

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129

December 22, 2024



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, I come to do your will, O God.” Hebrews 10:7

### 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

### 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](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

## *How can we help?*

- *Planning a Wedding, ?*
- *or a Baptism,*
- *Are you interested in becoming Catholic or have not yet*
- *received Confirmation,*
- *Are you homebound and would like to receive the*  
*Sacraments,*
- *Are you interested in the choir or*
- *Religious Education,*
- *becoming a volunteer in a ministry... ?*

*Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664*

*or email [info@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)*

## **FYI**

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at 3:30 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](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)*

*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.*

### Saint Mary Church

55 Warren St.

### Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren & Soley St.

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### 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!

K-4 classes will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 7  
4 - 5 pm at 46 Winthrop.  
Confirmation prep will meet  
after the 6 pm Mass on Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Schedule

**Eve: 4 pm in both churches**

**Day: 8 am at St. Mary's**

**9:30 am at St. Francis**

**11 am at St. Mary's**

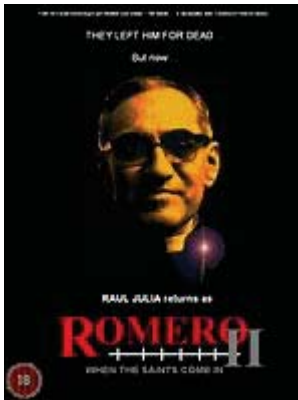
*The Christmas collection is for retired priests  
of the Archdiocese.*

**January 1- Feast of Mary**

*A holy day of obligation*

**9:30 am at St. Francis**

**11 am at St. Mary's**



Coming Friday, Jan, 10 at 7 pm to 46 Winthrop:

The acclaimed film, *Romero*, starring Raul Julia, is based on the life of Bishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, a martyr who was recently proclaimed a saint.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

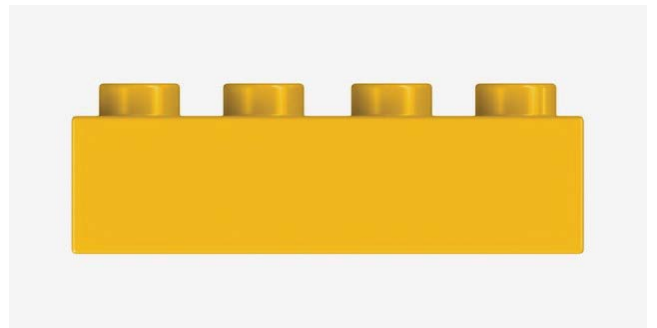
Please note that because of violent content, the film is rated PG-13.



Symbolon is an exciting program of videos and discussion about our Catholic faith- it's never too late to join us! Come and see and learn what we believe- and more importantly, why we believe it.

Our next meeting will be  
**Monday evening, Jan. 6 at 7 pm**  
at St. Catherine's Chapel.

**On Friday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 pm,**  
**our Family Film Night**  
**will give us something to build on.**  
**Watch this space.**



## WINTER 2025 ALERT

Dear Friends, in the event of inclement weather that necessitates the closing of the church, we will post the closing on Channel 5, WCVB, Channel 7 WHDH and 56 WLVI. Stay warm and safe!

If Boston Public Schools are closed due to winter weather, for safety reasons the 8:00 am Mass will be suspended

## Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

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

Saturday, December 14—John of the Cross

9 am

4 pm + Peg O'Brien

4 pm + Lesley Hauser

Sunday, December 15

8 am + Gerald A. Wall

9:30 am + Margaret Sindoris

11 am + Christina Ryan

6 pm + Joan & Daniel Blake Sr.

Monday, December 16

8 am

Tuesday, December 17

8 am

Wednesday, December 18

8 am

Thursday, December 19

8 am

Friday, December 20

8 am

Saturday, December 21

9 am

4 pm + Joe, Kay, JP Murphy; Baby AJ Lavigne & Meehan, Lavigne & Duffy families

4 pm + Dorothy Collins; James Collins & deceased members of the Collins & O'Connell families

Sunday, December 22

8 am

9:30 am + Mary Farrell, William Farrell & Mary Connolly

11 am + Thomas Regan, Christina Ryan & The Salmon Family

6 pm + Elsa Forster Rowsey

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

### Donate Stock

Support the Parish and save on capital gains taxes.

