

# 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](http://charlestowncatholic.org)

St. Francis Rectory, 303 Bunker Hill Street, 617-242-0147, [info@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

Charlestown, MA 02129

August 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN TO BE HIS OWN

PSALM 33:12

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### 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

#### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

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#### Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

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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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Faith Magazine

## Why should I register at my parish?

By Cynthia Kaan



If you have been attending the same parish for a time and don't see yourself moving or attending elsewhere, you should absolutely register at your parish. Here's why:

- 1. Connectedness.** Once you register, you feel more at home in church. You become part of your church family in a tangible way. It gives you a sense of belonging and allows your priest to get to know you as well.
- 2. Accountability.** We are all responsible for helping the greater Church grow in strength and numbers. As a registered parishioner, it adds weight to that role. As an "official" member of the parish who is open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, you will feel led to contribute to the needs of the church.
- 3. Commitment.** Becoming a member of your parish is a promise to be active in your faith.
- 4. Access to parish information.** -is gives your parish the ability to reach out to you and let you know about events, prayer and study opportunities and ways you can give back.

Bottom line – register at your parish. Declare your commitment to your faith proudly and officially join your church family!

#### Saint Mary Church

55 Warren St.

#### Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren & Soley St.

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#### St. Francis de Sales Church

313 Bunker Hill St.

#### 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

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#### Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is disability-accessible on Soley Street.

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



## August 10 ~ Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom..... where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." These words invite us to reflect on what we value/ treasure in our lives. Do the things we treasure bring us closer to God, to a deeper appreciation and valuing of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist? Our daily prayer, the good works and charitable deeds we undertake and our regular participation in Mass are all the things we need to do to remain vigilant and ready for the coming of Christ. The question that arises for us is - do we treasure the gift of our faith and especially the sacraments?

## 10 de agosto ~ Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"No temáis más, pequeño rebaño, porque vuestro Padre se complace en daros el reino..... donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón". Estas palabras nos invitan a reflexionar sobre lo que valoramos/ atesoramos en nuestras vidas. ¿Las cosas que atesoramos nos acercan a Dios, a una apreciación y valoración más profundas de los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía? Nuestra oración diaria, las buenas obras y obras de caridad que emprendemos y nuestra participación regular en la Misa son todas las cosas que debemos hacer para permanecer vigilantes y listos para la venida de Cristo. La pregunta que surge para nosotros es: ¿atoramos el don de nuestra fe y especialmente los sacramentos?

## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

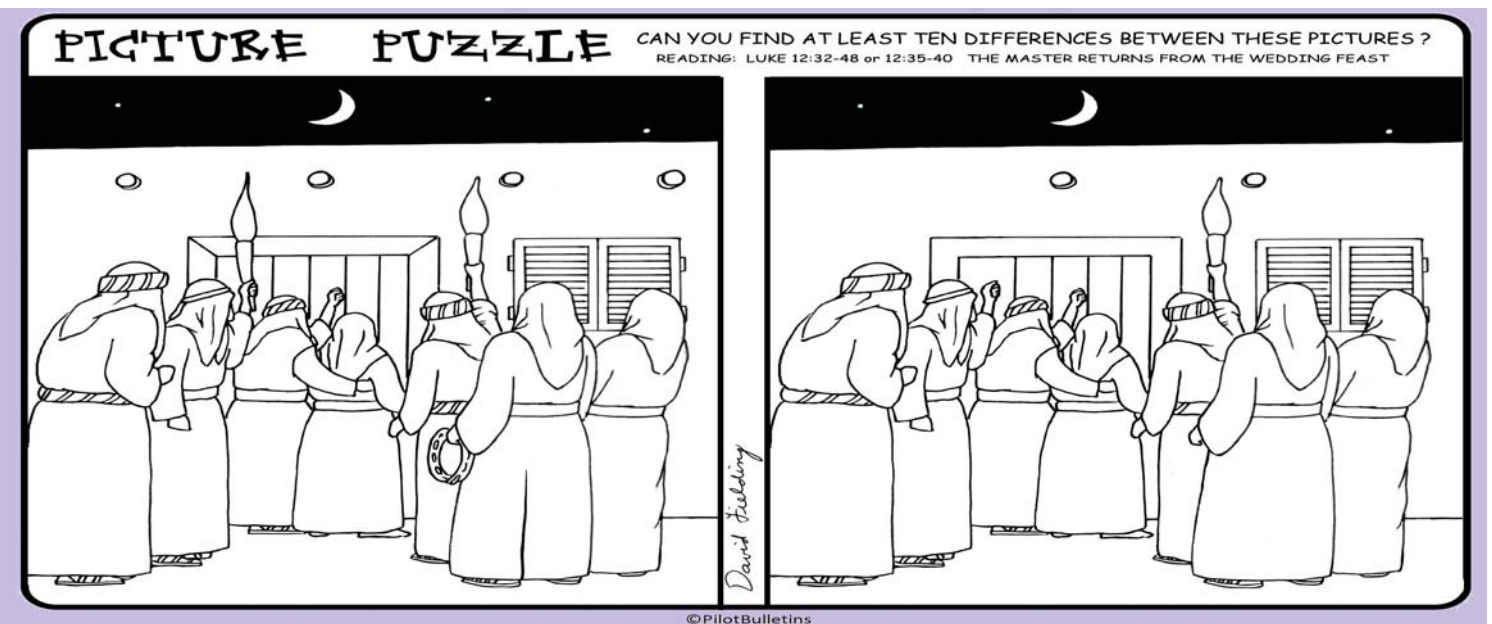
Why is Jesus our hope?

