

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

May 26, 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!**
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 — 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

Finance & Operations Manager
James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director
Thomas J. MacDonald

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

Email
info@charlestowncatholic.org



Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost and Sister Nancy as she leaves the parish after more than 16 years.

Below is a picture of Fr. Britto with Bishop Barbosa at his graduation from BC



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

Saint Mary Church
55 Warren St.
Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren & Soley St.
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—
St. Francis de Sales Church
313 Bunker Hill St.
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617-242-4664

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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 ...

*Life has taught me this, every day is new... and if everything is true,
all that matters when we're through is how we love.
Faced with what we lack, some things fall apart,
but from the ashes, new dreams start.
All that matters to the heart, is how we love.*

From *How We Love*, written by Beth Nielsen Chapman

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Dr. Fr. Britto

If you see Fr. Britto around, please congratulate him on his new title.
He has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at BC and is a doctor of letters.
He will soon be returning to his home diocese in India to teach and serve the people of God.
We are grateful for his generous, faithful and loving service here.
He'll speak at the Masses next weekend - join us for a collation following the 11 am Mass Sunday, June 2 as we say thank you and farewell.

Oh beautiful, for heroes proved in liberating strife

Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day. Please note that Mass will be offered at 9 am at St. Catherine's Chapel and the parish offices are closed.

Catholic Appeal update

Both parishes are nearing 90% of our Catholic Appeal assessments!
We need your help to reach and pass the goal! It helps our parishes, our Collaborative and our Archdiocese!
Please give and help us build the ministries so many around us need.
To give, take a blue envelope from the pews or go to catholicappeal.com and answer the call.

Summer Mass schedule

Lots of changes are on their way, and we need to take some time this summer to pause.
Please note that from June 10 through Labor Day, Daily Mass will be suspended on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks very much for your understanding!

Summer plans

Summer is coming soon but the needs around here remain- please consider online giving and make sure we pay our bills and continue to build for the future.
Give us a call and we'll walk you through the process. Thank you!

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 on Saturday, 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.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Saturday, June 1 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Mary Queen of Apostles Parish: St. James Church Hall 150 Federal St. Salem, MA

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. The retreat is open to parents of any age who have 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!

Tickets are \$225 per person, reservations with a \$100 deposit, starting May 28. 20 available for each parish- maximum of 4 tickets per family. Call Dianne at 617-242-4664- any questions? See Fr. John!

Stewardship

Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts.

Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

-Anonymous

As summer approaches and plans are being made for vacations, let's look ahead to how we all can get involved at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary- St. Catherine Parishes. Please take a look at some of the ministries that will benefit from your involvement: Worship Committee, Baptism Prep Team, Wedding Team, St. Francis Hall Team, Stewardship Committee, Social Team, Spiritual Committee, Family Committee, Social Justice Committee, and Adult Confirmation/OCIA. Please think about volunteering and sharing your talents with our Parish. Throughout the summer, we'll be sharing information about these important ministries. If you would like more information on any of the listed committees/teams, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for all that you do for our Collaborative.

Collaborative Worship Committee

As we look up and look ahead, a major goal for our Collaborative will be to initiate and develop committees to help us grow together as parishes and as a collaborative. We begin, as in all things, with the worship and service of our loving God as a combined committee.

The Worship Committee gives direction to the liturgical life of the parish, as well as fostering and promoting the spiritual growth of all parishioners, enabling us all to understand what it means to be a baptized Catholic Christian. It also seeks to provide opportunities for personal and communal prayer in a variety of ways, coordinating the weekend Masses for the various seasons, liturgical ministries, Marian and Eucharistic devotions, prayer services outside of Mass, periodic retreats and the annual Parish Missions during Lent and Advent.

The Worship Committee comprises music directors and leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Faith Formation directors, Baptismal prep and Funeral coordinators, and others in both parishes.

It is responsible for the following:

Coordinating and collaborating the liturgical ministries of the parish, including music, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, servers, art & environment.

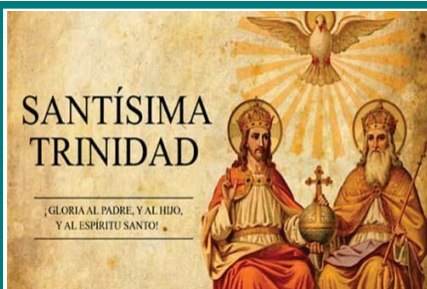
Fostering dialogue between liturgical ministers and committees in order to insure that liturgical and spiritual programs are reaching the needs of all parishioners.

Evaluating periodically the weekend liturgies, drawing upon the insights and feedback of parishioners.

Promoting communal prayer through the parish missions, days of recollection, and Advent and Lenten devotions.

Fostering an annual evaluation of parish programs of spirituality in order to discover what is working and what more might be needed in order to meet the diverse needs of the parishioners.

If you are interested in this valuable service to God's Holy Church, her people and our Mission as a collaborative, please see Fr. John. Don't be surprised if you are asked to serve. We'll have some relaxed discussions and preparation later on this summer, and we'll meet on a monthly basis from there. You don't need a theology degree, just a heart, mind and soul!



