

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

July 14, 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Mk 6:7



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

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. Mark Shimave

Email

info@charlestowncatholic.org

From our Pastor ...

A Special Guest from Cross Catholic Outreach!

Please welcome Fr. Victor Ibhawa who will speak at the Masses at St. Mary-St. Catherine this weekend for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Father Ibhawa received his Bachelor of Theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Uyo, Nigeria. His career includes an appointment of seminary vice-rector, hospital administrator, pastor of a parish in Auchy and as the Administrator of Blessed Trinity Parish in Buffalo, NY.

Until 2021, he was a Covid-19 specialized counselor for Catholic Health Buffalo. In 2021, he completed his master's degree in public administration, and is currently pursuing his Ph. D in Public Administration at D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY. As an Outreach Priest for Cross Catholic Outreach, he feels blessed to serve the poor and most vulnerable throughout the world.

Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and religious working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Please note that next weekend,

Fr. Henry Ogbji will preside at the 4 pm Mass
at St. Francis, and Fr. Alexander Okele
will celebrate the 8 am Mass at St. Mary's.

We are grateful to you!

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 ...

Do you hear your heart call?

Maybe you weren't baptized, or you missed Confirmation- perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Church, what we believe and more importantly, why we believe it.

Starting this fall, we will have relaxed discussions about our faith- it's a great opportunity to ask questions, maybe to become a member of the family!

Please see Fr. John and join us!

While the pastor's away...

Please note that I'll be out of town 'til July 21.

Catholic Appeal update

St. Francis and St. Mary- St. Catherine have both hit over 100% of our Catholic Appeal assessments!

The Appeal helps our parishes, Collaborative and our Archdiocese! Please give and help us build the ministries so many around us need. Go to catholicappeal.com and answer the call!

Summertime

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

Hall Committee

We are blessed with a gift at St. Francis- Bishop Lawton Hall. We need a team to insure that it is responsibly run for the parish and collaborative. Could you share some time and help make this a great asset for us?

We need you!

We are all called by our baptismal promises to share the precious gift our Catholic faith with the children in our families, parishes, Collaborative and world. Our Lord expects nothing less- we can do this well.

We need your faith, hope, patience and love for our Faith Formation program!

We need a coordinator for grades K-4 and teachers.

Can you help us, starting in October?

If you can, please see Fr. John!

Confirmation Update

Change is coming in the Archdiocese-

Confirmation will soon take place in the 8th grade- the program here for the time being will stay with

the 9th and 10th grade- we have a few years to work it out.

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 by motor-coach at **7 am**, attend the **2 pm** show, and have a few hours to take in the Big Apple- we'll be back by midnight! Tickets are **\$225** per person, reservations with a **\$100** deposit. 16 available for each parish- maximum of 4 tickets per family. Call Dianne at 617-242-4664- any questions? See Fr. John!

Stewardship

Let's look ahead to how we all can get involved in our Collaborative, at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary- St. Catherine. Take a look at some of the ministries that will benefit from your involvement in these committees: Worship, Baptism Prep, Wedding, St. Francis Hall, Stewardship, Social, Spiritual, Family, Social Justice, and Adult Confirmation/RCIA. Please share your talents with us!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Psalm 85: 8-13: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord-for he proclaims peace. The Lord himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps:

With the benefits from God, listening, and prayer, He can give you peace and he will prepare you and increase your desire to make your couple relationship greater. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will enrich your relationship and teach you tools to love one another. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT
September 20-22 in Huntington, NY
October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH



Children's Programs

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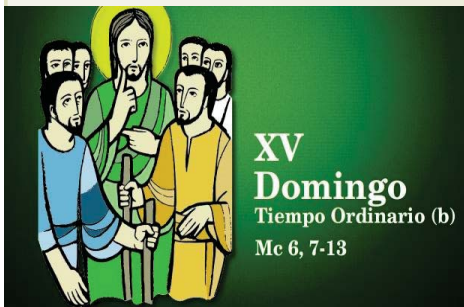
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St. Francis Hall Committee

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NUEVA ETAPA EVANGELIZADORA

El papa Francisco nos está llamando a una «nueva etapa evangelizadora marcada por la alegría de Jesús». ¿En qué puede consistir? ¿Dónde puede estar su novedad? ¿Qué hemos de cambiar? ¿Cuál fue realmente la intención de Jesús al enviar a sus discípulos a prolongar su tarea evangelizadora?