The gift of common stock or mutual fund shares is a valuable way to make a contribution to the Parish and receive tax benefits based on the value of the stock(s).

By donating the stock, the charity receives more than it would receive if you first sold the stock and then donated the proceeds after deducting capital gains taxes. Also, you receive a greater tax deduction by giving the stock directly to the charity and avoiding the capital gains tax. For more information on how to donate stock, please contact James Santosuosso, Business Manager at 617-242-4664, or JSantosuosso@charlestowncatholic.org.

### Corporate Matching

Some companies such as John Hancock, Fidelity, and many others, have "Charitable Gift" funds that will match, or partially match gifts donated to non profit organizations, which include Churches. Some parishioners are using this to match their **Grand Annual Donation**. If your company will match your contributions to the Parish, please consider contacting them for more information.

Thank you for your most generous support of our Parishes.



Saint Mary Church  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for

Christina M. Ryan



BANNS OF  
MARRIAGE

1. Laura & John

I. Jake & Molly

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We're happy to provide consecrated low gluten hosts. Please join the priest communion line and let him know that you need a low-gluten host.

### 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.

*Welcome*

The gospel today presents the beautiful story of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. This reading gives us much to ponder – Mary’s generosity to her older cousin, Elizabeth’s acknowledgement of Mary’s yes to God, and her admiration of Mary’s belief in God’s promises. In your prayer, ask for the grace to imitate the faith and virtues you see in Mary and Elizabeth, especially when you are with your family and friends during this Christmas season.



### MARÍA CREYÓ

Lutero dice que Dios hizo tres cosas: Dios se hizo hombre. Una virgen concibió. María creyó. La más difícil y la más grande es María creyó. Se acaba el tiempo de Adviento, todo el tiempo concentrado en cuatro semanas desde el Dios hecho hombre en la primera Navidad hasta el día de la gran final, la segunda venida de Cristo en gloria y majestad. Nosotros vivimos más el Adviento con

la vista puesta en el pasado conocido que en el futuro desconocido que es el futuro de nuestra plenificación. Ya cercana la Navidad el evangelio nos invita a contemplar la escena de la visita de María a su prima Isabel.

María e Isabel, dos mujeres, y las dos sorprendidas y agradecidas. Dios es el primero que las visita y las bendice con el don de la maternidad. No son dos embarazos normales, la normalidad de Dios nada tiene que ver con nuestra normalidad. María, muy joven, prometida al joven José, no conoce aún varón, pero conoce y es conocida por Dios. María, en su casa y en sus cosas, es visitada por Dios y es invitada a vivir la aventura de la maternidad y de la fe sin entender nada. ¿Cómo puede comprender algo una joven de unos 13 años? El plan de Dios, los caminos de Dios, no caben en la cabeza de María ni en la nuestra. María, pobre e ignorante, se abrió a Dios incondicionalmente y Dios hizo su obra. Todo en la obra de la salvación es obra de Dios.

Isabel, casada con Zacarías, ambos viejos, viven en fidelidad a las promesas y a al Alianza del Antiguo Testamento. Oran y esperan. Dios les bendice con el mejor don para un matrimonio judío, un hijo. María, joven bajo sospecha de pecado e Isabel embarazada de vieja hace el ridículo y sería motivo de más de una broma pesada. Las dos necesitan compartir sus alegrías y sus miedos en la intimidad, lejos de las miradas burlonas y de los comentarios maliciosos en esta visita más terapéutica que teológica. Estas dos embarazadas, ¿de qué hablarían en la intimidad? Vigiladas y blanco de las críticas necesitaban soledad, silencio y comprensión.

