

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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April 27, 2025

*His Holiness  
Pope Francis*

*Su Santidad  
Papa Francisco*

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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 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

### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

**Finance & Operations Manager**  
James Santosuosso

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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

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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.  
Msgr. Felix Ojimba

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### Web-site

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[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

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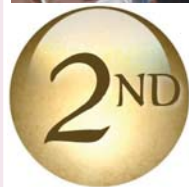


— ” —

God's mercy is  
forever; it never ends,  
it never runs out, it  
never gives up when  
faced with closed  
doors, and it never  
tires.

— ” —

POPE FRANCIS



## SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Log onto to the website to see what's new;

Find bulletins, and Mass times;

view the latest recorded Sunday Mass:

[stfrancischarlestown.org](http://stfrancischarlestown.org)

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

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.

## Family Day in Charlestown

On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll have a CCC Family Day! Following the 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis and the 6 pm Mass at St. Mary's, we'll have goodies and surprises- bring all the kids- we'll officially start it up monthly in September, but let's get it going now!

## What's Ahead

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| April 27        | Divine Mercy Sunday                     |
| April 29        | Last FF classes for the year            |
| May             | Rosary after weekend Masses             |
| May 3 @ 10 am   | 1st Communion @ St. Mary's              |
| May 4 @ 9:30 am | 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ St. Francis |
| May 10 @ 11 am  | Confirmation @ St. Francis              |
| May 10-11       | Mother's Day                            |
| May 26          | Memorial Day                            |
| June 1          | Father's Day- Family Day                |
| June 8          | Pentecost                               |
| June 15         | Trinity Sunday                          |
| June 17         | Bunker Hill Day                         |

## 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!

## 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

On every other Saturday at 1 pm beginning April 26<sup>th</sup> we will have Adult Confirmation prep classes at 46 Winthrop St. 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!

*Thank you to the many people who decorated the Churches for Easter this year, for the people who cleaned the churches, for the musicians, singers and for the lay ministers who assisted at each of the liturgies. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated and needed as well. Because of you, the liturgies were made special and both Churches looked beautiful*





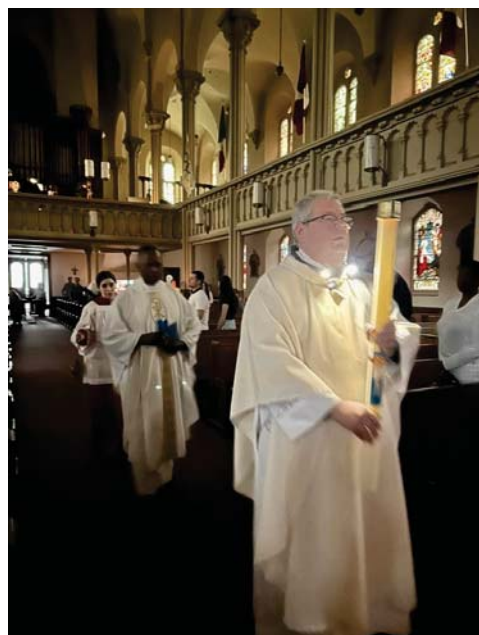
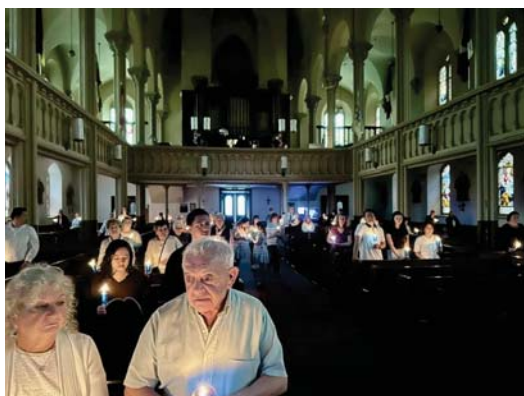
Good Shepherd School held its Second Annual Tot Trot on April 16 in the Training Field! GSS children ran and scooted their way around the track to win big for their classroom! It was a fun event for everyone and directly supported the **school and their event: Taste of Charlestown.**



## *The Triduum*



Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at  
St Francis de Sales



Pics from  
Good Friday at Saint Mary—Saint  
Catherine of Siena Parish and  
From Saint Francis de Sales Parish  
—the Great Easter Vigil on  
Holy Saturday.



