## 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, charlestowncatholc.org
 St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, info@charlestowncatholic.org
 Charlestown, MA 02129 June 15, 2025

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Cf. Rv 1:8

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

Sunday8 amSt. Mary- St. Catherine9:30 amSt. Francis de Sales11 amSt. Mary - St. Catherine6 pmSt. Mary - St. Catherine

**Pastor** Fr. John Sheridan

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Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

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> Hispanic Ministry Blanca Paz

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Music Director Timothy Leahy

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### Web-sites

stfrancischarlestown.org stmarystcatherine.org



### There is a new addition to the St. Mary's Prayer Garden!

Commemorative Liberty Tree

We are delighted to share that The Bunker Hill Monument Association is commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17th, 2025 as well as the 202nd Anniversary of the Bunker Hill Monument.

To commemorate these historic events we are partnering with BHMA to plant a 250th Anniversary Commemorative "Liberty Tree, as a living tribute to our history and the founding of our country.

We are grateful for our partnership with the Massachusetts Audubon Society who graciously granted BHMA funds to make this important enhancement to Charlestown's tree canopy for these historic remembrances. Funding was provided by the Boston Tree Alliance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Thanks to Boston Tree Preservation who planted the beautiful birch and Diane Valle for her work.

Look up. Look ahead. Grow to the future.

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 few words of Thanks

I'm celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> year of my priesthood this month and I'm amazed by it all. I've baptized thousands of people (a few times in delivery rooms), heard thousands of confessions (in some very unique places), offered Mass more thousands of times (from Alaska to Montana to Bermuda to Rome to Jerusalem to Ireland to Rome to Istanbul), married hundreds of couples (including two siblings and several of my closest friends), and anointed and buried thousands of people- many blessed by many years and many far too youngand I'm just beginning.

After three and a half decades of doing this, you'd think I've learned some things. I have, but there is so very much more I haven't learned yet. I've discovered at the tender age of 61 that there's only so much I can learn. A comedienne remarks that that she can't learn anything new because she can't un-know useless stuff like the theme to the *Brady Bunch* TV show. She says that the hard disc that is her brain is full, and she can't empty it. I'm learning every day, but the more I learn, the less I realize I know.

But at this point in the journey, these are most important things I'm learning:

I've learned from my brothers and sisters: I have often remarked that to our parents' joy and frustration, we all will die broke and happy, delighted that we were able to make the lives of those around us better. I'm always taken by their generosity- the gifts they give all year long; in many ways they'll never know. My brother Jim once said that each of us do what we do because we know what we're doing, and because we know we'll do it the right way.

I've learned from my nieces and nephews and their spouses and children to cherish the bonds that connect us and to rejoice that God has made us the incredible family that we are.

I have learned from the courage of close friends in my life who have walked from one change to another, who teach me not to be afraid, to keep going.

I have learned from the faith of staff members- lay, clergy and religious- who walked through the jaws of fear and doubt from scandal to reconfiguration to realignment, focused on Christ and His Church.

I have learned from the strength of women from all walks of life who by their wisdom and candor are true to what Christ is calling us all to do to respect, to revere, to listen, to share, to be faithful and to be open to God's will, and that God called me, but I said yes.

I have learned from the devotion of the people of Godwho surprise and humble me every day with their resilience and fidelity to Christ and His Church- to remember what this is all about, the service of God and His people. I have learned from the hope and joy of children, wherever I've served, who have shared with me their supreme confidence in the love of God, putting me to shame for my doubts.

I have learned from the love and support of my friends and classmates that God loves me and to never take my eye off the ball.

I have learned from priests, deacons, religious, lay ministers and bishops to keep in mind that it's not our work- it's God's work- we just get to do it.

