

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, charlestowncatholic.org

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

Charlestown, MA 02129

August 3, 2025



Take care to guard against
all greed, for though one may be
rich, one's life does not consist of
possessions.

Luke 12:15

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 am St. Mary- St. Catherine

9:30 am St. Francis de Sales

11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine

6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

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August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person: and as the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses given to her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Inmaculado Corazón de María.

Desde el siglo XVI, la piedad católica ha asignado meses enteros a devociones especiales. El mes de agosto está tradicionalmente dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María. El corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como lo es el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona; y como sede de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), virtud y vida interior. Tal devoción es un incentivo para un amor y una virtud similares.

Esta devoción ha recibido un nuevo énfasis en este siglo a partir de las visiones dadas a Lucy Dos Santos, la más antigua de las videntes de Fátima, en su convento de Tuy, en España, en 1925 y 1926. En las visiones, Nuestra Señora pidió la práctica de los Cinco Primeros Sábados para ayudar a enmendar las ofensas que le dieron a su corazón las blasfemias y la ingratitud de los hombres. La práctica es paralela a la devoción de los Nueve Primeros Viernes en honor al Sagrado Corazón.

El 31 de octubre de 1942, el Papa Pío XII realizó un solemne Acto de Consagración de la Iglesia y del mundo entero al Inmaculado Corazón. Recordemos esta devoción durante todo el año, pero particularmente durante el mes de agosto.

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 disability-accessible on Soley Street.
St. Catherine's Chapel is disability-accessible on Winthrop Street.

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary-St. Catherine Parish,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in welcoming me to speak on behalf of Unbound last weekend. Your hospitality and friendliness were a wonderful testament to what it means to be a community of disciples. I am very grateful to all the parishioners who became sponsors of children and seniors in need. You can still become a sponsor by going online at www.unbound.org.

Blessings,

Fr. John Olenick, C.Ss.R.

August 3 ~ Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"...rest, eat, drink, be merry!" Sounds appealing on a summer day! But Paul is both wise and kind to caution us as he cautioned the Colossians in the second reading to "Seek what is above... Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly" We are called to be in the world, but not of the world. In fact, our task is to sanctify the world around us. Difficult. . . absolutely, but not impossible. Remember, with God all things are possible. Try to add just five minutes to your daily prayer to ask for the grace to be more intentional in your following of Christ, to become rich in what matters to God.

3 de agosto ~ Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"... ¡Descansa, come, bebe, diviértete!" ¡Suena atractivo en un día de verano! Pero Pablo es sabio y amable al advertirnos, como advirtió a los colosenses en la segunda lectura: "Buscad lo de arriba... Haced morir, pues, las partes de vosotros que son terrenales" Estamos llamados a estar en el mundo, pero no somos del mundo. De hecho, nuestra tarea es santificar el mundo que nos rodea. Difícil... Absolutamente, pero no imposible. Recuerda, con Dios todo es posible. Trata de agregar solo cinco minutos a tu oración diaria para pedir la gracia de ser más intencional en tu seguimiento de Cristo, para hacerte rico en lo que le importa a Dios.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Why is Jesus our hope?

God's love is why we hope in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:6-10 shows us the extent of God's love: "For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

And this love has saved us from eternal death: "How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life."

Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿Por qué Jesús es nuestra esperanza?

Es por eso que esperamos en Jesucristo. La carta a los Romanos 5, 6-10 nos muestra la magnitud del amor de Dios: "En efecto, cuando todavía éramos débiles, Cristo, en el tiempo señalado, murió por los pecadores. Difícilmente, se encuentra alguien que dé su vida por un hombre justo; tal vez alguno sea capaz de morir por un bienhechor. Pero la prueba de que Dios nos ama es que Cristo murió por nosotros cuando todavía éramos pecadores".

