

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

May 11, 2025



4th Sunday of Easter

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” (Jn 10:27-28)

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

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.
Msgr. Felix Ojimba

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stmarystcatherine.org

Our Lady of Fatima

20TH CENTURY
FEAST DAY: MAY 13

Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican last October 13, Pope Francis stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.



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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.*

Saint Mary Church
55 Warren St.

Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren & Soley St.

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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 10 @ 11 am	Confirmation @ St. Francis
May 10-11	Mother's Day
May 11 @ 9 am	Devotion to Mary @ St. Mary's
May 26	Memorial Day
June 1	Father's Day- Family Day
June 8	Pentecost
June 15	Trinity Sunday
June 17	Bunker Hill Day

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 surprises- bring all the kids- we'll officially start it up monthly in September, but let's get it going now!

The Parish Pastoral Council 2025

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 are likewise parish members.

June 9, Pentecost: Fr. Sheridan announces the results.

I, _____ of _____ nominate:
(Name) (Address)

1. _____
Name Address (optional) Phone

2. _____
Name Address hone

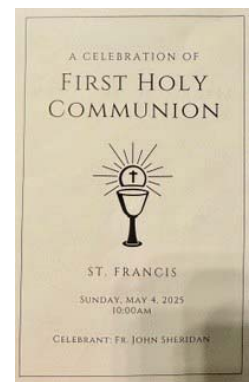
3. _____
Name Address Phone

The Parish Office is located at 46 Winthrop Street. This form can also be faxed to (617) 242-0016 or emailed to: dludy@stmarystcatherine.org with the subject "PPC". If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call

(617) 242-4664



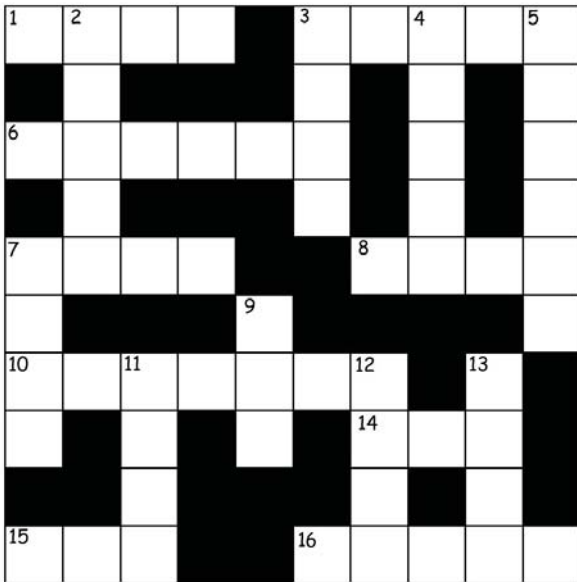
First Holy Communion
at St Francis de Sales and
St Mary- St Catherine of Siena
Congratulations Class!



CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS 1. He travelled with Barnabas 3. Opposite of dark 6. Lack of food causes this 7. Opposite of coldness 8. These people expelled Paul from their territory 10. One _____ under God (plural) 14. Jesus and the Father are this 15. It gives great heat 16. God will lead us to this in heaven; another word for splendor



CLUES DOWN 2. Paul received this violent rudeness from hostile Jews in Antioch 3. A title for God 4. A spiritual gift from God 5. Lack of water causes this 7. This completes an arm 9. Great happiness 11. Similar to a city 12. The spiritual part of a person 13. Every one of these will be wiped away

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today we recognize the World Day of Prayer for Vocations! Join us in prayer for young people seeking the will of God in their lives!

In Pope Francis's recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Christ is Alive!*, he writes, "The word 'vocation' can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us." (*Christus Vivit*, no. 248)

The Gallagher Scholarship

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

Applicants must be registered members of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena or St. Francis de Sales parishes and provide the name of the school they will attend.

Applications are available for pick up at the Parish Office located at 46 Winthrop Street. The deadline for applications is July 25.

"Toda persona humana debe la vida a una madre, y casi siempre le debe a ella mucho de la propia existencia sucesiva, de la formación humana y espiritual".