In these years we've walked through the AIDS Crisis, the abuse crisis, 9/11, Reconfiguration, 4 Popes (2 at the same time and *now an American*!), the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, 3 Archbishops, Disciples in Mission, the Coronavirus, 6 Presidents, seemingly endless national crises, 6 Super Bowl wins, 4 World Series wins, 2 NBA rings and a Stanley Cup. I've served 16 parishes and a high school, and at times I've been pastor of one, two and three churches, an administrator, an associate pastor, a vicar forane and a chaplain. And I begin again.

I've always believed that my priesthood is proof of God's joy and His extraordinary love. I am so grateful to so many, and overall, to our great high priest, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

> All honor and glory be His. Thank you. Look up. Look ahead. The best is yet to come.

### A Trip Home

From July 3-7, I will be on a family trip to Ireland. Our good friend Fr. Bill Joy will be here!

### A Summer change

Please note that starting this Sunday, June 15, the 6 pm Mass will move to St. Catherine's Chapel for the summer!

### Starting in September, Mondays are for learning!

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

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

### Summertime and the giving is easy!

Please give online or mail in your envelopes so we can keep on planning and building for what's ahead. Call James Santosuosso at the offices and learn how you can give generously and easily. Thank you in advance!

### 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.

> Where we stand now: St. Francis de Sales Goal: \$21,200 Assessment: \$13,693 Amount Raised: \$11,260 82% of Assessment

St. Mary- St. Catherine of Siena has reached its assessment! Thank you!

Thanks and congratulations to the members of our Collaborative Pastoral Council

St. Mary- St. Catherine Richard Gould, Matt Rita, Ari Senerchia, Marian Tse New members: Maryann Broderick, Michael Rush

St. Francis de Sales Steve Brophy, Pat Locke, Joan Rae, Sandy Taylor New members: Kelli Forbes, Peggy Walukevich I have also asked Pauline O'Brien to remain.

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.

### Thanks to those who have served:

Cara Bradley, Jim Coviello, Jim Duane, Katy Fleming, Ann Kelleher, Tim Leahy, Maria Marcella, Geraldine Murphy, Julianne Murphy, Steven Murphy, Magdalena Plumb, Brook Potter, Danielle Reilly, Heather Robinson, Katie Signorelli



Congratulations to Mikayla who received her First Holy Communion on Pentecost!



Just married! Congratulations Cameron & Meaghan!

## Summer Cereal Drive for Harvest on Vine -

As school gets out for summer, the food pantry needs your help! Please drop off a box or two of cereal at the back of the church at the weekend Masses for our families. You can also drop off boxes at 46 Winthrop throughout the week. Thank you for all your continued generosity.

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! June 









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St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena

Mass Intentions

*St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions* 

Saturday, June 14 4 pm + Mary Beaton

Sunday, June 15 Father's Day

9:30 am + John & Julie Reilly

Saturday, June 21 4 pm + Arlene Locke

Sunday, June 22 9:30 am

4 pm

Saturday June 21

Friday, June 20

8 am

9 am

Saturday, June 14 9 am

4 pm + Gerard Doherty

8 am + Lawrence Lecam

Thursday, June 19–Juneteenth holiday

Sunday, June 15 Father's Dav

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Monday, June 16 8 am Tuesday, June 17 8 am Wednesday, June 18 8 am

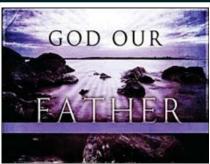
Sunday, June 22

8 am 11 am + Edward & Ann Boyle & Edward Boyle, Jr.

I I am + Edward & Ann Doyle & Edward Doyle, Jr.

6 pm + James M. Rowsey, Sr.& Joseph A. Conway, Jr.

