## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129
April 21, 2024

# SHEPHERI

## "I am the good shepherd, and I

### know mine and mine know me..."

~John 10:14

#### 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 amSt. Mary- St. Catherine9:30 amSt. Francis de Sales11 amSt. Mary - St. Catherine6 pmSt. 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

Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

Administrative Assistant Dianne Ludy

> Hispanic Ministry Blanca Paz

#### St Francis de Sales

Pastoral Assistant Joan C. Rae

Music Director Timothy Leahy

Parish Nurse Ministry Director Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

Clergy in Residence Fr. Jerome Gillespie Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p. Fr. Britto Dhinakaran Fr. Mark Shimave

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#### Congratulations and

Welcome our newest members who were Baptized Sunday, April 14!



Bennett Reid Forsa



Angelia Lorraine Kineavy

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St. Francis de Sales Church 313 Bunker Hill St. 617.242.0147



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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 ...

When the end has come, and buildings are falling down fast ...

when we've spoilt the land and dried up all the sea. When everyone has lost their heads around us... You will find Him next to me.

From Next to Me, by Emeli Sande

"I am the good shepherd; I know mine and mine know me." We can take comfort in these words of Jesus from today's Gospel. Jesus knows every one of us, and cares for and about us, but what about the second part of that statement? Do we know him as well as he knows us? Are we committed to developing/nurturing our relationship with Jesus? Knowing Jesus and recognizing his voice takes a discerning heart. Through our friendship with him, we realize that he companions us in all that we do. We have the promise of Christ's presence as we go out to others and share the "Good News." Take time this week in prayer to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.

#### **Confirmation!**

The Sacrament will be administered by Most Rev. Cristiano Barbaro next Saturday, April 27 at St. Mary's at 4 pm and by Fr. John next 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 20 9 am 4 pm + Stephen Elwell 4 pm + Manlio & Antonette Reffi

Sunday, April 21 8 am + John Riley 9:30 am + James "Jimma" Tallent 11 am 6 pm + James & Frances Rowsey

Monday, April 22 8 am

Tuesday, April 23 8 am

Wednesday, April 24 8 am Thursday, April 25 8 am Friday, April 26 8 am Saturday, April 27 9 am 4 pm 4 pm CONFIRMATION Sunday, April 28 8 am + John Shea & John Costello 9:30 am CONFIRMATION 11 am 6 pm + Joseph Augustine

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes. 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. Please register online at: <u>charlestowncatholic.org</u>

#### 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



#### Don't forget those in need

The work of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** continues in our parish. The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown with various needs and **Harvest on Vine** assists families with food assistance. Thank you for all your help.



#### 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, April 21st, is World Day of Prayer for Vocation

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4:00 pm 81	Ministry or wish to register	
8:00 am 70	in our parishes, contact us at the	
11:00 am 98	Parish office at 617.242.4664	<i>9:30 am 56</i>
6:00 pm 37	or email	Total 107
Total 286	info@charlestowncatholic.org	
St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UP-	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is	St. Francis de Sales
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April 21 Monthly	If you would like to pray the rosary	May 5 Capital Improvement
May 5 Insurance	with us on Saturday mornings -	
	Please email Donna at:	

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

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#### **UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**

#### FIRST COMMUNION

- St Mary Church— second graders in our Religious Education Program will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th at <u>10:00 am</u>.
- St Francis de Sales Church—second graders in our Religious Education Program will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th at the <u>9:30 am Mass.</u>

#### **CONFIRMATION**

- St Mary Church—On Saturday, April 27, the Confirmation class will receive their Confirmation at the <u>4:00 pm Mass</u>.
- St Francis de Sales Church—On Sunday, April 28, the Confirmation class will receive their Confirmation at the <u>9:30</u> <u>am Mass</u>



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Jesus Christ is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. L here is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be Saved. Acts 4:11-12



FAMILY LIFE:

## to walk as one

The proverb says that imitation is the highest form of flattery. Most of the time that probably holds true, until a preschooler does a less than complimentary impersonation of you in front of a roomful of company or announces to the pastor your favorite word, which happens to be a bit colorful-and we are not talking Crayola! But they can also surprise you. During a parish presentation of the Passion Play, one youngster called out, "There's Jesus!" And at a popular pizzeria, a threeyear old was trying to bless himself before he ate his veggie slice!

