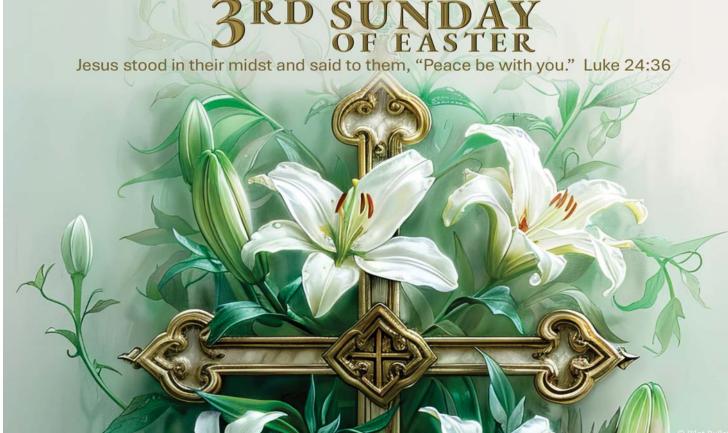
CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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 Charlestown, MA 02129
 April 14, 2024



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!

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

Pastoral Associate Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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> Social Ministry Director Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation Allison Buff

> **Confirmation Director** Cynthia Markey

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Music Director Timothy Leahy

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Email info@charlestowncatholic.org

Here's the final class update from last night's Youth Group -

The class began with a session on Envy & Gratitude and involved a discussion on how to turn envy into gratitude. For example, instead of looking out on the world and seeing only ourselves, we should look out on the world and see the Goodness of God, in a million wondrous ways! We also watched some funny and familiar video clips that were on point about envy and gratitude. Then, we turned the discussion to Pride & Humility and reviewed what it means to be humble, particularly being guided by the simple and beautiful words of St. Francis of Assisi, "For it is giving that we receive."

Thank you to Reilly and Kyla for co-leading a fun and interactive class with Kerry last night and also for sharing their personal experiences about being confirmation candidates this year. Thank you to Father John for joining us at last night's discussion and sharing his understanding of humility. Finally, a very special acknowledgement goes to Kerry for teaching Youth Group all year and so well, and for leading us with her insights and guidance at each class and with the very meaningful and well-received service projects that she helped oversee!

Kudos to Katie and Janna for bringing pizza and water for all to enjoy!

With many thanks and much gratitude,

~ Cynthía Markey

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.

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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 ...

Once in every life, there comes a time... we walk out all alone, and into the light The moment won't last but then, we remember it again... when we close our eyes. Like stars across the sky, we were born to shine... all of us here because we believe.

From Because we Believe, written by David Foster & Amy Foster

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness!" -St. Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the problems that exist all around us?" After the resurrection, the disciples needed to be reminded that hiding in the upper room only kept them in a place of fear and confusion. Jesus' words are a reminder to disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. We are challenged to take the words of Jesus to heart, "You are witnesses of these things." Let us not be held back by any fear, doubt, or anxiety, rather, boldly share the good news of the resurrection.

Confirmation!

The Sacrament will be administered by Most Rev. Cristiano Barbaro on Saturday, April 27 at St. Mary's at 4 pm and by Fr. John on Sunday, April 28 at St. Francis at 9:30 am. First Communion!

We will celebrate First Communion at St Mary's on Saturday, May 4 at 10 am and at St. Francis on Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 am! As we conclude the Faith Formation year, we express our thanks and fond farewell to Allison Buff, who ran our K-4 program so very well this year.

Let Anyone Who Thirsts, Come to Me:

A Healing Mass for those Impacted by Divorce or Separation

Tuesday, April 30 at the Pastoral Center from 6:30-9pm. Hosted by Family Life Ministry, the evening includes Confession, Adoration, a witness talk by divorced Catholic Mark Gioia, a Mass celebrated by Fr. Jürgen Liias, and prayers for healing. For more info or to register visit **bit.ly/LetAnyoneWhoThirsts** or call Emily Elliott at (617) 746-5756.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion, to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Saturdays, May 11th and June 8th. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Fr. John is a Project Rachel priest.

A Special Sending Forth

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 11 am Mass (*wear red that day for the Holy Spirit*), we'll have a sending forth for Sr. Nancy Citro, as she heads off to her next adventure. Join us for a special Mass and celebration as we express our gratitude to our beloved sister in Jesus Christ and her exceptional ministry here.

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

Saturday, April 13	Wednesday, April 17
9 am	8 am
4 pm	
7 pm + Frank Abate	Thursday, April 18
	8 am
Sunday, April 14	
8 am + John R. Moore	Friday, April 19
9:30 am + Adeline & Peter Tkachuk	8 am
11 am + Thomas Regan	Saturday, April 20
6 pm	9 am
	4 pm + Stephen Elwell
Monday, April 15– Patriot's Day–office closed 9 am + Vincent, Tranquillino & Minnie Citro	4 pm + Manlio & Antonette Reffi
Joseph & Arthur Mari and Fabio Laudadio	Sunday, April 21
	8 am + John Riley
Tuesday, April 16	9:30 am + James "Jimma" Tallent
8 am	11 am
	6 pm + James & Frances Rowsey

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

Our Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Log onto our website at

Charlestown Catholic Community

Find bulletins, and Mass times for both parishes and view the latest recorded Sunday Mass.

