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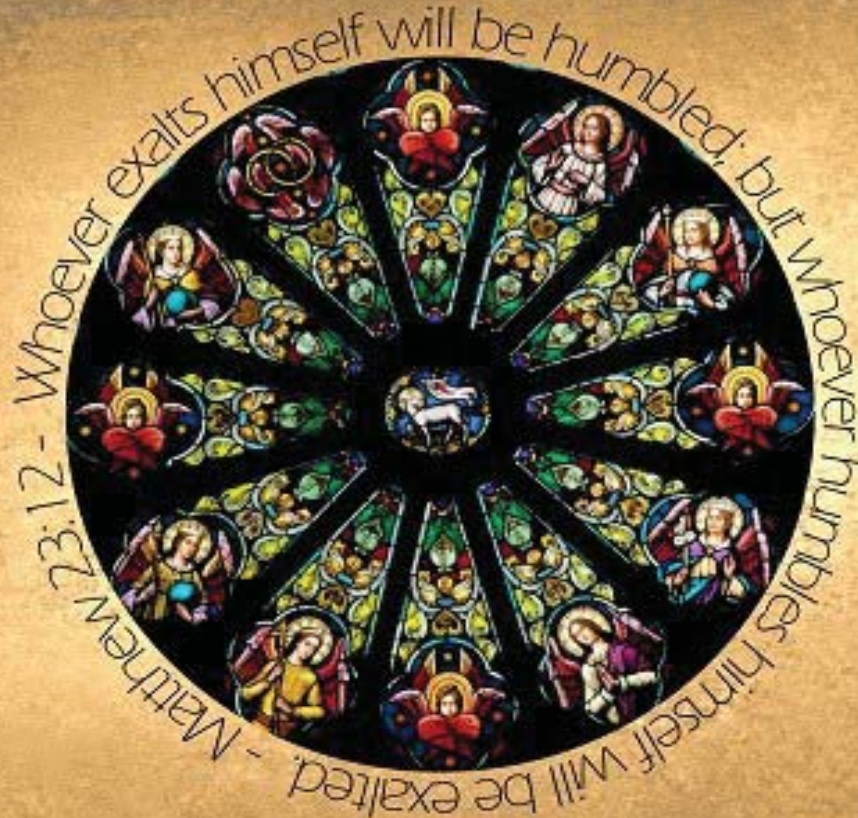
Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129

November 5, 2023



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastor

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 4/5, 2023

In today's Gospel Jesus lays judgment on the scribes and Pharisees for the hypocritical way they lived out their faith. The criticisms he levies are all about the ways righteousness turns into self-righteousness, and how religious belief could turn into something that was more about elevating themselves than about what they could do for God or their neighbor. Good stewards know that discipleship means finding ways to serve, and searching for ways to be a servant—to live as a servant of Christ. When faith is authentically lived out in community everyone is enriched, and God is glorified. Reflect this week on how you live out your faith.

November Events Calendar

Nov 5 Daylight Savings—Turn back

Nov 7 Election Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 19 World Day of the Poor

Nov 21 Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Nov 23 Thanksgiving

Nov 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Nov 26 Catholic Campaign
for Human Development

Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent



NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that **"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."** (2 Mach-

abees 12:46)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace...Amen

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55 Warren Street
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St. Francis de Sales Church
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Social Ministry Office
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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 ...

*I hope we start seeing forever, instead of what we can gain in a day.
I hope we start seeing each other, because don't we all bleed the same?
I really hope someone can hear me, that a child doesn't bear the weight of a gun.
I find the voice within me to scream at the top of my lungs.*
From *Hope*, written by Emeli Sande

November is my favorite month, a time to remember our beloved dead, the souls and saints who teach us by their extraordinary lives and love what this is all about, through our remembrance of the courage and grace of the heroes in our midst on Veteran's Day, to gathering in thanks for all that we've been given, celebrating the King of Peace, Christ our Lord and looking forward to the beginning of our journey to Bethlehem.