So what's the best way you imitate Jesus? If we are His followers and we strive to be like Him, there must be something we do well. Since the family is the place

where we learn about God and how we practice our faith,

we have good reasons to give the best

example possible and to demonstrate clearly how we practice faith. The toddler will recognize Jesus or bless himself or pray before bedtime or know her church if we show and tell. Sometimes it is those moments of good example that help someone make a better choice, or reconsider a bad decision, or be more attentive to faith. Imitation can be more than just flattery. It can be the way we teach and strengthen faith. That is the best way to follow the Lord.

-Jim Gaffney

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It is a love that is unconditional, forgiving, healing and life-giving. He gives it freely and willingly, proving His love for us on the cross. He patiently waits for us to say yes, to accept His gift and to love Him in return.

Jesus portrays Himself as the Good Shepherd, one who lays down his life for his sheep. He will never leave us, or give up on us, or abandon us. Nothing can change the fact that God calls us His children. We share forever in the grace and glory of God, who creates us in His own image and gives us His life. Through Him, we are healed, forgiven and saved. We are loved just as we are, imperfect though we may be. Could God do more to prove He loves us?

-Jim Gaffney

ust as Jesus Christ carried out the work of redemption in poverty and oppression, so the church is called to follow in the same path if she is to communicate the fruits of salvation to men and women. - Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Vatican II paragraph 8 -





#### April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Yo soy el Buen Pastor

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#### JESUS EL BUEN PASTOR



Se llama al IV domingo del tiempo pascual «domingo del Buen Pastor». Para comprender la importancia que tiene en la Biblia el tema del pastor hay que remontarse a la historia. Los beduinos del desierto nos brindan hoy una idea de la que fue, en un tiempo, la vida de las tribus de Israel. En esta sociedad la relación entre pastor y rebaño no es sólo de tipo económico, basada en el interés. Se desarrolla una relación casi personal entre el pastor y el rebaño. Pasan días y días juntos en lugares solitarios, sin nadie más alrededor. El pastor acaba conociendo todo de cada oveja; la oveja reconoce y distingue entre todas la voz del pastor, quien frecuentemente habla con las ovejas.

Esto explica por qué Dios se ha servido de este símbolo para expresar su relación con la humanidad. Uno de los salmos más bellos del salterio describe la seguridad del creyente de tener a Dios como pas-

tor: «El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta...».

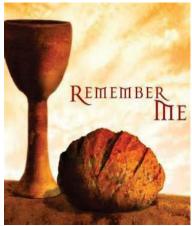
Posteriormente se da el título de pastor, por extensión, también a quienes hacen las veces de Dios en la tierra: los reyes, los sacerdotes, los jefes en general. Pero en este caso el símbolo se divide: ya no evoca sólo imágenes de protección, de seguridad, sino también las de explotación y opresión. Junto a la imagen del buen pastor hace su aparición la del mal pastor, la del mercenario. En el profeta Ezequiel encontramos una terrible acusación contra los malos pastores que se apacientan sólo a sí mismos, y a continuación la promesa de Dios de ocuparse Él mismo de su rebaño (Ez 34, 1 ss.).

Jesús en el Evangelio retoma este esquema del buen y mal pastor, pero con una novedad: «¡Yo --dice-- soy el Buen Pastor!». La promesa de Dios se ha hecho realidad, superando cualquier expectativa. Cristo hace lo que ningún pastor, por bueno que fuera, estaría dispuesto a hacer: «Yo doy mi vida por las ovejas».

