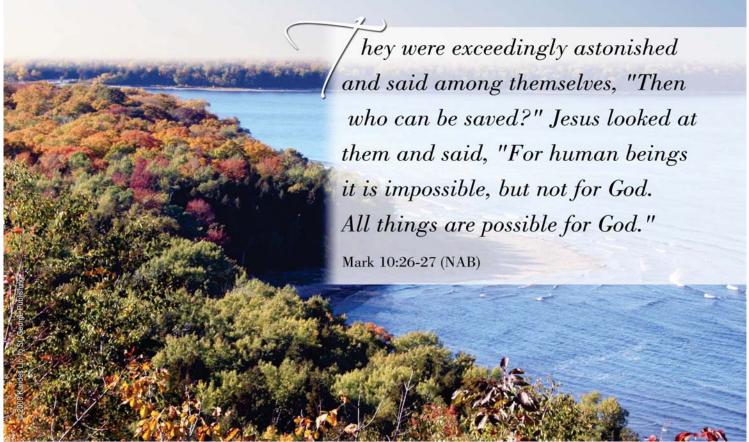
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Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129 October 13, 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

Daily

8:00 am Masses — Mon through Fri St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

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

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Email info@charlestowncatholic.org

Y B Catholic Conference Oct. 25--26 Hudson, NH

WE HAVE FOUND HIM Jn. 1:45

Join us for this year's YB Catholic Conference as we host Roy Schoeman, Catholic speaker and author. Roy was born and raised Jewish by Jewish parents who had fled Nazi Germany. Growing up he received a thorough Jewish education, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree from MIT, and an M.B.A. magna cum laude from Harvard Business School, where he then joined the faculty as a professor of marketing.

While at Harvard Business School, he received two supernatural experiences one of Christ and one of the Blessed Virgin Mary- that resulted in his unanticipated and enthusiastic conversion to Catholicism. Now he writes, speaks, and teaches on Catholic theology, focusing on the relationship between Judaism and the Catholic Church.

He has written two best-selling books published by Ignatius Press ~ Salvation is from the Jews: The Role of Judaism in Salvation History, and Honey from the Rock: Sixteen Jews Find the Sweetness of Christ, taught theology at Ave Maria University and Holy Apostles College and Seminary,, and appears frequently on EWTN television and radio shows, including "EWTN Live", "The Journey Home", "Bookmark", and "Women of Grace", and gives talks, missions, and retreats throughout the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and South and Central America.

To register or find out more information log onto: https://stkathryns.org/ybcatholic

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT GOD GIVES US ALL, WE EACH WILLINGLY OFFER OUR UNIQUE GIFTS TO ONE ANOTHER AND ALL CREATION IN THE SPIRIT OF ESUS We are grateful to you!

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Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street. St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.

And so, we begin...

We now have begun Faith Formation classes! Our next Confirmation I and II classes meet on Sunday, Oct. 20 after the 6 pm Mass and grades K-4 meet Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 4 pm. Grades 5-8 Youth Group next meet on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Registration is at **charlestowncatholic.org** and the fees remain the same as last year. We're looking for teachers- if you care for kids and want to share your faith, this is a perfect time and place to help! Please see Fr. John and help us bring about something special!

Symbolon meets Monday, Oct. 28th at St. Catherine's Chapel at 7 pm!



Bring your hearts, bring your minds, bring your souls, bring yourselves, bring someone you love.

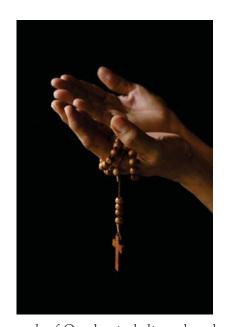
Please note!
Fr. John will be in Italy Oct. 14-24.
The Franciscans at St. Anthony's Shrine will help with funerals.
Mass will be suspended Tuesday, Oct. 15 & 17 & Thursday, Oct. 17 & 24.

Welcome, your Excellency!

As we welcome Bishop Richard Henning as our new Archbishop, let's pray that God will give him every good gift of the Holy Spirit he will need. His installation will take place Oct. 31st at the Cathedral.

Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who came to see *Cabrini!*Our next grownup movie will be Nov. 15:
Entertaining Angels, the Dorothy Day story!



The month of October is dedicated to the rosary.

The worries and needs of our world are great, but so much more is the love of our Blessed Mother and the mercy of her Son.

