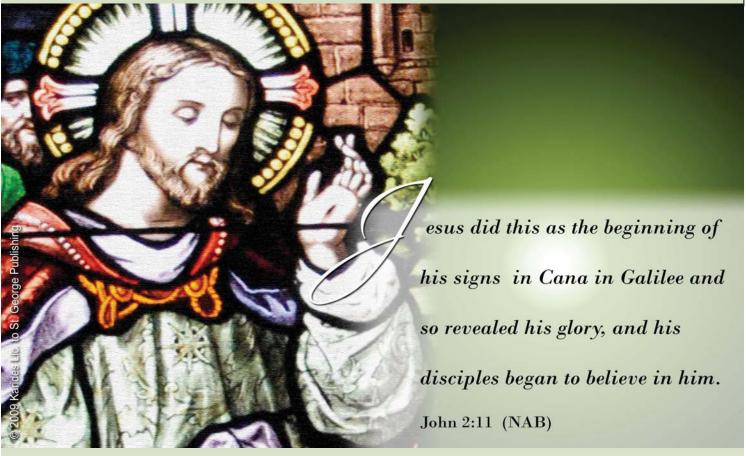
CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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 January 19, 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 St. Francis de Sales 4 pm 4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

Sunday

8 am St. Mary-St. Catherine 9:30 am St. Francis de Sales St. Mary - St. Catherine 11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine 6 pm

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Email info@charlestowncatholic.org

Unbound Freedom in Christ Conference

"For freedom Christ set us free." (Gal 5:1)



Saturday Jan 25, 2025

9:00am to 3:30pm - \$40 fee

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 12 N Square, Boston, MA

Details & registration: www.housesofmercy.net/events



Highlights of the day:

Learn the Five Keys of UNBOUND

- Key 1: Repentance & Faith
- Key 2: The Power of Forgiveness
- Key 3 & 4: Renunciation & Authority
- · Key 5: The Father's Blessing

Also included...

- · Praise, worship, testimonies, vigil
- Up-front ministry (optional)
- ividual prayer Sat 2/1 (optional)

Carrying a heavy burden? Having difficulty forgiving? Living in past hurts? Feeling tied up or weighed down?

your own

Lay hold of the freedom Jesus won for us on the Cross! Learn 5 simple keys to break the chains of emotional, spiritual, and mental bondage and unlock the doors freedom. Get free, stay free! help a friend to come into relationship with God!

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.

An Important Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Change is in the air at St. Catherine's Rectory. We have said goodbye to Fr. Britto, and we are now saying goodbye to Fr. Mark Shimave as he moves to BC to continue his studies- we will have a collation soon to thank him for his dedicated and loving service to our parishes. We have added Msgr. Felix to the house and Fr. Tony remains here, but their primary responsibilities are outside Charlestown and must be respected.

I'm looking at some adjustments here- I have already been approached by folks here very concerned that I'm working too hard.

Changes will begin with the daily Mass. The weekend Mass schedule will be looked at again closely- I will be working with our worship committee and our councils to craft a schedule that addresses the needs of the community in a reasonable way.

As much as I value the ministry of visiting priests to help on occasion, the presence of the pastor at our collaborative Masses is crucial to build what we've begun here, and although long-held traditions are valuable, I've learned that hanging on to some purely for the sake of continuity doesn't help anyone.

Through this period, I ask your prayers and thank you for your patience.

Yours in Christ, Fr. John

Jubilee Prayer from Pope Francis

Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To You our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen!

Jubilee Year 2025

As the Universal Church celebrates the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), we support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas.

Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for recon-ciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 18

4 pm + Rose Walsh

Sunday, January 19

8 am + Irene Moore

11 am + Malorie Doherty & Lucy DiPrima

6 pm

Monday, January 20-Martin Luther King Holiday

9 am + Elizabeth Julia Clerkin

Tuesday, January 21

8 am

Wednesday, January 22

8 am + James William Rooney

Thursday, January 23

8 am

Friday, January 24

8 am

Saturday, January 25

4 pm

Sunday, January 26

8 am + Roy McNeil

11 am + Francis X. Norton

6 pm

Saturday, January 18

4 pm Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am



Saturday, January 25

4 pm Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, January 26

9:30 am

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

Mass Intentions—We are currently booking Mass Intentions for 2025. To book a Mass, please call the parish office at 617.242.4664.

Sanctuary Candles— To have a Sanctuary Candle lit in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. You may request one for St Francis des Sales, St Mary Church or the St Catherine of Siena Chapel.

Sacrament of Baptism—Baptisms are generally held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St Mary Church. Baptisms at St Francis de Sales Church are scheduled with Fr. Sheridan. For all requests for Baptisms, please call the Parish Office to start the process. Classes are generally held on the 2nd Saturday at the Parish Office at noon. Parents and God parents should attend.

