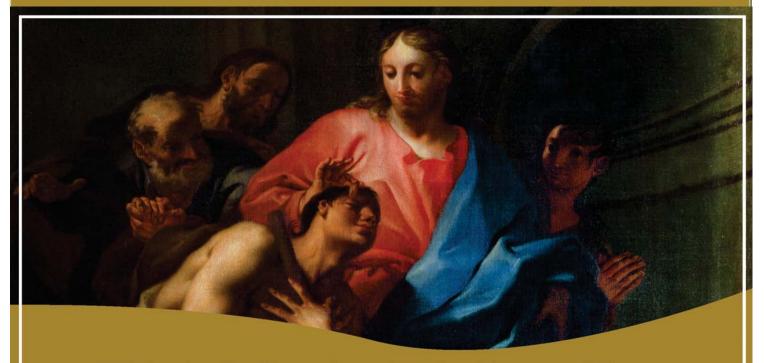
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Charlestown, MA 02129 October 27, 2024



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." (Mk 10: 47)

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



Tatte

BAKERY & CAFÉ

Come and join us after the 11:00 am Mass at the back of the Church for coffee and pastries, courtesy of Tatte Bakery & Café on October 27th

Join us On All Saints Day ...



Our next Family Movie Night will be Friday, Nov. 1st

following the 6 pm Mass at St. Francis-Disney's *Encanto!*

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 CHRIST.

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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, November 3rd after the 6 pm Mass and grades K-4 meet Tuesday, November 12th @ 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!

Join Fr. John and other parishioners for a night of faith sharing!



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

Welcome, your Excellency!

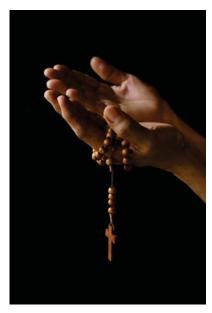
As we welcome Bishop Richard Henning as our new Archbishop, let's pray that God will give him every good gift of the Holy Spirit he will need. His installation will take place Oct. 31st at the Cathedral.

Thanks!

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

Catechist Blessing

Mark your calendars and join us as we ask God's blessing on our teachers on **Sunday**, **Nov.** 17 at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis and the 6 pm Mass at St. Mary's.



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.

Mary Overn of Peace, pray for us

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us

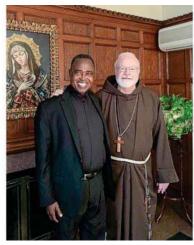
Rockettes!!

When my heart finds Christmas...

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!

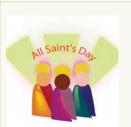
Welcome, Monsignor!



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!

Coming Friday, Nov. 15





NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am—Mass at St. Mary Church

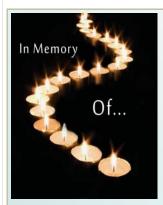
6:00 pm-Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church

Archbishop Henning's Installation Mass

Archbishop Henning's Installation

Mass will be streamed live on CatholicTV, Oct. 31 at 1:30 PM via this link - https://tinyurl.com/CTVBoston. You can also join others at one of the following watch parties being held regionally around the archdiocese. Contact them directly for more information.

Saint Francis, Braintree
Saint Anthony, Cambridge
Saint Julia, Weston
Saint Theresa, North Reading
All Saints, Haverhill



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 27 6 p
St. Mary and
Saturday, November 2nd
4 pm St. Francis

All parishioners are invited to our annual 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 lit for each one.

NEWS FROM OUR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We had two great sessions on Sunday night with near full attendance in both Confirmation 1 and 2 classes!

Confirmation 2 focused on the meaning of confirmation and why we are confirmed, and included a discussion on What Makes Me Happy? A special acknowledgement goes to Ari and Nick for leading the Confirmation 2 class again this year and for sharing their perspectives on faith formation, happiness, and the power of prayer. In November, we will start to focus on the Saint Reports and begin thinking about confirmation sponsors and Letters of Intent. Please mark your calendars - Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at 11 am with Bishop Cristiano Barbosa and our Pastor, Fr. John Sheridan.

Meanwhile, the Confirmation 1 class continued their review and discussion of the seven sacraments (Part 2) and the meaning behind each of the sacraments with a specific focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are extremely fortunate to have two parishioners, Emily Lydell and Abigail Shewater, join John Volpe to help co-lead the class. In November, we'll have small group interaction with interesting topics for students to discuss together, including the Prayer Process, the Bible, the Holy Spirit and the Church.