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

Saturday, April 26  
9 am

4 pm + Thomas & Mary Byrne; Shirley Doherty

Sunday, April 27

8 am + John Shea & John Costello

11 am + John Reilly

6 pm

Monday, April 28

8 am

Tuesday, April 29

8 am

Wednesday, April 30

8 am

Thursday, May 1

8 am morning prayer

Friday, May 2

8 am

9 am

Saturday May 3

9 am

4 pm

Sunday, May 4

8 am

11 am + Robert & Robbie Brady

6 pm

*St. Francis de Sales  
Mass Intentions*

Saturday, April 26

4 pm + Dorothy McNeil

Sunday, April 27

9:30 am Cotter Family



Saturday, May 3

4 pm

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am + Stephen Elwell

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

**Mass Intentions**—To book a Mass, please call the 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](http://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](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)

**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.

*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](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of April 20

Parishioners gave

\$4,437.00

to the Clergy Benefit collection

And \$2,036.00 to the

Good Friday Collection



*Requiescant in  
Pace*

*Dorothy "Dotty" Egan*

*Kathleen M "Kathie"  
Swales*

*We are grateful to you!*

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of April 20

Parishioners gave

\$2,527.00

to the Clergy Benefit collection

And \$220 to the Good Friday

collection

St Francis de Sales

4/17 -Holy Thursday

98

4/19—Easter Vigil

125

4/20—Easter Sunday

9:30 am 251

Total 474

St Mary—St Catherine of Siena

4/18—Good Friday

77

4/20—Easter Sunday

8 am 287

11 am 582

6 pm No Mass

Total 946

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena  
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr. 27 Monthly

May 4 Parish Insurance

May 11 Monthly

May 18 St Vincent de Paul

*Welcome*

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  
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 4 Capital Improvement

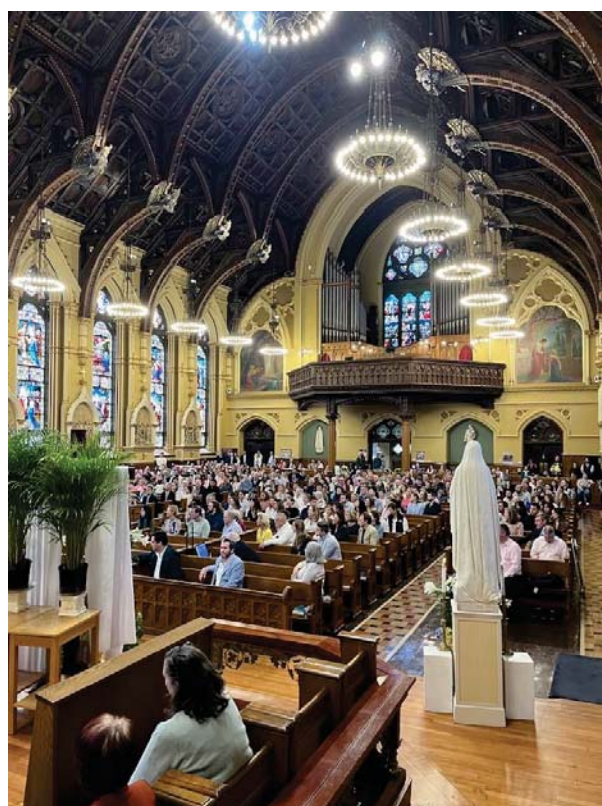
May 18 Parish Deficit

May 29 Ascension

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



Easter morning at our parishes



# Saint Catherine of Siena

1347-1380  
FEAST DAY: APRIL 29



Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Siennese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Siennese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

“Take as your example your heavenly patroness, St Catherine, a humble and fearless Dominican tertiary who gave herself unsparingly for the Church. For everyone may this great saint be not only a special protectress but a model to follow on the path of holiness.”

—Saint John Paul II, October 10, 1999



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## Sunday of Divine Mercy

### April 27 ~ Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

The scene in today's gospel takes place in a room where the apostles are locked in fear, unclear about what has just happened to Jesus and worried about their lives and future. Upon entering the room, Jesus allays their fears and commissions the disciples, and us, with these words: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The responsibility is clear, we are to go forth from our places of fear with the confidence that are not alone and to invite people into relationship with Jesus. Remember the words we heard last week, “we are witnesses . . . commissioned to preach.” We are being sent to be his instruments of mercy and peace.

## 27 de abril ~ Segundo Domingo de Pascua (Domingo de la Divina Misericordia)

La escena del evangelio de hoy tiene lugar en una habitación donde los apóstoles están encerrados en el miedo, sin saber qué le acaba de suceder a Jesús y preocupados por sus vidas y su futuro. Al entrar en la habitación, Jesús disipa sus temores y encarga a los discípulos, y a nosotros, con estas palabras: “La paz esté con vosotros. Como el Padre me envió, así también yo los envío a ustedes”. La responsabilidad es clara, debemos salir de nuestros lugares de miedo con la confianza de que no estamos solos e invitar a las personas a tener una relación con Jesús. Recuerden las palabras que escuchamos la semana pasada: “Somos testigos... comisionado para predicar”. Hemos sido enviados a ser sus instrumentos de misericordia y de paz.

## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Why do we as Christians hope?

“God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1). We rejoice that God has made us his adopted children. Our hope lies in his infinite love and mercy and promise of eternal life.