Confessions— For St. Francis de Sales Parish and St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena Parish. Confessions are held at 3:30 pm on Saturday's before the 4 pm Mass.

Weddings— All couples; Please access the request for wedding form on our website—Charlestowncatholic.org— Fr. John will contact couples after the form is submitted. Always feel free to call the Parish office with any questions.

Daily Rosary—St. Catherine of Siena Chapel before the daily Mass. Weekdays, 7:35 am (Mass is at 8 am)

Saturday Rosary—If you would like to pray the rosary with us on Saturday mornings via Zoom -Please email Donna at: donna.lecam@gmail.com

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

St Mary St Catherine
Weekend of January 12
Parishioners gave
\$4,816.82
to the weekly collection
&
\$1,387.00
to the monthly collection

St Mary-St Catherine of Siena

1/11 4 pm 61 1/12 8 am 66 11 am 131 6 pm 85 Total 343

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Jan. 26 Latin America

Feb. 2 Fuel

Feb. 9 Monthly

Feb. 23 Support Around the World



Requiescant in Pace

Kevin Joseph Doris

Richard Thomas Craven

Joseph Ryan Donahue



Saint Mary Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for David Latta



Saint Francis de Sales Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Paul Egan & Richard Egan St Francis de Sales Weekend of January 12 Parishioners gave \$1,515.00 to the weekly collection

St Francis de Sales

1/11 4pm 29 1/12 9:30 am 54 Total 83

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Jan 26 Latin America

Feb. 2 Capital Improvement

Feb. 16 Parish Deficit

Feb. 23 Support Around the World

We are grateful to you!

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

Tax Season Coming Up!

Would you like a statement of your Parish contributions? Email Dianne at dludy@stmarystcatherine.org or call (617) 242-4664. Please include your full name and address with your request. Statements may take 3-5 business days to process.



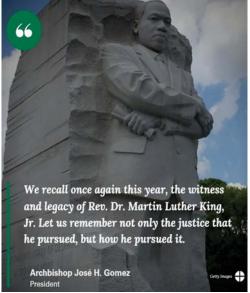
LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

Office will be closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday, Monday, Jan. 20th.



CORI Time

To all our volunteers at St Mary-St Catherine of Siena Parish:

January is the month for our parish to complete CORI forms. All forms must be submitted by Friday, January 31, 2025.

Thank you for all that you do and for your help in getting the CORIs submitted in a timely manner. Feel free to call the office with any questions. 617.242.4664



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BAKERY & CAFÉ

Next weekend on the 26th after the 11 am Mass, join us for some coffee and pastries at the back of the Church.



January 19 ~ Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Do whatever he tells you." These are the words of Mary at the end of today's gospel! Mary is saying these words to each one of us. We can only do what Jesus says if we are listening and really hearing the Word of God. Take time to ponder today's readings, what is Christ telling each of us? We will get a hint about what we are to do by considering the different spiritual gifts St. Paul speaks of in the second reading. Which one (or more) has the Spirit given you? Claim the gifts God has given you and then, put those gifts into action.



Erase una vez un seguidor de San Francisco de Asís que le pedía: "Francisco, enséñame a predicar". Y San Francisco le llevaba a visitar a los enfermos, a ayudar a los niños, y a dar comida a los pobres. Juntos recorrían las calles de Asís haciendo el bien a todos. El discípulo le preguntaba, ¿pero cuándo me Asís haciendo el bien a todos. El discípulo le preguntaba, ¿pero cuándo me vas a enseñar a predicar? Francisco le contestaba: "hermano, ya estamos predicando".

Predicando con el ejemplo, con la vida. Nuestra manera de vivir es nuestra predicación. No hace falta tener un micrófono o subir al púlpito para predicar. Todos somos predicadores. Nuestra presencia en la iglesia predica nuestra

fe, nuestro amor a Jesús y nuestro deseo de vivir como él vivió.

Cuando usted viene a reunirse con los hermanos en la iglesia, está predicando. Cuando usted se queda en la cama el domingo, está predicando. Cuando dice: qué frío hace hoy. Me quedo en casa. Está predicando. Cada vez que voy al dentista me hace siempre la misma pregunta: "¡Con anestesia o sin anestesia!" A veces, le contesto: hoy, sin anestesia.

La predicación en la iglesia debiera ser siempre sin anestesia. Sin anestesia se siente más la aguja y el torno, pero no estás ocho horas con las mandíbulas dormidas. Es más hermoso y práctico un sermón que vemos que un sermón que oímos. Es más eficaz un sermón que camina que un sermón que se grita. ¿Por qué? Porque el ojo es mejor alumno que el oído y el ejemplo es más claro que el consejo.