Our hearts are heavy with worries of violence and war across our world and around us, and we bring them to Christ. The powers of this world, as awesome as they can seem, bow, trembling before God. May we find courage, surrounded by the whispers and rumors around us, in the truth that we hold deeply in our hearts and speak out boldly for truth, justice, and mercy.



SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH THE
SPECTRUM SINGERS
DECEMBER 10 AT 3:00 9M
ST. MARY CHURCH

The 4th grade Religious Ed class is collecting cereal for Harvest on Vine

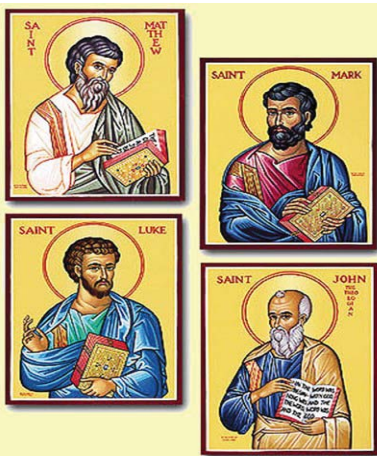
Please join the 4th grade in their efforts. You may drop off cereal at the back of the Church before Mass or at the Parish Office



Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Boston invite you (ages 20-40), to an upcoming panel discussion event on magnanimity on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm at Harvard Catholic Center! Father Michael Medas, MIT Tech Catholic Community Chaplain, and Thomas Carroll, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Boston, discuss **this virtue** and how one can become a "great soul" in their vocation.

Light refreshments and wine will be served free. The discussion begins at 7:30 pm with networking before and after.

Find more information about this event and how to register: ycp.glueup.com/event.



Introducing Gospel Delights!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Fr. Britto (Dhinakaran Savariyar)! I am extremely happy to introduce Gospel Delights (gospeldelights.com), which is my new blog page to share my reflections on everyday gospel text, including solemnities and feasts. The blog has the picture of four evangelists as its featured image. By God's grace, I would like to continue this new ministry I have taken up. Kindly pray for me and get back to me with your helpful comments and feedback. I thank Fr. John for his generous initiative to introduce my blog page to you. Let us be united in the love of Christ!

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, November 4

9 am

4:00 pm + John "Jack" Marcella

4 pm + Ann & Walter Noone, Shayne Noone, Donna Porter

Sheila Noone Butler, Ryan Evers, Aiden Buchanan

Sunday, November 5

8 am + Carol Abramo

9:30 am + Remembrance Mass

11 am + Thomas Regan

6:00 pm

Monday, November 6

8:00 am

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 am

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 am

Thursday, November 9

8:00 am

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day—Office closed

9:00 am— In honor of our Veterans

Saturday November 11

9:00 am

4:00 pm Veterans Mass

4 pm + Rose Boyle & Margaret Boyle

Sunday, November 12

8 am

9:30 am + Mary & Roland Contin

11 am + Rafael Emilio Soto

6:00 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



During the month of October, the 3rd Grade class learned about Jesus and the early church.

Additionally, they participated in a project that is on display at both St. Mary's and St. Francis. The 3rd graders learned that the DOVE, a symbol of PEACE, is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

*If you are planning a Wedding,
Planning a Baptism,
If you are interested in becoming
Catholic or have not yet received
Confirmation;
Are homebound and would like to
receive the Sacraments,
Interested in the choir
Religious Education,
or becoming a volunteer in a ministry...*

*Contact us at the Parish office
at 617.242.4664 or email
info@charlestowncatholic.org*

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is
offered at 3:15 pm on Saturdays
before Mass at both Parishes.*

*If you would like to pray the rosary
with us on Saturday mornings -
Please email Donna at:
donna.lecam@gmail.com*



**Weekend of
October 28-29**

**Parishioners contributed
\$3,821.15 to the
Weekly Collection
at St. Mary–
St. Catherine Parish.**

Attendance 10/28 & 10/29

4 pm	61
8 am	48
11 am	104
6pm	136
TOTAL =	349

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Nov 11-12—Monthly
Nov 19—Retired Religious Sisters
Dec 8—Immaculate Conception

**Saint Francis de Sales Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for**



**Mary & Roland
Cantin**

DON'T FORGET THE POOR

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues in our parishes. The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown. Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes at the back of the church. Thanks so much!

