# 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 22, 2025

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# THIS IS MY BODY

# THAT IS FOR YOU

I CORINTHIANS 11:24

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

**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

#### Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



They will look upon him whom they have pierced. John 19:37

Feast Day – June 27 Sacrd Heart of Jesus

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

St. Francis de Sales Church 313 Bunker Hill St. Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Luke 2:19

#### Feast Day — June 28 Immaculate Heart of Mary

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.

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#### SON OF AN IMMIGRANT

I am the son of an immigrant. My father came to the States from Ireland, married my mother, worked a number of difficult labor jobs, became a citizen, and brought up nine children. He was proud of his Catholic faith, his family, and his citizenship, and taught us to appreciate our heritage and to be thankful for the blessings that are ours as Americans. At the center of what he taught, by example, was to respect all people, regardless of their situations, created in God's holy image.

At the core of our Catholic teachings beats the heart of the inherent dignity of every human life and our responsibility to see that presence, to defend it and to protect it. The Word of God expects nothing less from each of us- Scripture says that we will be judged on how we treated the immigrant, the vulnerable in our midst in this life. The parable of the Good Samaritan alone cuts to the core- the priest who shunned the vulnerable one was more concerned with how his actions appeared to others, while the Samaritan was more concerned about the one in need. We seem to be at a crossroads in our country- vitriol seems to be everywhere. We need to speak soberly and intentionally.

Is there abuse in this immigration system? Yes. There is, as is everywhere, evil in the midst of good, and we must be vigilant to protect the vulnerable, in a nation with a system broken and in need of correction, in a nation with the highest population of imprisoned people on earth. Painting an entire wave of people fleeing from countries beset by violence we cannot begin to understand as criminals, so many who only wish to live in peace and dignity-like each of us- this represents the worst in us, like those who persecuted generations of immigrants before them, including those of our various nationalities. We have always been a nation of immigrants- we will always be, and we need to remember that this diversity that makes us strong- it has for nearly 250 years of breathtaking change. When we forget this, we lose our character, our mission, our identity.

We are a country born of diversity- with words etched on the Statue of Liberty to receive those who our world dismisses, calling out to us to show compassion and respect to the stranger in our midst as one of us, representing the best of us. Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1972 challenged our nation in the midst of doubt and paranoia to act not on its fears but its hopes. We cannot and will not bow to the cries for retribution out of fear, we will not give in to the voice of the angry mob, but we will speak courageously and stand resolutely with Christ to promote the dignity of every person on this earth.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are expected by our Savior to be the first to reach out, to be the ones who welcome the family in need, the children in crises, the people dreaming of what we far too often take for granted. Simply put, every human being deserves the blessings of freedom that we receive every day. As Catholics, may we be the ones who find the hope, seek justice, and act in hope for a better and more just society, nation and world. In this period of harsh tones on every side, threats and acts of violence and doubt, may our words and actions of mercy, compassion and justice shine brightly to others.

It is very fair to say that my father lived the American Dream. Devoted to his God, wife, family, and his country, he made this world a better place by his acts of gratitude for the blessings he received. May we appreciate the blessings that we've received by our generosity in sharing them and helping others make this truly a nation dedicated to the belief that all men and women and women are created equal. If we achieve this, not only will we make our lives and country stronger and better, so will our world be better, to the glory of God.

~ Fr. John Sheridan



Fr. John Sheridan with Cub Scout pack 294 marching in the Bunker Hill Day parade this past Sunday.

