## 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 June 16, 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 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

St. Mary-St. Catherine 9 am St. Francis de Sales 4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine 4 pm

#### 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 Šantosuosso

> 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

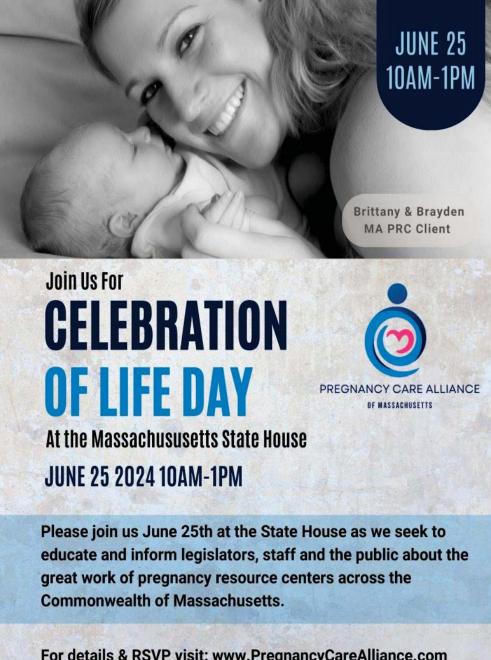
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**Music Director** Timothy Leahy

Parish Nurse Ministry Director Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

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

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For details & RSVP visit: www.PregnancyCareAlliance.com

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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 ...

I thought he'd live forever, he seemed so big and strong.

But the minutes fly and the years roll by, for a father and his son.

And suddenly when it happened, there was so much left unsaid.

No second chance to tell him thanks for everything he's done.

I never will forget him, for he made me what I am.

Though he may be gone, memory lingers on, and I miss him... the Old Man.

Phil Coulter

#### Sr. Nancy's order

There is still time to give to Sr. Nancy's order's great work in Phoenix. please write *SND* or *Phoenix* on your check or write it on an envelope and it will go to this important, life-saving and life-giving ministry.

#### Catholic Appeal update

St. Francis has hit over 100% of its Catholic Appeal assessment! St. Mary-St. Catherine is so close! We need your help! 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.

#### Summertime

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. 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 parishmaximum 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

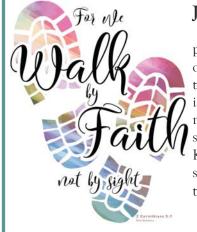
Let's look ahead to how we all can get involved at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary-St. Catherine Parishes. Please take a look at some of the ministries that will benefit from your involvement: Worship Committee, Baptism Prep Team, Wedding Team, St. Francis Hall Team, Stewardship Committee, Social Team, 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.

#### Social Justice

The LORD has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6:8

The Social Justice Committee will serve our collaborative as catalyst for the work of promoting the Gospel of Justice. The Committee will work with organizations in and outside of Charlestown to further awareness and correct the injustices in our community, issues like Pro-life in every stage, peace and promoting justice in our community through the Gospel and the teachings of our Church. Fr. John wishes to build a committee, to discuss and act in positive and creative ways. Please contact him.



#### June 16 ~ Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Jesus used parables as an important teaching tool. The growth of seeds, when sown or planted grow slowly, miraculously. Today's parable about seeds being sown reminds us about our role in the work of evangelization. Our good deeds and words are sown like seeds. God takes our good actions that have been sown and makes them grow producing fruit. Our parishes will not grow if we shy away from sharing our faith with others. Imagine what our communities of faith would be like if each one of us shared our faith with one person, who in turn shared their faith with one person, and on and on... This is how evangelization builds up the Kingdom of God: sharing stories of God's work in our lives, of prayers asked for and answered, of responding to Jesus in another. Share the "mustard seed" of your faith and watch to see how it will grow!



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 ésos 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 grade 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 agradar 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 agradar siempre a nuestro Padre Dios.













Welcome to our newest members of the Parish who were Baptized on Sunday, June 9th! Congratulations to all.

William Vaughn Alexanderson Callum Delaney Carroll Margot Colleen Crowley Camíla Jean Gonzalez William Mathew Lindenmayer

Penelope Wayne Renfro Veroneau

#### **Charlestown Catholic Collaborative**

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

Saturday, June 15

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Gerard S. & Marilyn Doherty

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

8 am

9:30 am + John & June Reilly

11 am

6 pm NO 6pm MASS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 17

8 am + Lawrence Lecam

Wednesday, June 19

9 am + Vinnie Crescenzo

JUNETEENTH-OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, June 21

8 am

Saturday, June 22

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Bob Hart

Sunday, June 23

8 am + Jean Marie DiMuzio

9:30 am

11 am + Edward & Ann Boyle & Edward Boyle, Jr.

6 pm

• Please take note that the Tuesday & Thursday morning Masses are suspended for the summer.

## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



## Happy Bunker Hill Day!



#### 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

#### FATHER'S DAY

"God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours a and will be content to go no faster than you.

Why do you worry?"

~St Francis de Sales

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.



June 8 & 9
St. MarySt. Catherine

Parishioners gave

\$ 3,978.47 to the Weekly Collection and \$808 to the Monthly Collection

St. MC Attendance

4 pm 65

8 am 63

11 am 100

6 pm 55

Total 283

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 16 Promoting the Gospel July 21 Monthly

## We are grateful to you!



Requiescat in Pace

Gerald Francis McIntosh, Jr.



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June 8 & 9 St. Francis Parishioners gave \$2,329.00

to the Weekly Collection and \$582.00 to the Capital Improvement Collectiom

St. F Attendance

4 pm 46

9:30 am 53

Total 99

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

June 16 Promoting the Gospel July 7 Capital Improvement

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



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

Wednesday, June 19 is
Juneteenth
The office is closed for the
holiday.



Congratulations John & Jackie

John Mazza & Jacqueline Sindoris married on June 8

## Happy Father's Day

## THE BEDADITUDES: 8 WAYS TO BE AN AWESOME DAD

By Dr. Gregory Popcak

Pope Francis has called Jesus' Beatitudes our "guide on the path of Christian life." Of course, as the Incarnation shows, God leads by example. In addition to being a call to Christian discipleship, the Beatitudes could be said to also reveal something about the ways God the Father relates to us, his children. Seen in this light, the Beatitudes present a unique opportunity for Christian men to become fathers after the Father's own heart.

That's why I wrote The BeDADitudes: 8 Ways to Be an Awesome Dad, which looks at how the eight Beatitudes can be understood to shed light on a uniquely Christian vision of masculinity, in general, and fatherhood, in particular. Want to be an awesome dad? Here's a sample of how the eight Beatitudes can help you be the father God is calling you to be.

#### 1. Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor in Spirit

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart.

Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend YOU do. Go to God every day. Ask him to teach you to be the husband and father HE wants you to be, and the husband and father your wife and children NEED you to be.

#### 2. Blessed Are the Dads Who Mourn

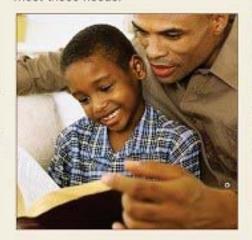
Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles.

In Scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife's or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways.

#### 3. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Meek

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart.

A real leader listens first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to hear what his wife and children really need from him and, when necessary, doesn't hesitate to get new skills to meet those needs.



#### 4. Blessed Are the Dads Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Awesome dads are on a mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family to

Research shows that when dads take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training, kids are exponentially more likely to live the Catholic faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE Father.

#### 5. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Merciful

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them.

Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their

needs and express themselves in good and godly ways.

#### 6. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth.

St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is use. Love makes people more people-y. Use makes people into things or tools. Of course, it's important to avoid pomography and lustful behavior, both of which are tremendously objectifying, but purity of heart means avoiding all the ways we treat other people as objects. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your

#### 7. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home.

St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is respectful, generous, and orderly.

#### 8. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake of Righteousness.

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway.

When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know that God the Father will honor your sacrifice.

Dr. Greg Popcak is the author of many books and the host of More2Life Radio airing weekdays at 10am E on SiriusXM130. For more information on Catholic counseling and other resources, visit www.CatholicCounselors.com. DON'T FORGET THE CATHOLIC APPEAL! Thank you to all who have given and to all who have yet to! For your convenience, below is the QR code for the Catholic Appeal campaign. Thank you again.



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#### This weekend's SECOND COLLECTION is for:

#### PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

This week's second collection Promoting the Gospel supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. For more information about these organizations, please visit 1. www.usccb.org/cchd 2. www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic communication-campaign/index.cfm While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (ESOL)**

A Faith That Does Justice is an interfaith organization that challenges people to experience God by living their faith intentionally in service to others. Volunteering with A Faith that Does Justice allows you to put your faith into action and make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

As part of our efforts to ensure that people newly arrived to Boston are welcomed with open arms, we are in need of volunteers for our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program this Fall. The ongoing demand for English language classes has been exacerbated by the recent influx of migrants to Massachusetts. As a result, we currently have openings for teachers, teacher assistants, and mentors.

Classes are held Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-1pm in the Roxbury area of Boston & will run for 12 weeks starting in September. Some teaching experience is preferred but not required. The volunteer teacher will be provided with training, support, and a fully developed curriculum.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact
Brighid Tella at btella@faith-justice.org.

#### **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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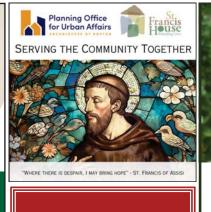




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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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