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 July 13, 2025



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

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Faith Formation classes

Religious Education, also known as RelEd or Faith Formation, gives students the information and the tools that they need to realize and respond to God's love for them.

Our program at St. Mary- St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis de Sales Parishes guides students into a closer relationship with God and our Catholic community by providing them with a solid Catholic education from grades K-10, and preparing them for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

We want to teach the children of this worshiping community to come to know God, learn to love God, and to live a life in response to God's love!

Parents' participation in all aspects of our program is essential to its purpose and success. Children learn best by example. We ask that you give your children's religious education the importance the children deserve. By working together, parish and family, our faith will fill the hearts of our children!

> Registration begins on Monday, July 14 Visit our web site to register—charlestowncatholic.org Or drop by or call the Parish Office at 617.242.4664

Jubilee for Catechists, September 27 @ 10am Save the date! Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish, Medford

Calling all catechists in the Archdiocese of Boston! That means you - parents, faith formation leaders, teachers, volunteers, OCIA and youth ministry teams, etc. Join us for a celebration to include Mass and a Catechist Commissioning with Archbishop Henning, lunch and fellowship, a trivia competition hosted by Fr. Denis Nakkeeran, and free access to Franciscan at Home! Go to bit.ly/JubileeCatechists to learn more and sign up!

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.

Thank you!

Thanks so much to our good friend Fr. Bill Joy, who spent this past weekend with us so I could spend a few days in Ireland with family.

Keep in mind

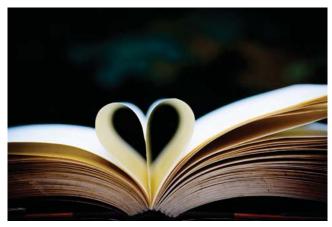
Fr. John will be out of state July 27-Aug. 3

A new resident at 49 Vine St.

Fr. Patrick Mpete will be moving into our rectory in early August as he continues his studies at BC in the fall.

A Special Guest

On the weekend of July 26-27, Fr. John Olenick will be visiting St. Mary- St. Catherine to offer Mass and speak about the Unbound community, a Catholic organization dedicated to ministering to the poor in 19 countries.



Faith Formation It's not too early to plan ahead, and we are planning for 2025-26! Registration begins this Monday- just call the Offices at 617-242-4664 or go to charlestowncatholic.org! We'll begin on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 4 pm with a party at 46 Winthrop Street!

Summer calls!

In this summer season, please don't forget to donate to our parishes- this time of year can be challenging, as Mass attendance drops with <u>bills to pay</u> <u>all year long.</u> 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!

Conversations!

Starting this week, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at 46 Winthrop St, we will have discussions for adults in person and via zoom 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!

Symbolon returns

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

Coming soon...



Something very special from Harvest on Vine is coming Thursday, Oct. 16. Watch this space for updates!

July 13 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes ...," Moses reminds us that the commandments are readily accessible. The command, simply put is - Love God, love your neighbor. That commandment is made abundantly clear to us in the parable of the Good Samaritan that Jesus presents in today's gospel. Who is "my neighbor" that needs assistance today? We don't have to look very hard to see who that might be. As we heard in the first reading, we have the ability, it is "already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." Jesus not only challenges us to be responsive, he also promises to give us the grace we need to carry out his command.

13 de julio ~ Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"... escucha la voz de Jehová, tu Dios, y guarda sus mandamientos y estatutos...", Moisés nos recuerda que los mandamientos son fácilmente accesibles. El mandamiento, en pocas palabras, es: Ama a Dios, ama a tu prójimo. Ese mandamiento se nos hace muy claro en la parábola del Buen Samaritano que Jesús presenta en el evangelio de hoy. ¿Quién es "mi prójimo" que necesita ayuda hoy? No tenemos que buscar mucho para ver quién podría ser. Como hemos escuchado en la primera lectura, tenemos la capacidad, que "ya está en vuestras bocas y en vuestros corazones; solo tienes que llevarlo a cabo". Jesús no solo nos desafía a ser receptivos, sino que también promete darnos la gracia que necesitamos para llevar a cabo su mandamiento.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

How can I be the "sign of hope?"?

Hope comes from knowing Jesus Christ's mercy and love for you personally. Before we can share hope, we must know the hope that is in Jesus. Here are a few ways you can share the hope you have:

- When another Christian is discouraged or despairing, remind them that our hope is in Jesus, who offers us the opportunity to go to heaven.
- Perform spiritual and corporeal works of mercy.
- Share with others who may not have a relationship with Our Lord the reason for your hope in him (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).

You learn more about the Jubilee and being signs of hope here: bit.ly/JubileeOfHope

Preguntas Frecuentes Sobre el Año Jubilar 2025

¿Cómo podría yo ser "signo de esperanza"?

- Cuando otro cristiano se desespere, recuérdale que nuestra esperanza está en Jesús, quien nos ofrece la oportunidad de ir al cielo.
- Realiza obras de misericordia espirituales y corporales.
- Comparte con otros, que quizá no tengan relación con Nuestro Señor, la razón de tu esperanza en Él (cf. 1 Pedro 3, 15).

Puedes obtener más información en bit.ly/JubileeOfHope.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

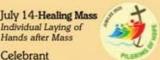


Boston Carmel Chapel Mura

Join us for Eucharist at our Annual 3-Day Celebration With a Healing Mass on July 14 to Celebrate the Jubilee of Hope

Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.





