CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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 January 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

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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 herewelcome 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 Fr. John Sheridan

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St Francis de Sales

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January 14 ~ Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

People often ask for an example of a "best practice" to understand what evangelization looks like. Today's gospel sums it up clearly – one-on-one relationships. Andrew, not only heard about Jesus, he spent time with Jesus to get to know him. He was so moved by his encounter with Jesus, he went to Peter and tells him about Jesus and brought Peter to meet Jesus. Peter's discipleship came about through his brother, Andrew – in conversation and because of their relationship. What is your story – how did you come to know Jesus? Was it through a friend or relative or did it happen over time or while in prayer? Disciples are always encouraged to "go and make disciples" one person at a time. Who are you being called to bring to Jesus?

THE WINTER WALK TO STAMP OUT HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY, FEB. 11 AT THE COMMON

This year, the **Charlestown Catholic Collaborative** invites all interested to join the HOV team of walkers from last year. The HOV group of walkers found this experience to be such a rewarding and inspiring event that they knew this was a yearly walk that they didn't want to ever miss. Participants will walk through the streets of Boston during the cold winter season, starting and ending on the Boston Common. At the end, both housed and unhoused participants, will share a meal together and hear true stories from those who have experienced homelessness.

All profits- 100%- from Winter Walk go directly to organizations working to end homelessness and to care for and support our homeless community.

If you're interested- and we hope you are- please register online, on the **Winter Walk** website, under the **Charlestown Catholic Collaborative.** We'll meet at the open field at the corner of Beacon and Charles street that day.

Those unable to walk are still encouraged to donate to this worthy cause.

Date: Sunday, Feb. 11

Place: Boston Common at the corner of Beacon & Charles

Time: Registration starts at 8:30AM- Walk is 9-11AM

Distance: 2 miles

If you have questions or would like a ride, please call Donna or Peter LeCam (978-621-6829).

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

Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street. St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.

From our Pastor ...

Let them hear You through me. Let Your words be mine. Let them see that Your love is the reason I'm inspired, and when given the choice, may they recognize Your voice. Let them hear You through me, O Lord.

From Let them Hear, written by Ginny Owens

I've always believed that God is constantly calling us, in all times and seasons, calling us to a deeper relationship with Him through His people. In this weekend's first reading, He calls Samuel in Samuel's dreams, and of course, he couldn't understand what is going on until, with Eli's understanding and help, he finally begins to put the pieces together.

God is calling you, calling me, to listen and respond to his invitation to serve, love, and give. May we not choose to ignore His call in our hearts and lives.

Thanks to Sam from Collette Tours and everyone who came out on a wind-swept and rainy Tuesday night for a presentation on our adventure to Italy in October! We'll do it again in a few weeks- check out the trip online at: <u>gateway.gocollette.com/</u><u>link/1217946</u> or just ask Fr. John!

Please note that **Monday, Jan. 15**, our nation marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Mass will be offered at 9 am** at St. Catherine's Chapel. Our Collaborative offices will be closed. It also marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- may we, Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox, work to build bridges of faith, hope, and love together!

<u>Next Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 pm at St. Francis Church</u>, we will have a Holy Hour to offer our prayers and intentions for the defense and protection of Human Life from the moment of conception to natural death. The Church's crystal-clear stance is that every life is sacred and must be fought for and protected, and we will take up that fight.

We live in a society that cheapens and dismisses that truth in so many ways, and we must pray and act to change this mindset, to challenge our society to see the value God has been given to each human life. Join us for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede and remind our world what her Son taught the world.

On <u>Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 am</u>, our new Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Cristiano Barbosa, will be ordained at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Everyone's welcome, and as I am Vicar Forane for our area, it will be an honor for me to represent. He has already impressed me and so many with his humility, warmth, sense of humor and pastoral care. I look forward to what he will share with us as our Regional Bishop.

Coming soon!

Two very special evenings with a dynamic TV, film and stage actor and dedicated Catholic who will light up St. Mary's Church with three presentations: Monday evening, March 21: Signs! The Gospel of John and Tuesday evening, March 22: The Sermon on the Mount and Hollywood vs. Faith!

Take everyone to this special evening with TV and film star Frank Runyeon, and be inspired, encouraged, and spellbound! Admission is a free will offering. Mark these dates on your shiny new calendar and join us!

Looking up. Looking ahead.

