a todos en su amor, quiere que todos estén en comunión con Él. Un profesor de la universidad de Princeton comenta cómo en una ocasión entró en el ascensor del hotel para ir a su habitación y leyó un cartel que decía: "Esta noche, Fiesta en la habitación 407". Mientras se dirigía a su habitación pensó en el cartel. ¿Sería sólo para los que conocían a las personas de la 407? ¿Y si estuviera puesto para invitar a todos los que lo leyeran?

Para los camareros, para las mujeres de la lavandería, para los viajeros cansados, para la prostituta que trabaja en el hotel... ¿Pero quién puede dar una fiesta semejante? Nadie. Nadie, excepto Dios. Nuestra eucaristía. Nuestro banquete dominical es el ensayo para el banquete final en el Reino y en el amor de Dios. "La fiesta está preparada". Una mesa. Un pueblo que celebra la fiesta. Una comida: pan y vino. Todos bienvenidos. Dios espera de nosotros algo más que la mera presencia. (Hombre que no llevaba el traje de la fiesta) Una vez aquí, Dios espera que cambiemos y que nos dejemos cambiar. En la fiesta se rompen todas las dietas. El cristiano está llamado no sólo a asistir a la fiesta sino a hacer fiesta y comer con alegría el pan de la vida.



OCTOBER IS REPSECT FOR LIFE MONTH RESPECT LIFE MONTH NOVENA

October 13-21, 2023

This novena (found on the USSCB web site) prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.





"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-29)

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