There is music, news from Harvest on Vine, pictures, and more. You may donate to the Parishes or its various ministries by selecting the Donate tab.



Today is Hungry Sunday!

To all those who donate by bringing non perishable foods on Hungry Sunday, for our food pantry, thank you so much. It is needed and appreciated.

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 banking account and entering St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary—St. Catherine as vendor/payee.
For St. Francis, please use 303
Bunker Hill St 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.

Weekend of April 6 & 7

Parishioners contributed \$ 4,242.26 to the Weekly Collection

 St. MC Attendance

 4:00 pm
 95

 8:00 am
 49

 11:00 am
 111

 6:00 pm
 100

 Total
 320

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UP-COMING COLLECTIONS April 21 Monthly

May 5 Insurance

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS If you are planning a Wedding, planning a Baptism, if you are interested in becoming Catholic or have not vet 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 or wish to register in our parishes, 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



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU April 6 & 7 Parishioners contributed \$ 1,701.00

to the Weekly Collection and \$ 827.00 to the Capital Improvement collection

St. F Attendance	
4:00 pm	106
9:30 am	74
Total	180

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

April 7 Capital Improvement May 5 Capital Improvement

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Please welcome our newest member Baptized April 7th Sean Edward Gordon *and Family*



Monday, April 15 is Patriots Day and the office will be closed. The daily Mass will be at 9:00 am.



April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the problems that exist all around us?" After the resurrection, the disciples needed to be reminded that hiding in the upper room only kept them in a place of fear and confusion. Jesus' words are a reminder to disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. We are challenged to take the words of Jesus to heart, "You are witnesses of these things." Let us not be held back by any fear, doubt or anxiety, rather, boldly share the good news of the resurrection.



The 32nd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 13th, 2024, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is

held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register visit <u>https://</u> <u>psjs.edu/golf-tournaments</u> or call 781-810-1923.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary –

12th Annual Gala Dinner (4/28)

Redemptoris Mater Seminary is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Gala Dinner, to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 5PM, at the Boston Marriott Quincy, Quincy. The dinner will honor the Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, His Excellency Cristiano Barbosa. For reservations or to buy space in the Ad Journal, please visit www.rmsboston.org/events. You may also call the seminary at 617-879-9813 or email seminary@rmsboston.org The gala dinner is the Seminary's main yearly fundraising event and an opportunity to promote vocations to the priesthood. You can help either by attending the dinner, sponsoring a seat or a table at the dinner, or by making a contribution to the Seminary.



APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

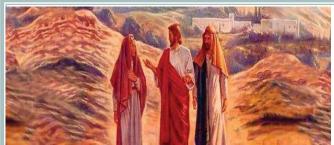
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"Les abrió el entendimiento para comprender las Escrituras".

Un explorador del Amazonas regresó a su pueblo y todos estaban ansiosos por conocer sus aventuras por el río poderoso y por aquel vasto territorio. ¿Cómo, se preguntaba, describirles lo que he visto? ¿Cómo puedo poner en palabras los sentimientos que experimenté al ver las flores exóticas y los sonidos oídos durante las noches? Cómo co-

municarles los olores que impregnaban el aire y los peligros encontrados a lo largo del viaje?

Así que les dijo: "Vayan y descubran por ustedes mismos este territorio desconocido". Les dio un mapa del río indicándoles los peligros y los lugares maravillosos y les ofreció pistas para evitar todo tipo de encuentros peligrosos. Las gentes cogieron el mapa, lo pusieron en un marco y lo colgaron en el ayuntamiento para que todos lo pudieran admirar. Algunos se hicieron copias que estudiaban entusiasmados y, con el tiempo, se consideraron expertos en el Amazonas.

La resurrección de Jesucristo no es un mapa que tenemos que contemplar, ni una lección que tenemos que aprender, es una inmersión en el Amazonas de la vida vivida en y con Cristo. La Palabra de Dios tiene que ser saboreada en el silencio, profundizada en el estudio, asimilada en la oración, celebrada en la liturgia, vivida en la vida fraterna, anunciada en la misión, hasta que se convierta en nuestra lengua materna afirma un teólogo italiano. La Escritura, asignatura pendiente de los católicos, es el Amazonas por el que tenemos que viajar todos los días.

Los apóstoles encerrados en su cenáculo rumian su tristeza y su desilusión. Después de la crucifixión de Jesús discutirían sus opciones futuras. Las enseñanzas de Jesús a lo largo del camino, ignoradas y olvidadas, no habían sido asimiladas por estos alumnos preocupados más por ambiciones materiales y mundanas que por ideas y actuaciones novedosas. Como los alumnos de la ESO tenían sus mentes en otras cosas. En las cosas de la religión todos somos alumnos de la ESO. Todos tenemos nuestras prioridades, preocupaciones y tareas urgentes que vivir. Jesús y su cielo pueden esperar.