Let's look up and look ahead to her with hope, asking for her intercession and His help.

Our new Worship Committee has recommended that throughout October following the 4 pm Mass at St. Francis and the 11 am Mass at St. Mary's we pray the rosary outside at the statues of our Blessed Mother for life, peace, and love in the hearts of all people.

When my heart finds Christmas...

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us

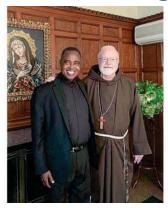
On Friday, Nov. 22, we're going to New York
City to see the incredible Radio City Music
Hall Christmas Spectacular, starring the
Rockettes! We'll leave by motorcoach
at 7 am, attend the 2 pm show and have
a few hours to take in the Big Applewe'll be back by midnight!
Tickets are \$225 per person.

Call Dianne at 617-242-4664-Questions? See Fr. John!

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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!

Welcome, Monsignor!



We welcome Msgr. Felix Ojimbo to the rectory!
A native of Nigeria, he is the chaplain of Faulkner
Hospital and will be helping us out as his schedule
permits. We welcome him and look forward
to all he will share with us!

Look up. Look ahead.



Our next family movie will be <u>Friday, Nov. 1st</u> <u>following 6 pm Mass at St. Francis</u>-Disney's *Encanto!*

Coming Friday, Nov. 15



Blessing of the Animals

Thanks to Sr. Kathleen and all who came!









A busy weekend!



Congratulations, Nuria & Robert!





Welcome to the family, Henry & Lane!

October 13 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich young man in today's gospel is like many of us. He knows about his faith and its teachings but was challenged when Jesus posed the idea of giving his possessions and money to the poor. That was more than he was willing to do and so he went away sad. When we hear Jesus say "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Will we respond with generosity as Jesus urges, or will we turn away unwilling to give up our possessions? What will we do? Let us pray for an open and generous spirit in our response to Christ's invitation.



Una observación preliminar es necesaria para despejar el terreno de posibles equívocos al leer lo que el Evangelio de este domingo dice de la riqueza. Jesús jamás condena la riqueza ni los bienes terrenos por sí mismos. Entre sus amigos está también José de Arimatea, «hombre rico»; Zaqueo es declarado «salvado», aunque retenga para sí la mitad de sus bienes, que, visto el oficio de recaudador de impuestos que desempeñaba, debían ser considerables. Lo que condena es el apegamiento exagerado al dinero y a los bienes, hacer depender de ellos la propia vida y acumular tesoros sólo para uno (Lc 12, 13-21).

La Palabra de Dios llama al apegamiento excesivo al dinero «idolatría» (Col 3, 5; Ef 5, 5). El dinero no es uno de tantos ídolos; es el ídolo por antonomasia. Literalmente «dios de fun-

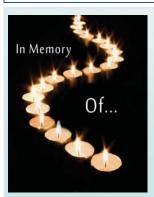
dición» (Ex 34, 17). Es el anti-dios porque crea una especia de mundo alternativo, cambia el objeto a las virtudes teologales. Fe, esperanza y caridad ya no se ponen en Dios, sino en el dinero. Se realiza una siniestra inversión de todos los valores. «Nada & imposible para Dios», dice la Escritura, y también: «Todo es posible para quien cree». Pero el mundo dice: «Todo es posible para quien tiene dinero».

La avaricia, además de la idolatría, es asimismo fuente de infelicidad. El avaro es un hombre infeliz. Desconfiado de todos, se aísla. No tiene afectos, ni siquiera entre los de su misma carne, a quienes ve siempre como aprovechados y quienes, a su vez, alimentan con frecuencia respecto a él un solo deseo de verdad: que muera pronto para heredar sus riquezas. Tenso hasta el espasmo para ahorrar, se niega todo en la vida y así no disfruta ni de este mundo ni de Dios, pues sus renuncias no se hacen por Él.En vez de obtener seguridad y tranquilidad, es un eterno rehén de su dinero.

Pero Jesús no deja a nadie sin esperanza de salvación, tampoco al rico. Cuando los discípulos, después de lo dicho sobre el camello y el ojo de la aguja, preocupados le preguntaron a Jesús: «Entonces ¿quién podrá salvarse?», Él respondió: «Para loshombres, imposible; pero no para Dios». Dios puede salvar también al rico. La cuestión no es «si el rico se salva» (esto no ha estadojamás en discusión en la tradición cristiana), sino «qué rico se salva».

