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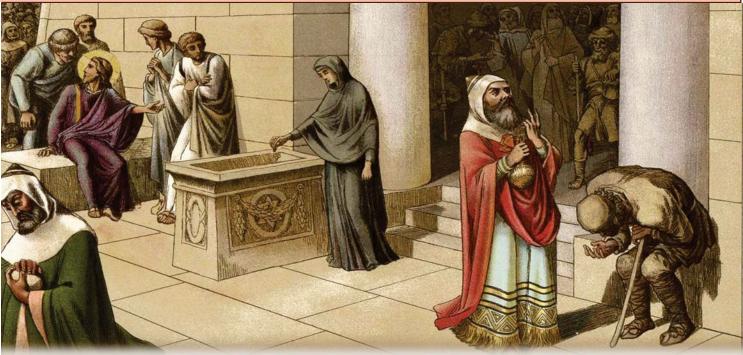
Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, info@charlestowncatholic.org

Charlestown, MA 02129

November 10, 2024



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

She has contributed all she had.

Mk 12:44

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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 am4 pm5t. Mary- St. Catherine4 pm5t. Francis de Sales4 pm5t. 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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Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small communi-

ty 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, Lowell The dates for the weekends are:

Women's Weekend: Nov. 7-10 Men's Weekend: Dec. 5-8

2025

Women's Weekend: Jan. 9-12, Men's Weekend: Jan. 30- Feb 2 Women's Weekend: March 6-9 Men's Weekend: April 3-6 Women's Weekend: May 1-4 Women's Weekend: June 5-8

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

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.



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.

Faith Formation!

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 next **Sunday**, **Nov. 17** at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis and the 6 pm Mass at St. Mary's.



First Communion

Please note that the happy celebrations will take place:

On Saturday, May 3 at 10 am at St. Mary's And Sunday, May 4 at 9:30 am at St. Fancis

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!

My dear friends:

We had another very successful set of K-4 Faith Formation classes last weekthanks to our teachers and all the kids and parents!









Halloween was so much fun! It was great to see so many of our kids visiting our spot out on 46 Winthrop we gave out over 35 pounds of candy! Thanks to Ari and her fabulous fiancée who were Mary and Joseph!



We had a fun night watching Encanto on Friday!

Thanks to Jennie's pizza and some anonymous folks who gave a lot!

Our next movie is "The Star"- we'll announce the date ASAP!



We gave out some information last week about an initiative we're working on with our Harvest on Vine Food Pantry.

Please find a box in the house (there may be a few Amazon boxes about) and fill it up with these goods.

Drop them off in the churches, the offices, and our friends at Starbucks!

We'll be collecting them throughout November
to help make Thanksgiving better for those around us!

At the back of the Church on the tables, there is a copy of this page for you. Please pick one up.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care...

Our Youth Group is also working on collecting packages of socks for folks to keep their feet warm and dry! Bring them to the churches or offices and help us make sure people are comfy as the days and nights get colder!

> Our next set of classes in Tuesday, Nov. 12th! -Fr. John



November 10 ~ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are two widows in our readings today. Their stories shed light on what it means to be good stewards. Both were generous with the little they had and the effects of their generosity went far beyond their expectations. Consider the various situations which, if offered, your knowledge/skill or ability, if given

could help the parish grow. When the pastor or someone from the parish makes a request for volunteers, is your first response, "I'm already too busy?" or is it "I am happy to give you some help." God doesn't expect us to do everything but does look for us to do something. The lesson for us from the two widows in today's readings is that they did not hold back, but rather, they did what they could.

TRIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

He aquí unas citas sobre la caridad de Maimónides, ese judío nacido en Córdoba . uno de los más grandes sabios de la literatura hebraica. "Debemos observar las leyes de la caridad con más cuidado que incluso todos los demás mandamientos". "Nunca hemos visto ni oído que una comunidad judía no cuente con una fundación para la caridad". "Nunca nadie se ha hecho pobre haciendo caridad. Ningún daño, ningún mal puede producir la caridad".

Érase una vez un cerdo y una gallina que iban de paseo por una de las calles del pueblo. Cuando llegaron a la altura de la iglesia leyeron el cartel que anunciaba para el siguiente domingo un rastrillo y un desayuno. En el desayuno se servirían huevos y jamón. La gallina se dirigió al cerdo y le dijo: "Como ves también nosotros vamos a contribuir a las finanzas y a la caridad de la igesia". "Sí", dijo el cerdo, "pero lo tuyo es sólo una pequeña contribución, lo mío es un sacrificio total"

El evangelio que hemos procamado hoy es el evangelio del sacrificio total. Jesús para dar a sus discípulos una enseñanza a sus discípulos, hoy nosotros somos sus discípulos, no acude a Maimónides ni a ningún sabio de su tiempo, a una sabiduría enlatada. Una escena de la vida cotidiana, televisión en directo, le sirve para enseñarnos cómo tiene que ser nuestra relación con Dios y con el prójimo necesitado. Estando Jesús sentado frente al arca de las ofrendas observaba cómo la gente iba echando dinero en el cestillo de las ofrendas.