Rev. Francisco J. Anzoategui Peiro Pastor, St. Stephen's Church, Framingham



Rev. Francis Herrmann, SJ

Rev. Francis Herrmann, 5J Professor Emeritus, Boston College Law School

Carmelite Monastery Chapel 61 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Boston, MA 02119 617-442-1411



Catholic Fest (Featuring Sean Forrest) Saturday, July 19, 2025 11am - 6pm Immaculate Conception Parish Parking Lot (119 Washington St, Marlborough)

Immaculate Conception Parish of Marlborough is holding its first Catholic Fest, a fun-filled family day of music, games, and food. The event is scheduled from 11am – 6pm and all activities will be located at the church parking lot (119 Washington St, Marlborough). The highlight will be nationally-recognized speaker, singer & songwriter Sean Forrest who, from 2-3:30pm, will present "Faith without works is dead. Yes, Jesus loves us but we have work to do!". <u>https://www.icmarlboro.org/jubilee-2025</u>



Today we're celebrating Carmelites with Our Lady of Mount Carmel! Famous Carmelites include St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) – all of whom were powerhouses of spiritual writing. Spend some time today reading about these saints.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

St. Clare of Assisi

Talk by Immaculee Ilibagiza

Thursday, Sept. 4 6 - 7:30 pm Immaculate Conception Church (11 Prospect St, Marlborough)

Immaculate Conception Parish of Marlborough is presenting a talk by Immaculee Ilibagiza based on her best-selling book "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust". There will be a voluntary \$10/person donation requested.

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St.	Mary-St.	Catherine of Siena
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St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 12 4 pm

Sunday, July 13 9:30 am + Frank & Barbara Kelly



Saturday, July 19 4 pm + Colleen Devlin

Sunday, July 20 9:30 am

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

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.



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: stfrancis-

charlestown.org and stmarystcatherine.org



Don't forget the poor

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

St Mary St Catherine St Francis de Sales St Francis de Sales Weekend of July 5/6 Weekend of July 5/6 Sanctuary Lamp Parishioners contributed Parishioners contributed is lit in memory of \$833.00 to the Weekly collection \$4.654.01 And Frank & Barbara to the Weekly collection \$506 to the Kellv Capital Improvement Collection St Mary-St Catherine of Siena St Francis de Sales 7/5"YOU SHALL LOVE 7/54 pm 61 THE LORD, YOUR GOD, 4 pm 38 7/6 WITH ALL YOUR HEART. 7/68 am 46 WITH ALL YOUR BEING. 11 am 101 9:30 am 44 WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. 6 pm 56 AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, Total 82 Total 264 AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." St. Francis de Sales St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena LUKE 10:27 UPCOMING COLLECTIONS UPCOMING COLLECTIONS July 20 July 20 Parish Monthly We are grateful to you! August 3 Capital Improvement August 15 Assumption August 17 Monthly

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, 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

HARVEST ON VINE

FRANCES G. & JOSEPH F.BOYCE



COMMUNITY KITCHEN



Nutritious and Easy to Prepare Cooking Class

Wednesday, July 23rd 4:00 pm Cooking Demonstration Vegetable Lo Mein Prepared by James Wong

Friday, July 11th 3:00 pm Set-up Saturday, July 12th 9:00 am Set-up tables 10:00 am Food Distribution Thursday July 17th 1:00 pm - Mishawum

Monday, July 28th 3:00pm - Set-up Tuesday, July 29th 4:00 pm Set-up tables 5:00 pm - Food Distribution

GET INVOLVED ! Parish Councils

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

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Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,

Inspire us to feed the hungry, to love a child to provide comfort and medicine to the sick to clothe those whose garments are threadbare, and to offer hope and our Lord's words to all who need respite.

PRAYER TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Please remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church. People in our community are being helped in all kinds of ways because of your generosity.

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.

A Prayer for Texas

With the recent flooding in Texas and the tragic loss of life, we as the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative lift our prayers in solidarity and love. As the beloved hymn written by Thomas A. Dorsey reminds us:

Precious Lord, take my hand,

Lead me on, let me stand.

I am tíred, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

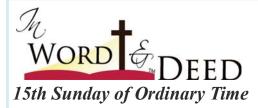
Lead me on to the light -

Take my hand, Precíous Lord, lead me home.

We pray that all who are hurting may feel Christ's hand upon them,

leading them through the storm, into light and peace.

Amen.



The mayor of a small town gave a speech about making the city better, one citizen at a time, block by block. A few men in our neighborhood took it seriously and began to clean up litter, tidy up a vacant lot and start a neighborhood watch program. Their motto was, "If you want a better neighborhood, be a better neighbor!" Their efforts were contagious and the neighborhood not only looked better, but it became a better place to live.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is about loving others as God loves. There are no limits or restrictions. It's just one person—one neighbor—helping another, without regard for nationality, language or religion. We are all members of the same human family, all created by the same loving God. We cannot claim to be people of love if we fail to practice what we claim.

How do we become the Good Samaritan? Try random acts of kindness. Be more patient in traffic—even leaving the church! Give someone a helping hand. Buy someone's lunch—anonymously. Send a thank you note. Forgive a debt—or a grudge. Call someone who needs a friend. Pray a little more. Make a good confession. Practice Lent in July. If you want a better Church, or if you want a deeper faith, work to be a better believer!

 $\tilde{}$ James Gaffney, $extsf{C}$ 2010 Karides Lic. to Pilot Bulletins

FAITH FACTS

The Samaritans were a mixture of Israelites and foreign settlers who disagreed with the other Israelites about how God should be worshipped.

The Samaritans would not worship at the temple in Jerusalem. They had their own temple on Mount Gerizim.



There was a lot of hostility between the Samaritans and the other Israelites. Most Jews looked down on the Samaritans.

It is interesting that Jesus told a story in which the "good neighbor" is a Samaritan.

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins





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