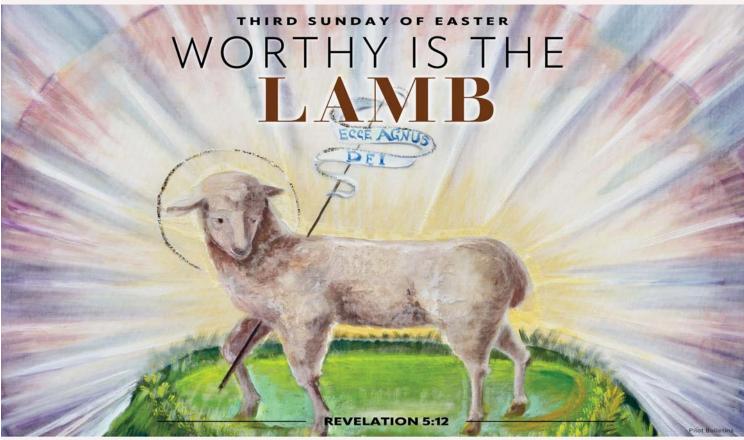
CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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Charlestown, MA 02129
May 4, 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

8:00 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 amSt. Mary- St. Catherine9:30 amSt. Francis de Sales11 amSt. Mary - St. Catherine6 pmSt. Mary - St. Catherine

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Family Day in Charlestown

On Sunday, June 1st, 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 surprisesbring all the kids- we'll officially start it up monthly in September, but let's get it going now!

Salve, Regina!



May is the month of our Lady! Join us after weekend Masses throughout this month as we ask our Blessed Mother to help our families, our parishes, our collaborative, our Town, our Archdiocese and our world in this time of change.

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.

What's Ahead

May	Rosary after weekend Masses
May 10 @ 11 am	Confirmation @ St. Francis
May 11	Mothers' Day
May 26	Memorial Day
May 29	Ascension- Holy Day of Obligation
June 1	Fathers' Day- CCC 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 Reflecting on Archdiocesan pastoral priorities and recthe 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!

Sacramental Season

Thank you to Brittany & Susan, all our teachers, Tim & John, Dianne & James and everyone who made our First Communions and this Faith Formation year so very special. It's been quite a challenge this year, but we held strong and taught well! Confirmation is Saturday, May 10 at 11 am!

What is a Collaborative Pastoral Council?

A Pastoral Council fosters full participation of the en-tire parish - clergy, religious, laity - in the pastoral life and mission of the parishes, the collaborative and the are likewise parish members. Church.

It is a consultative body which advises and assists the sults. Pastor in areas of pastoral concern. The council meets monthly from October to June.

rections through a consensus process and prayerful reflec- and work to build our unity and strength as one family. tion.

Every Council in its membership should be representative of the collaborative, recognizing and reflecting its rich diversity.

It cooperates with committees which address such areas as worship, spirituality, community, evangelization, education, and service.

Function of the Pastoral Council

The general function of the Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor in those pastoral matters presented to it by the Pastor. It carries out its function by:

Informing the Pastor of the needs and concerns, gifts and resources of the collaborative and its members.

Developing a pastoral plan.

Participating in ongoing pastoral planning.

Reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs.

ommending how they can be implemented in the collaborative.

Council Membership and the Nominating Process

The council to start will be comprised of twelve members- six from each of the parishes.

Four of the six from each parish will be so-called hold-overs, i.e. currently serving members.

New members will serve a term of three years. Holdovers will serve a term of one or two years.

Father Sheridan may add other members to the Council and designate their term of service.

May 18, May 25, & June 1: Nomination process takes place. Ballots will be available at the church. Ballot boxes

will be located at the back of the church. Please drop your ballot there.

Dianne Ludy is available to provide & receive ballots at 46 Winthrop during the week.

Parish members are eligible to nominate those who

June 9, Pentecost: Fr. Sheridan announces the re-

Please spend some time thinking and praying about mem-It develops and recommends pastoral plans and di- bers from our parishes who would represent their own parish

May 4 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Listen to the conviction of St. Paul and St. Peter in today's readings. In the first reading, St. Paul is ordered "to stop teaching in that name." That meant he was to stop teaching about Jesus. But St. Paul gives a clear response, "We must obey God rather than men." He was willing to face trial and suffering rather than stop speaking about Jesus. The scene in the gospel is often referred to as "breakfast with Jesus." St. Peter, having denied Jesus three times, is given three opportunities in today's gospel to express his conviction to following Jesus. In this intimate conversation we can hear the strength of that love in each response, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." How will you express you conviction about being a follower of Jesus Christ, if asked? Take some time in quiet payer to speak from your heart with Christ.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope



What do Christians hope for?

Jesus has promised that those who follow him will have eternal life (cf. Jn 10:27-28). His death and resurrection defeated evil and sin forever. But we have to accept his salvation. We accept it by believing in him and following his ways. As Christians, that is followers of Jesus Christ, we believe his promise of eternal life even after our physical death. We know God is with us and supporting us through the trials of life and that the happiness of communion with God in heaven awaits us!