The next class for Confirmation 1 and 2 is Sunday, November 3rd at 7pm, immediately following the 6pm mass.

With many thanks, Cynthia Markey

RELIGIOUS Ed Schedule K-4

Confirmation 1 & 2 and Youth Group

November 12, 2024 November 3 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2 November 26 November 17 Confirm 1 & 2 December 10 December 1 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2 Off holidays December 15 Confirm 1 & 2 January 7, 2025 January 12 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2 January 21 January 26 Confirm 1 & 2 February 11 February 2 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2 February 25 March 2 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2 March 11

March 25

March 16 Confirm 1 & 2

April 8 April 6 Youth Group; Confirm 1 & 2

April 22 April 13 Confirm 1 & 2

DID YOU KNOW THAT All Souls Day is November 2nd

All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed by Christians on November 2nd. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate the poor souls in purgatory and give the departed their favorite—indulgences.

According to the sacred tradition of the Catholic Church, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8, it is possible to gain a plenary indulgence for the benefit of the souls of the departed who are in Purgatory.

All Souls' indulgence

According to the Enchiridion of Indulgences, an indulgence applicable only to the souls in purgatory (commonly called the poor souls) is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit on All Souls' Day a church or chapel and pray the Our Father and the Credo or the Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead and the eternal rest prayer for the dead. The indulgence can be gained from noon of All Saints' Day on, as well as a plenary indulgence, each day from the first to the eighth of November; a partial indulgence is granted on other days of the year.



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Could you share some time and help us do His work? If so, please reach out to Fr. John. Please share your talents with us!

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, October 26

9 am

4 pm + David & Marvellen Howell

4 pm + Rose & Mario Fabiano

Sunday, October 27

8 am

9:30 am + McNeil & Suprey Families, Tallent, Greatorex, Passinisi, Doherty, Remy, Gillen & Rose Families

11 am + John & Mary Walsh

6 pm Mass of Remembrance

Monday, October 28

9 am

Tuesday, October 29

8 am

Wednesday, October 30

8 am

Thursday, October 31

8 am

Friday, November 1-All Saints Day

9 am St. Mary

6 pm St Francis

Saturday, November 2-All Souls Day

9 am

4 pm Mass of Remembrance

4 pm

Sunday, November 3

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + John, Elizabeth, Joe & Frances Burton

6 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." — Michael Altshuler, Author



November 3rd— don't forget to set your clocks back next weekend!

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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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.

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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. To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one at St. Francis de Sales Church, St. Mary Church, or St Catherine's Chapel, please give us a call at (617) 242-4664.

St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of Oct 20 Parishioners
contributed \$2,474.55
to the
weekly collection
And \$774 to the
monthly collection

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 1 All Saints November 17 Monthly November 24 Retired Sisters



St Mary-St Catherine of Siena

10/19

4 pm 69

10/20

8 am 58

11 am 90

6 pm 98

Total 315

St Francis de Sales

10/19

4 pm 28

10/20

9:30 am 36

Total 64

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of Oct 20 Parishioners contributed \$1,929.00 to the weekly collection And \$342.00 for the Mission Collection

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 1 All Saints November 3 Capital Improvement November 24 Retired Sisters

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Saint Francis de Sales Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for All Souls

FYI:

The Rosary begins at 7:35 am before every daily Mass and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is said at the conclusion of each daily Mass.

Please pray with us.

We are grateful to you!



Requiescant in Pace

Pauline Eva McLaughlin

And

Paul Edward Strout



BANNS OF MARRIAGE I

James Mahoney &

Melanie Bete

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

October 27 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bartimaeus, the blind man in today's Gospel, was very persistent. He was determined to meet the one person he believed could do something about his blindness. This was no sentimental wish to see Jesus, rather it was a desperate desire, to which Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The question seems unnecessary, and the answer seems obvious. But it really is the right question, not only for Bartimaeus but for us as well. Bartimaeus asked for sight. He trusted and believed that all he had heard about Jesus was true and that only Jesus could heal him. What do you want Jesus to do for you? Ask him. . . Like Bartimaeus, turn to Jesus, express your need, and in trust and gratitude, follow Jesus.