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



### <u> A Father's Day Prayer</u>

God our father, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers young and old,

especially our own fathers.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they

find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

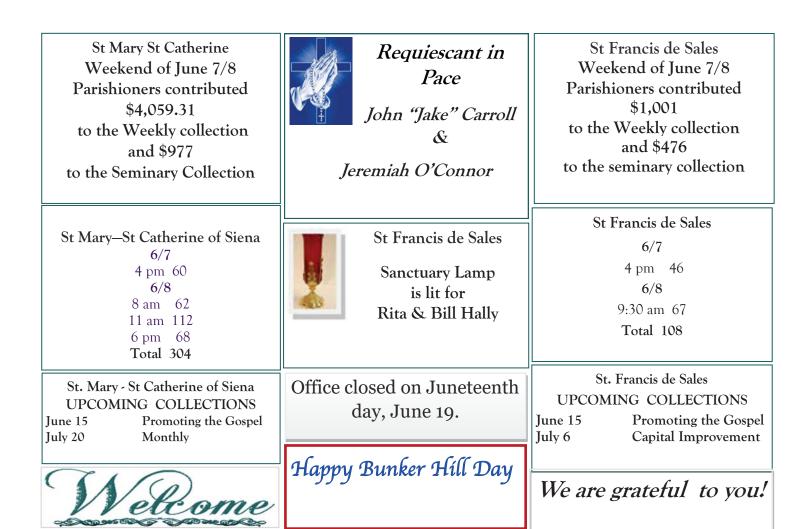
We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

### WORDSEARCH

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# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



### Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

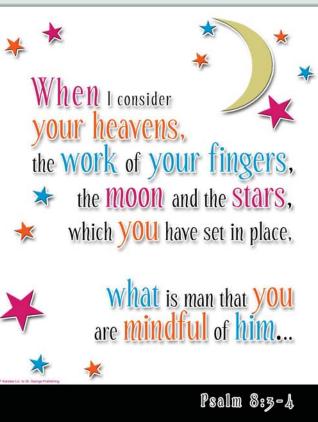
**O Most Holy Trinity**, God of All, we adore You, who shed light eternal where there is dark-

ness. We offer You our hearts, our souls, our whole being, today and every day, that we may offer You praise, thanksgiving and love all the days of our lives.

**O** Father, we thank you wholeheartedly for all the blessings and graces You have so generously given to us, especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus.

O Christ Jesus, feel the beating of our hearts and make them like Your own. Help us to be Your loving and peacefilled presence in our world that all may come to know You and love You.

O Holy Spirit, our guide and inspiration, lead us and keep us on the right path. And if on our way we encounter difficulties and trials, do not allow us to lose hope. Grant us the graces we need daily to share our blessings with all we encounter and to bring about Your vision of love, justice and peace in our world. And when the time comes, O Holy Spirit, lead us to the place that is secure, full of love, joy and peace forever. Amen.



### June 15 ~ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

We proclaim the Most Holy Trinity as a mystery of our faith. It is central to our Christian faith and life. The doctrine of the Trinity includes the truth that there are three persons in One God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While we will never fully understand this mystery in our lifetime, the creed we profess at Mass is an invitation to an ever deeper understanding of who God is and desires to be for us. The Sign of the Cross and the doxology or "Glory be …" are two prayers that are easy to say. Use those prayers this week, and as you do so, ask the Holy Spirit to increase your faith in the Trinity.