4 de mayo ~ Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Escuchen la convicción de San Pablo y San Pedro en las lecturas de hoy. En la primera lectura, se le ordena a San Pablo "que deje de enseñar en ese nombre". Eso significaba que debía dejar de enseñar acerca de Jesús. Pero San Pablo da una respuesta clara: "Debemos obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres". Estaba dispuesto a enfrentar el juicio y el sufrimiento antes que dejar de hablar de Jesús. La escena en el evangelio a menudo se conoce como "desayuno con Jesús". San Pedro, después de haber negado a Jesús tres veces, se le dan tres oportunidades en el evangelio de hoy para expresar su convicción de seguir a Jesús. En esta conversación íntima podemos escuchar la fuerza de ese amor en cada respuesta: "Señor, tú lo sabes todo; sabes que te amo". ¿Cómo expresarías tu convicción en cuanto a ser un seguidor de Jesucristo, si te lo pidieran? Tómese un tiempo en silencio para hablar desde su corazón con Cristo.

Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza



¿En qué tenemos puesta la esperanza los cristianos?

Jesús ha prometido que quienes lo sigan tendrán vida eterna (cf. Juan 10, 27-28). Con su muerte y resurrección venció para siempre al mal y al pecado. Pero tenemos que aceptar su salvación. La aceptamos creyendo en Él y siguiendo sus caminos. Como cristianos, es decir, seguidores de Jesucristo, creemos en su promesa de vida eterna incluso después de nuestra muerte física. Sabemos que Dios está con nosotros y nos apoya en las pruebas de la vida, y que nos espera la felicidad de la comunión con Dios en el cielo.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (5/10)

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 Saturday, March 15 and Saturday, May 10. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Conclave date set

The conclave to elect the 267th Pope will begin on Wednesday, May 7th, following the conclusion of the Novemdiales Masses (9 days of mourning) to pray for the eternal repose of the late Pope Francis. Tens of thousands of teenagers full of joy participated on Sunday (the 27th of April) in the second "Novemdiales" Mass in honor of Pope Francis. They were at the Vatican for the Jubilee of Teenagers and for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, which was one of their scheduled events that has been postponed, The canonization will be rescheduled by the new Pope. Of note, the movie for Blessed Carlo Acutis is now in selected theatres.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION-MAY 17-18

On May 18th, we'll have a collection for our conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Our conference here in Charlestown has quietly assisted many families in need.

Saint Vincent de Paul built a network of missions and confraternities for those in need beginning in the 1600s. This foundation for a global charity system now operates in 142 countries. In the United States, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of 12 million



people annually. Vincentians come from all walks of life and work for a noble purpose. In their work to address the needs of the poor both spiritually and materially, they see the face of Christ.

Fr. John Williams brought the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul to Boston in 1861. The Society flourished over the city when Fr. Williams became bishop. Charlestown had the benefit of three conferences, one for every church. Each group was operated by dedicated laypersons and relied upon the donations of parishioners. St. Mary's Conference- which runs in St. Mary- St. Catherine today- began in 1876 under the auspices of Monsignor McMahon. Through the donations received they were able to supply shoes for children and offer food to the unemployed.

Vincentians respond to a variety of issues in Charlestown every week. Just in the past year, (since May of 2024) there have been 64 families that have been helped with furniture and rental assistance. Society members make home visits to listen to their stories, determine their living situation and assist them in whatever way they can. There have been families who have been moved to the new buildings down on Medford and Cory Street that have been assisted with furniture and new beds. Neighbors who have lost work due to layoffs or illness, unable to catch up on rent even for those who have returned to work; others who needed new furniture because of an infestation in the buildings they were in; another who suffered a flooded bedroom and could not afford to replace furniture and on and on it goes.

Of late, we have been fortunate with donations of lightly used and well-maintained furniture such as couches, kitchen tables and chairs. Beds are new and bought through our central region office in Stoughton. Monetary donations from our parishioners assist our local Conference in purchasing the needed items, pay for the costs of delivery and picking up of furniture and assist in rental payments on behalf of those who have fallen on hard times. Without donations to the Society, this assistance would not be possible.

The St. Mary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul remains in Charlestown today because of the dedication of its members who volunteer time and treasure, an endowment from Fr. Gallagher in 1972 which has been faithfully and carefully managed for the benefit of St Vincent de Paul recipients, and donations from people in the community especially in special collections or tags on the Christmas trees. We have been fortunate that we have been able to help our neighbors as the need grows and rents keep getting higher. In order for it to remain a viable source of support for those in need in our Charlestown community, contributions are needed and committed men and women to continue the Catholic tradition of person-to-person assistance. Help us continue this important ministry. If you would like to offer your support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please call (617) 242-4664.



THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Have you noticed the Paschal Candle still prominently displayed in the church? The paschal candle is the symbol of the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds! It will stay out until Pentecost! 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*

We are grateful to you!