#### How Great Thou Bark Meet Elle Mae



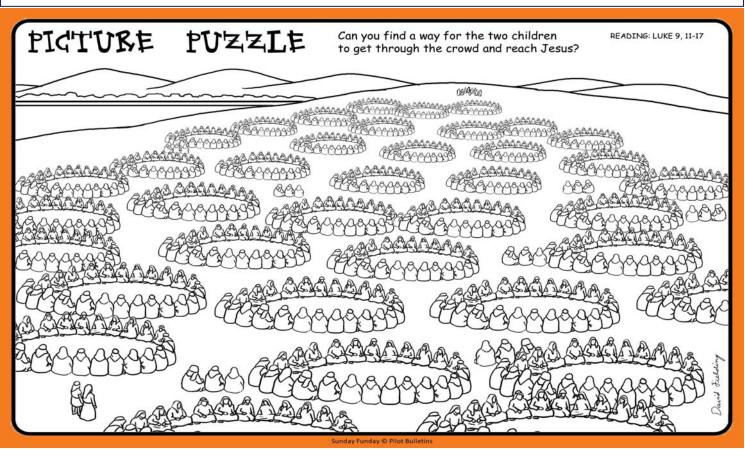
Hello everyone, paw-lease allow me to introduce myself to the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative, my name is Ella Mae, and I am the Resident Window Watchdog! I see many of you pass by my paw-lace on your way to Tatte. I live across the street from St. Mary–St. Catherine. For those of you who may not know me, I am the golden retriever that sits in my bay window, greeting anyone who passes by.

A little about me: as I mentioned, I live on Warren Street with my mom and dad, who take really good care of me and love all creatures of our God and King! My mom works at a small asset management and financial planning firm, and my dad is a mechanical engineer in the sports medical division. I moved to Charlestown way back in 2019 all the way from Connecticut and am 10 years old. I am highly active in the community, being a speed walker always on the search for my next stick, which, I might add, has been ruff to find in the city!

After my daily walks, I love to relax by my window and have some watermelon, and on special occasions, pizza! I need my energy! Although I hate to admit it, I love to chase the rabbits around here.

I wanted to thank one staff member, John Volpe, who waves to me on his way to his office at Tatte between Masses. He took the time to reach out to me to help me get some more followers on my Instagram account. If you would like to find me on Instagram, my address is **greatest\_golden**. I have also included a picture of myself in my window from Easter, I was feeling especially *fur-bulous* that day, so *paw-lease* be sure to wave and give a shout-out next time you pass by!

Blessings and tail wags to all, especially the parish pups!



# THE EUCHARIST

### From the New Testament

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me *(John 6:54-57).* 

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die (*John 6:48-50*).

But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (*Luke 24: 21-31*)

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

### Some Saint Quotes through the centuries

Justin Martyr First Apology 66 (A.D. 151). "We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [i.e., has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus"

**St Augustine**: (354 – 430) "I promised you [new Christians], who have now been baptized, a sermon in which I would explain the sacrament of the Lord's Table. . . That bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the blood of Christ" (Sermons 227 [A.D. 411]).

**St Thomas Aquinas:** (1224/6 – 1274) "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

**St Francis de Sales:** (1567 – 1622) "When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food."

St Maximilian Kolbe: (1894 - 1941) "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) "With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

### Eucharistic Saints:

**Tarcisius** was a twelve-year-old acolyte during one of the fierce Roman persecutions in the **third century** and was martyred while bringing the Eucharist to condemned Christians in prison. He preferred death at the hands of a mob rather than deliver to them the Blessed Sacrament which he was carrying.

**St Catherine of Siena** (1347–1380) was canonized in 1461, made a doctor of the Church, and is one of a small group of saints known as Eucharistic saints who dedicated themselves to the consumption and spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist.

Blessed Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991– 12 October 2006) was a British-born teenager, primarily of Italian ancestry, known for his devotion to the Eucharist... with him creating a website documenting Eucharistic miracles prior to his death from leukemia at the age of fifteen. His canonization is set to take place on 7 September 2025.

#### St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, June 21 9 am

4 pm Sunday, June 22 Corpus Christi 8 am

11 am + Edward & Ann Boyle & Edward Boyle, Jr.6 pm + James M. Rowsey, Sr.& Joseph A. Conway, Jr.

#### Monday, June 23

8 am **Tuesday, June 24** 

8 am

Wednesday, June 25

8 am Thursday, June 26

# Friday, June 27

8 am

#### Saturday June 28

9 am 4 pm

#### Sunday, June 29

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## 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.

Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales

#### Saturday, June 21

4 pm + Arlene Locke

Sunday, June 22 Corpus Christi

9:30 am

Saturday, June 28 4 pm Fr. Daniel Mahoney

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am + Edward, Marie, Sally, & Edward Jr. Leahy



St Mary St Catherine Weekend of June 14/15 Parishioners contributed \$3,315.02 to the Weekly collection and \$701 to the Seminary Collection	Requiescant in Pace Thomas J. Doherty	St Francis de Sales Weekend of June 14/15 Parishioners contributed \$2,081.00 to the Weekly collection and \$338 to the seminary collection
St Mary–St Catherine of Siena 6/14 4 pm 76 6/15 8 am 55 11 am 86 6 pm 39 Total 256	We are grateful to you!	St Francis de Sales 6/14 4 pm 63 6/15 9:30 am 44 Total 107
St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONSJuly 20MonthlyAugust 15AssumptionAugust 17Monthly	St Mary Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Robbie Brady	St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS July 6 Capital Improvement July 20 Parish August 3 Capital Improvement

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

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- 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... Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664 or email: **info@charlestowncatholic.org**  June 22 ~ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood (Corpus Christi) Today, like every Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of our faith that forges our identity and strengthens us to be the very body of Christ that we receive. Celebrating the Body and Blood of Christ always calls us to do what he commanded: to share our lives as he did. The gift we receive and celebrate is the very center and heart of our church, the center and heart of our faith and our lives. So too, it must be the center and heart of our parish life. As we leave Mass today, having received Christ's body and blood, let us pray for our parish and ourselves to be more and more Christ-like in all that we say and do.

22 de junio ~Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre (Corpus Christi) Hoy, como todos los domingos, celebramos el misterio de nuestra fe que forja nuestra identidad y nos fortalece para ser el mismo cuerpo de Cristo que recibimos. Celebrar el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo siempre nos llama a hacer lo que él nos ordenó: compartir nuestras vidas como él lo hizo. El regalo que recibimos y celebramos es el centro y el corazón de nuestra iglesia, el centro y el corazón de nuestra fe y nuestras vidas. Así también, debe ser el centro y el corazón de nuestra vida parroquial. Al salir de la Misa hoy, habiendo recibido el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, oremos para que nuestra parroquia y nosotros mismos seamos cada vez más como Cristo en todo lo que decimos y hacemos.

### Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

What can I do to participate in the Jubilee Year?

A jubilee year is a time for forgiveness and renewal in our relationship with God. The theme of this year is about hope. Some ways you can participate are:

- Visit and pray at pilgrimage sites
- Join in the events around the archdiocese
- Revisit the fundamentals of our faith to bolster your hope in Jesus (Who is Jesus?, What did he do?, and Why does it matter?).
- Practice works of mercy and be signs of hope to those you encounter
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently throughout the year
- Share signs of hope on social media. Tag @BostonCatholic and use the hashtag #JubileeYear
- Talk to an acquaintance and get to know him/her better. If a friendship develops, share the reason for your hope in Jesus with that him/her.

## Preguntas Frecuentes Sobre el Año Jubilar 2025

¿Cómo puedo participar en el Año Jubilar?

- Visita y reza en los lugares de peregrinación
- Participa de los eventos alrededor de la arquidiócesis
- Repasa los fundamentos de nuestra fe (¿Quién es Jesús?, ¿Qué hizo? y ¿Por qué es importante?) para reforzar tu esperanza en Jesús.
- Practica las obras de misericordia y sé signo de esperanza con quienes te encuentres
- Recibe el Sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia a lo largo del año
- Comparte signos de esperanza en las redes sociales. Etiqueta a @BostonCatholic y utiliza el hashtag #JubileeYear #Jubileo2025
- Conversa con un conocido y tómate el tiempo para conocerlo mejor. Si surge una amistad, comparte con él o ella la razón de tu esperanza en Jesús.

### 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.

#### 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!

#### 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!

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!



Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All. All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

### 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 local high school students. Upon his death, Fr. Gallagher left a generous bequest to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has helped students 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.

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>

"Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths." (Mark 1:3). John baptized with water in preparation for Jesus, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.





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