Wednesday, February 14– Ash Wednesday Thursday, February 29 at 5:30 pm- First Reconciliation at St. Mary's Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 pm- First Reconciliation at St. Francis de Sales Thurs & Fri, March 21-22- Lenten Mission at St. Mary's

Monday, March 25- The Annunciation of the Lord

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative The 11 am Sunday Mass is live on our Website and Facebook and archived on Facebook

Saturday, January 13 9 am 4 pm Bill McCabe, Peg McCabe, Rose McCabe,	Thursday, January 18 8 am	
Bernard McCabe Sr, Bernard McCabe, Jr. & George Collier	Friday, January 19	
4 pm Rose Walsh	8 am	
Sunday, January 14	Saturday, January 20	
8 am Thomas Deeley, Sr.	9 am	
9:30 am Cissy Greatorex	4 pm Daniel Mahoney & Daniel Campbell	
11 am Elizabeth Hennessey	4 pm Lucy Ann DiPrima	
Monday, January 15–MLK Day	Sunday, January 21	
Holiday– Office Closed	8 am Jack Duffy	
9 am	9:30 am Cissy Greatorex	
Tuesday, January 16	11 am Irene Moore	
8 am	2 pm Holy Hour for Life at St. Francis	
	6 pm Kelly King	
Wednesday, January 17		
8 am		

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

If you are planning a Wedding, planning a Baptism, if you are interested in becoming Catholic or have not yet received Confirmation, if you 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

WINTER 2024 ALERT

Dear Friends, in the event of inclement weather that necessitates the closing of the church, we will post the closing on Channels 5-WCVB, 7-WHDH & 56-WLVI. Stay warm and safe!





We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish. If you're new to St. Mary -St. Catherine of Siena Parish or St. Francis de Sales Parish, please visit our website for events and resources. You may also register online at: charlestowncatholic.org

What is Ordinary time?

Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest season of the Liturgical Year.



Jan 14–Monthly

Jan 28–Latin America

Weekend of Dec 30 & 31

Parishioners contributed \$4,361.53 to the Weekly Collection

 St. MC Attendance 1/6 & 1/7

 Sat. @ 4 pm
 75

 Sun @ 8 am
 30

 11 am
 115

 6 pm
 no Mass

 Total
 220

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



Saint Francis de Sales Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit for

Diane Connors



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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings!

Weekend of Dec 30 & 31 \$1,974.00 was contributed to the Weekly Collection And \$570.00 to the 2nd collection

<i>St. F Attendance</i> –1/6 & 1/7			
Sat. @ 4 pm	43		
Sun @ 9:30 am	46		
Total	89		

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Jan 28–Latin America

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



<u>ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES -</u> <u>PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD</u>

Full adult membership in the Roman Catholic Church is achieved with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Most Catholics born into our faith receive Baptism as infants and Eucharist in the second grade. Usually, Confirmation is received in the tenth Grade. Due to circumstances of all kinds, a significant number of adults have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Maybe... It's Time:

To deepen your relationship with God who loves and cares about you. To re-engage your world again as a Catholic more informed about your faith and its impact in your life.

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

Candidates 18 years of age or older will attend seven 90-minute classes. Orientation is on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 PM, 46 Winthrop St. Please contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN at 617-242-4664 or <u>ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org</u> for additional details and to register for the program.



Tax Season

Would you like A statement of

YOUR PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS?

Please email Dianne Ludy at <u>dludy@stmarystcatherine.org</u> or call (617) 242-4664.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR REQUEST!

Statements may take 3-5 business days to process.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays in the Church 3:15- 3:45 pm - Both parishes The Charlestown Catholic Collaborative and Collette Tours present an unforgettable trip to Italy October 14-23, 2024



10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's David, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Lake Maggiore Coming Mar. 21-22 to St. Mary's Church... Something Extraordinary... SIGNS!

What is *SIGNS*?

SIGNS is a one man play, staged with dramatic lighting and entertaining audience interaction. As characters and settings and lights constantly shift, the Gospel engages the audience's imaginations, surprises them flashes of humor, and drives relentlessly forward with all the dramatic suspense you would expect from great theatre. Audience members are addressed individually as the actor roams the room... They are invited to "come and see," they become part of the crowd witnessing the signs, they are healed, given bread, and challenged to believe...

