

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

June 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35

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 Summer Schedule

Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 am Masses –

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church
Tuesday & Thursday Masses suspended

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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In case you did not know we have a



Eucharist Chapel

Available to All

Paying a visit to the Lord Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, taking a few moments out of a busy day to pray and celebrate the faith—what a wonderful gift to give Our Lord and ourselves! And in Charlestown there is a lovely Eucharistic Chapel open to the public, every weekday from 9AM to 5PM at the **Parish Center**

on 46 Winthrop Street. (Right across from the Training Field and next to the fire station.) This beautiful old building includes a simple space for prayer and reflection. Please feel free to drop by when you are out and about. All are welcome to visit.

A beautiful stain-glass window of Mary, formerly installed in St. Catherine of Siena Church, adorns the wall of the Eucharistic Chapel



**There is no 6 pm Mass
on Bunker Hill Day
(parade day)
Sunday, June 16**

Saint Mary Church
55 Warren St.
Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren & Soley St.

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

**Charlestown Catholic Collaborative
Parish Center**
46 Winthrop St.
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 ...

Sr. Nancy's order

Thanks to all who donated to our second collection last weekend to Sr. Nancy's order's great work in Phoenix. There is still time to give- please write *SND* or *Phoenix* on your check or write it on an envelope and it will go to this important and life-saving and life-giving ministry.

A word of gratitude

Thanks so much to James, Oscar and Shawn who set up and hosted the collation last Sunday for Fr. Britto!

A word to the wise

Please note that the 6 pm Mass next Sunday is suspended.

Catholic Appeal update

Both parishes are close to 100% of our **Catholic Appeal assessments!**
We need your help to reach and surpass 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, so we need to take some time this summer to pause.
Please note that through Labor Day, Daily Mass will be suspended on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Summer plans

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

When my heart finds Christmas...

On **Friday, Nov. 22**, we're going to New York City 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 Town by midnight!
Tickets are \$225 per person, reservations with a \$100 deposit. 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

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/RCIA. 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 don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for all that you do for our Collaborative.

The Rite of Christian Initiation/Adult Confirmation Team

Folks journeying through the RCIA and Adult Confirmation process need sponsors and community support to help them grow in faith. The team of sponsors help guide, support and instruct those discerning whether to become members of our Catholic community. Team members share their faith with inquiring adults who are seeking more information about the Catholic Church, many of whom seek to celebrate one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. To learn more about receiving the Sacraments or joining the team, please see Fr. John.

God Calling...



Decline



Accept

June 9 ~ Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's first reading reminds us that even when we try to hide from God because of our failings and sinfulness, God remains present and extends healing and forgiveness. Too often we allow those faults and shortcomings to create a divide, keeping us from being in right relationship with God and others. Our readings emphasize the abundance of God's love. When we take God's word to heart, the Spirit prompts us to discern what is right and good, and to follow God's will. Take a few moments today to pray again, the opening prayer of today's Mass: "O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it."



Como recordamos, nos ha hablado de que Yahvé cogerá una ramita tierna y la plantará en la cima del monte más alto. Esta rama pequeña y débil echará brotes, dará frutos, se hará un cedro noble y en él anidarán aves de toda pluma. De esa manera se verá cómo el Señor humilla a los árboles altos y ensalza a los árboles humildes. 2. Desde una visión terrena, de tejas para abajo, se considera a los grandes poderes como la solución perfecta para los problemas del hombre. Sin embargo, normalmente no son éstos los caminos de Dios, aunque sean siempre una tentación para la Iglesia de todos los tiempos. No suelen ser los grandes cedros, sino las ramas pequeñas las que Dios emplea para llevar a cabo su plan de salvación. Tallos y ramas pequeñas fueron los principales personajes que aparecen en la historia de la salvación: Abrahán y su mujer, ancianos y ella estéril, fueron el origen del antiguo pueblo de Dios; un niño hebreo pobre, salvado de las aguas, fue el libertador de la esclavitud de Israel en Egipto; el conocido como el hijo del carpintero y de una doncella pobre de Nazaret fue Salvador del mundo; y unos pobres, y nada cultos, pescadores fueron las columnas fundamentales de la Iglesia. 3. Y es que, para que Dios obre en nosotros cosas grandes, como en

María, hay que hacerse pequeños, ser humildes. Existe en el hombre un instinto que le hace aspirar siempre a grandezas: se lo pide su yo, que siente una irresistible inclinación a alcanzar un ideal, algo superior y más alto, algo que lo haga grande. Con el fin de conseguirlo, se dan dos caminos, el de la soberbia, que es el que siguieron los ángeles rebeldes, Adán, y algunos filósofos paganos... y cayeron en un estado de miseria. El verdadero camino de la auténtica elevación es el camino de la humildad, que es el que siguió Cristo y los santos, y que conduce a la gloria, a la plenitud. A mayor humildad y pequeñez interior, habrá siempre mayor santidad, porque Dios rechaza a los soberbios y da su gracia a los humildes. Escribió san Josemaría en Camino: delante de Dios, que es Eterno, tú eres un niño más chico que, delante de ti, un pequeño de dos años. Y, además de niño, eres hijo de Dios. –No lo olvides.