La vida cristiana se desarrolla totalmente en el signo y en presencia de la Trinidad. En la aurora de la vida, fuimos bautizados «en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo» y al final, junto a nuestra cabecera, se recitarán las palabras: «Marcha, oh alma Cristiana de este mundo, en el Nombre de Dios, el Padre omnipotente que te ha creado, en el nombre de Jesucristo que te ha redimido, y en el nombre del Espíritu Santo que te santifica».

Entre estos dos momentos extremos, se enmarcan otros llamados de «transición» que, para un cristiano, están marcados por la invocación de la Trinidad. En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, los esposos se unen en matrimonio y los sacerdotes son consagrados por el obispo. En el pasado, en nombre de la Trinidad, comenzaban los contratos, las sentencias y todo acto importante de la vida civil y religiosa.

No es verdad, por tanto, el que la Trinidad sea un misterio remoto, irrelevante para la vida de todos los días. Por el contrario, son las tres personas más «íntimas» en la vida: no están fuera de nosotros, como sucede con la mujer o el marido, sino que están dentro de nosotros. «Hacen morada en nosotros» (Juan 14, 23), nosotros somos su «templo».

Pero, ¿por qué creen los cristianos en la Trinidad? ¿No es ya bastante difícil creer que Dios existe como para añadir también que es «uno y trino»? ¡Los cristianos creen que Dios es uno y trino porque creen que Dios es amor! La revelación de Dios como amor, hecha por Jesús, ha «obligado» a admitir la Trinidad. No es una invención humana.

Si Dios es amor, tiene que amar a alguien. No existe un amor «al vacío», sin objeto. Pero, ¿a quién ama Dios para ser definido amor? ¿A los hombres? Pero los hombres existen tan sólo desde hace unos millones de años, nada más. ¿Al cosmos? ¿Al universo? El universo existe sólo desde hace algunos miles de millones de años. Antes, ¿a quién amaba Dios para poder definirse amor? No podemos decir que se amaba a sí mismo, porque esto no sería amor, sino egoísmo o narcisismo.

Esta es la respuesta de la revelación cristiana: Dios es amor porque desde la eternidad tiene «en su seno» un Hijo, el Verbo, al que ama con un amor infinito, es decir, con el Espíritu Santo. En todo amor siempre hay tres realidades o sujetos: uno que ama, uno que es amado, y el amor que les une. El Dios cristiano es uno y trino porque es comunión de amor. En el amor se reconcilian entre sí unidad y pluralidad; el amor crea la unidad en la diversidad: unidad de propósitos, de pensamiento, de voluntad; diversidad de sujetos, de características, y, en el ámbito humano, de sexo. En este sentido, la familia es la imagen menos imperfecta de la Trinidad. No es casualidad que al crear la primera pareja humana Dios dijera: «Hagamos al ser humano a nuestra imagen, como semejanza nuestra» (Génesis 26-27).

Según los ateos modernos, Dios no sería más que una proyección que el hombre se hace de sí mismo, como uno que confunde con una persona diversa su propia imagen reflejada en un arroyo. Esto puede ser verdad con respecto a cualquier otra idea de Dios, pero no con respecto al Dios cristiano. ¿Qué necesidad tendría el hombre de dividirse a sí mismo en tres personas: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, si verdaderamente Dios no es más que la proyección que el hombre hace de su propia imagen? La doctrina de la Trinidad es, por sí sola, el mejor antídoto al ateísmo moderno.

¿Te parece demasiado difícil todo esto? ¿No has comprendido mucho? Te diría que no te preocupes. Cuando uno está en la orilla de un lago o de un mar y se quiere saber lo que hay del otro lado, lo más importante no es agudizar la vista y tratar de otear el horizonte, sino subirse a la barca que lleva a esa orilla. Con la Trinidad, lo más importante, no es elucubrar sobre el misterio, sino permanecer en la fe de la Iglesia, que es la barca que lleva a la Trinidad.



The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith.”

• Catechism of the Catholic Church (no 234)

May 26 ~ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, May 25

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Henry Shackford

Sunday, May 26

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + James Hingston

6 pm

Monday, May 27 MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICES CLOSED

9 am

Tuesday, May 28

8 am

Wednesday, May 29

8 am



Thursday, May 30

8 am

Friday, May 31

8 am

Saturday, June 1

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Emma Mahoney

Sunday, June 2

8 am

9:30 am

11 am

6 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC





May 11 & 12

St. Mary-

St. Catherine Parishioners
contributed \$3,533.68 to the
Weekly Collection and
\$1,305 to Seminary Collection

St. MC Attendance

4 pm	48
8 am	40
11 am	312
6 pm	no mass
Total	400

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
June 1 -2 Ministry of Sr. Nancy
June 9 Monthly
June 16 Promoting the Gospel