By the time the last candle is blown out, each audience member has a sense that they are part of the story that God is writing- not simply spectators, that Jesus is a very real Presence among them, and that they have been called not only to witness these signs but to respond to the Word they have heard, like Lazarus, by becoming a sign of that Life themselves.

Who is Frank Runyeon?

Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 17 years. He has performed the Gospel for hundreds of thousands of people, in virtually state in America. He is also well known for his many years on TV.

He starred opposite Meg Ryan on As the World Turns, as Michael Donnelly on Santa Barbara, and as Simon Romero on General Hospital. He has guest-starred in recurring roles on Falcon Crest, Melrose Place and L.A. Law. He also starred in the feature film Sudden Death.

Join us for two electrifying nights here in Charlestown with this acclaimed actor and deepen your faith as we enter the city of Jerusalem for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Admission is a free-will offering. For more information, please see Fr. John!

For more information on our incredible trip to Italy, go to gateway.gocollette.com/link/1217946 or see Fr. John!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE 2024



May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Option 1

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Wednesday, Jan. 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Option 2

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying for the protection of human life Jan. 16-24. Sign up today at <u>9daysforlife.com</u>!

Opción 1

Únete a miles de católicos de todo el país rezando la novena anual nacional de Respetemos la Vida llamada 9 Días por la Vida: martes 16 de enero – miércoles 24 de enero. más por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto.

Recibe intenciones diarias, reflexiones breves y ¡Inscríbete en 9daysfor life.com!

Opción 2

Únete a los católicos de todo el país para rezar por la protección de la vida humana del 16 al 24 de enero. ¡Inscríbete hoy en **9daysforlife.com**!

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Join us next Sunday at 2 pm at St. Francis Church for a Holy Hour for Life. All are welcome!



The Dreamer

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a community of goodwill and understanding that "*does not begin by dis*criminating between worthy and unworthy people... It begins by loving others for their sakes."

Let us thank God for the leadership and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. who incorporated Gospel values in the nonviolent struggle for equality, justice, freedom and peace for all human beings.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

> Join us for Mass on Monday, Jan. 16. at 9 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

The Parish Center will be closed that day.

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To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 and check out the web site! Charlestowncatholic.org

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT GOD GIVES US ALL, WE EACH WILLINGLY OFFER OUR UNIQUE GIFTS TO ONE ANOTHER AND ALL CREATION IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST.



RELIGIOUS ED Communion Class Gathering (a required class) Jan. 21

Time 4:30PM - 7:00PM

Location 46 Winthrop St Please let us know if you are coming. Thank you!

14 de enero ~ Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La gente a menudo pide un ejemplo de una "mejor práctica" para entender cómo es la evangelización. El evangelio de hoy lo resume claramente: relaciones uno a uno. Andrés, no sólo escuchó acerca de Jesús, sino que pasó tiempo con Jesús para conocerlo. Quedó tan conmovido por su encuentro con Jesús que fue a ver a Pedro, le habló de Jesús y llevó a Pedro a conocer a Jesús. El discipulado de Pedro se produjo a través de su hermano Andrés, en la conversación y debido a su relación. ¿Cuál es tu historia? ¿Cómo llegaste a conocer a Jesús? ¿Fue a través de un amigo o familiar o sucedió con el tiempo o mientras oraba? Siempre se anima a los discípulos a "ir y hacer discípulos" una persona a la vez. ¿A quién estás llamado a llevar a Jesús?



MASS FOR AN INTENTION OR LIGHTING THE SANCTUARY CANDLES

It is a common and beautiful gesture for parishioners to ask to have Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one and/or for some special intention. Praying for our loved ones who are deceased is a spiritual work of mercy. Customarily, an offering is made for a special intentioned Mass. In order to avoid any abuses about the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Church law regarding the appropri-

ate stipends for such requests is very specific and the standard offering requested for an intentioned Mass is \$15.

You may also donate to lighting the Sanctuary Candle in St Mary Church or St Francis de Sales Church or in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel in memory of a loved one. The red Sanctuary Lamp is always lit when the Real Presence of Jesus is in the Tabernacle. There is a requested donation of \$15 which is used for the purchase of the candles. The Lamp will be lit for seven days (Sunday to Saturday) in memory of your loved one.

The bulletin lists those requests each week. Any requests to appear in the bulletin must be made no later than one week prior.



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"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 allencompassing 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 longlasting 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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