Jesús señala a los ricos una vía de salida de su peligrosa situación: «Acumulaos tesoros en el cielo, donde no hay polilla ni herrumbre que corroan» (Mt 6, 20); «Haceos amigos con el dinero injusto, para que, cuando llegue a faltar, os reciban en laseternas moradas» (Lc 16, 9). ¡Se diría que Jesús aconseja a los ricos transferir su capital al exterior! Pero no a Suiza, ¡al cielo!Muchos –dice Agustín- se afanan en meter su propio dinero bajo tierra, privándose hasta del placer de verlo, a veces durante toda la vida, con tal de saberlo seguro. ¿Por qué no ponerlo nada menos que en el cielo, donde estaría mucho más seguro y donde se volverá a encontar, un día, para siempre? ¿Cómo hacerlo? Es sencillo, prosigue San Agustín: Dios te ofrece, en los pobres, a los porteadores. Elbs van allí donde tú esperas ir un día. La necesidad de Dios está aquí, en el pobre, y te lo devolverá cuando vayas allí.

Pero está claro que la limosna de calderilla y la beneficencia ya no es hoy el único modo de emplear la riqueza para el bien común, ni probablemente el más recomendable. Existe también el de pagar honestamente los impuestos, crear nuevos puestos de trabajo, dar un salario más generoso a los trabajadores cuando la situación lo permita, poner en marcha empresas locales en bs países en vías de desarrollo. En resumen, poner a rendir el dinero, hacerlo fluir. Ser canales que hacen circular el agua, nolagos artificiales que la retienen sólo para sí.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 27 at 6 pm—St. Mary and Saturday, November 2 at 4 pm—St. Francis

All parishioners are invited to participate in our Mass of Remembrance. At this liturgy, the names of all persons for whom a Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the past year are included in the Litany of Remembrance and a candle is lighted for each one.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, October 12

9 am

4 pm + Winnie Anthony

4 pm + Lawrence Mahoney & Mary Holes

Sunday, October 13

8 am

9:30 am + Joseph Farley Sr, Joan Foley & Joseph Farley, Jr

11 am + Margarita Romero Ortega

6 pm

Monday, October 14

9 am Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, October 15

8 am

Wednesday, October 16

8 am

Thursday, October 17

8 am

Friday, October 18

8 am

Saturday, October19

9 am

4 pm + Ruth King Auld & Irene King

4 pm

Sunday, October 20

8 am

9:30 am

11 am Nancy Kroon & Rose Marie Hoff

6 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC





Religious Education started this week! On Sunday night Confirmation classes began as well as the youth group! The youth group is pictured above making Rosaries and Fr. Sheridan is helping out too! Next Confirmation class will be October 20th and the Youth Group will meet on November 3rd.

And on Tuesday, very enthusiastic students from grades 1 through 4 were at the Parish Center for their first class of the year! Next class for grades 1 to 4 will be on October 29th.

Welcome to all our students. So good to see you here!

St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of Oct 6 Parishioners contributed \$5040.54 to the weekly collection

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 13 Monthly
October 20 Prop. of Faith
November 1 All Saints
November 17 Monthly
November 24 Retired Sisters



St Mary-St Catherine of Siena

10/5
4 pm 67
10/6
8 am 56
11 am 94
6 pm 114
Total 325

St Francis de Sales

10/5
4 pm 48
10/6
9:30 am 86
Total 132

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of Oct 6 Parishioners contributed \$2,075.61 to the weekly collection and \$543.00 for Cap Improvement And \$190 in Mission Efforts

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 20 Mission Efforts
November 1 All Saints
November 3 Capital Improvement
November 24 Retired Sisters

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one at St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary Church or St Catherine's Chapel, please give us a call at (617) 242.4664.



Saint Mary Church
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for
Maureen Dewey

Please note!

RE: Daily Mass schedule:
For the weeks of
Oct. 13th and 20th,
the Tuesday and Thursday
Masses will be suspended.

Please note:

On October 14, Columbus Day, the office will be closed and the morning Mass will be at 9 am

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.