El evangelista pone la nota teológica y le da a este encuentro la dimensión religiosa y mesiánica que llega hasta nosotros a través del saludo de Isabel. “Bendita tú entre las mujeres”. Nuestros saludos son más prosaicos y más rutinarios. La imaginación del evangelista nos presenta a Isabel como conocedora no sólo del presente sino también del futuro. María es la mujer elegida y amada por Dios. La mujer que será aclamada a través de los siglos como la madre de Dios a la que saludamos con el mismo saludo de Isabel en el Ave María. El saludo de Isabel se hace más teológico, más profundo y más evocador con el saludo con el que Dios sigue saludando a todos sus hijos: Bendita tú que has creído.

Sólo la fe redime y explica lo inexplicable. Sólo por la fe aceptamos y damos sentido cristiano a las profecías de Isaías y de Miqueas. María es el prólogo y el epílogo de esta historia maravillosa e increíble que da cuerpo al Mesías, Jesucristo. María creyó. Todos necesitamos una caloria de fe al día para seguir celebrando y viviendo el mensaje de la Navidad. La fe es el telescopio que nos acerca lo que está lejos, que agranda lo pequeño y nos lo hace visible. María e Isabel, dos mujeres embarazadas, dos hijos que saltan de alegría en el seno de unas madres que, en la intimidad, hablan de sus cosas, de sus sueños...Termina el Adviento, el sueño que llevamos dentro se hace realidad porque somos soñados por Dios.



### Parish Councils

Collaborative Finance Council  
Collaborative Pastoral Council  
Stewardship Committee

### Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Lectors  
Music Ministry  
Worship Committee

### Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation/RCA  
Baptism Prep  
Confirmation  
Religious Ed K – 8  
Spiritual Committee  
Wedding Committee

### Social Ministries

Family Ministry  
Social Ministry  
Social Justice Committee  
St. Francis Hall Committee

*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!*

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. Lk 1:14

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS ✠ NAVIDAD LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad! Lc 1, 14



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## Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Mt 1:18-25

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,

yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit

that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,*

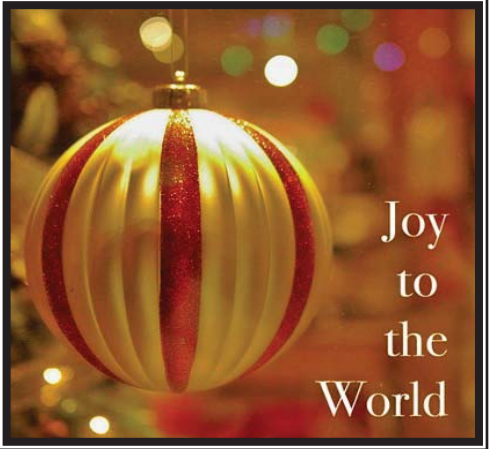
*and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”*

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him

and took his wife into his home.

He had no relations with her until she bore a son,

and he named him Jesus.



Joy  
to  
the  
World

### At Communion time:

*If you are accustomed to receiving communion in our tradition, you are welcome to do so.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, your arms over your chest as you approach the minister.*

*If you wish to remain in your seat as part of the music and meditation, that is appropriate as well.*



My dear brother and sisters:

It has been an incredible, sometimes exhausting 2024- so many changes, so many opportunities to rejoice, to grieve, to say goodbye, and say hello.

We said a powerful goodbye to Father Mahoney and saw Sr. Nancy retire, and Allison Buff and Fr. Britto said adieu as they set off to other shores and adventures. We celebrated an astonishing amount of funerals, baptisms and weddings, brought three young people through the sacraments of initiation into the loving arms of the Church, set off an amazing adventure to Italy and took a bite of the Big Apple, we marveled at the spellbinding power of actor Frank Runyeon, and were encouraged and challenged by compelling witnesses of faith, hope and love. We were, and continue to be, inspired, entertained and challenged by movies for kids and grownups, through bible studies, discussion groups, and Symbolon. There's more to come.

