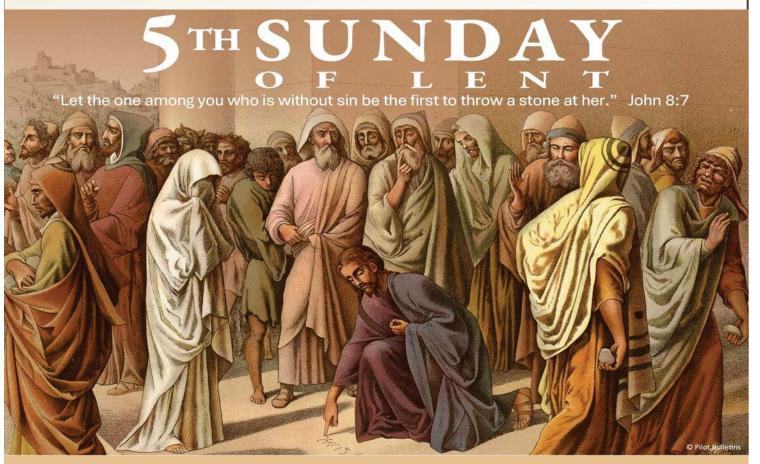
## CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

#### 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 April 6, 2025



#### 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 am Masses — Mon through Fri St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church Saturdays and 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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#### APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST

My Lord and Creator, Your goodness encourages me to converse with You. Your mercy abolishes the chasm which separates the Creator from the creature. To converse with You, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In You I find everything that my heart could desire. Here Your light illumines my mind,

enabling it to know You more and more deeply. Here streams of grace flow down upon my heart. Here my soul draws eternal life. O my Lord and Creator, You alone, beyond all these gifts, give Your own self to me and unite Yourself intimately with Your miserable creature. (*Saint Faustina*)

#### Gallagher Scholarships

Reverend Henry M. Gallagher was born in Charlestown in 1910 and ordained in 1941. He served as spiritual director of Saint Mary's conference of the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** and arranged scholarships for Boston College High School students and seminarians. Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped college students with tuition in a scholarship program for more than a decade.

Gallagher Scholarship applications are now available for those entering their first year of college. The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded in two payments directly to the student. Students must be a member of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish or St. Francis de Sales Parish and must provide the name of the school they will attend along with an acceptance letter.

To obtain a scholarship application, please visit **stmarystcatherine.org/forms** or stop by the Parish Center!

The deadline to submit all applications is June 30, 2025



#### **Instrumentalists and Choir Members Needed!**

If you play an instrument and/or can sing and want to share your talent, please contact John Volpe at javolpay@gmail.com or speak with John after one of the Masses. All are welcome.

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.

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.

#### April 6 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our first reading from Isaiah we hear, "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it!" As the last days of Lent draw closer, what fruit or good do you see "springing forth" because of your Lenten practices? Reflect on the ways your Lenten practices may have made a difference in your prayer? Are you aware of any positive changes in yourself, or toward others? There are still two weeks left to consider the difference this Lent is making on your discipleship. Take to heart the words of St. Paul who reminds the Philippians and us of our goal: "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus". Pray for the grace to remain attentive to living a life rooted in Christ.

#### Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

What is this Jubilee Year about?

Pilgrims of Hope is the theme for this year's jubilee celebrations. We want this "Jubilee [to] be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 1). To participate in this year, rediscover the reason of why you hope in Jesus and his promise of eternal life, share with someone who is despairing why you have hope, and practice works of mercy to be signs of hope to others. Go to bit.ly/ JubileeOfHope to learn more.