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3 9 am 4 pm Sunday, May 4 8 am 11 am + Robert & Robbie Brady 6 pm Monday, May 5 8 am Tuesday, May 6 8 am Wednesday, May 7 8 am Thursday, May 8 8 am morning prayer Friday, May 9 8 am Saturday May 10

9 am

4 pm

8 am 11 am 6 pm

Sunday, May 11–Mother's Day

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3 4 pm

Sunday, May 4 9:30 am Stephen Elwell

Saturday, May 10 4 pm + Willy "Billy" Boyle

Sunday. May 11 9:30 am Mother's Day

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

Collaborative Parish Council Nomination Form - 2025

Please submit this nomination (s) as soon as possible. You may do so by dropping it off at the Collaborative Parish office , (46 Winthrop Street) by putting it in the ballot box at the entrance of your parish Church or scan to dludy@stmarystcatherine.org; fax to 617.242.0016. Thank you for your consideration. Remember that (a) you and the nominee must both be registered parishioners, (b) the nominee must be a Catholic who is active in the Parish, (c) the nominee must participate in the sacramental life of the Church, and (d) be 18 years of age or older.

(Name)	(Address)	
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St Mary St Catherine Weekend of April 27 Parishioners gave \$6,286.02 to the Clergy Benefit collection And \$721.00 to the Monthly Collection	Requiescat in Pace James Kevin Walsh	St Francis de Sales <i>Weekend of April 27</i> Parishioners gave \$22,913.00 to the weekly collection
St Mary–St Catherine of Siena 4/26 4 pm 00 4/27 8 am 287 11 am 582 6 pm 00 Total 946	Saint Mary Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Those receiving First Holy Communion in our collaborative this weekend	St Francis de Sales 4/26 5 pm 53 4/27 9:30 am 57 Total 110
St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS May 4 Parish Insurance May 11 Monthly May 18 St Vincent de Paul	Saint Francis de Sales Sanctuary Lamp is lit in honor of mother's day and all mothers in our collaborative	St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS May 4 Capital Improvement May 18 Parish Deficit May 29 Ascension

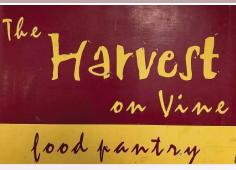
COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

Wedding Banns

II Daniel Vedova & Madison Stulir

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!

Log onto to the website to see what's new; Find bulletins, and Mass times; view the latest recorded Sunday Mass: stfrancischarlestown.org stmarystcatherine.org



HUNGRY SUNDAY

Next weekend, Mother's Day, May 11th 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!



Located at 20 Winthrop Street in the lower level of Saint Mary's Church

Good Shepherd School is a diverse community of children and families that represents the entirety of Charlestown. To schedule a tour or for more information about the school, please contact 617-242-8800 or director@gsscharlestown.org. for more

information on schedules and tuition fees



BIBLE DETECTIVE

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

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Find out who wrote the Acts of the Apostles. What do we know about him? When did he write this work? In which language did he write it? Did he write anything else?

See what you can discover about the people mentioned in the reading. Who was the high priest? What was the Sanhedrin?

How many apostles were there at this time, apart from Peter? Why do you think that Peter was their spokesman?

FILL IN THE GAPS

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

1. To this, _____ and the _____ replied, "Better for us to obey _____ than men!"

 Sing ______ to the Lord, you his ______ ones, and give ______ to his holy name.

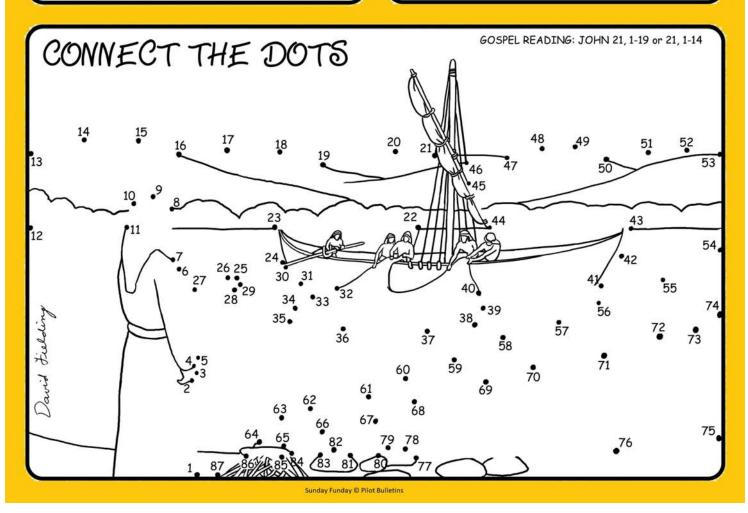
John, had a vision, and I heard the
_____ of many _____ who surrounded the
_____ and the living creatures and the elders.

4. Just after _____ Jesus was standing on the _____, though none of the _____ knew it was Jesus.

5. When they landed, they saw a _____ fire there with a _____ laid on it, and some _____.

ANSWERS

I. Peter, aposties, God Z. praise, taithtul, thanks
3. voices, angels, throne 4. daybreak, shore, disciples
5. charcoal, fish, bread





As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

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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.

To those who have been wondering, "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. stfrancischarlestown.org stmarystcatherine.org



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