

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

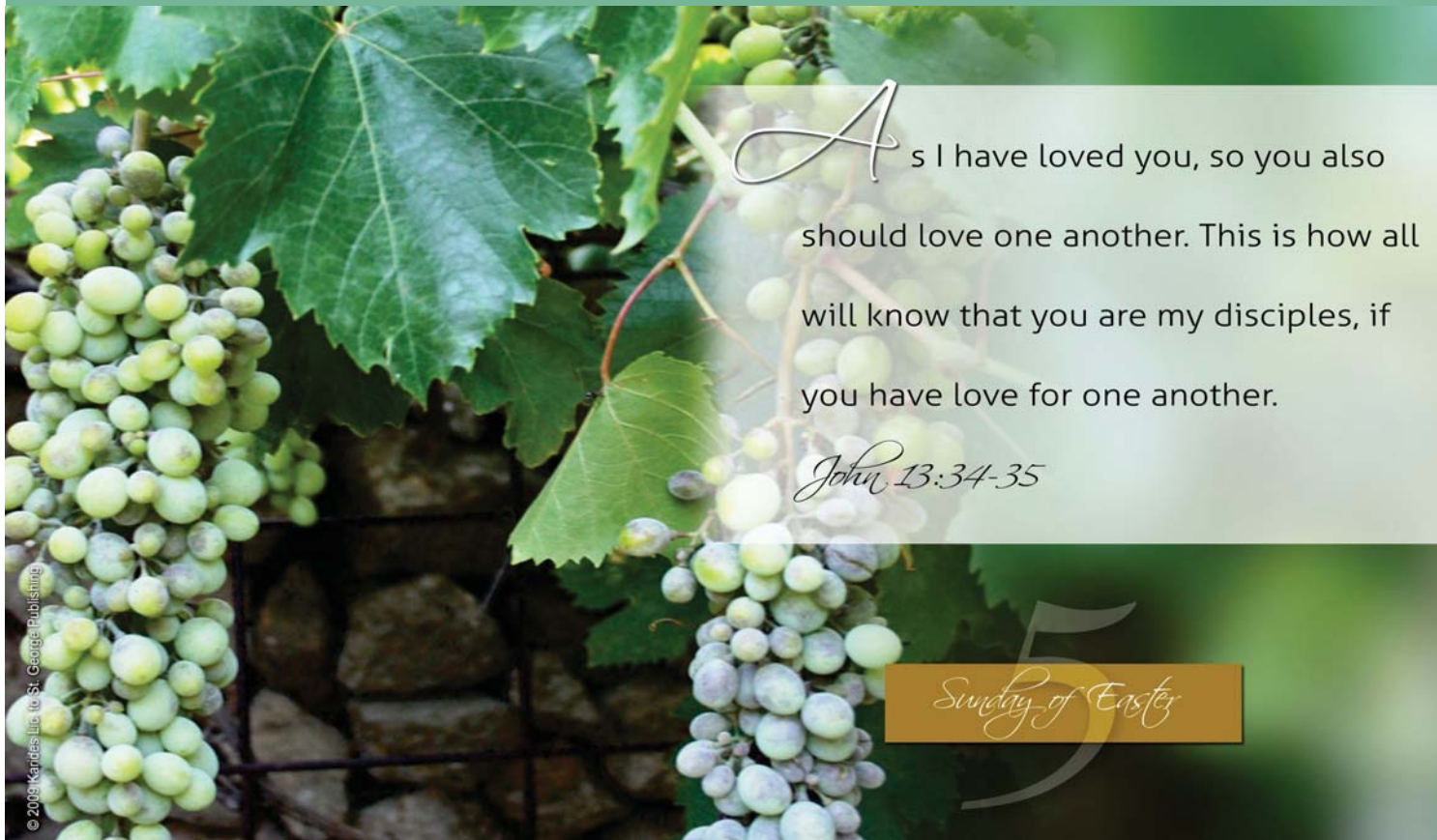
Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, info@charlestowncatholic.org

Charlestown, MA 02129

May 18, 2025



As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

Sunday of Easter

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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Web-sites

stfrancischarlestown.org
stmarystcatherine.org



Welcome the newest
members of the Parish
who were Baptized on
Sunday, Mother's Day,
May 11th.

Congratulations to the
families!



Saint Mary Church
55 Warren St.
Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren & Soley St.

—
St. Francis de Sales Church
313 Bunker Hill St.

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Parish Center
46 Winthrop St.
617-242-4664

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49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

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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.

CONFIRMATION 2025



Congratulations to
all the
Confirmation
students.



Please note!

After careful deliberation with our Collaborative Councils, beginning on June 21, our Saturday Mass schedule will change to 4pm at St. Mary Church, and 5:30pm at St. Francis de Sales Church.

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!

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.*

What's Ahead

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| May | Rosary after weekend Masses |
| 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 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!

Sacramental Season

Thank you to Cynthia, Ari & Nick, Emily, John,

Congratulations to the Confirmandi and thanks so much to Cynthia, Ari, Nick, Emily, John, and Abigail for their hard work and dedication throughout the year!