El relato de Marcos deja claro que solo Jesús es la fuente, el inspirador y el modelo de la acción evangelizadora de sus seguidores. No harán nada en nombre propio. Son «enviados» de Jesús. No se predicarán a sí mismos: solo anunciarán su Evangelio. No tendrán otros intereses: solo se dedicarán a abrir caminos al reino de Dios.

La única manera de impulsar una «nueva etapa evangelizadora marcada por la alegría de Jesús» es purificar e intensificar esta vinculación con Jesús. No habrá nueva evangelización si no hay nuevos evangelizadores, y no habrá nuevos evangelizadores si no hay un contacto más vivo, lúcido y apasionado con Jesús. Sin él haremos todo menos introducir su Espíritu en el mundo. Al enviarlos, Jesús no deja a sus discípulos abandonados a sus fuerzas. Les da su «poder», que no es un poder para controlar, gobernar o dominar a los demás, sino su fuerza para «expulsar espíritus inmundos», liberando a las personas de lo que las esclaviza, oprime y deshumaniza.

Los discípulos saben muy bien qué les encarga Jesús. Nunca lo han visto gobernando a nadie. Siempre lo han conocido curando heridas, aliviando el sufrimiento, regenerando vidas, liberando de miedos, contagiando confianza en Dios. «Curar» y «liberar» son tareas prioritarias en la actuación de Jesús. Darían un rostro radicalmente diferente a nuestra evangelización. Jesús los envía con lo necesario para caminar. Según Marcos, solo llevarán bastón, sandalias y una túnica. No necesitan de más para ser testigos de lo esencial. Jesús los quiere ver libres y sin ataduras; siempre disponibles, sin instalarse en el bienestar; confiando en la fuerza del Evangelio.

Sin recuperar este estilo evangélico, no hay «nueva etapa evangelizadora». Lo importante no es poner en marcha nuevas actividades y estrategias, sino desprendernos de costumbres, estructuras y servidumbres que nos están impidiendo ser libres para contagiar lo esencial del Evangelio con verdad y sencillez. En la Iglesia ha perdido ese estilo itinerante que sugiere Jesús. Su caminar es lento y pesado. No sabemos acompañar a la humanidad. No tenemos agilidad para pasar de una cultura ya pasada a otra actual. Nos agarramos al poder que hemos tenido. Nos enredamos en intereses que no coinciden con el reino de Dios. Necesitamos conversión.

July 14 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The message in our readings again this week remind us that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. That is, we have what we need to follow Christ and to give witness to him. In our gospel, we hear Jesus sending his disciples off to preach the good news. They aren't to carry "stuff" that will distract them or stand in the way of being among the people to whom they are sent and to what they were sent to do. We are being invited to accept that we have been chosen in Christ and that we already have the blessings needed to bear witness to his love. They took Jesus' words to heart and trusted him. The question is - will we also trust that truth and act on it?



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Your response has been very generous. And we thank you. But, we still have awhile before summer is over! Thank you for all you do.

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.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We are able to provide consecrated low gluten hosts for those who are gluten intolerant.

Please join the end of the priest communion line and let him know that you require a low gluten host.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, July 13

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + JoAnn Burke

Sunday, July 14

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + Julie Quinn

6 pm *St Catherine Siena Chapel*

Monday, July 5

8 am

Wednesday, July 17

8 am

Friday, July 19

8 am

Saturday, July 20

9 am

4 pm + Fr. Daniel Mahoney

4 pm + Eugene & Dorothy Sullivan

Sunday, July 21

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + Edgar de la Riva

6 pm *St Catherine Siena Chapel*

- *Please take note that the Tuesday & Thursday morning Masses are suspended for the summer.*
- *The 6 pm Mass is in the St Catherine Siena Chapel until after Labor Day.*

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

JULY 16TH

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.

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Sanctuary Lamps & Mass Intentions

To schedule an Anniversary Mass and/or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the

Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

A Sanctuary Lamp is a candle beside the tabernacles in our Church and Chapel that burns for approximately one week.