**Office closed Friday,
November 10 for
Veteran's Day**



**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO
YOU**

**We are grateful to you
for your offerings!**

**On the weekend of Oct. 28-29,
\$2,220.90 was contributed
to the Weekly Collection
at St. Francis de Sales Parish**

ATTENDANCE—10/28 & 10/29

Sat. @ 4:00 pm	34
Sun @ 9:30 am	53
Total	87

**St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Nov 4-5—Capital Improvement
Nov 19—Retired Religious Sisters
Dec 3—Capital Improvement

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

COMING UP

**Advent Mission—
Speaker series**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29
6:30 pm
St. Francis de Sales
On Gratitude**

**Wednesday, Dec. 6
6:30 pm
St. Mary- St. Catherine
On Joy**

**Wednesday, Dec. 13
6:30 pm
St. Francis de Sales
Prayer Service for Peace
With the Sacrament of
Reconciliation**



Baptized on 10.29—John Liam Farmer-Benson



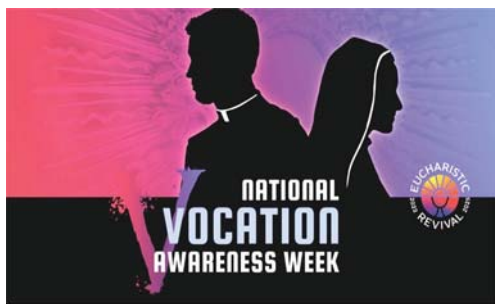
PRAYER FOR DECEASED VETERANS

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

OTHER NOVEMBER OBSERVANCES

National Native American Heritage Month

Long before North America was populated by those from across the Atlantic, indigenous Americans flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, they handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country. During National Native American Heritage Month, we can celebrate the lives of Native Americans and learn about their traditions and virtues that honored the sacredness of family, community, and respect for the environment.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Over six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Disease and 3 million new cases are diagnosed annually. The condition is deadlier than breast cancer and prostate cancer. This November awareness month is a time to raise awareness about early signs of Alzheimer's like mild cognitive impairment.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Celebrated November 11th through November 18th

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday November 28th

Military Family Appreciation Month

Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Fin de Semana del 4/5 de Noviembre de 2023

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús hace un juicio sobre los escribas y fariseos por la manera hipócrita en la que viven su fe. Las críticas que les impone se refieren a las formas en las que la justicia se convierte en fariseísmo y cómo las creencias religiosas pueden convertirse en algo que se trataba más sobre elevarse a sí mismos que sobre lo que podían hacer por Dios o por su prójimo. Los buenos corresponsables saben que el discipulado significa encontrar formas para servir, y busca formas para ser un servidor –para vivir como un servidor de Cristo. Cuando la fe es vivida auténticamente en comunidad, cada uno es ganador, y Dios es glorificado. Reflexione esta semana acerca de cómo vive usted su fe.

San León el Grande

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DÍA DE FIESTA—10 DE NOVIEMBRE

Leon fue un diácono romano y consejero de dos papas. En el año 440 fue elegido papa mientras se encontraba en una misión diplomática en Galia, hoy Francia. Él es uno de tres papas a quienes se les llama “el Grande”. León fue merecedor de ese título por sus enseñanzas, las cuales se encontraron en 143 cartas y en casi 100 sermones que se lograron salvar y por su labor como administrador. Bajo su liderazgo, se consolidó el gobierno de la iglesia, se hizo hincapié en la primacía de Roma y se instó a la uniformidad litúrgica, pastoral y canónica. Él también persuadió a Atila el Huno para que no saqueara Roma. León el Grande fue nombrado.

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Veterans Day Prayer By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Friday, November 10th. Mass on that day will be at 9AM in the Chapel.