Las dos parábolas, empleadas por Jesús para explicar el Reino de Dios, nos han hablado de la simiente que se echa en tierra y del grano de mostaza que se siembra. En ambos casos, se trata de elementos pequeños, pero que se convierten en una buena cosecha, si es la simiente lo que se siembra, y en una hortaliza más grande que las demás, cuando lo que se siembra es un grano de mostaza. 4. Así como, con la rama tierna que se convierte en un cedro noble, el profeta Ezequiel se estaba refiriendo más directamente a que el pueblo de Israel, pobre y pequeño, se iba a convertir en el centro de los pueblos, así también el Reino de Dios, la realidad cristiana, la Iglesia fundada por Jesús, que se presenta como algo pequeño, débil y aparentemente ineficaz ante los poderes y poderosos del mundo, es capaz de transformar a esa misma sociedad en una sociedad llena de los valores del Evangelio.

Ocurre con ella como con el fermento que transforma la masa y como con Cristo cuando convirtió el agua en vino en las bodas de Caná. En nuestra vida de cada día, la gran mayoría de cosas que hacemos –por no decir todas- son ordinarias y pequeñas. Son como la rama tierna de Ezequiel o como la simiente o grano de mostaza, de los que habla Jesús en el Evangelio. Pero todo eso, hecho con la mayor perfección humana que podamos y con amor a Dios y nuestro prójimo, se convierte en medio de santificación y de transformación personal y social. Son clarividentes y consoladores estas palabras de San Josemaría: pueden ser divinos todos los caminos de la tierra, todos los estados, todas las profesiones, todas las tareas honestas. Pero no tienen menos importancia estas otras: sabedlo bien: hay un algo santo, divino, escondido en las situaciones más comunes, que toca a cada uno de vosotros descubrir. Nuestro compromiso diario ha de ser agradecer al Señor en cada circunstancia de la vida, poniendo amor en todas nuestras acciones, aun en la más ordinarias o pequeñas, y esforzándonos por realizarlas lo mejor que podamos, de acuerdo con las cualidades que del Señor hayamos recibido. 5. Con la ayuda de la Virgen, intentemos agradecer siempre a nuestro Padre Dios.



Fr. Britto concelebrating Mass with Fr. Sheridan as he gets ready to leave for home after 5 years here in the Parish with a little send-off at the end of Mass



Did you know? - Quick facts about June’s devotion

The Order of the Visitation was founded in 1610 by Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Jane Frances de Chantal in Annecy, Haute-Savoie, France in order to open religious life to all including older women and those whose constitutions were not strong enough for the more austere Orders. Or that the Sacred Heart would be revealed by a sister of the Visitation order?

Charism

“ . . . what is the special spirit of the Visitation? I have always judged it to be a spirit of deep humility before God and of great gentleness towards our neighbor.” (Saint Francis de Sales)

Coat of Arms

“ . . . I have thought, my dear Mother, if you agree, we should take as our coat of arms a single heart pierced by two arrows, the whole enclosed in a crown of thorns, and with the poor heart serving to hold and support a cross which is to surmount it, and the heart is to be engraved with the sacred names of JESUS and MARY. . . . for indeed, our little congregation is the work of the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our dying Savior gave birth to us by the wound in his sacred heart . . . ”
 (Saint Francis de Sales to Saint Jane de Chantal)

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the mission to make known and loved the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was revealed. Saint Margaret Mary received several revelations of the Sacred Heart and his great thirst to make known to the world his love and mercy

For more information visit the web site of the Visitation Sisters.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, June 8

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Ann Castro

Sunday, June 9

8 am + Catherine Potter

9:30 am + Eddie "Biga" Grestorex

11 am + The Salmon Family

6 pm

Monday, June 10

9 am

Wednesday, June 12

8 am

Friday, June 14

8 am

Saturday, June 15

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Gerard M & Marilyn Doherty

Sunday, June 16—Father's Day; Bunker Hill Day

8 am For Fathers

9:30 am + John & June Reilly

11 am For Fathers

6 pm NO 6pm MASS THIS WEEK

- *Beginning June 10th, please take note that the Tuesday & Thursday morning Mass will be suspended for the summer.*

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (11/3)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, visit bit.ly/CelebrateAnniversary. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.

