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Charlestown, MA 02129

May 5, 2024



## 6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." (Jn 15: 12)

#### **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.

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 am Masses — Monday- Friday 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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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 Shimaye

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### CODE -BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues:

D = H and A = E.

last week SAUL В F APART FRUIT R Α KILLL Е IN NEAR VINE E TO 0 JESUS WITH

Crossword solution from

DA KNZANAZ PDAI PK

XA XWLPEVAZ EJ PDA

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YDNEOP.

He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. NASNY

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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: charlestowncatholic.org

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#### From our Pastor ...

I'll be your candle on the water, this flame inside of me will grow.

Keep holding on, you'll make it... here's my hand, so take it.

Look for me, reaching out to show, as sure as rivers flow... I'll never let you go.

From Candle on the Water, written by Al Kasha/Joel Hirschhorn

#### First Communion!

We congratulate the boys and girls who are receiving First Communion at St Mary's on Saturday and at St. Francis on Sunday!

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.

#### 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 & 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.

Please note that we'll be suspending the 6 pm Mass that day.

#### Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause.

This one-day retreat gives parents the opportunity to concentrate on their individual spiritual journey through the grief and come to know the promise of Jesus and eternal life.

Saturday, June 1 9:30am - 7:30pm Mary Queen of Apostles Parish: St. James Church Hall 150 Federal St. Salem, MA

The retreat is open to parents of any age, who lost children at any age and by any means (including abortion, miscarriage, suicide, and overdose).

Participants must register and will be contacted by retreat leaders with additional information.

To register, visit mqoa.org/emmaus or leave a message for Dr. Christine Williams at 978-594-7780.

#### When my heart finds Christmas...

On Friday, Nov. 22, we're going to Manhattan to see incredible Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, starring the Rockettes! We'll leave Charlestown by motorcoach at 7 am, attend the 2 pm show in Orchestra seats, and have a few hours to take in the excitement of the Big Apple- we'll be back in the Town by midnight!

We're looking at about \$225 per person. We're limited to 40 people- we'll announce more info soon!

#### **Charlestown Catholic Collaborative**

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

Saturday, May 4

9 am

10 am First Holy Communion

4 pm The Carpenter Family; Edward & Loretta, Edward F, and Rose Carbonello, Christopher Carbonello, Courtney Beals

4 pm + Paul & Rina Tripp

Sunday, May 5

8 am

9:30 am First Holy Communion

11 am + Rowlinson Family; Walter, Gloria, Steven & Anne

6 pm

Monday, May 6

8 am

Tuesday, May 7

8 am

Wednesday, May 8

8 am

Thursday, May 9-Ascension Thursday

9 am - St Mary

6:30 pm - St Francis

Friday, May 10

8 am

Saturday, May 11

9 am

10 am

4 pm

4 pm + Joseph & Frances Smith

Sunday, May 12

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + Patricia & Jack Ring

6 pm + Richard Thome

## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

## ASCENSION THURSDAY - May 9 HOLY DAY MASSES AT 9:00 AM AT ST MARY AND 6:30 PM at ST FRANCIS

Scripture passages describe the Ascension of the Risen Jesus into heaven in the sight of his disciples forty days after he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Before he ascended, he told his disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Through our baptism, we, too, are disciples of Jesus and are entrusted with this great commission to make Jesus' presence and teachings known. May we be filled with the zeal of the first disciples, believing that Jesus is with us always and empowers us to give witness to our faith by the way we live our lives.

#### 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

#### FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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 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



April 27 & 28

St. Mary-

St. Catherine Parishioners contributed \$3,502.99 to the Weekly Collection

St. MC Attendance

4 pm 148 8 am 54 11 am 87 6 pm 86

Total 365

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St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 5 Insurance

May 12 Monthly

May 19 Seminary Offering

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April 27 & 28 St. Francis Parishioners contributed \$1,984.45

St. F Attendance

to the Weekly Collection

4 pm 41 9:30 am 177 Total 218

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 5 Capital Improvement
May 12 Parish Deficit
May 19 Seminary Offering

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

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The Parishioners of St. Mary – St. Catherine of Siena Cordially invite you to join them in

A Celebration
Of
Our Spirit-Filled
Community of Faith
and
Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 AM on Sunday May 19, 2024 Reception to follow Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend the reception by calling the Parish Office at 617.242. 4664





Congratulations to those who were Confirmed at St. Francis de Sales Church by our Pastor Fr. John Sheridan on Sunday, April 28th.













Congratulations to those who were Confirmed at St. Mary Church on Saturday, April 27th by Bishop Cristiano Barbosa









#### May 5- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Scriptures place great emphasis on love – God's love for us and our love for one another. "This is my commandment, love one another." The love that we share is not our own, rather it is the love God has for us. Love is a powerful means of evangelization. The way we live, and love as faithful disciples will draw people to Jesus Christ. So, let's take the scripture to heart this week and extend the love of God to others.