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats 11/11

“Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.”

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a “Come to the Waters of Healing” one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are September 23 and November 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

LIVING LIFE AFTER COVID



“I have two words for Long Covid – the worst,” shares Eric T. of Burlington, MA.

While the initial alarm of the Covid-19 outbreak has subsided, the pandemic is ongoing. The spread may have slowed but we continue to feel the long-term impacts. Nearly 23 million Americans (100 million people globally) have learned that regardless of the severity of their initial infection, they may continue to experience debilitating symptoms for weeks, months, or even years. In a number of cases, these symptoms worsen with time, even turning deadly.

“I got Covid early last year, and it was pretty bad,” shares Eric. “I was hospitalized for 9 days, and there was a point where I wasn’t sure I would make it. I’m still here, so I guess God had other plans but months passed, and I was still gasping for air. I couldn’t do everyday tasks like cutting the grass or working in the yard, much less enjoy a quick bike ride. And then there was what my doctor called ‘brain fog.’ I’d lose my train of thought mid-sentence or forget words for stupid things like plates and toilet paper. It felt like I’d had a stroke more than it did a virus.”

Officially dubbed Long Covid, the aftermath of the original virus has taken on a life of its own. Dozens of symptoms have been reported, including shortness of breath and cognitive issues to a sudden onset of diabetes and cardiothoracic conditions.

These symptoms are so well-documented and common that those suffering now qualify for disability assistance.

Unfortunately for Eric and so many others, the treatment options thus far have been limited.

“I started with my primary care doctor and saw specialist after specialist. A pulmonologist finally told me ‘this is the best we can do for you, it’s time you start thinking about how you’re going to live with Long Covid.’ Apparently, their best was letting me live what felt like half a life.”

Eric wasn’t satisfied with that and resigned to doing his own research, which is how he ended up here at AWC Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic. “I fully believe the human body has the ability to heal itself, but sometimes it needs a little push. I’ve used acupuncture in the past to help me through a bout of sciatica and just knew if anyone could help me with this Long Covid business, it was going to be Acupuncturist, Min Jeon D.Ac. Lic.Ac.”

You might think that a novel virus needs a novel solution, but you’d only be half right. While we are using innovative solutions like ATP Resonance BioTherapy® to combat Long Covid because it aids in the healing and repair of specific cells and tissues, it’s a much more time-tested science that’s getting our patients back to living their lives.

AWC Acupuncture is the premier provider of ozone therapy in the state.

“Our O3 ReBoot Therapy® has all-encompassing and powerful healing capabilities,” shares Clinical Director Rebecca Rinn. “Ozone therapy has been used since the 1800s and was actually a popular tool for Doctors during the first world war because of its antibacterial, antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties. We use it today to inactivate residual Covid virus, stimulate oxygen metabolism and activate the immune system. And the whole treatment takes about 15 minutes and is completely noninvasive.” As with our other services, O3 ReBoot Therapy® requires consistent and repeated treatment to achieve measurable and long-lasting results.

“I’m in my second month of treatment and back to riding my bike and maybe breathing better than before I even had Covid. Everyone [at AWC] has been amazing! I feel cared for every time I walk in the door.”

Acupuncturist Min Jeon D.Ac. Lic.Ac. has successfully treated chronic pain and complicated conditions for over two decades. When Covid-19 emerged three years ago, we researched and developed therapies to address the complex virus effectively. Based on the testimony of patients like Eric, our efforts are a smashing success.



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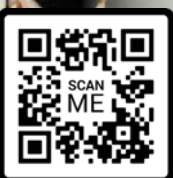
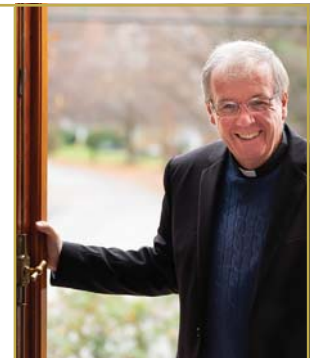
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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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