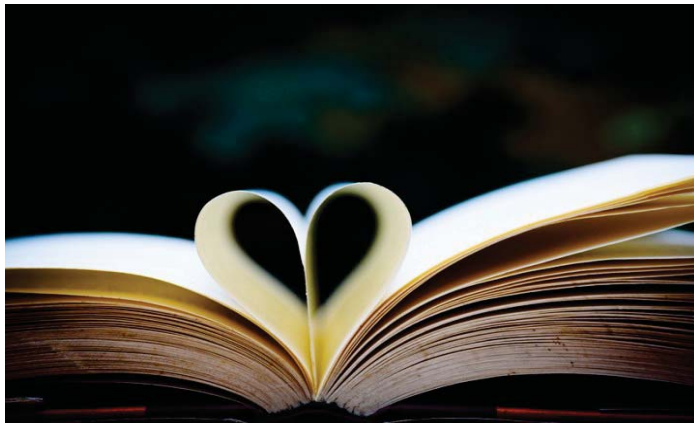
Y este amor nos ha salvado de la muerte eterna: "Y ahora que estamos justificados por su sangre, con mayor razón seremos librados por él de la ira de Dios. Porque si siendo enemigos, fuimos reconciliados con Dios por la muerte de su Hijo, mucho más ahora que estamos reconciliados, seremos salvados por su vida".

Stay connected when away from the Parish.

- If you would like a bulletin mailed to you, please contact the office
- Visit our website to view the latest bulletin (under resources)
- Watch our live-streamed 11:00 am Sunday Mass every week on our website or Facebook page

A Special Guest

We are very grateful to Fr. John Olenick for presiding and preaching this past weekend at St. Mary-St. Catherine and spreading the good news about the important work of Unbound ministries. For information, please see Fr. John.



Faith Formation

We are planning for 2025-26!

Registration has begun-
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!

Coming soon!

A new resident is coming to 49 Vine St!
Fr. Patrick Mpete, SMA will be moving
into the rectory for his studies at BC.

Summertime

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 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!

Symbolon returns

Symbolon will begin again every other Monday 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!

En Espanol

*At the 11 am Sunday Mass, some parts are in Spanish,
and some folks have asked what is being said,
wanting to join in the responses. Here are a few:*

Gospel Proclamation:

The priest proclaims: "The Lord be with you."

We respond: **"Y con tu Espiritu."**

Priest: "A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to (name of the writer)".

We respond: **"Gloria a ti, Señor".**

At the end he says: "The Gospel of the Lord".

We respond: **"Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús".**

Universal Prayer/ Prayer of the Faithful:

Our response: **Te rogamos, Señor, oyenos.**



Welcome our newest member

Oskar Robert David Merrill-McCarthy!



HUNGRY SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

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 stmaryscatherine.org

*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!*

GET INVOLVED !

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AUGUST

- Aug 1 St Alphonsus Ligori— Bishop and Doctor of the church
- Aug 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St Peter Julian Eynard
- Aug 4 St John Vianney, Priest
- Aug 6 Transfiguration
- Aug 7 St Sixtus II Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St Cajetan
- Aug 8 St Dominic, Priest
- Aug 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Aug 11 St Claire
- Aug 12 St Jane Frances de Chatel
- Aug 13 St Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest and Martyrs
- Aug 14 St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
- Aug 15 Assumption of Mary
- Aug 16 St Stephen of Hungary
- Aug 19 St John Eudes, Priest
- Aug 20 St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Aug 21 St Pius X, Pope
- Aug 22 Queenship of Mary
- Aug 23 St Rose of Lima
- Aug 24 St Bartholemew (Apostle)
- Aug 25 St Louis; St St Joseph Calasanz
- Aug 27 St Monica
- Aug 28 St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Aug 30 Passion of St John the Baptist

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, August 2
9 am
4 pm + Frank & Nora Butler

Sunday, August 3
8 am
11 am + Sue Tubbs
6 pm + Sean Fittz & Thomas Gomperts

Monday, August 4
8 am

Tuesday, August 5
8 am

Wednesday, August 6
8 am + Bau Tran Doan

Thursday, August 7
8 am

Friday, August 8 + David & Sheila Lecam
8 am

Saturday August 9
9 am
4 pm

Sunday, August 10
8 am
11 am + Sue Tubbs
6 pm

*St. Francis de Sales
Mass Intentions*

Saturday, August 2
4 pm

Sunday, August 3
9:30 am



Saturday, August 9
4 pm

Sunday, August 10 + Nicholas Cantin
9:30 am

We are grateful to you!

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

Faith Formation classes



Religious Education, also known as Rel Ed 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 worshipping 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 has begun!

Classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 4 pm
Visit our web site to register—charlestowncatholic.org
or drop by or call the Parish Office at 617.242.4664

**St Mary St Catherine
Weekend of July 26/27**

**Parishioners contributed
\$3,538.83
to the Weekly collection**

St Mary St Catherine

7/26
4 pm 46
7/27
8 am 57
11 am 130
6 pm 58
Total 291

**St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

August 15 Assumption
August 17 Monthly
September 14 Monthly
September 21 Clergy Benefit

*"Apart from the cross there is no other
ladder by which we may get to heaven."
-Saint Rose of Lima*



**St Francis de Sales
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for**

Nicholas Cantin



***Requiescant in
Pace***

***Nancy M. (Kearns)
Shields***

Stephen P. "Steve" Connolly

**St Francis de Sales
Weekend of July 26/27**

**Parishioners contributed
\$1,139.00
to the Weekly collection**

St Francis de Sales

7/19
4 pm 44
7/20
9:30 am 47
Total 91

**St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

August 3 Capital Improvement
August 17 Parish Deficit
August 31 Mission Appeal
September 14 Capital Improvement
September 21 Clergy Benefit

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. It is a 7 day candle.

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
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WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

VANITY EARTH GREED
WISDOM ABOVE HEART
WEALTH GLORY GRAIN
CREATOR PROFIT FOOL
HARVEST IMAGE TOIL

Solution to last week's crossword



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QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

1. Qoheleth said that all things are:
(a) vanity (b) gifts from God (c) desirable ?
2. When Christ our life appears, then you shall:
(a) fear (b) appear with him in glory (c) exult ?
3. Be intent on things above rather than on:
(a) people (b) justice (c) things of earth ?
4. There was a rich man who had a good:
(a) harvest (b) life (c) family ?
5. But God said to him:
(a) You are wise (b) Wake up (c) You fool ?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(a); 2(b); 3(c); 4(a); 5(c)

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The class was having a discussion about what really matters in life and where we find a sense of value and success. As the students grappled with the notion of material wealth and its importance to a sense of accomplishment, one girl recalled a conversation she had with her friend as they browsed through the flea market at the parish summer festival. As they looked at all the items for sale, her friend remarked, "Imagine! All this meant something to someone a long time ago. Now it's all junk!"

Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who places his trust in his material wealth. But His disciples must place their hope and treasure, their value and worth in the Lord. It is not worth the effort to focus time, energy and attention on things that will not last, if we lose the chance to build wealth that lasts forever. Material things are important, but not at the cost of our values, morals and ideals. As the popular proverb says, you can't take it with you!

Focus on your spiritual investments and possessions. Make a little time for prayer. Volunteer for service to others. Make it a habit to give to the food bank, or other group in your parish that helps the needy. Use your rosary. Attend Mass on vacation. Don't neglect your spiritual needs and values. It is the only thing you take with you.

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Cursillo Is a crash course in Christianity. If you would like to know more about your faith, consider a Cursillo retreat. Nancy Higgins is our parish coordinator. Please call the Parish Center if you are interested in learning about Cursillo retreats at 617-242-4664

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6th

In Year B, the reading for the Transfiguration comes from Mark's gospel. (The Transfiguration also appears in the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.) In Mark, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples.



There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen “except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus’ journey towards the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church draws parallels between Jesus’ Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The “Transfiguration ‘is the sacrament of the second regeneration’: our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh* III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord’s Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he ‘will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might “transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration.” The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration “prefigures our full adoption to sonship.” The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.



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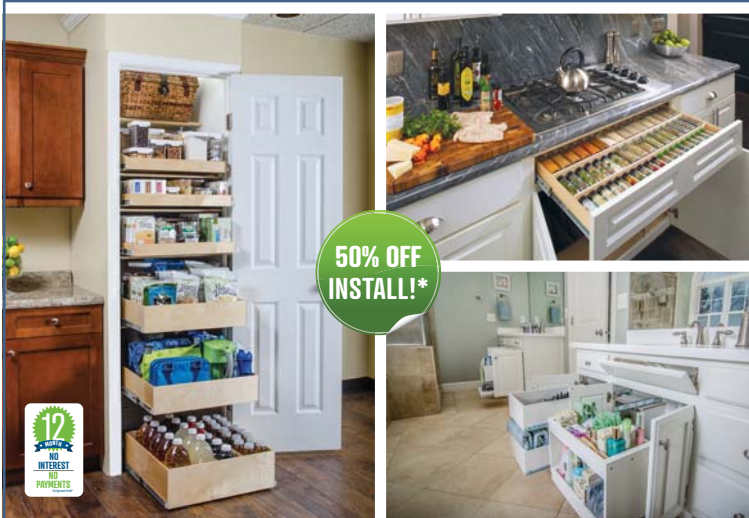


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