# 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 29, 2025





# Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

#### 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**

St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church Mon - Fri 8 am 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

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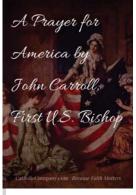
Parish Nurse Ministry Director Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

Clergy in Residence Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p. Msgr. Felix Ojimba

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### Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops,

prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Saint Mary Church 55 Warren St. Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel Warren & Soley St. Charlestown Catholic Collaborative Parish Center 46 Winthrop St. 617-242-4664

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











Recently, it was my honor to attend the Scouting America's Spirit of Adventure Council Annual Council Dinner with the esteemed Dr. Neil Lupton and receive the North Star Award alongside State Sen. Bruce Tarr.

The Charlestown Catholic Collaborative is privileged to sponsor Cub Pack 294.

-Fr. John

Look up. Look ahead. Be prepared.

### A Mass change

Please note that the 6 pm Sunday Mass is at St. Catherine's Chapel for the summer!

#### A Trip Home

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

### 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 starting Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm</u> at 46 Winthrop St.

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

#### Summer calls!

As we enter the sweet summer season, please don't forget to donate to our parishes- this time of year can be challenging, as Mass attendance drops with bills to pay all year long!

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. Mary- St. Catherine of Siena

 Goal:
 \$46,100

 Assessment:
 \$27,975

 Amount Raised:
 \$22,280

 102% of Assessment!

#### Summer Conversations

Starting July 10 on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm at 46 Winthrop St, we will have discussions

for adults for the sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation,

and for those who just want to learn more about their faith. Join the conversation and be careful,

you might learn something!

Please let Fr. John know if you can join him!

# **GET INVOLVED !**

## PARISH COUNCILS

Finance Council Pastoral Council Stewardship Committee

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers Eucharistic Ministers Lectors Music Ministry Worship Committee

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Adult Confirmation/RCIA Baptism Prep Confirmation Religious Ed K – 6 Spiritual Committee Wedding Committee

### Social Ministries

Family Ministry Social Ministry St. Francis Hall Committee



## PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,

this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun
long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will
we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor
that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the
common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

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## 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.

### The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses from sin, therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for his Sacred Heart from which his blood poured out on the Cross.

The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, most notably **St. Catherine of Siena.** Devotion to the Precious Blood spread greatly through the preaching of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, a 19th century priest and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and was later approved and recommended by the Holy See.



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!



# Don't forget the poor

Please remember the poor boxes at the back of the church. Thank you!

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

Saturday, June 28 9 am 4 pm Sunday, June 29 8 am + Bob & Pat Rooney 11 am + Robbie Brady & John McAteer 6 pm Monday, June 30

8 am Tuesday, July 1 8 am Wednesday, July 2 8 am

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4 Holiday–office closed 8 am

#### Saturday July 5

9 am 4 pm + Rev. Joseph McLaughlin SSE

#### Sunday, July 6

8 am 11 am 6 pm *St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions* 

#### Saturday, June 28

4 pm + Fr. Daniel Mahoney

#### Sunday, June 29

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



Saturday, July 5 4 pm

Sunday, July 6 9:30 am + James McCallum

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

**WE KNOW...**that with the arrival of summer, you'll be going on vacation.

We will miss you!!! But don't miss Mass!!! Visit <u>Masstimes.org</u> for churches wherever you go, or tune in virtually at stmarystcatherine.org!





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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. St Mary St Catherine Weekend of June 21/22 Parishioners contributed

\$2,816.24 to the Weekly collection

St Mary–St Catherine of Siena 6/21 4 pm 53 6/22 8 am 53 11 am 133 6 pm 59 Total 291

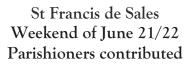


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Colleen M. Hanlon Eleanor P. Babine Denise M. Barry

St Francis de Sales

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Tom Doherty



\$1,871.00 to the Weekly collection

> St Francis de Sales 6/21 4 pm 56 6/22 9:30 am 53 Total 109

### St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

July 20 August 15 August 17

Monthly Assumption Monthly



We are grateful to you!

July 6 July 20 August 3 Capital Improvement Parish 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

> Our offices will be closed on Friday, the 4th of July in observance of Independence Day.

#### June 29 ~ Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

We celebrate today two great saints: St. Peter, the first Pope, and St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. We hear in our readings that they were two distinct personalities who came from different backgrounds and were given two distinct missions. Their courageous proclamation of their faith and their unwavering devotion to Christ and his teachings is a challenge we face each day. Let us pray for that same courage and dedication so that we will be bold witnesses to Christ's love, compassion and for-giveness.

#### 29 de junio ~ Solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

Hoy celebramos a dos grandes santos: San Pedro, el primer Papa, y San Pablo, el Apóstol de los gentiles. Escuchamos en nuestras lecturas que eran dos personalidades distintas que provenían de diferentes orígenes y se les dieron dos misiones distintas. Su valiente proclamación de su fe y su inquebrantable devoción a Cristo y sus enseñanzas es un desafío que enfrentamos cada día. Oremos por ese mismo coraje y dedicación para que seamos testigos audaces del amor, la compasión y el perdón de Cristo.

#### Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Why are there no holy doors this Jubilee Year?

In John 10:9, Jesus says, "'I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." During a Jubilee Year, the pope designates "holy doors" to symbolize an inner conversion of leaving one's former life and entering into a new life of following Jesus. Popes previously gave local bishops the authority to declare holy doors in their dioceses to help spread the graces of Jubilee Years for those who cannot go to Rome. This year, Pope Francis did not give permission for local holy doors, instead, he gave permission for pilgrimage sites.

Pilgrimage sites are your place for a little retreat from the busyness of life where you can pray, participate in the liturgy, go to confession, and encounter Jesus. Pilgrimage site serve a similar purpose as holy doors. They offer an opportunity for new zeal and conversion. You can view the local sites here: bit.ly/JubileeOfHope.

#### Preguntas Frecuentes Sobre el Año Jubilar 2025

¿Por qué no hay puertas santas en este Año Jubilar?

En Juan 10:9, Jesús dice: 'Yo soy la puerta. El que por mí entrare, será salvo.'

Durante un Año Jubilar, el Papa designa 'puertas santas' para simbolizar una conversión interior de dejar atrás la vida anterior y entrar en una nueva vida de seguir a Jesús. Los papas anteriormente otorgaron a los obispos locales la autoridad para declarar puertas santas en sus diócesis para ayudar a difundir las gracias de los Años Jubilares para aquellos que no pueden ir a Roma. Este año, el Papa Francisco no dio permiso para puertas santas locales, en cambio, dio permiso para sitios de peregrinación. Los sitios de peregrinación son su lugar para un pequeño retiro de la agitación de la vida, donde puede orar, participar en la liturgia, ir a confesión y encontrarse con Jesús. Los sitios de peregrinación cumplen un propósito similar al de las puertas santas. Ofrecen una oportunidad para un nuevo fervor y conversión. Puede ver los sitios locales aquí: bit.ly/JubileeOfHope.

#### 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.

# Peter and Paul

God has made

the Gentiles

to be His

heirs too!

June 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles. He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock)

and on this rock I will build my Church ... " Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, You are Peter ... though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

We should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith too!

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