CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

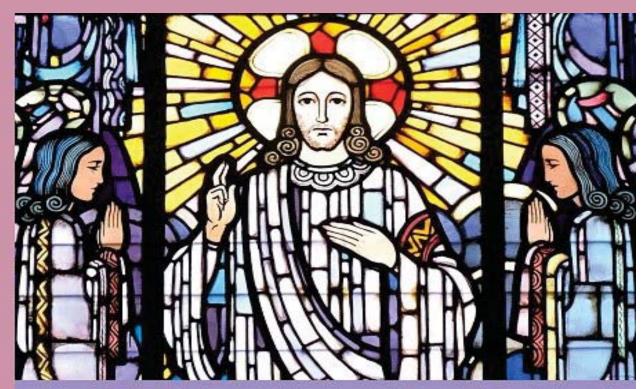
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St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, info@charlestowncatholic.org

Charlestown, MA 02129

May 25, 2025

 6^{th} Sunday of Easter



"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." John 14:23

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- 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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Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

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> 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

Email info@charlestowncatholic.org

Web-sites

stfrancischarlestown.org stmarystcatherine.org



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Then He led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised His hands, and blessed them.

As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.* Luke 24:50-53

Masses

Thursday, May 22 9:00 am St Francis de Sales 6:00 pm St. Mary Church

Happy Memorial Day



On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember those we love who are now enjoying the fullness of Your promise.

We especially remember with deepest gratitude and awe the extraordinary men and women who, out of love, followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we

enjoy every day. Keep these fallen heroes in the light of your loving care.

Help us to be mindful of the wounded heroes in our midst who, with valorous hearts, risked their lives that we might prosper and that our children's futures might be secured.

Shower your love and care on the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May they feel our love and support, and may they trust in You who are with them always. We ask you this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our offices are closed on Monday, May 26, Memorial Day.

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.

A Visit From Eastman

Last week, St. Mary-St. Catherine Parish had the esteemed honor of welcoming students and Associate Professor Nathan Laube from the Eastman School of Music Organ Department for a study trip focused on our Woodbury and Harris Opus 100 organ. The Eastman School of Music is world-renowned for its strong program in organ performance and education. As many of you may know, the organ at St. Mary's Church underwent a substantial restoration in 2016 and is currently under the care of our organ curator, Lee Eiseman. Since its installation in 1892, this special instrument has provided music for countless Masses, weddings, funerals, and concerts. This 3-manual tracker organ is a true gem that many esteemed organists over the years have sought out to play.

We are honored and grateful to Professor Laube and the students for their visit from the Eastman School of Music and for inspiring the next generation of organists. We are also deeply thankful to Lee Eiseman, who has been a true steward of the organ. Whenever we need a repair or have a question, Lee is always quick to come to the rescue.

John Anthony Volpe

Director of Music, St. Mary-St. Catherine Parish



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Are you looking for a deeper, more meaningful way of experiencing your faith?

The Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJs) of Boston welcome men and women of all ages and faiths as Associates who share the mission and values of the CSJs. Whether you've known sisters as teachers, administrators or simply as friends, you know their "Charism" of unifying love, or the unique way they accept and embrace the "Dear Neighbor." Inclusivity, hospitality, and love in action are their core values. If you're interested in learning more about this Associate relationship, please contact Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA or Juanita Campos-Rivera, CSJA at maryrita.weschler@csjboston or Juanita.campos@csjboston.org. In addition, there is an opportunity to meet with us at the Motherhouse at 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, Ma. (June 4, 2025 at 1:00 PM or June 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM.) If you plan to attend, please call Mary MacGillivray at 617-746-1670. We'd love to have you "come and see" and experience this unique relationship first-hand!

Family Day in Charlestown

Next 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 kidswe'll officially start it up monthly
in September, but let's get it going now!

Salve, Regina!



May is the month of the Rosary! Join us after weekend Masses throughout May 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.

Starting in September, Mondays are for learning!

Classes for those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or return home will begin every other Monday starting Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm at 46 Winthrop St.