#### 6 de abril ~ Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

En nuestra primera lectura de Isaías escuchamos: "¡Mira, estoy haciendo algo nuevo! Ahora brota, ¿no lo percibes?" A medida que se acercan los últimos días de la Cuaresma, ¿qué fruto o bien ves que "brota" debido a tus prácticas de Cuaresma? Reflexiona sobre las formas en que tus prácticas de Cuaresma pueden haber marcado la diferencia en tu oración. ¿Eres consciente de algún cambio positivo en ti mismo o hacia los demás? Todavía quedan dos semanas para considerar la diferencia que esta Cuaresma está haciendo en su discipulado. Tomen en serio las palabras de San Pablo que nos recuerda a los Filipenses y a nosotros nuestra meta: "Continúo mi búsqueda hacia la meta, el premio de la vocación suprema de Dios, en Cristo Jesús". Ore por la gracia de permanecer atentos a vivir una vida arraigada en Cristo.

#### Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿De qué trata este Año Jubilar?

Peregrinos de la esperanza es el tema de las celebraciones jubilares de este año. Queremos que esto Jubileo sea "un momento de encuentro vivo y personal con el Señor Jesús" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 1). Si quieres participar en este año, redescubre la razón por la que tienes tu esperanza en Jesús y en su promesa de vida eterna, comparte con alguien que esté desesperado el porqué tu tienes esperanza, y practica las obras de misericordia para ser signo de esperanza para los demás. Puedes obtener más información en bit.ly/JubileeOfHope.

# Jubilee of People with Disabilities (April 28-29, 2025),

## Mass with Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf (4/27)

In celebration of Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, the Archdiocese of Boston invites you to a special Mass honoring persons with disabilities and the deaf community. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Henning on Sunday, April 27th at 1:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. This Mass will include sensory-friendly space, ASL interpreters, Braille and large print worship aides, and a designated drop and pick up location. Participants and their families have an opportunity to serve at the liturgy. For more information or to register, contact Family Life Consultant Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756 or visit <a href="https://bit.ly/JubileeMWPWD-DC">https://bit.ly/JubileeMWPWD-DC</a>.



NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 13TH

PALM SUNDAY
WEAR RED!

We'll meet at the Training Field on Winthrop Street for the blessing of Palms at 10:45 am. We'll then process down to the Church for the 11 am Mass.

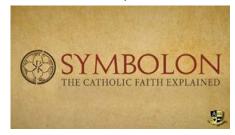
<u>All are invited!</u>

# The 2025 Catholic Appeal Moving Forward in Faith... Together

One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope.

The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, thank you!

#### We will continue Symbolon for Lent!



Join us **Monday evening, April 7 at 7 pm** at St. Catherine's Chapel.

#### **Sacramental Season**





First Communion Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3 at 10 am at St. Mary's and Sunday, May 4 at 9:30 am at St. Francis. Rehearsal will be May 1 at 4 pm at St. Mary's for both churches.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, May 10 at 11 am at St. Francis, presided by Bishop Cristiano Barbosa.

#### Join us for an hour of prayer



Join us for **Lenten Holy Hours on Mondays at 5 pm.** On April 7<sup>th</sup>, it will be at St. Mary's



#### Oh Sacred Head, surrounded...

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30 pm during Lent. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, it will be at St. Mary's.



Palm Sunday collection

The Easter collection is for the Clergy Trust.
We'll have a special second collection
on Palm Sunday for our parishes.
Your generosity is appreciated

#### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

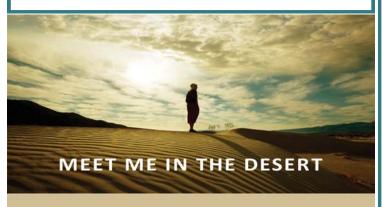
Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

We are blessed with a vital, caring Society here in Charlestown, reaching out to those in our Town in need of help.

Watch this space for more info!

#### **Adult Confirmation Classes**

Soon, we will have Adult Confirmation prep classes at 46 Winthrop St. on Saturdays at 1 pm. If you're interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, if you haven't been baptized or were baptized in another Christian Church, if you're looking to join a group to share your faith, please see Fr. John and join us!



Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,
As you went into the desert
So do I follow
Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me Falsely claims me.
To search inside To confront myself
My best, my worst My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there

To call to me again

With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself
to reach out and gently lift me
To renew me

To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord. Claim me anew.

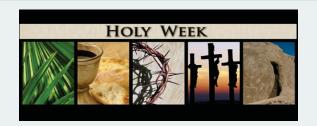
Amen.