—Papa Francisco, 7 de enero de 2015

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St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10
9 am
4 pm

Sunday, May 11
8 am
11 am
6 pm

Monday, May 12
8 am

Tuesday, May 13
8 am

Wednesday, May 14
8 am + Edward Forster

Thursday, May 15
8 am

Friday, May 16
8 am

Saturday May 17
9 am
4 pm

Sunday, May 18
8 am
11 am + Ryan Corcoran
6 pm

St. Francis de Sales
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10
4 pm

Sunday, May 11
9:30 am



Saturday, May 17

4 pm Edward F Carpenter, Loretta Arbuckle
Edward & Loretta Carpenter, Rose Carvonello
Christopher Carvonello & Courtney Beals

Sunday, May 18

9:30 am + Mary Gillen

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her
children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family, may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

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St Mary St Catherine

Weekend of May 4

Parishioners gave

\$4,272.55

to the Clergy Benefit collection

and \$728.00 to the

Insurance Collection



*Requiescat in
Pace*

*Catherine "Kay"
Heerter*

St Francis de Sales

Weekend of May 4

Parishioners gave

\$1,448.00

to the Clergy Benefit collection

and \$313.00 to the Good Friday
collection

St Mary—St Catherine of Siena

5/3

4 pm—55

5/4

8 am 84

11 am 117

6 pm 59

Total 315

Saint Francis de Sales Church

Sanctuary Lamp

is lit for

Joan Rae



St Francis de Sales

5/3

4 pm 47

5/4

9:30 am 50

Total 97

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 11 Monthly

May 18 St Vincent de Paul

Welcome

We are grateful to you!

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 18 Parish Deficit

May 29 Ascension

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

THE BLESSED MOTHER

“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

- Saint Padre Pio

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.



The Blessed Virgin Mary is recognized as "Mother of the Church" in the Catholic Church because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church, and she is also the mother

of the redeemed. This title was formally declared by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Mary's role as Mother of the Church is further emphasized by the fact that she was entrusted to the Church at the foot of the cross, and she was present at Pentecost when the Church was born.

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HARVEST ON VINE'S
FOOD PANTRY

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Monday, May 19th
5:00 pm

Cooking Demonstration

May 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Again this week we hear of Paul and his companion Barnabas, speaking out boldly and with conviction about the word of God. When they met opposition among their ancestors, they took their message to the Gentile communities. The key to evangelization is in the last line in that first reading: "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Their commitment grew stronger! When people turn a deaf ear to us about following Jesus' example or about the joy that our relationship with Christ gives us, we are reminded to recall the words Jesus says to us in the gospel – "My sheep hear my voice . . . and follow me." This week share the good news with one other person and notice the joy it gives you, and them.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Why does hope not disappoint?

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:1-5). God is almighty and generous. He will not give us less than we hope to have if what we hope for is in accord with his will. Hope in his love, mercy, salvation will be fulfilled packed down and flowing over (cf. Lk 6:38). How big is our hope? Is it big enough to boast about?

11 de mayo ~ Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

De nuevo esta semana escuchamos de Pablo y su compañero Bernabé, hablando con valentía y convicción acerca de la palabra de Dios. Cuando encontraron oposición entre sus antepasados, llevaron su mensaje a las comunidades gentiles. La clave de la evangelización está en la última línea de esa primera lectura: "Los discípulos se llenaron de alegría y del Espíritu Santo". ¡Su compromiso se hizo más fuerte! Cuando la gente nos hace oídos sordos por seguir el ejemplo de Jesús o por el gozo que nos da nuestra relación con Cristo, se nos recuerda que debemos recordar las palabras que Jesús nos dice en el evangelio: "Mis ovejas oyen mi voz... y sígueme". Esta semana compárte las buenas noticias con otra persona y nota el gozo que te da a ti y a ellos.

ño jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿Por qué la esperanza no defrauda?

"Justificados, entonces, por la fe, estamos en paz con Dios, por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por él hemos alcanzado, mediante la fe, la gracia en la que estamos afianzados, y por él nos gloriamos en la esperanza de la gloria de Dios. Más aún, nos gloriamos hasta de las mismas tribulaciones, porque sabemos que la tribulación produce la constancia; la constancia, la virtud probada; la virtud probada, la esperanza. Y la esperanza no quedará defraudada, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, que nos ha sido dado" (Romanos 5, 1-5).

Dios es todopoderoso y generoso. No nos dará menos de lo que esperamos si lo que anhelamos está de acuerdo con su voluntad. La esperanza en su amor, misericordia y salvación será cumplida, colmada y desbordante (cf. Lc 6, 38). ¿Qué tan grande es nuestra esperanza? ¿Es lo suficientemente grande como para presumir de ella?

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— 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 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...

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