A ustedes y a mí nos impresionan todos los símbolos de riqueza: los grandes palacios, los coches de alta gama, las celebridades y sus gastos millonarios , la lista de Forbes... A los apóstoles, turistas en Jerusalén, les impresionó la magnificencia del Templo y el ruido de las monedas que echaban en las alcancías. Los hombres que sólo vemos lo de afuera de las cosas y de las personas nos dejamos seducir por las apariencias: rico-pobre, sabio-ignorante, viejo-joven, guapo-feo...Ese es nuestro pecado. ¿Este domingo que impresionó a Jesús? Una viuda pobre y sin nombre y le impresionó tanto que no sólo la alabó sino que la puso como ejemplo para todos sus discípulos.

La viuda no hizo una pequeña contribución sino un sacrificio total. La viuda no dio el 10%, el diezmo, dio el 100%. Vació sus bolsillos. Dios ve lo que damos y también ve lo que se queda en los bolsillos. Yo creo que la viuda, y todas las viudas que hoy llenan nuestros templos, ofreció su sacrificio total no al Templo sino a Dios. Dios era su Todo. Ustedes y yo somos más prudentes, más calculadores y más conservadores en las cosas del dinero, confiamos poco o nada en la divina providencia, y hasta con el tiempo que damos a Dios y a sus cosas somos tacaños. Dios no es nuestro Todo.

La enseñanza y la alabanza de Jesús a la viuda es sólo una dimensión de este evangelio. La viuda es el contrapunto de los sacerdotes, escribas y burócratas del Templo, ese Leviatán que el ingenuo Jesús quiso purificar con un pequeño látigo. Templo, cueva de ladrones, que Jesús maldice y profetiza su ruina total.

El Templo era una abominación, todos los templos lo son, cuando se convierten en fin, se divinizan y hacen superfluo a Dios. El Templo en lugar de conectar a los fieles con Dios se convierte en un vulgar Banco, en negocio puro y duro, que explota y roba a los pobres.

El sacrificio total de nuestros bienes y de nuestra vida no lo debmos ofrecer a ningún Templo, ya sea el Vaticano o nuestra pequeña iglesia. Sólo Dios nos exige el sacrificio total. Sólo a Dios debemos ofrecerle el don de nuestra vida. Actos de caridad, de amor, secretos y humildes, fáciles de ocultar a los demás, pero difíciles de ocultar a nuestro yo orgulloso y vanidoso. Y como Dios nunca será del todo nuestro Todo, siempre viviremos la tensión de ofrecer como la gallina una pequeña contribución o como la viuda y el cerdo un sacrificio total.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, November 9

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Jake LaPorte

Sunday, November 10

8 am + Anne Latino

9:30 am

11 am + Helen McLaughlin, James C. Dvelin, Jr. & Mary Devlin

6 pm + Mary Dowd

Monday, November 11-Veterans Day

9 am office closed

Tuesday, November 12

8 am

Wednesday, November 13

8 am

Thursday, November 14

8 am

Friday, November 15

8 am

Saturday, November 16

9 am

4 pm

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

Sunday, November 17

8 am

9:30 am + Helen & Eugene "Morey" Connolly

11 am + William P. Wall

6 pm

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



An Invitation to

Women of All Ages

Our Women's Group resumed gathering in mid-October and want to extend an invitation to women of all ages to join us for prayer,

scripture reading, and conversation.

Welcome the opportunity with other women to take an hour out of your busy day from the comfort of your home to breathe, reflect, and give gratitude to our God who sustains us. Come to our next gathering and see if it is a good fit for you.

We will meet via ZOOM on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Contact Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN via email: nmcitro@gmail.com and she will send you a link to the meeting.



VETERANS DAY — NOV 11

Today we observe Veterans Day and remember all those who have served our country in times of war. Among those veterans are our military chaplains. St Mary St Catherine
Weekend of Nov 3
Parishioners contributed
\$4,482.26
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

11/2 4 pm 73 11/3 8 am 62 11 am 103 6 pm 86

St Francis de Sales

Total 324

11/2 4 pm 79 11/3 9:30 am 54 Total 133

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of Nov 3 Parishioners contributed \$2,241.00 to the weekly collection
And
\$591.00 for the
Capital Improvement

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 24 Retired Sisters

December 1 Capital Improvement

December 8 Immaculate Conc.

December 15 Parish Deficigt

December 25 Clergy Benefit

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

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

Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:00 am St Mary Church 9:30 am St Francis de Sales Church



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III
James Mahoney
&
Melanie Bete

We are grateful to you!



Requiescant in Pace

Edward O'Brien & Joan Lightzer



Saint Mary Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for

Jake LaPorte

Pics from Italy

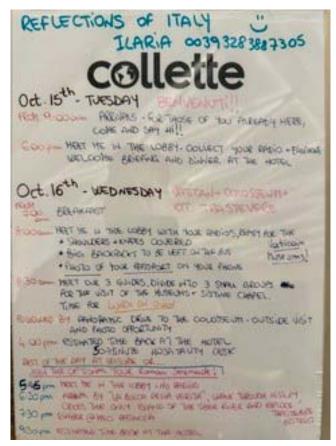














Mass of Remembrances were celebrated for all those who has passed in our parishes from Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024. Pictured are the candles that were given to each family in honor of their loved one.





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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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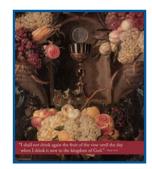
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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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