El hombre de hoy rechaza con desdén el papel de oveja y la idea de rebaño, pero no se percata de que está completamente dentro. Uno de los fenómenos más evidentes de nuestra sociedad es la masificación. Nos dejamos guiar de manera supina por todo tipo de manipulación y de persuasión oculta. Otros crean modelos de bienestar y de comportamiento, ideales y objetivos de progreso, y nosotros los seguimos; vamos detrás, temerosos de perder el paso, condicionados y secuestrados por la publicidad. Comemos lo que nos dicen, vestimos como nos enseñan, hablamos como oímos hablar, por eslogan. El criterio por el que la mayoría se deja guiar en la propias opciones es el «Così fan tutti» («Todos son así». Ndr) de mozartiana memoria.

Mirad cómo se desarrolla la vida de la multitud en una gran ciudad moderna: es la triste imagen de un rebaño que sale junto, se agita y se amontona a hora fija en los vagones del tren y del metro y después, por la tarde, regresa junto al redil, vacío de sí y de libertad. Sonreímos divertidos cuando vemos una filmación a cámara rápida con las personas que se mueven a saltos, velozmente, como marionetas, pero es la imagen que tendríamos de nosotros mismos si nos miráramos con ojos menos superficiales.

El Buen Pastor que es Cristo nos propone hacer con Él una experiencia de liberación. Pertenecer a su rebaño no es caer en la masificación, sino ser preservados de ella. «Donde está el Espíritu del Señor, allí está la libertad» (2 Corintios 3, 17), dice San Pablo. Allí surge la persona con su irrepetible riqueza y con su verdadero destino. Surge el hijo de Dios aún escondido, del que habla la segunda carta de este domingo: «Queridos, ahora somos hijos de Dios y aún no se ha manifestado lo que seremos».



#### AN INVITATION AND A NEED TO PONDER

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

Cur 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

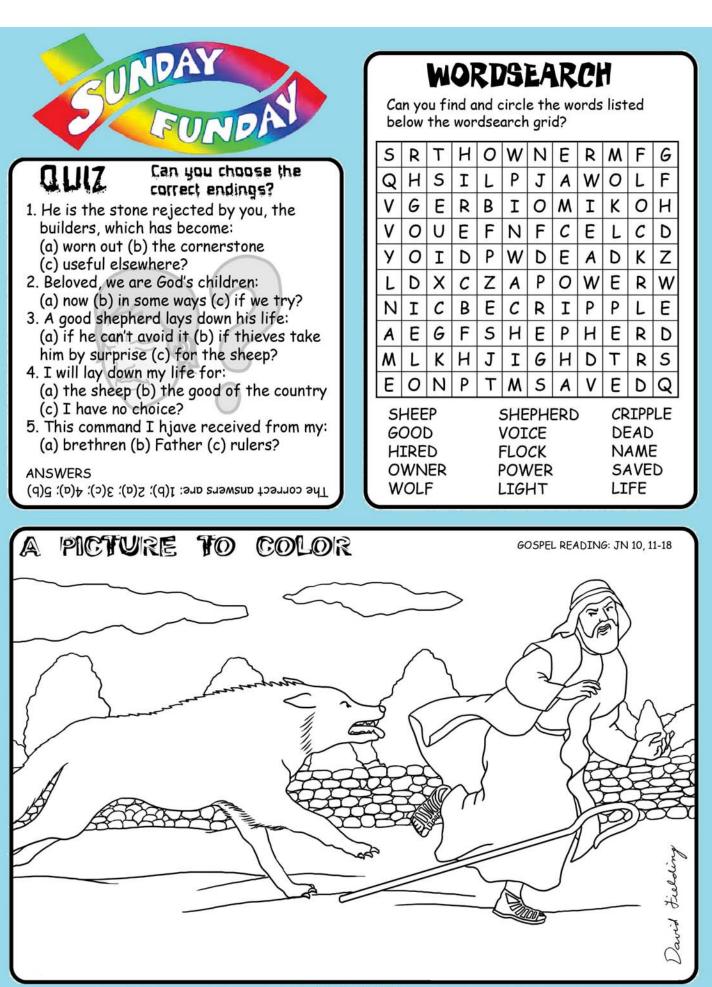
#### **Greeters and Ushers**

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>.

#### 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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