"Meet Me in the Desert" is a Lenten prayer published by Catholic Relief Services in 2014.



# Don't forget the poor

PLEASE REMEMBER
THE POOR BOXES AT THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH.
THANK YOU!



## **Holy Week Schedule**

#### Palm Sunday—April 13

4 PM-Saturday, April 12-both Parishes

8 AM-St. Mary

9:30 AM- St. Francis de Sales

11 AM- St. Mary

6 PM-St. Mary

Monday – Mass 8 AM St. Catherine's Chapel

<u>Tuesday</u> – Mass 8 AM St. Catherine's Chapel

<u>Wednesday</u> – Mass 8 AM St. Catherine's Chapel

#### Holy Thursday

9 AM Morning Prayer @ St. Catherine Chapel 6:30 PM Liturgy @ St. Francis de Sales

#### Good Friday

9 AM Morning Prayer @ St. Catherine's 3 PM Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary 6:30 PM Liturgy @ St. Mary

#### Holy Saturday

9 AM Morning Prayer @ St . Catherine's6:30 PM The Great Vigil @ St. Francis de Sales

#### **Easter Sunday**

Resurrection of Our Lord Masses: 8 AM and 11 AM @ St. Mary's Church 9:30 AM @ St. Francis de Sales Church

No 6 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

# St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5

4 pm

Sunday, April 6

8 am

11 am

6 pm

Monday, April 7

8 am

5 pm Holy Hour- St. Mary

Tuesday, April 8

8 am

Wednesday, April 9

8 am

Thursday, April 10

8 am Communion service

Friday, April 11

8 am

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross- St. Mary

Saturday, April 12

9 am

4 pm + Adeline & Peter Tkachuk

Sunday, April 13-Palm Sunday

8 am

11 am

6 pm

Saturday, April 5

4 pm + Brenda M. Page

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am + James "Jimma" Talent

Saturday, April 5

4 pm

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

**Mass Intentions**—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 de Sales, St Mary's 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. John.

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 Godparents 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 Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass.

Weddings— All couples; Please access the 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

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

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 volunteering for a ministry...

Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664 or email: *info@charlestowncatholic.org* 

St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of March 30 Parishioners gave \$3,019.83 to the weekly collection

St Mary-St Catherine of Siena

3/29 4 pm 69 3/30 8 am 68 11 am 138 6 pm 75 Total 350

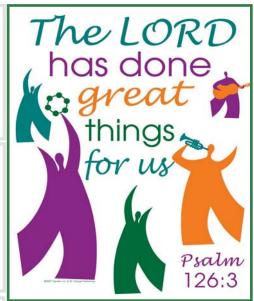
St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr 13 Parish Easter

Apr. 18 Holy Land/Good Friday

Apr. 27 Monthly

Apr 13 Parish Easter





We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes of St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary St.- Catherine of Siena Thank you for joining us!

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of March 30 Parishioners gave \$2,403.00 to the weekly collection

St Francis de Sales

3/29

4pm 48

3/30

9:30 am 67

Total 115

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr. 6 Capital Improvement

Parish Easter Apr. 13

Holy Land/Good Friday Apr. 18

May 4 Capital Improvement

We are grateful to you!

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Time for Spring Cleaning—Just in time for Easter!

WHEN: TIME:

SATURDAY, April 12

11:00 am

WHERE:

St Francis de Sales

& St. Mary's

Your help is needed. In preparation for Easter, our parish churches need a

If you could spare an hour or so, the benches need a wipe down, the floors under the kneelers need to be swept and mopped, and the aisles need a vacuum. The more hands the better.... bring a friend!

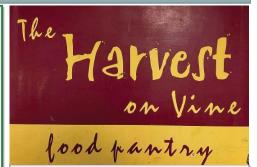
As always, your time and talents are greatly appreciated by Fr. John and the entire parish family.