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



FLAG DAY—JUNE 14

Flag Day, in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, observed on June 14.

The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.

**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.**



May 25 & 26

St. Mary-
St. Catherine

Parishioners contributed \$ 5,245.91
to the Weekly Collection

And \$1,358 to Sister Nancy's order

St. MC Attendance

4 pm	57
8 am	55
11 am	98
6 pm	53
Total	263

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 8-9 Monthly
June 16 Promoting the Gospel

*We are grateful
to you!*



Saint Mary
Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for

Catherine Potter
And deceased Potter
Family Members



May 25 & 26

St. Francis
Parishioners
contributed
\$2,665.00

to the Weekly Collection

St. F Attendance

4 pm	46
9:30 am	55
Total	101

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 8-9 Capital Improvement
June 16 Promoting the Gospel

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

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.

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

If you are planning a Wedding, a Baptism, interested in becoming Catholic or have not yet received Confirmation, if you're homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments, are interested in the choir, Religious Education, or want to be a volunteer in a Ministry or wish to register in our parishes, call us at the Parish offices at 617.242.4664

or email info@charlestowncatholic.org

Confessions are offered at 3:15 pm on Saturdays 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 extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes. If you're new to Francis de Sales or St. Mary—St. Catherine of Siena Parish, please visit our website for events and resources.

Please register online at: charlestowncatholic.org



St. Anthony, Finder of Lost Articles

by Larry Rice

The Church has a patron saint for nearly every person, group of people, situation, and occupation. These heavenly friends benefit us with their prayers of intercession, speaking, as it were, to God on our behalf.

If you ask nearly any Catholic whose intercession they seek when something has gone missing, nearly all will tell you it's St. Anthony who is responsible for the recovery of car keys and eyeglasses by the millions. But how did Anthony become the patron saint of lost articles?

Legend has it that Anthony was the novice master at a friary in Montpellier, France. One of his charges was a somewhat discontented novice named Louis. When he wasn't at prayer or teaching the novices, Anthony devoted his time to writing a book of the psalms—he had worked on it for years. One afternoon, the manuscript vanished, and Anthony searched carefully to no avail. Having no



other recourse, he prayed for its recovery.

At the same time, it seems that Br. Louis, the discontented novice, had disappeared as well and had been seen leaving with a somewhat manuscript-sized parcel. Anthony, believing that Louis was much more valuable than his manuscript, prayed that

Louis would find his true path in life.

The legend says that the former Br. Louis, while on his way to sell the manuscript as his own, was moved to return the stolen book and turn his life around. So, Louis went back to the friary and returned the stolen manuscript. St. Anthony became his mentor, and from that time forward Anthony's prayers were sought whenever something was lost.

It's a tradition that continues today. For centuries, when Catholics have lost something important—their car keys or their way in life, they've sought the prayers of St. Anthony.

Fr. Larry Rice is a former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.



Catholic Current

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Summer is coming and school will be out. As in summers past, we are requesting cereal donations for a cereal drive.

If you are able to help out, please drop the cereal off at the Church before or after the Masses.

You can also drop off cereal (or other food donations) at the Parish Office— 46 Winthrop Street, or at the food pantry on Vine Street. Thank you!



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.

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

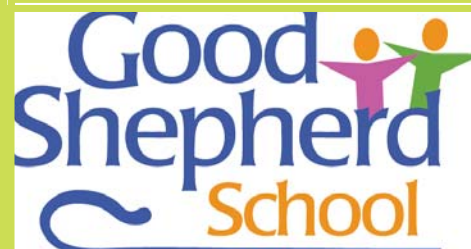


You may donate to lighting the Sanctuary Candle in either the upstairs Church or in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel in memory of a loved one. The red Sanctuary Lamp is always lit when the Real Presence is in the Tabernacle. There is a requested donation of \$15.00 which is used for the purchase of 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.



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Gallagher Scholarship

Applications for the 2024-2025 Gallagher Scholarship are now online!

Rev. Henry Gallagher was born in Charlestown in 1910 and ordained in 1941. He served as spiritual director of St. Mary's conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society and arranged scholarships for Boston College High School students and seminarians. Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a generous bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped students with tuition in a scholarship program for more than a two decades.

Applicants must be a registered member of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena or St. Francis de Sales parishes and provide the name of the school they will attend. Please visit stmarystcatherine.org/forms for forms and details. The deadline for applications is July 19. You may also come by the Parish office to pick up an application.

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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.
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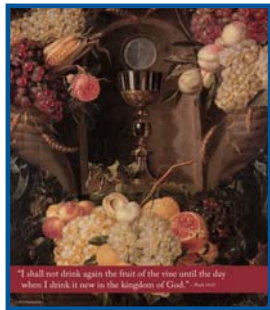
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