*We are grateful
to you!*



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



Saint Mary Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for

John McNamara



May 11 & 12

St. Francis
Parishioners
contributed

\$2,320.53

to the Weekly Collection and
\$302 to Capital Improvement

St. F Attendance

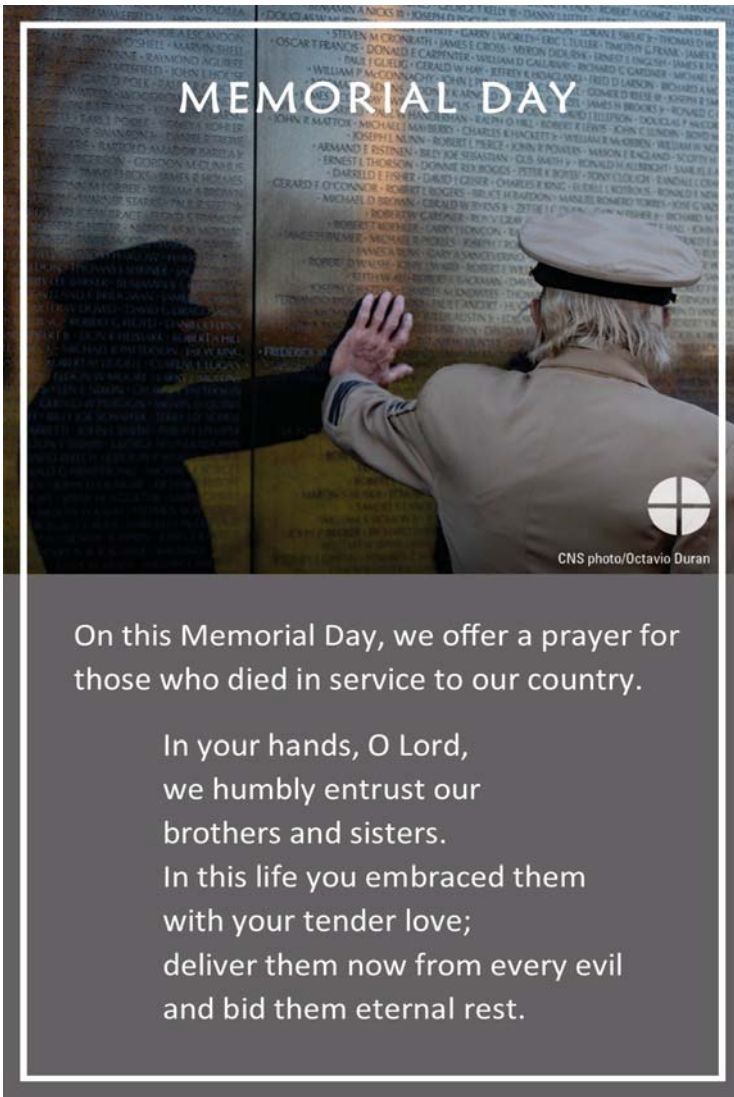
4 pm	44
9:30 am	49
Total	93

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 9 Capital Improvement
June 16 Promoting the Gospel

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO





MEMORIAL DAY

On this Memorial Day, we offer a prayer for those who died in service to our country.

In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our
brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them
with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.

THE MAGNIFICAT

MAY 31—FEAST OF THE VISITATION

And Mary said to Elizabeth -

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”*



OLD GLORY “I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory. I fly atop the world’s tallest buildings. I stand watch in America’s halls of justice. I stand guard majestically over great institutions of learning. I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world. Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident; I am arrogant; I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one. I am recognized all over the world. I am loved and I am feared. I have fought

in every battle of every war for more than 200 years: Gettysburg, Shilo, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, in the Persian Gulf and a score of places long forgotten, by all but those who were there with me. I was there. I led my Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. I followed them and watched over them. They loved me. I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima. I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my Marines and Sailors cheered me. I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries that I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my own country, and when it is by those I have served in battle with, it hurts. But I shall overcome, for I am strong. I have slipped the bonds of earth and from my vantage point on the moon, I stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space. I have been silent witness to all of America’s finest hours. But my finest hour comes when I am torn in strips to be used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle - when I fly at half mast to honor my Soldiers, my Airman, my Sailors, my Marines, and - when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother, at the graveside of her fallen son or daughter. I am proud. My name is “Old Glory.” Long may I wave, dear God, long may I wave.”

If you would like to light the sanctuary lamp for a loved one or have an intentioned Mass ...

SANCTUARY LAMPS



You may donate to lighting the Sanctuary Candle in either the upstairs 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 is in the Tabernacle. There is a requested donation of \$15.00 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.

MASS FOR AN INTENTION AND MASS CARDS



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 appropriate stipends for such requests is very specific and the standard offering requested for an intentioned Mass is \$15.00. Mass Cards are available at the Parish Center and are also \$15.00 (These are for Masses said privately by a priest) The bulletin lists requests for intentioned Masses and who the Sanctuary Candle is lit for each week. Any requests to appear in the bulletin must be made no later than one week prior.

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.



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. Thank you for all your help.

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

ELEVEN	BAPTIZE	DAYS
SIGHT	TEACH	SKY
DOUBTS	ALWAYS	VOICE
HOMAGE	SONS	FIRE
NATION	SUFFER	FULL

Solution to last week's crossword

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blessed
is your
holy and glorious
name.

Daniel 3:52

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