### 15 de junio ~ Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

Proclamamos la Santísima Trinidad como misterio de nuestra fe. Es fundamental para nuestra fe y vida cristiana. La doctrinade la Trinidad incluye la verdad de que hay tres personas en un solo Dios: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Si bien nunca entenderemos completamente este misterio en nuestra vida, el credo que profesamos en la Misa es una invitación a una comprensión cada vez más profunda de quién es Dios y desea ser para nosotros. La Señal de la Cruz y la doxología o "Gloria sea..." son dos oraciones que son fáciles de dedr. Use esas oraciones esta semana y, al hacerlo, pídale al Espíritu Santo que aumente su fe en la Trinidad.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope	Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza					
How can I be the "sign of hope?"	¿Cómo podría yo ser "signo de esperanza"?					
<ul> <li>When another Christian despairs, remind him/her that our hope is in Jesus, who offers us the opportunity to go to heaven.</li> <li>Perform spiritual and corporeal works of mercy.</li> <li>Share with others who may not have a relationship with Our Lord the reason for your hope in him (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).</li> <li>Pray with Scripture passages about the Kingdom of Heaven to rediscover for yourself why you have hope.</li> <li>Matthew 18:10-14</li> <li>Matthew 13:24-33</li> <li>Matthew 13:4-50</li> <li>Luke 16:19-31</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cuando otro cristiano se desespere, recuérdale que nuestra esperanza está en Jesús, quien nos ofrece la oportunidad de ir al cielo.</li> <li>Realiza obras de misericordia espirituales y corporales.</li> <li>Comparte con otros que quizá no tengan relación con Nuestro Señor la razón de tu esperanza en Él (cf. 1 Pedro 3, 15).</li> <li>Reza con los pasajes de la Escritura sobre el Reino de los Cielos para redescubrir por ti mismo por qué tienes esperanza.</li> <li>Mateo 18, 10-14</li> <li>Mateo 13, 24-33</li> <li>Mateo 13, 4-50</li> <li>Lucas 16, 19-31</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Mass Intentions—To book a Mass, please call the office at 617.242.4664. and/or</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Confessions— For St. Francis de Sales Parish and St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena Parish. Confessions are held at 3:30 pm on Saturdays</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>website-charlestowncatholic.org- Fr. John will contact couples after the form is submitted. Always feel free to call the Parish office with any questions.</li> <li>Daily Rosary- St. Catherine of Siena Chapel before the daily Mass. Weekdays, 7:35 am (Mass is at 8 am)</li> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>					
before the 4 pm Mass.	Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664					

Weddings- All couples; Please access the wedding form on our

Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664 or email: *info@charlestowncatholic.org* 

### THE BEDADITUDES: 8 WAYS TO BE AN AWESOME DAD

By Dr. Gregory Popcak

Pope Francis has called Jesus' Beatitudes our "guide on the path of Christian life." Of course, as the Incarnation shows, God leads by example. In addition to being a call to Christian discipleship, the Beatitudes could be said to also reveal something about the ways God the Father relates to us, his children. Seen in this light, the Beatitudes present a unique opportunity for Christian men to become fathers after the Father's own heart.

That's why I wrote The BeDADitudes: 8 Ways to Be an Awesome Dad, which looks at how the eight Beatitudes can be understood to shed light on a uniquely Christian vision of masculinity, in general, and fatherhood, in particular. Want to be an awesome dad? Here's a sample of how the eight Beatitudes can help you be the father God is calling you to be.

## 1. Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor in Spirit

## Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart.

Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend YOU do. Go to God every day. Ask him to teach you to be the husband and father HE wants you to be, and the husband and father your wife and children NEED you to be.

### 2. Blessed Are the Dads Who Mourn

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles.

In Scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife's or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways.

### 3.Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Meek

#### Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart.

A real leader listens first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to hear what his wife and children really need from him and, when necessary, doesn't hesitate to get new skills to meet those needs.



### 4. Blessed Are the Dads Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Awesome dads are on a mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family to Him.

Research shows that when dads take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training, kids are exponentially more likely to live the Catholic faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE Father.

### 5. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Merciful

## Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them.

Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their needs and express themselves in good and godly ways.

### 6. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth.

St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is use. Love makes people more people-y. Use makes people into things or tools. Of course, it's important to avoid pornography and lustful behavior, both of which are tremendously objectifying, but purity of heart means avoiding all the ways we treat other people as objects. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your home.

### 7. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home.

St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is respectful, generous, and orderly.

### 8. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake of Righteousness.

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway.

When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know that God the Father will honor your sacrifice.

Dr. Greg Popcak is the author of many books and the host of More2Life Radio airing weekdays at 10am E on SiriusXM130. For more information on Catholic counseling and other resources, visit www.CatholicCounselors.com.



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