I begin, as always, in gratitude for our staff, each one I have asked more and more each day, and each has responded with faith, hope and love. To James, Dianne, John, Tom, Paul, Oscar and Cynthia, Joan & Kenny and Tim- I am grateful, beyond words.

Through this year, we built a great Finance Council and now we are in the process of rebuilding our Pastoral Council. We have introduced a new committee- Worship- and we're off to a great start. It's hard work, but much has been accomplished already and I look forward to what the new year will bring to these and the many other groups that will come. I've been meeting with folks as well to build a Family Outreach group- with all the young families in this town- the potential is limitless, and I intend to bring it to bear.

We are blessed to have priests at St. Catherine's Rectory with me who love our collaborative, and help in many ways- thank you, Frs. Tony & Mark, and our newbie, Msgr. Felix! I am very grateful for our Eucharistic Ministers, musicians, lectors, sacristans, ushers, counters, and all those who lead and assist us in the many Masses we have celebrated. Thanks to those who pitch in to make our buildings and grounds so fresh and attractive- I see and hear the changes every day- and I'm far from alone.

Our Faith Formation program has taken on new challenges, particularly our K-4 with me, and I'm thankful for our incredible teachers and their generosity- I look forward to First Communion on May 3 & 4 and Confirmation on May 10. They share the future lovingly and faithfully- we are blessed.

Through the hundreds of Masses, anointings, confessions, the rosaries and adorations, the happy and chaotic sound of children's laughter, song and prayer, the times we gathered to give thanks to God, and even in the quiet times when we struggled, the tens of thousands of families we reached out with food, love and abiding respect through Harvest on Vine, the heart of our Collaborative, and great work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we've experienced and shared the tender, loving, strong presence of God. We grew closer all the while, and now we look up and look ahead, together- to the challenges and the opportunities that the new year will bring.

This year has brought great change for us all- a new Bishop and Archbishop- and more to come as we walk boldly to the year ahead- especially a 250<sup>th</sup> celebration to take place! Now, the time has come- it must come true, sometime soon, somehow. Our salvation comes, the most beautiful and potent power in the world- the love of a Child- our Savior. May God bless you and your family this holy Christmas season and through the New Year! Look up. Look ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. John