“This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called” (*Spei Non Confundit*, 25).

## Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿Por qué nosotros los cristianos vivimos en esperanza?

“En Él y por Él, llama a los hombres a ser, en el Espíritu Santo, sus hijos de adopción, y por tanto los herederos de su vida bienaventurada.” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 1). Nos regocijamos de que Dios nos haya hecho sus hijos adoptivos. Nuestra esperanza reside en su infinito amor y misericordia y en su promesa de vida eterna.

“Esta esperanza, mucho más grande que las satisfacciones de cada día y que las mejoras de las condiciones de vida, nos transporta más allá de las pruebas y nos exhorta a caminar sin perder de vista la grandeza de la meta a la que hemos sido llamados, el cielo” (*Spei Non Confundit*, 25).



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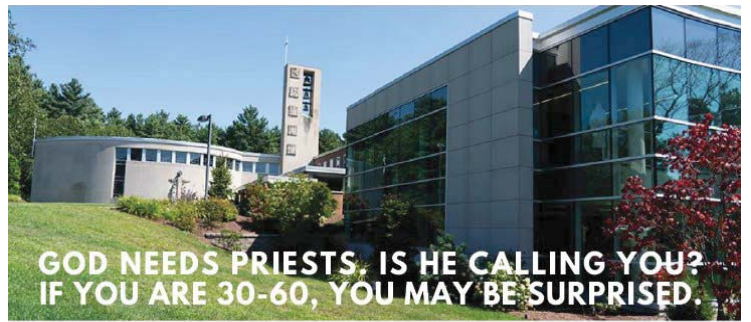
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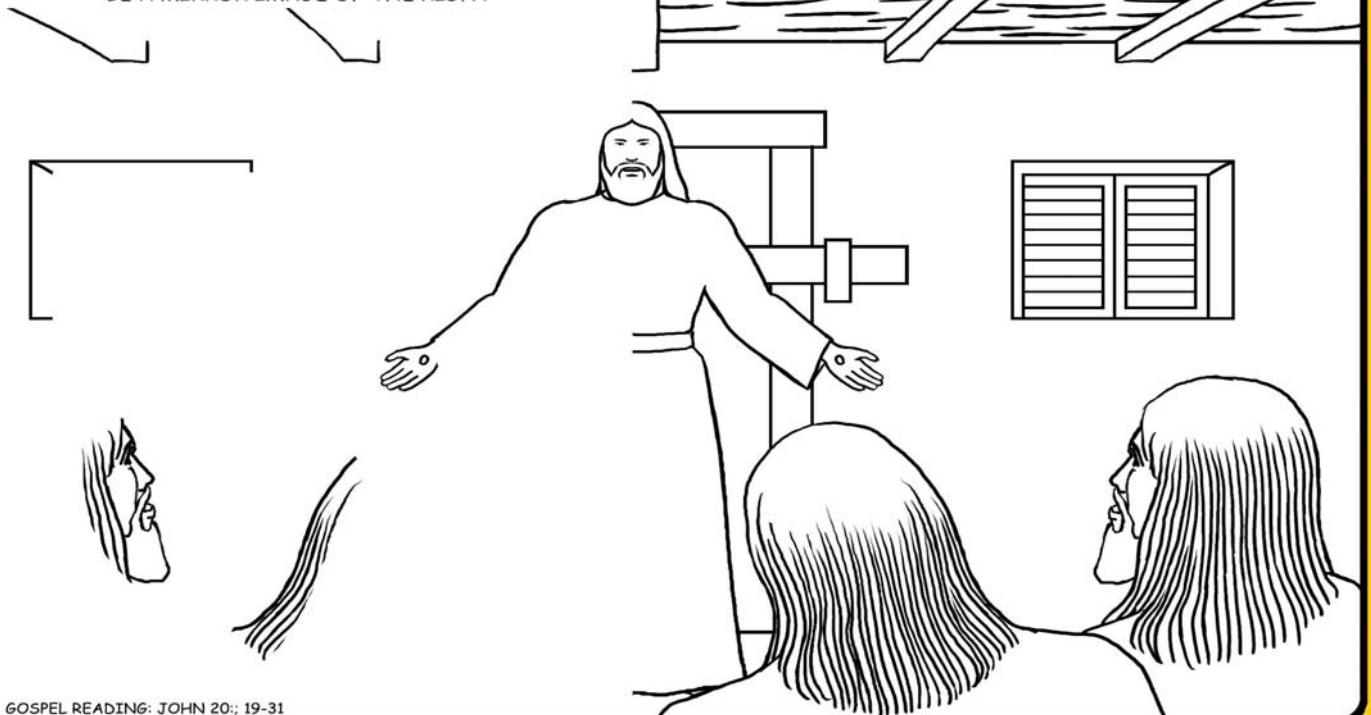


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## A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

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GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20: 19-31

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