## 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

November 3, 2024



31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## You shall love the Lord your God.

## 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 vard 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

## **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. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p. Fr. Mark Shimave Msgr. Felix Ojimbo

Email info@charlestowncatholic.org

## HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON

Dear friends,

As you may know, people across multiple several southern states of the United States are experiencing the impacts of two deadly Hurricanes within two weeks of each other: Helene and Milton. These storms created paths of destruction exceeding hundreds of miles. The death toll for both storms is at 280 people and there are still approximately 100 people reported missing.

In response, Cardinal Seán is asking the parishes of the Archdiocese to once again step forward with a special collection to help our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities USA is providing immediate disaster relief with necessities such as water, hygiene kits, diapers, and blankets among many other items.

The Archdiocese of Boston has a proud history of stepping forward to assist people in need. Whether in response to the floods in Brazil, earthquake in Haiti, Tsunami in Japan, or the relief efforts in response to the fires in Maui, we have provided necessary resources to stem the suffering. Most recently, for the Brazil flood relief efforts, the Archdiocese of Boston raised \$245,000.

A collection will be taken up the weekend of Nov. 10th. Parishioners are asked to address their checks to **St Francis or St Mary** with "Hurricane Helene Relief" in the memo. The parishes will then send what has been collected to the Archdiocese of Boston for distribution to Catholic Charities USA.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for everyone impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

God bless,

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.

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.

## And so, we begin...

Our next K-4 classes will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Collaborative Center at 46 Winthrop. Confirmation prep will meet after the 6 pm Mass on Sunday, Nov. 17. Registration? It's not too late! Go to charlestowncatholic.org. Note that the fees remain the same as last year.

We're always 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,
Nov. 11 at St. Catherine's Chapel at 7 m!



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

## Such an easy way to give!

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!

## 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.



On Tuesday, Election Day, we will have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at St. Catherine's Chapel from
8:30 am to noon as we pray for our nationfor peace, or life, for unity.

Mary, Queen of peace, pray for us.

Friday, Nov. 15 7 pm @ 46 Winthrop



## 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, see 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 – Call Dianne at 617-242-4664 Questions? See Fr. John!

## wordsearch

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

STATUTES MILK

HONEY OBSERVE ISRAEL ROCK

SOUL FORTRESS BLESSED

ONE COMMANDMENTS week's crossword SIGHT

Solution to last

OATH SON FLOWING ANOINTED SACRIFICES

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## ONIZ

## Can you choose the correct endings?

- 1. Moses spoke to (a) God (b) the people (c) the priests.
- 2. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your (a) wealth (b) sins (c) strength.
- 3. Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that (a) does not pass away (b) is almost perfect (c) is for himself only.
- 4. To love your neighbor as yourself is (a) a good ideal to aim at (b) worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (c) more than God asks of us.
- 5. Jesus said to him (a) You are not far from the kingdom of God (b) You have entered the kingdom of God (c) You have been wise.

**ANSWERS** 

The correct answers are: I(b), Z(c), 3(a), 4(b), 5(a).



Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

Where:: St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, The dates for the weekends are as follows:

Women's Weekend: November 7-10, 2024 Men's Weekend: December 5 - 8, 2024 Women's Weekend: January 9-12, 2025

Men's Weekend: January 30-February 2, 2025

Women's Weekend: March 6-9, 2025 Men's Weekend: April: 3 - 6, 2025 Women's Weekend: May 1-4, 2025 Women's Weekend: June 5–8, 2025

> For more information, contact Nancy Higgins: higginsneh@aol.com



## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

## 1ST FULL WEEK OF NOVEMBER

We pray for all those discerning their vocations as holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.







Welcome to our newest members who were Baptized on for Oct. 13 and Oct. 27. (in alphabetical order)

Lucy Kennedy Albanese Lucy Ann Carmona Bridget Kathleen Orkney

Pictured are volunteers who helped load the truck with the clothes that were donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Sunday" drive. We would like to thank all those who donated clothes and shoes for those in need. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and energy. All participants made this event a successful.one.





## Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, November 2-All Souls Day

9 am

4 pm Mass of Remembrance

4 pm

Sunday, November 3

8 am

9:30 am + Mary Cantin

11 am + John, Elizabeth, Joe & Frances Burton

6 pm

Monday, November 4

8 am

Tuesday, November 5

8 am

Wednesday, November 6

8 am

Thursday, November 7

8 am

Friday, November 8

8 am

Saturday, November 9

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Helen McLaughlin, James C. Devlin, Jr. & Mary Devlin

Sunday, November 10

8 am + Anne Laitino

9:30 am

11 am + Jake LaPorte

6 pm

## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



# Sanctuary Lamps & Mass Intentions

The red light near the tabernacle is known as the

Sanctuary Lamp. A lit Sanctuary Lamp signifies the presence of God in the tabernacle that contains the Eucharist.

You can request the candle be lit in honor of living or deceased family members or friends. The lamp is generally requested in memory of a deceased family member on their birthdays or anniversaries. The lamp is lit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for one week (Sunday through Saturday).

If you would like to have the candle lit for someone, please call the parish office at 617.242.4664. The cost of the candle is \$15.00.

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

## NEXT WEEKEND IS HUNGRY SUNDAY AT SAINT FRANCIS

Each month on the Second Sunday of the Month our Parish collects nonperishable food for the **Harvest On The Vine Food Pantry.** 

#### Items needed:

Peas

Corn

Beans

Peaches

Pears

**Applesauce** 

Mixed Vegetables

Rice

Mac N' Cheese

Plain Pasta

Cake Mix and Frosting

Apple Juice

Cereal

Thank you!

## St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of Oct 27
Parishioners contributed
\$6,166.09
to the weekly collection

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 17 Monthly

November 24 Retired Sisters

December 8 Monthly

December 15 Parish Christmas

December 25 Clergy Benefit



St Mary-St Catherine of Siena

10/26 4 pm 89

10/27

8 am 61

11 am 102

6 pm 113

Total 365

St Francis de Sales

10/26

4 pm 44

10/27

9:30 am 47

Total 91

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of Oct 27

Parishioners contributed \$2,996.00 to the weekly collection

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 3 Capital Improvement
November 24 Retired Sisters
December 1 Capital Improvement
December 8 Immaculate Conc.
December 15 Parish Deficigt
December 25 Clergy Benefit

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



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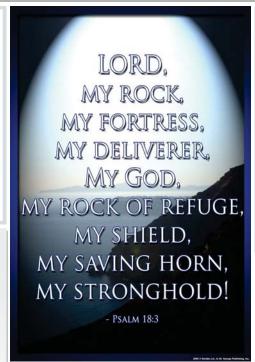
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James Mahoney & Melanie Bete

## 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

William Joseph Fitzpatrick

and

Sandra Jarasitis



Saint Francis de Sales Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for

**Mary Cantin** 



#### November 3 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading we hear Moses speaking to the people about what the law they are to observe and, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks a similar message to a scribe who had approached him. The words were clear then and they are just as clear and relevant for us to-day! "Love God with all your heart, soul and strength" and "love

your neighbor as yourself." Taking these commandments to heart and living by them is not an easy task, but it is what we are called to do as baptized Christians. To live by these commandments requires daily prayer and the intentionality to live by God's word. May our prayer bear fruit in our words and actions this week as we strive to fulfill God's commandments.



Los hombres se han convertido en vallas publicitarias. Las camisetas que nos ponemos lucen todo tipo de productos, dicen las ciudades que hemos visitado, proclaman nuestros actores o futbolistas favoritos y, a veces, hasta predican ideas. Muchos mensajes me han llamado la atención, peo recuerdo uno que leí en una camiseta este verano en Nueva York: Love All. Ama a todos. Taste Some. Prueba algunos. Harm No One. No hagas daño a nadie.

En un monasterio había muchas normas, respetar el gran silencio, no mirar por la ventana, ser puntual a la oración...toda una letanía de minucias necesarias para la santificación de los monjes. La vida religiosa para muchos superiores es más cuestión de mortificación que de santidad, de renuncia que de

entrega. Mucho cumplimiento y poco amor. El hombre obediente guarda las normas. El hombre que ama sabe cuando puede incumplir la ley.

Los judíos del tiempo de Jesús gemían bajo el peso de la Torá. Sus 613 mandamientos eran un yugo insoportable. ¿Tienen todos los mandamientos el mismo valor y rango? La escena del evangelio de hoy tiene su lógica. En la vida hay que priorizar, hay que encontrar el mínimo común denominador, hay que distinguir el trigo de la paja y como ésta se ve y abulta más nos quedamos con frecuencia con la paja y despreciamos el trigo. No es de extrañar que el escriba se acerque a Jesús y le pregunte: ¿Qué mandamiento es el primero de todos? Si hubiera preguntado a un fariseo o a un sacerdote seguro que le habrían dado una respuesta muy distinta de la de Jesús.