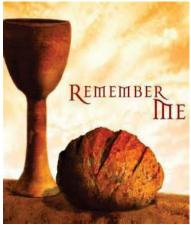
La resurrección, realidad ausente en la tradición y en la Biblia Hebrea, les resultaba incomprensible. Jesús tuvo que abrir sus mentes para que comprendieran las Escrituras. Nos podemos preguntar, ¿por qué Jesús no se lo explicó durante su ministerio? ¿Por qué no les abrió las mentes durante su vida? Si lo hizo nunca lo entendieron. Jesús tenía que morir y resucitar para que se les abriera la mente y entendieran su vida entera.

La resurrección es la llave que abra las puertas de las Escrituras. La resurrección es el happy end que da sentido y explica lo que Jesús fue, es y será. La resurrección es la plenitud de la Escritura. Es el link que une lo que somos y seremos. La resurrección es la plenitud de la fe, todo lo demás son los complementos. Aceptar la resurrección de Jesús y la mía es más que un mapa colgado en la pared, más que un sermón de Pascua, es sumergirse en el Amazonas de la vida con Cristo.

La Palabra de Dios que proclamamos, el pan que compartimos, la paz que nos ofrece y la misión que el resucitado nos confía son invitación a descubrir su presencia en este cenáculo que es nuestra iglesia. Es el gran menú del domingo. Nosotros seguiremos proclamando la Escritura y seguiremos alimentando nuestras dudas pero tenemos que creer a pesar de nuestras muchas dudas.



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."



AN INVITATION AND A NEED TO PONDER

The celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is the center point of the life of any Catholic community.

E Our own Parish Mission Statement highlights the Eucharist as that which nourishes everything in our Parish. Always we are striving to celebrate Sunday Mass as best as possible and to do that, we need lots of help. In addition to maintaining our beautiful worship space, we need people to assist in the various ministries at Mass: greeters, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and altar servers. I invite you to ponder whether you can assist us in one of these ministries.

Sometimes when I speak with a parishioner about being a minister – a natural reaction is:

"ME – I could never to that!"

We are inclined to think that serving in ministry is more for someone else and we are not worthy to do that. Well, no one IS worthy! However many are able to lend a hand and with preparation and support, carry out a much needed and important ministry at the Parish.

Please read below and pray, wonder and talk with us – if you feel so called.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are **adult Catholics in good standing who have a love for the Eucharist and wish to serve their fellow parishioners.** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are ordinary Christians who model Christian living in faith and

conduct in their ministry and in their daily lives. A formal training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is provided.

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Lectors are **adult Catholics in good standing who have a love for the Word of God and wish to serve their fellow parishioners** as a Minister of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word is an essential component of the Eucharistic Liturgy. The Ministry of Lector is to proclaim the Word of God in the assembly of the people. We offer a formal training program for Lectors and provide them with books that contain all the readings for the church year and may be studied at home.

Arimathea Society

Assist with Funeral Masses

Cana Society

Assist with Weddings and wedding rehearsals

Baptism Committee

Assist with Baptism Preparation and Baptisms

Greeters and Ushers

Greeters and ushers are a group of dedicated men and women of all ages. Greeters faithfully welcome our parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass. Ushers are responsible for taking up the collection during the liturgy.

For more information please contact Sr. Nancy: <u>617-242-4664</u> or <u>ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org</u>.





AIALE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

FIRST READING: ACTS (OF THE APOSTLES) In this reading, the Apostle Peter mentions "the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob." What can you find out about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Who were they? When did they live (approximately)? Why were they so important to the Jews?

GOSPEL READING: LUKE

Who were the two people mentioned "who recounted what had taken place on the way"? Find the full story, by reading the earlier part of Chapter 24 of St. Luke's Gospel. To what place had the two men been going, and why?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. The _____ of life you put to _____,

but God _____ him from the dead.

2. Repent, therefore, and be

_____, that your _____ may

be wiped .

3. He _____ in their midst and said to _____, "Peace be _____ you."

 They gave him a piece of _____ fish; he took it and _____ it in _____ of them.

5. Then he ______ their _____ to understand the _____.

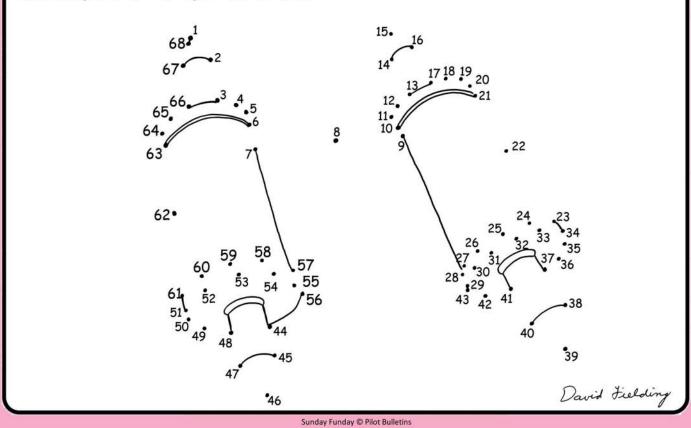
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CONNECT THE DOTS

GOSPEL READING: 1 LUKE 24, 35-48 "HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES."





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