Symbolon will begin again on every other Monday starting Sept. 15 at 7 pm at St. Catherine's chapel. Join us for an hour of learning and discussion!

What's Ahead

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!

Please note!

After further consideration, the present Mass schedule will remain in place through the summer.

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.

This weekend and next: 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.

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

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.

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 Lorrain Allen or visit the website.

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

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.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (10/26)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston.

Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend.

To register, visit https://bit.ly/ WeddingAnniversaryMass2025. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.



Thank you so much for your donations to our parish's conference of Saint Vincent de Paul in last week's special collection.

From our parish members and most importantly our neighbors in need!

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

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24

9 am

4 pm + John & Anne Castro

Sunday, May 25

8 am + Henry Shackford

11 am

6 pm

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day - offices closed

9 am

Tuesday, May 27

8 am

Wednesday, May 28

8 am

Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord-Holy Day of Obligation

6 pm

Friday, May 30

8 am

Saturday May 31

9 am

4 pm

Sunday, June 1

8 am + Catherine Potter

11 am

6 pm- Family Mass

Saturday, May 24

4 pm

Sunday, May 25

9:30 am

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day-office closed



Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord-Holy Day of Obligation

9 am

Saturday, May 31

4 pm

Sunday, June 1

9:30 am - Family Mass

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— 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:

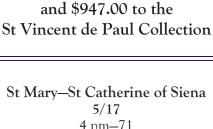
donna.lecam@gmail.com

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 May 18 Parishioners contributed \$3,685.62 to the Weekly collection and \$947.00 to the



4 pm-71 5/18 8 am 75 11 am 90 6 pm 72 Total 308

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 29 Ascension June 1 Monthly June 8 Seminary

June 15 Promoting the Gospel

July 20 Monthly



Requiescant in Pace

Marlo Walsh

Debra "Debbie" Rodriguez



St Francis de Sales & St Marv-St Catherine of Siena

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St Francis de Sales Weekend of May 18 Parishioners contributed \$1,124.00 to the Weekly collection And \$438.00 to the Deficit fund

St Francis de Sales

5/17 4 pm 51 5/18 9:30 am 59

Total 110

St. Francis de Sales **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

May 29 Ascension

June 1 Capital Improvement

June 8 Seminary

June 15 Promoting the Gospel July 6

Capital Improvement

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

(617) 242-4664

May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

In our first reading, we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were creating something new communities of believers - disciples of Jesus Christ. There was confusion and discussion about who could be a disciple and differing opinions about what was essential to being a follower of Jesus. Sadly, there are even people today making the same argument, declaring who belongs and who doesn't belong, paying little heed to what the scriptures call us to. "Whoever loves me will keep my word." Today, we are clearly reminded to keep Christ's commandment and follow his word rather than succumb to any popular narratives of the day. Listen to Jesus words again, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Following the example of Jesus, not the example of the world is how are lead to life eternal.

25 de mayo ~ Sexto Domingo de Pascua

En nuestra primera lectura, escuchamos más sobre los dolores de crecimiento de la Iglesia primitiva. Los Apóstoles estaban creando algo nuevo ~ comunidades de creyentes - discípulos de Jesucristo. Había confusión y discusión sobre quién podía ser un discípulo y diferentes opiniones sobre lo que era esencial para ser un seguidor de Jesús. Lamentablemente, incluso hoy en día hay personas que presentan el mismo argumento, declarando quién pertenece y quién no, prestando poca atención a lo que las Escrituras nos llaman a hacer. "El que me ama, cumplirá mi palabra". Hoy en día, se nos recuerda claramente que debemos guardar el mandamiento de Cristo y seguir su palabra en lugar de sucumbir a las narrativas populares de la época. Escuche de nuevo las palabras de Jesús: "La paz os dejo; mi paz os doy. Yo no os lo doy como el mundo lo da". Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, no el ejemplo del mundo, es cómo son llevados a la vida eterna.



FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY

MAY 31ST

Monday, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of Mary! This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist.



Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Go to bit.ly/JubileeOfHope to learn more. Why should I go to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites?

Hope comes from knowing Jesus Christ. The jubilee pilgrimage sites are hosting extra Masses, confessions, and Eucharistic adoration to give you an opportunity to walk away from the stresses of daily life and to just sit down with Jesus. You can have a relationship with him. The pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese are:

- Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston
- Most Holy Redeemer, Boston
- St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, Boston
- Holy Rosary Shrine, Lawrence
- St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Salem
- Blessed Andrew Phu Yen, Medford
- Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Holliston
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlborough
- St. Paul Parish, Hingham
- St. Patrick Parish, Brockton

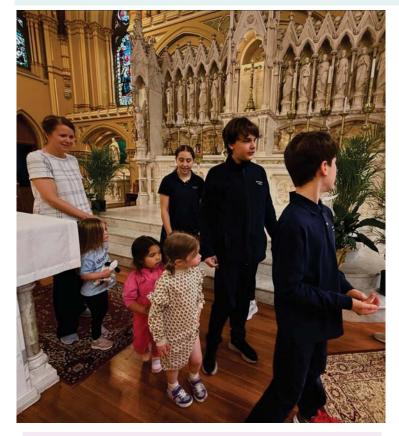
Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza *Puede obtener más información en bit.ly/ JubileeOfHope.*

¿Por qué debería visitar los Sitios de Peregrinación del Jubileo?

La esperanza viene de conocer a Jesucristo. Los lugares de Peregrinación Jubilar ofrecen misas, confesiones y adoración eucarística adicionales para darte la oportunidad de alejarte del estrés de la vida diaria y sentarte con Jesús. Puedes tener una relación con Él. Los lugares de peregrinación en la Arquidiócesis son:

- Catedral de la Santa Cruz, Boston
- Parroquia Santísimo Redentor, East Boston
- Santuario Eucarístico de San Clemente, Boston
- Santuario de la Divina Misericordia, San Juan Pablo II, Salem
- Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, Holliston
- Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Marlborough
- Santuario del Santo Rosario, Lawrence
- Santuario San Jose Obrero, Lowell
- Parroquia Beato Andrés Phu Yen, Medford
- Parroquia San Pablo, Hingham
- Parroquia de San Patricio, Brockton

Good Shepherd School

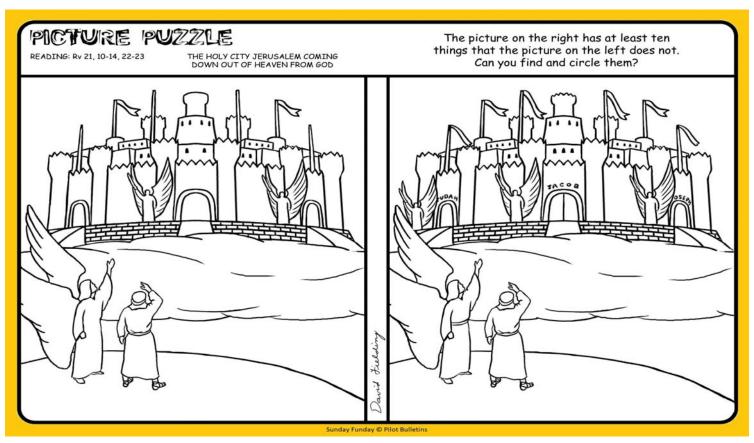


Students from Saint John's school brought the students from the Good Shepherd School on a tour of the Church.











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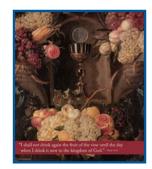
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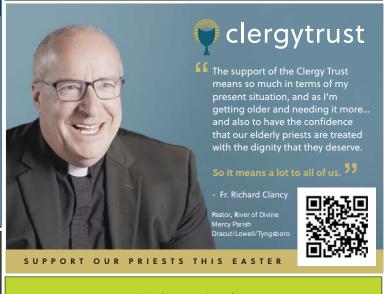
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