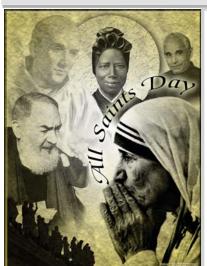
La curación del ciego Bartimeo está narrada por Marcos para urgir a las comunidades cristianas a salir de su ceguera y mediocridad. Solo así seguirán a Jesús por el camino del Evangelio. El relato es de una sorprendente actualidad para la Iglesia de nuestros días. Bartimeo es "un mendigo ciego sentado al borde del camino". En su vida siempre es de noche. Ha oído hablar de Jesús, pero no conoce su rostro. No puede seguirlo. Está junto al camino por el que marcha Jesús, pero está fuera. ¿No es esta nuestra situación?

¿Cristianos ciegos, sentados junto al camino, incapaces de seguir a Jesús?

Entre nosotros es de noche. Desconocemos a Jesús. Nos falta luz para seguir su camino. Ignoramos hacia dónde se encamina la Iglesia. No sabemos siquiera qué futuro queremos para ella. Instalados en una religión que no logra convertirnos en seguidores de Jesús, vivimos junto al Evangelio, pero fuera. ¿Qué podemos hacer?

A pesar de su ceguera, Bartimeo capta que Jesús está pasando cerca de él. No duda un instante. Algo le dice que en Jesús está su salvación: "¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!". Este grito repetido con fe va a desencadenar su curación. Hoy se oyen en la Iglesia quejas y lamentos, críticas, protestas y mutuas descalificaciones. No se escucha la oración humilde y confiada del ciego. Se nos ha olvidado que solo Jesús puede salvar a esta Iglesia. No percibimos su presencia cercana. Solo creemos en nosotros. El ciego no ve, pero sabe escuchar la voz de Jesús que le llega a través de sus enviados: "¡Ánimo, levántate, que te llama!". Este es el clima que necesitamos crear en la Iglesia. Animarnos mutuamente a reaccionar. No seguir instalados en una religión convencional. Volver a Jesús que nos está llamando. Este es el primer objetivo pastoral.

El ciego reacciona de forma admirable: suelta el manto que le impide levantarse, da un salto en medio de su oscuridad y se acerca a Jesús. De su corazón solo brota una petición: "Maestro, que recobre la vista". Si sus ojos se abren, todo cambiará. El relato concluye diciendo que el ciego recobró la vista y "le seguía por el camino". Esta es la curación que necesitamos hoy los cristianos. El salto cualitativo que puede cambiar a la Iglesia. Si cambia nuestro modo de mirar a Jesús, si leemos su Evangelio con ojos nuevos, si captamos la originalidad de su mensaje y nos apasionamos con su proyecto de un mundo más humano, la fuerza de Jesús nos arrastrará. Nuestras comunidades conocerán la alegría de vivir siguiéndolo de cerca.



About All Saints Day (from Wikipedia)

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown. The holiday of All Saints' Day falls on 1 November and is followed by All Souls' Day on 2 November.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs_were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on the 1st of November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

The vigil of All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day), in many countries, such as Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, (Halloween) is celebrated on October 31st. During the 20th century the observance largely became a secular one, although some traditional Christian groups have continued to embrace the Christian origins of Halloween whereas others have rejected such celebrations.



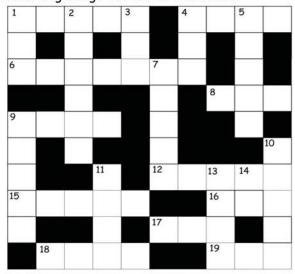
BIBLE RESEARCH

The first reading and the responsorial psalm this Sunday both refer to people being brought back, rejoicing, after having 'departed in tears.' These people were 'the captives of Zion;' Jews who had been conquered and taken into exile. The prophet Jeremiah lived at that time.

'The Exile' is a famous piece of biblical history. See what you can find out about it. Who conquered the Israelites, and when? Why were the Jews taken into exile, and where was their exile? When were they able to return? What was the importance of Jeremiah?

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS 1. He wanted this back 4. Forefront 6. Peoples 8. of Man 9. It is sowed 12. No-one takes this for himself 15. Rejoice 16. Single 17. People 18. Not beginnings 19. We do this to live



CLUES DOWN 1. Wrongdoing 2.Bring together 3. More than one 4. Past of 'is' 5. Priest at the time of Moses 7. Brought back from this direction 9. His faith did this for him 10. Mighty 11. Joyful 13. Zero 14. Not off





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