El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles que estamos leyendo como primera lectura en estos domingos de Pascua, está preocupado narrándonos el que fue uno de los primeros problemas serios de la Iglesia que estaba comenzado a nacer y que no fueron pocos: Decidir si el evangelio de Jesús era solo para los judíos o también para los que no lo eran, es decir, para los gentiles. O mejor dicho, si a los que se añadían que no eran judíos había que obligarlos a aceptar las leyes fundamentales del judaísmo. Esto, que a nosotros, nos puede parecer un tema menor, pues tenemos clara la universal-

idad del mensaje de Jesús, independientemente de la cultura de cada país, fue para la primera Iglesia, una cuestión muy importante, e incluso gravemente conflictiva. Se presentaban como dos visiones del problema, la primera representada por Pedro y Santiago, dos figuras cruciales y de mucho peso en las primeras comunidades, estos representaban la opinión de que los gentiles debían asumir también las leyes judías; y la segunda representada por Pablo y Bernabé, dos que se habían añadido al colegio de los apóstoles después de la partida de Jesús, que defendían que lo que había que aceptar era únicamente el evangelio de Jesús, pero para nada los preceptos de los judíos. Reunidos en Jerusalén y escuchando a todos se decidió, como no podía ser de otra manera, que la Buena Noticia de Jesús no entiende ni de fronteras, ni de color, ni de lengua, ni de posición social, es una noticia con valor de universalidad y todos están llamados a la salvación.

Hoy la primera lectura nos presenta a Pedro cuando el tema ha entrado en vías de solución por su parte, y así se pregunta ¿se puede negar el agua del bautismo a los que han recibido el Espíritu Santo igual que nosotros aunque no sean judíos? Y respondiendo claramente que no, bautiza sin problema a los que se habían convertido aquel día vinieran de la nación que fuera. Los conversos a la fe en Jesús no vendrán ya sólo de Israel, sino que se ha formado un nuevo Pueblo de Dios de procedencia universal y de consecuencias universales. La única condición para ser discípulo de Jesús, entonces y ahora, es la de aceptar su mensaje, su evangelio, e intentar llevarlo a la práctica en nuestra vida, no hay ninguna otra condición que vengade las culturas y de las costumbres particulares de cada pueblo.

El evangelio es continuación del domingo pasado, el fruto bueno que dará el sarmiento que permanece unido a la vid, será el fruto del amor. El fundamento del amor cristiano, no está en que yo haya descubierto lo importante que es amar, cosa que puede hacer como persona alguien que no sea creyente, sino que el fundamento está en que Dios me amó primero. Si el fundamento del amor estuviera sólo en mí, tendría muy fácil justificar mis faltas, cuando la persona a la que tengo que amar no se merece mi amor, por sus fallos continuos, por sus errores, o porque deja de caerme bien; pero como el fundamento está en Dios, está en Jesús que demostró su amor dando la vida por los que lo mataban, a mi no me quedan excusas para justificar mis faltas de amor a los demás, no tendré razones para excusar mis faltas de amor sobre todo a los que no se lo merecen.

En la recta final del tiempo de Pascua, la liturgia nos propone estos textos de San Juan, que nos hacen retroceder al discurso de la cena, para que no perdamos de vista el testamento de Jesús que es el fundamento donde se cimienta la comunidad de la Pascua. Testamento que debe dinamizar la vida de la Iglesia, la de siempre y la de ahora, y que debe dinamizar también nuestra vida de hombres y mujeres de fe en este mundo que nos ha tocado vivir. La medida de ese amor es la de Jesús, la de la exigencia máxima, la de la entrega total por los que se ama y como respuesta siempre tendremos la nuestra, nuestra falta de entrega, nuestra falta de ilusión, nuestros escasos progresos en el camino de seguimiento de Jesús, lo que nos salva es nuestra confianza puesta siempre en el Señor.

Le pedimos al Señor que nos ayude a interiorizar estas cosas, a hacerlas nuestras, que no se queden en meras reflexiones teóricas sino que intentemos hacerlas realidad en nuestra vida. Se lo pedimos al Señor, y lo hacemos espacialmente por nosotros, por los que estamos aquí, al tiempo que recordamos a los enfermos y a todos los que sufren.

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.



Come celebrate...

## "Mother's Day Morning with Mary" Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary/St. Catherine of Siena Parish 55 Warren St. Charlestown, MA

9 AM Rosary Service:

9

Crowning of the Virgin

Exposition of the Sacrament

Music Scripture Refreshments sponsored by Tatte

All are welcome

May is the Month of Mary!



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.





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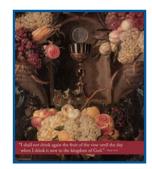
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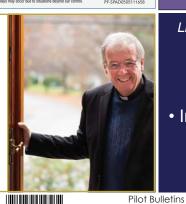
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