## *Christmas flowers on the Altar at St. Mary - St. Catherine Siena Parish*

<i>Mary &amp; Bob Alix</i>	<i>Shirley Dube</i>	<i>John, Mitzi &amp; Michelle Moles</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Irene Smith</i>
<i>The Anjomi Family</i>	<i>Charles Farmer</i>	<i>John R. Moore</i>	<i>Ed &amp; Carol Smore</i>
<i>Mary E &amp; Michael T Bird</i>	<i>Sarah Farmer-Williams</i>	<i>Irene B Moore</i>	<i>Peter &amp; Anna Smore</i>
<i>Bernadette Bourgoin</i>	<i>Thomasina Farry &amp; Wayne</i>	<i>John s Moore</i>	<i>The Staley Family</i>
<i>Louis Bourgoin</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Michael D Moore</i>	<i>Sullivan Family</i>
<i>Edna Boyle</i>	<i>The Feeney Family</i>	<i>The Muldoon Family</i>	<i>Minnie Tranquillino</i>
<i>Rev. Boyle</i>	<i>Fr. Henry M. Gallagher</i>	<i>The Noonan Family</i>	<i>Andrew &amp; Priscilla Tse</i>
<i>Meaghan Brady</i>	<i>George Glines</i>	<i>Audrey Pancoe</i>	<i>The Venezia Family</i>
<i>Robert Brady</i>	<i>Gorman Family</i>	<i>Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Pelosi</i>	<i>The Verna Family</i>
<i>Robert Brady, Jr.</i>	<i>Sally Green</i>	<i>Philip &amp; Theresa Pollack</i>	<i>Alfred &amp; Mary Voboril</i>
<i>Mary Breslyn</i>	<i>The Hafey Family</i>	<i>Poon Family</i>	<i>The Walsh Family</i>
<i>Edward &amp; Grace Brooks</i>	<i>The Hanson Family</i>	<i>Dave Powers &amp; Carol Scali</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Mildred Walsh</i>
<i>Kathleen &amp; Thomas Broderick</i>	<i>Hafey Family</i>	<i>Prison Ministry of the</i>	<i>Edward &amp; Margaret Walsh</i>
<i>Thomas M Broderick</i>	<i>Lesley Hauser</i>	<i>Sisters of St. Joseph</i>	<i>John &amp; Mary Walsh</i>
<i>Marion Burr</i>	<i>The Hooley Family</i>	<i>Anthony Puccino</i>	<i>Francis Webber</i>
<i>Burton Family</i>	<i>Katherine &amp; Bill Howard</i>	<i>The Regan Family</i>	<i>Catherine Webster</i>
<i>The Butler Family</i>	<i>Hurtado &amp; Roy Families</i>	<i>Thomas J. Regan</i>	<i>John E. Whelan</i>
<i>Frank &amp; Nora Butler</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Anna Imbriglio</i>	<i>Alfred &amp; Frances Ridings</i>	<i>Sue Ellen Whelan</i>
<i>Michael &amp; Bob Burton</i>	<i>Maureen Kane &amp; Brian Smith</i>	<i>The Ridings Family</i>	<i>Sarah White</i>
<i>Kellian Burton-Karabello</i>	<i>William &amp; Catherine Keane</i>	<i>Rinaldi Family</i>	<i>Mimi Wrenn</i>
<i>Laura &amp; Paul Calia</i>	<i>Michael Keigney</i>	<i>Ring Family</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Paul Yorganjian</i>
<i>Rev. James B. Canniff</i>	<i>Francis X Kelley</i>	<i>The Rizzo Family</i>	
<i>Anne Castro</i>	<i>Kessler Family</i>	<i>Ed &amp; Helen Roche</i>	<i>Those who passed away in our</i>
<i>Judy Castro</i>	<i>Anne Latino</i>	<i>Ronan/Stanford Family</i>	<i>Parish in 2024</i>
<i>The Chisholm Family</i>	<i>Joseph Latino</i>	<i>Robert "Bob" Rooney, Sr. &amp;</i>	<i>Deceased St. Vincent de Paul</i>
<i>Minnie Citro</i>	<i>David Latta Jr</i>	<i>Patricia Rooney</i>	<i>members</i>
<i>Tranquillino Citro</i>	<i>Fabio Laudadio</i>	<i>Bobby Rooney, Jr.</i>	<i>Intentions of unnamed</i>
<i>Vincent Citro</i>	<i>The Lecam Family</i>	<i>Capt. John Rooney</i>	<i>parishioners</i>
<i>Mary Coffey</i>	<i>Jack &amp; Sylvia Levy</i>	<i>Helen Rosetti</i>	<i>Our Troops and Families</i>
<i>Francis &amp; Marilyn Coleman</i>	<i>The Lombard Family</i>	<i>Mary Rosetti</i>	<i>Our Grandparents</i>
<i>Phil &amp; Mary Coleman</i>	<i>John &amp; Clara Mahoney</i>	<i>James &amp; Elsa Rowsey</i>	
<i>Phil Coleman</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Rose Manganelli</i>	<i>James &amp; Frances Rowsey</i>	
<i>James Collins</i>	<i>Arthur Mari</i>	<i>The Ryan Family</i>	
<i>Margeurite Collins</i>	<i>Joseph Mari</i>	<i>Christina Ryan</i>	
<i>William Collins</i>	<i>The Mauet Family</i>	<i>Patrick &amp; Mary Ryan</i>	
<i>Collins Family</i>	<i>The Maughn Family</i>	<i>Alice Sa</i>	
<i>Joseph &amp; Anna Conway</i>	<i>Gene McFadgen</i>	<i>The Salmon Family</i>	
<i>Alex Cook—Conforti Family</i>	<i>Betty McNiff</i>	<i>Ellie "Cis" &amp; Michael</i>	
<i>The Costello Family</i>	<i>Anne McGonagle</i>	<i>Santosuosso</i>	
<i>Patrick Curry</i>	<i>Mary McGowan</i>	<i>Fred &amp; Gertrude</i>	
<i>Eugene &amp; Mary Dacey &amp;</i>	<i>Daniel T. McKillop</i>	<i>Santosuosso</i>	
<i>Family</i>	<i>William D. McKillop</i>	<i>George &amp; Michael Saulnier</i>	
<i>Bernie Daniels</i>	<i>McKillop Family</i>	<i>Marylou Screnci</i>	
<i>Devlin Family</i>	<i>John W. McNamara</i>	<i>Rosa &amp; Henry Shackford</i>	
<i>Frank DiNoia</i>	<i>William &amp; Winifred</i>	<i>The Shea Family</i>	
<i>Gerard Francis Doherty</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Jack &amp; Mary Sheehan</i>	
<i>Dolan Family</i>	<i>The McNicholas Family</i>	<i>Frank &amp; JoAnn Sheehan</i>	
<i>Bridget Dooher</i>	<i>Patricia Rossetti Megna</i>	<i>Paul &amp; Evelyn Sheehan</i>	
<i>Anthony Dooher</i>	<i>Linda Miele</i>	<i>Wanda Sheehan</i>	
<i>The Duane Family</i>	<i>Mary &amp; Ralph Mills</i>	<i>Sheridan Family</i>	