#### **Easter Flowers:**

Names for Easter Flowers must be submitted no later than Monday, April 14 to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Please bring your envelope to Mass or to the Parish Center (46 Winthrop, 9-5, M-F), or email dludy@stmarystcatherine.org with the subject "Easter names". Thank you!



#### **HUNGRY SUNDAY**

Next weekend, Palm Sunday, April 13th is Hungry Sunday at St. Francis de Sales. The parish is collecting nonperishable food items such as cereal, rice and soup for Charlestown's Harvest on the Vine Food Pantry. You may drop your items at the Usher's tables.

Thank you!





#### <u>Did You Know</u>...What is happening in the Archdiocese of Boston to protect children?

Adults and youth learn how to create a safe space, identify and avoid or respond to risk, and report concerns.

All parish and school staff and volunteers must take safe environment training (PGC) to learn how to identify and prevent abuse!

Staff in the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection can help parishes and schools to take all necessary steps to meet the child protection requirements. Just call and talk to any of us.

The Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection provides ongoing support for healing for those who were sexually abused in the Boston church and for their families.

A volunteer independent Review Board assists the Archbishop in reviewing new allegations of sexual abuse by priests and makes recommendations for moving forward.

An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report. For particular help you may call:

> The Office of Pastoral Support & Child Protection Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184 Vivian Soper, Director: 617-746-5995 vsoper@rcab.org

## BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The writings of Isaiah make up one of the books of the Old Testament.

See if you can discover when Isaiah lived, approximately. Under which kings did he live?

What was life like, when he wrote? Where did he live?

What were the main things about which he wrote?

## IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

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5. "Let	the one among you who is	without
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ANSWERS	5. sin, first, stone
4. write, ground, finger	3. loss, supreme, Lord
z. sow, tears, rejoicing	I. DESETT, MAKE, FIVERS

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

"If you are able to fast, you will do well to observe some days beyond what are ordered by the Church, for besides the ordinary effect of fasting in raising the mind, subduing the flesh, confirming goodness, and obtaining a heavenly reward, it is also a great matter to be able to control greediness, and to keep the sensual appetites and the whole body subject to the law of the Spirit; and although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast." -St. Francis de Sales

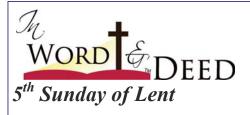
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Kids and even some adults will recite the Act of Contrition with a bit of uncertainty, filling in the shaky spots with words they think they heard. Some are 'hardly sorry' for their sins, while others will 'mend my life.' But the best of all was the prayer uttered by a little one: "And I have tested all my sins."

None among us is perfect and most of us have done a little testing along the way. Through our sins—and the consequences—we have learned that God's way is best. We've suffered the agony of our failures and experienced the joy of being forgiven. In the care of God, we are restored to grace by His healing love.

We must avoid judging other people. No one is immune from the power of temptation and everyone sins. But who knows the depth or pain of another person's struggles, or what temptations he or she has battled? Be kind and merciful and tolerant of others, especially those who are close to you. Offer your understanding and your strength. Remember that God forgives as we forgive. Extend to others the kind of mercy and acceptance you hope to receive.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

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"Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism for what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers." -St. John Chyrsostom

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## It Takes A Village...

It is important to know how grateful the Pastoral Staff is to those who volunteer their time and talent in the various ministries that help our parishes run smoothly. And to those who have been thinking .. "how can I become more involved"

Please feel free to call the office at 617.242.4664 or talk to Fr. John after a Mass!

And if you have been attending the Masses at either St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary-St.-Catherine of Siena but have not yet registered as a parishioner, just visit the web-site and register on-line.

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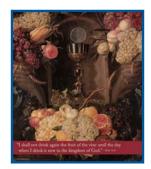
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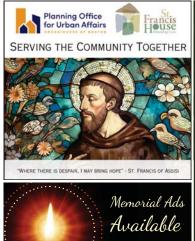
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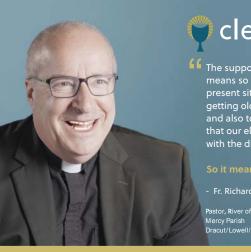








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