Ante ciertas preguntas de moral, si usted consulta a diez curas, seguro que le darán diez respuestas distintas. Preguntar a los hombres no nos saca de dudas, hay que preguntar a Jesús. Jesús que conocía la Torá, conocía la Biblia, acudió al libro del Deuteronomio y le respondió: "escucha, Israel, el Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente, con todo tu ser". Fórmula ritual que los judíos saben de memoria y recitan diariamente, así como los musulmanes repiten su fórmula: "no hay dios sino Alá y Mahoma es su profeta" y los católicos recitamos el Padre Nuestro cada vez que oramos. Y acudió también al libro del Levítico y le recordó el versículo 18 del capítulo 19: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Toda la Biblia unida e interpretada, los 613 mandamientos sintetizados en una palabra, AMOR. Palabra vieja y siempre nueva, una realidad fundamental del vivir, amar. Amar a Dios y amar al prójimo.

Respuesta nada original, pero Jesús fue el primero en unir lo que estaba separado, dos realidades distintas pero complementarias. Unidas las dos evitan muchos problemas a la convivencia humana. El fanatismo y el fundamentalismo, fruta que producen las tres grandes religiones monoteístas, se da por vivir estos dos amores desconectadamente. El amor de Dios que experimentamos en nuestra vida nos tiene que llevar a ver al prójimo con los ojos de Dios que ve a todos, sean de la religión que sean, con ojos de amor y de perdón. El amor no es un mandamiento, es una necesidad. La historia de la salvación es la historia del amor de Dios y cada uno de nosotros somos un milagro, el milagro del amor.

Nuestro Dios no es un tirano, no es un legislador de minucias conventuales, no es amante de la obediencia ciega. El amor hace sus elecciones y el creyente elige amar a Dios, amor que no es tan espontáneo y tan sensible como amar a las criaturas, pero que también tiene sus expresiones y manifestaciones sensibles, cultuales, y hasta sus éxtasis. Cuando el amor y la ley entran en conflicto, el amor tiene que tener la última palabra. Cuando el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo entran en aparente conflicto, elige al prójimo y acertarás. Para el que ama no hay mandamientos, hay entrega y dedicación.

Dios y el hombre, dos amores muy distintos pero complementarios, dos caras de la misma moneda, la del amor. Con esta moneda se compra todo, el cielo aquí y el cielo allá, se agrada a Dios y se construye la paz del mundo y se establecen unas relaciones justas entre los seres humanos. Separar lo que Dios ha unido es muy peligroso. Mejor pecar de compromiso social que no de espiritualismo.

#### **NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

#### (2 Machabees 12:46)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace...Amen

## **Important Dates**

November 1 - All Saints Day\*

November 2 - All Souls Day

November 2— Mass of Remembrance; S Francis de Sales

November 3 - Daylight Savings: Fall Back

November 3— Youth Group, Confirmation 1 & 2

November 3–9 Vocation Awareness Week

November 5— Election Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 12- Religious Ed K-4

November 15— MOVIE: Entertaining Angels

November 17— Catechist Blessing -9:30 am St Francis

6 pm St Mary

November 17— Confirmation 1 & 2

November 17 - World Day of the Poor

November 21 - Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

November 22— Rockettes

November 24 - Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26- Religious Ed K-4

November 28 - Thanksgiving

#### **Harvest on Vine**

While Thanksgiving is certainly a wonderful time to take note of the blessings we have received, it can be a time of stress for many others.

It gives those fortunate enough to do so, the opportunity to offer our support for the good of others.

Every year during Thanksgiving we collect food for our Parish food pantry, Harvest on Vine. This emergency food pantry serves over 300 Charlestown families each month. At Thanksgiving, numbers increase to close to 600.

For a donation of \$35, you can help provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.

Harvest on Vine offers a variety of items each distribution. The items greatest in need are:

Rice (1-3 lbs. bags)

Low-sugar cereals

Pasta

Macaroni and Cheese

Thank you for supporting those in need.





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Collaborative Pastoral Council
Stewardship Committee

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Lectors

Music Ministry

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#### **Faith Formation**

Adult Confirmation/RCIA

Baptism Prep

Confirmation

Religious Ed K - 8

Spiritual Committee

Wedding Committee

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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!



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