Reminder: The 6:00 pm Mass will be in the St Catherine Siena Chapel until after Labor Day



June 29 & 30

St. Mary- St. Catherine Parishioners gave \$ 3,240.19 to the Weekly Collection And July 6 & July 7 Parishioners gave \$ 3,383.53 to the Weekly Collection



Saint Mary Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for JoAnn Burke

St. F Attendance

	June 29/30	July 6/9
4:00 pm	46	53
9:30 am	57	62
Total	103	115

St. MC Attendance

	June 29/30	July 6/7
4 pm	52	62
8 am	50	40
11 am	80	91
6 pm	44	53
Total	226	246



June 29 & 30 St. Francis Parishioners gave \$1,826.00

to the Weekly Collection And July 6 & 7 Parishioners gave \$ 1,194.00 to the Weekly Collection And \$ 640.00 To Capital Improvement

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- July 21 Monthly
- Aug 15 Assumption
- Aug 18 Monthly

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- July 7 Capital Improvement
- July 21 Parish Deficit
- Aug 4 Capital Improvement
- August 18 Parish Deficit

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

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.

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... 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



RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a

program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about and perhaps become a member of the Catholic faith. For more information, call Fr. John at 617-242-4664 or email him at jsheridan8699@gmail.com.

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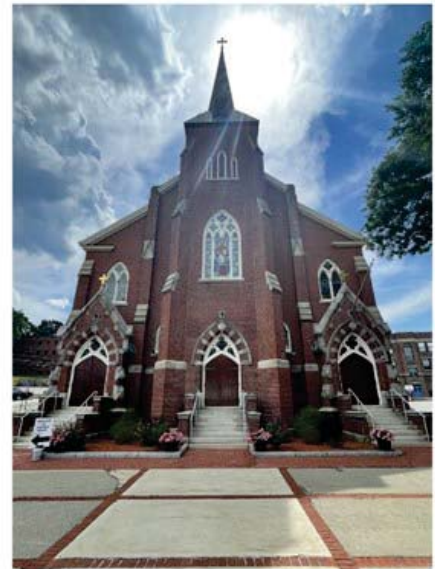
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SUMMER RESET

PUT DOWN THE DEVICES

Summer Reset

Binders, gym shoes and lined paper are common school items, but in the past year, for many, those essentials were replaced with iPads, laptops, Zoom and Google Classroom. Technology is a fabulous part of education but was never intended to be the hallmark of instruction. Then along came a pandemic, and that philosophy took a giant shift. Without technology, education simply wouldn't have happened the past many months. As a teacher, I thank God for the brilliant minds who developed it all and found creative ways to help us connect with students. But with all blessings come shadows.

We have depended on devices for remote school and work for more than a year, but now it's summer and time to help our kids step out of the shadow of too much technology. I'd like to offer a few tips and tricks to help you unplug, unwind and reset your kids this summer.

Show instead of tell: As parents, we have to set the example. Even though we may still be working remotely, which requires screen time, we have to show our kids how to cut back and step away ... together.

Get in the zone: Establish clear times and places where devices are strictly off-limits for everyone. The bedroom and the dinner table are the first suggestions. Make sure to include everyone in the conversation. They need to hear that we value technology, but too much is not a good thing.

Make the switch: If you take something away, you need to add something new. Too much screen time decreases creativity and communication, so, as a counterbalance, replace screen time with swimming, biking and exploring the neighborhood. Build creativity with a trip to the library to read real books, or play board games in the back yard. Go on a picnic, and remember, the value is in the event rather than the food, so no need to get fancy. Grab the old digital or disposable camera, come up with some fun categories and have a family photo contest.

Non-digital discipleship: Serve ... someone, anyone, just put down the devices and go do something for another one of God's children. Cook, mow, rake, bake cookies or just stop by for a game of cards and a visit.

Projects: Life isn't always fun and games, so get your family team together and do some projects. Organizing, cleaning, sorting, building, planting or tending build responsibility, teamwork and work ethic.

Use the phrase: Sometimes we forget it's OK to simply say, "Because I said so!" Our job requires us to do things that kids don't like because we know it's good for them; so don't be afraid to use the phrase, and even remove the devices completely for a time so new habits can be established.

Reconnection: To whom do we truly want our kids connected? The answer is family, and Jesus, so putting away the devices so our kids can connect with those who love them most and are the most important is essential.

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