Bishop Cristiano was very pleased last Saturday!

What is a Collaborative Pastoral Council?

A Pastoral Council fosters full participation of the entire parish – clergy, religious, laity – in the pastoral life and mission of the parishes, the collaborative and the Church.

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

It develops and recommends pastoral plans and directions through a consensus process and prayerful reflection.

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.
- Reflecting on Archdiocesan pastoral priorities and recommending 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 are like-wise parish members.

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

Please spend some time thinking and praying about members from our parishes who would represent their own parish and work to build our unity and strength as one family.

One for us- all of us

These are extraordinary days for us- a new Archbishop, and now a new Pope- an American like us, (a Peruvian, too) yet, no longer. Pope Leo is a missionary Augustinian; he belonged to the Church and to Christ long before that electrifying day when we were shocked and delighted with his election.

The world gasped in surprise and rejoiced with us, and though we give thanks these days, we also understand that the Pontiff's extraordinary concerns transcend borders, to the core of the faith we share with over a billion people who speak every language, embrace every tradition and way of life, and the way we affect our world calls us all to sober reflection and earnest dedication to live out our baptisms and confirmations as committed Christians and Catholics, as members of the Body of Christ.

This past weekend in Charlestown, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation of 25 young people, fed hundreds of families at Harvest on Vine, celebrated Masses as we rejoiced in the Resurrection of our Lord and awaited the glorious days of Ascension and Pentecost, honored our Blessed Mother in rosary and song, and brought 5 new babies into the loving embrace of the Church through baptism. Our missionary work goes on.

There is much work ahead- for our new Holy Father- peace and justice issues to address, prayers to offer, teachings to share and so much more, all in that missionary spirit that he has shown throughout his life, but it's our call, too. Inspired by the example of Francis, may our prayers support him, our work give honor to God, and our actions honor Christ, to Him be the glory always. Please pray for Pope Leo- one of our own, and now one for the world, for the Church.

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Meeting in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (6/28)

The World Apostolate of Fatima of the Archdiocese of Boston will host its annual meeting in honor of The Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 28th from 9 AM - 3 PM at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. Fr. Elias Mary Mills, F.I. will present a talk on "The Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary - the messages of Our Lady at Fatima and Akita." For more information, please contact Lorraine Allen or visit the website.

Into the Deep - Corpus Christi Procession by Sea (6/21-6/22)

Join Archbishop Richard Henning on June 21-22 as he brings Jesus in the Eucharist to the shores of the Archdiocese of Boston from Gloucester to South Boston over Corpus Christi weekend. For more information on the schedule of stops and masses for this historic procession, visit <https://bit.ly/IntoTheDeep2025>.

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 31st.

DON'T FORGET THE POOR
PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
THANK YOU!



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

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view the latest recorded Sunday Mass:

stfrancischarlestown.org

stmarystcatherine.org

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17
9 am
4 pm

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

Monday, May 19
8 am

Tuesday, May 20
8 am

Wednesday, May 21
8 am

Thursday, May 22
8 am

Friday, May 23
8 am

Saturday May 24
9 am
4 pm + John & Anne Castro

Sunday, May 25
8 am
11 am
6 pm

St. Francis de Sales
Mass Intentions

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



Saturday, May 24

4 pm

Sunday, May 25

9:30

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



Confirmation 2025



Mother's Day
Rosary.
Thanks to all
of you who
made it so
special!

Pastries
from Tatte
were offered
for the
occasion.

St Mary St Catherine
Weekend of May 11
Parishioners contributed
\$4,423.55
to the Weekly collection
and \$1,156.00 to the
Monthly Collection



*Requiescat in
Pace*

Veronica Rose Boyden

St Francis de Sales
Weekend of May 11
Parishioners contributed
\$2,140.00
to the Weekly collection

St Mary—St Catherine of Siena
5/10
4 pm—61
5/11
8 am 61
11 am 124
6 pm 61
Total 307

St Mary—St Catherine of Siena



Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for

Maureen Dewey

St Francis de Sales
5/10
4 pm 71
5/11
9:30 am 84
Total 155
Correction! Week of 5/4 there were
148

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 18 St Vincent de Paul

St Francis de Sales

Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in honor of

Joan Rae

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 18 Parish Deficit
May 29 Ascension

We are grateful to you!

Welcome

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

Nomination Form For The Parish Pastoral Council 2025

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@charlestowncatholic.org with the subject "PPC". If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call

(617) 242-4664

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 ~ 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 comparte las buenas noticias con otra persona y nota el gozo que te da a ti y a ellos.

Año 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).