Ambos son necesarios: el sermón que camina y el sermón que se grita, el sermón que nos entra por los ojos y el que nos entra por los oídos. Y esta es la historia de Jesús de Nazaret.San Lucas, 4, 14-21, nos dice que Jesús volvió a su pueblo, Nazaret, lleno del Espíritu, enseñaba en la sinagoga y aquel día abrió el libro e hizo la lectura del profeta Isaías. Todos tenían los ojos fijos en él. Terminada la lectura dijo: "Hoy se cumplen estas profecías que acaban de escuchar".

Jesús no vino a leer la Biblia. Vino a cumplirla. Jesús no vino a predicar cosas lindas. Vino a hacer cosas lindas. Jesús no vino a enseñarnos el camino del cielo. Vino a hacer con nosotros el camino hacia el cielo. Jesús no vino a predicar el infiemo. Vino a abrir las puertas del cielo a todos. jesús vino a "proclamar el año de la gracia del Señor". Amnistía para todos. Libertad para los cautivos. Buenas noticias para los pobres.

Jesús es fantástico pero no porque fuera el mejor predicador, los había más sabios, es fantástico porque su palabra se cumplía, y se cumple, porque vivía lo que decía. Es fantástico por sus obras. Los charlatanes, los políticos, los predicadores, todos nosotros, hacemos promesas y profecías, contamos visiones, ofrecemos la luna, estamos llenos de buenos deseos y qué pobres son nuestras obras. Nosotros hacemos juramentos de amor eterno y no duran porque confundimos el amor con el placer.

Jesús vino a amarnos a todos y su amor dura porque se cumplió y consumó en la cruz. Jesús comenzó su ministerio diciendo el primer día "hoy se cumple esta escritura" y pudo decir el último día: "Todo está cumplido". Tal vez le quedaban muchas cosas por predicar y muchos cuentos que contar, pero todo estaba hecho y "todo lo hizo bien". De ninguno de nosotros se podrá decir semejante cosa. El reto es no predicar más y mejor sino obrar más y mejor. "Ejemplo les he dado, hagan ustedes lo mismo".

Mental Health Matters: A Virtual Workshop for Adults (2/25)

February 25 at 7 PM. Join Catholic psychologists Dr. Greg Kolodziejczak and Dr. Christine Williams, and LICSW Michael Drahos for a workshop examining how traditional mental health treatments, support, and faith play a role in healing. Q&A will be offered and resources provided. Sponsored by Family Life. To register, visit bit.ly/mentalhealthadults or call Emily @ 617-746-5756.



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

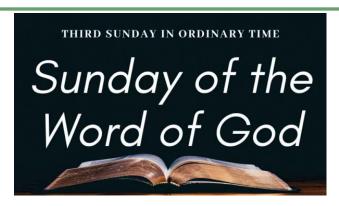
Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat.

Spring dates are Saturdays, March 15 and May 10. Locations are confidential. For more info on the retreats or other services, call 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Fr. John is a Project Rachel priest.



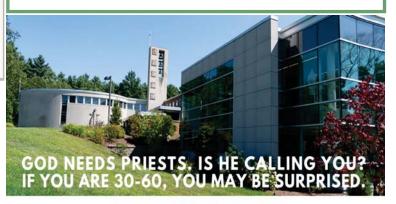
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN JANUARY 22

Today marks the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade and it is also the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Those who have made the choice to have an abortion are not alone. There is always hope. http://hopeafterabortion.com



NEXT SUNDAY January 26, 2025, is Word of God Sunday in all Catholic parishes throughout the world.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has instituted the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday and it is to be celebrated annually. We want to emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study it as a regular part of our lives as disciples of Jesus.



FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

February 7, 2025

5:00 PM EST Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit (Zoom link provided at registration)

Register:

Contact Msgr. William Fay 781-899-5500 ext. 134 firstfriday@psjs.edu



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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









Please welcome our newest members who were Baptized last Sunday on January 12th! In alphabetical order: Miles Brian Durkin; Vivienne Rae Linskey; Chloe Rae Shaw; and Penvelope Elaine Spencer!

HARVEST ON VINE → Here are a few pics of the day

On Saturday, January 11, Harvest on Vine volunteers braved the snow to distribute five tons of food to 225 families. They gave out milk, apples, acorn squash, and carrots, as well as chicken, fish, and pork chops. And all the dry goods the clients could carry. Despite the stormy conditions, the mood was joyous and energetic.

Harvest on Vine has again passed the Greater Boston Food Bank's annual inspection, making it 22 years in a row. We have also been compliant with the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department in that time.

Thank you for your ongoing support. This ministry works because of you. If you would like to become a volunteer at Harvest on Vine—The Heart of Charlestown Catholic Collaborative—please send an email to tmacdonald@stmarystcatherine.org or call 617-990-7314.













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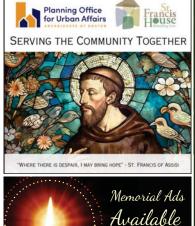
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