If you are planning a Wedding, or 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



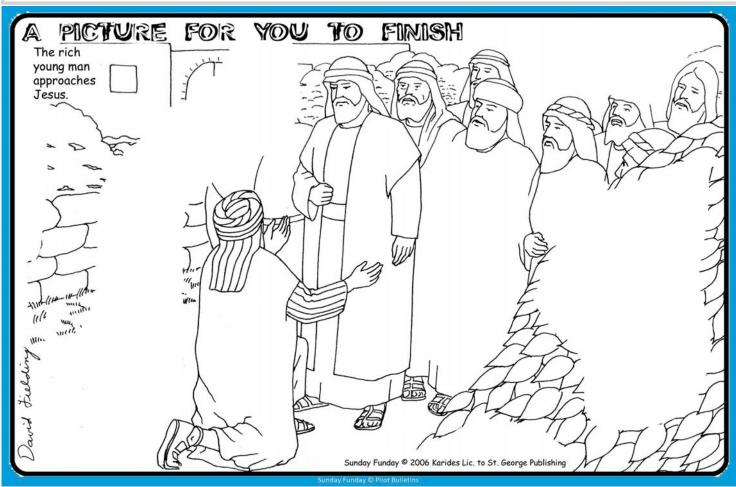
This Sunday October 13 we celebrate World Mental Health Day

The three primary goals of the National Campaign: (1) to raise awareness of the mental health crisis, (2) to combat stigma surrounding the topic of mental health, and (3) to advocate for all those impacted by the crisis.

The mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope, and compassion to everyone who needs help. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites all people of good will to pray for mental health and wellness with a special nationwide novena beginning on World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) See above for the link.

The Watertown Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH):

An Irish Catholic organization, is hosting a Red Cross blood drive / care package drive for Operation American Soldier on October 19th at Hibernian Hall from 9 AM to 2 PM. Visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter: AOH to schedule an appointment. For more info on supplies needed for Operation American Soldier, visit https://operationamericansoldier.org/ or call (860-867-7866).





"Bundle Sunday" in Charlestown will be

October 27th, 2024!

Bundle Sunday is a call to all Charlestown residents to donate clothing and shoes to support the efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul locally. All clean, usable clothing and shoes will be

gratefully accepted, so please, use this opportunity to streamline your closet and that of your family members.

Collection will occur from Oct. 19- 26. During this week, donations can be left at the back of St. Mary and St. Francis de Sales Churches before and after Masses, at St. Mary Parish Center at 46 Winthrop St., and at the Harvest on Vine Office at 49 Vine St.

Thank YOU for your generosity in responding to this call for help!

Saint Vincent de Paul is a quiet force for good in our community. For over 140 years our conference has addressed the needs of our community working among those who are in need.

Saint Vincent de Paul built a network of missions and confraternities for those in need beginning in the 1600s. His foundation for a global charity system now operates in 142 countries. In America, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of millions of people. Vincentians hail from all walks of life and work for a noble purpose: in addressing the needs of the poor both spiritually and materially, they see the face of Christ.

Father John Williams brought the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul to Boston in 1861. The Society flourished over the city when Fr. Williams became bishop. Charlestown had the benefit of three conferences, one for every church. Each group was operated by dedicated laypersons and relied upon the donations of parishioners. St. Mary's Conference—which runs in our parish today—began in 1876 under the auspices of Msgr. McMahon. Through the donations received they were able to supply shoes for children and offer food to the unemployed.

Vincentians respond to a variety of issues throughout Charlestown every week. Some need help with rent, utilities, and furniture. Society members engage by listening to their stories, determining their living and assisting in whatever way they can.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society also has a furniture warehouse in Stoughton where new beds are purchased. Financial donations from our parishioners allow our local Conference to buy the beds and have them delivered to our neighbors in need. Our conference also accepts gently used furniture that is in good condition such as couches or love seats and/or table and chairs. Without donations to the St. Mary Conference of the Society, this assistance would not be possible. Please prayerfully consider placing a donation in one of our SVdP collection boxes found in back of the Church, or sending a donation earmarked for St. Vincent de Paul, to our Parish Center at 46 Winthrop Street.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish office at 617.242.4664

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God." -- St. Vincent de Paul



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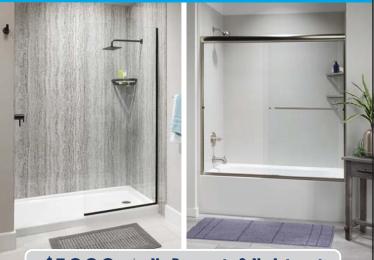
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