*If any names are submitted after the 13th—they will appear in the bulletin for December 29*



## *Christmas flowers on the Altar at St. Francis de Sales Parish*

*Agri Family*  
*LCPL Joseph J. Agri*  
*Bartorelli Family*  
*Beaton Family*  
*Cabrera Family*  
*Caltenco Family*  
*Paul Campbell*  
*Mary & Roland Cantin*  
*Caracino Family*  
*Carney Family*  
*Ann Carrier*  
*Bridget Carrier*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Centerino*  
*Evie Chase*  
*Rita Chase*  
*William Chase*  
*Chisolm Family*  
*Connolly Family*  
*Devlin Family*  
*Annie & Patrick Doherty*  
*Gerard Doherty*  
*Doherty Family*  
*William Donahue*  
*Eddie Elwell*  
*Michael Elwell*  
*Stephen Elwell*  
*Br. Francis Gillen*  
*Cmd. Robert L. Gillen*  
*Helene Hunna Gillen*  
*Hunna Gillen*  
*Mary I. Gillen*

*The Gillen Family*  
*Joan & Jim Godding*  
*Grzeleyk Family*  
*Hally Family*  
*John & Irean Hayes*  
*John Hurley*  
*Jake Keady*  
*Kelly Family*  
*Sharon M. King*  
*The King Family*  
*Megan Johnson*  
*Jillian Johnson*  
*Johnson Family*  
*The Lawler Family*  
*Eddie Leahy*  
*Marie Leahy*  
*Sally Leahy*  
*Christopher William Lever*  
*Harvey William Lever*  
*Julie Lever*  
*The Locke Family*  
*Mary A. Lydon*  
*Lynch Family*  
*The Madigan Family*  
*Fr. Daniel J. Mahoney*  
*CSJ Mahoney Family*  
*Manzelli Family*  
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*Taylor Family*  
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*Those who have passed away in our parish in 2024*

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May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings be dissolved. May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day. May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence. May the hope of this Sacred Season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land. May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened with you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted. May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment. May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains. May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and spirit. May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day. May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world. - Joyce Rupp



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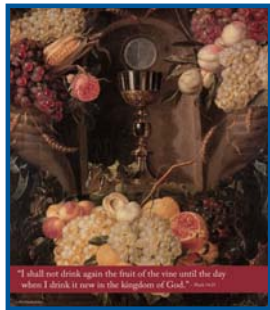
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