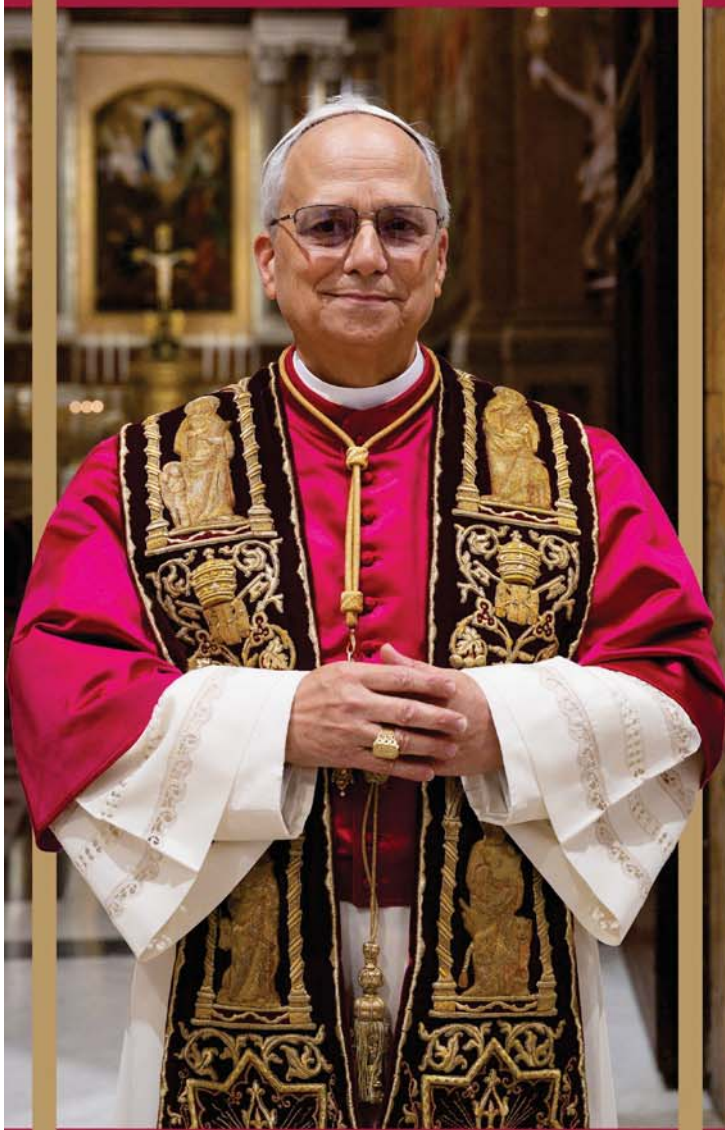
Dios es todopoderoso y generoso. No nos dará menos de lo que esperamos si lo que anhelamos está de acuerdo con su voluntad. La esperanza en su amor, misericordia y salvación será cumplida, colmada y desbordante (cf. Lc 6, 38). ¿Qué tan grande es nuestra esperanza? ¿Es lo suficientemente grande como para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

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea on May 22

The men and women who make their living working on the seas include merchants, sailors, seafarers, fishermen, port personnel and many others in the maritime industry whose work is vital to global commerce. The work of seafarers ensures that raw materials, food, medicines and countless other products are transported to keep the global economy moving.

*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!*

His Holiness
Pope Leo XIV
Sua Santidade o
Papa Leão XIV



Robert Francis Prevost
May 8, 2025

Archbishop Richard Henning today shared the following
statement on the election of Pope Leo XIV:

"With great joy we received the news from Rome: habemus papam! We have a pope! I join with Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston and throughout the world, along with people of good will, in celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV as the new Holy Father. We pray for him as he begins this ministry as the Vicar of Christ and the Bishop of Rome. May he be for us a visible source and foundation of communion in faith.

In his first words to us, Pope Leo spoke of the peace that is the gift of the Lord Jesus:

Peace be with you all, this is the first greeting of the resurrected Christ, the good shepherd who has given up his life for God. And I should also like this greeting of peace to enter our hearts and our families.

May that peace give him strength and consolation, and may it fill our hearts as we live our own calling."

«Con gran alegría hemos recibido la noticia desde Roma: ¡habemus papam! ¡Tenemos papa! Me uno a los católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Boston y de todo el mundo, y también a las personas de buena voluntad, para celebrar la elección del papa León XIV como nuestro nuevo Santo Padre. Recemos por él, que comienza su ministerio como Vicario de Cristo y Obispo de Roma.

Que sea para nosotros fuente visible y fundamento de la comunión en la fe.

En sus primeras palabras dirigidas a nosotros, el papa León habló de la paz que es don del Señor Jesús: ¡La paz esté con todos ustedes! Éste es el primer saludo de Cristo Resucitado, el Buen Pastor que dio la vida por el rebaño de Dios. Yo también deseo que este saludo llegue a nuestros corazones y a nuestras familias. (Papa León XIV desde el balcón de la basílica de San Pedro)

Que esa paz le dé fuerza y consuelo, y que llene nuestros corazones mientras vivimos nuestra vocación».



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white bunting
was put up
above the
doors of St
Francis in
honor of our
new pope!



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- Fr. Richard Clancy

Pastor, River of Divine Mercy Parish
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