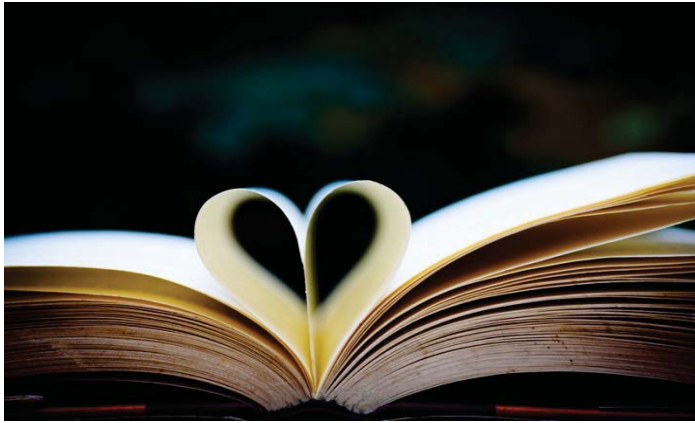
Because he offers healing to those who ask for it in faith. The way Jesus interacted with people, taught them with parables, and worked miracles gives us a glimpse into the ways Jesus heals us. He offered healing from physical ailments; healing of people's past to bring them hope and a new start; healing of sins that bind (such as anger, greed, or jealousy). With great faith, ask Jesus for the healing you hope for and learn why Jesus is our hope. "Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us" (Pope Leo 6/11/25 Audience).

## Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿Por qué Jesús es nuestra esperanza?

Porque ofrece sanidad a quienes la piden con fe. La forma en que Jesús interactuó con las personas, les enseñó con parábolas y obró milagros nos da una idea de las formas en que Jesús nos sana. Ofreció curación de dolencias físicas; sanación del pasado de las personas para traerles esperanza y un nuevo comienzo; sanidad de los pecados que atan (como la ira, la codicia o los celos). Con gran fe, pídele a Jesús la sanidad que esperas y aprende por qué Jesús es nuestra esperanza. "Queridos hermanos y hermanas, llevemos con confianza nuestras dolencias ante Jesús, y también las de nuestros seres queridos; Llevemos el dolor de los que se sienten perdidos y sin salida. Clamemos también por ellos, y estaremos seguros de que el Señor nos escuchará" (Papa León 6/11/25 Audiencia).





### Faith Formation

We are planning for 2025-26!

Registration has begun-  
just call the Offices at 617-242-4664  
or go to [charlestowncatholic.org](http://charlestowncatholic.org)!

We'll begin on **Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 4 pm  
with a party at 46 Winthrop Street!

### Summertime

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!



### CHARLESTOWN LOVES SCOUTING!

Open to Boys and Girls, K-5th Grade

**Meet Us September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**

St. Mary's Community Room

46 Winthrop Street in Charlestown

Questions? - email [thesantamarias2015@gmail.com](mailto:thesantamarias2015@gmail.com)

### 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.

**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](http://charlestowncatholic.org)— Fr. John will contact couples

after the form is submitted. Always feel free to call the Parish office with any questions.

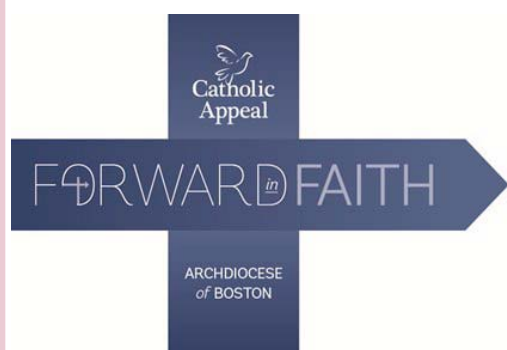
**Daily Rosary**— St. Catherine of Siena Chapel before the daily Mass. Weekdays, 7:35 am (Mass is at 8 am)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)*



## **2025 Annual Catholic Appeal – “Forward in Faith”**

Today we wish to recognize those who not only support our parish, but also those who have made a gift or pledge to the *2025 Catholic Appeal*. Both of our parishes have met their goal.

**Because of you, lives are being transformed for the better.** Our ministries are reaching out to comfort the lonely, the hungry, and the faithful. Catholic schools are shaping more young minds and hearts. Hospital Chaplains are bringing spiritual and emotional support to patients, families, and hospital staff. These are just a few ways that your support is making an impact. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, thank you!

Those who made a pledge to the Catholic Appeal are reminded to pay their balance in full before the end of the year. If you wish to make a payment towards your pledge online, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). If you have any questions about your pledge or payments, please call the Catholic Appeal Office at 617-779-3700. Thank you!

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year but wish to support the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Appeal, please pick up an envelope at the rear of the church or make a pledge online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Remember that when our parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of any additional funds received is returned to our parish.

Thank you to all who have given support to the Catholic Appeal.

Log onto to our websites to see what's new; find bulletins and Mass times; view the latest recorded Sunday Mass: [stfrancischarlestown.org](http://stfrancischarlestown.org) and [stmaryscatherine.org](http://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!





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

Saturday, August 9  
9 am  
4 pm

Sunday, August 10  
8 am  
11 am  
6 pm

Monday, August 11 through Thursday, August 14  
8 am

Friday, August 15—Assumption of Mary  
6 pm

Saturday August 15  
9 am  
4 pm + Margaret & Emmett Pulliam Sr.; Helen Irvin;  
Rita Sullivan & Eleanor Connors

Sunday, August 17  
8 am  
11 am + David Latta, Jr & Meaghan Brady  
6 pm

*St. Francis de Sales*  
*Mass Intentions*

Saturday, August 9  
4 pm

Sunday, August 10  
9:30 am + Nicholas Cantin



Friday, August 15—the Assumption of Mary  
9 am

Saturday, August 6  
4 pm

Sunday, August 17  
9:30 am

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

## Sanctuary Lamps & Mass Intentions

Why pray for those we love who have passed on?

This teaching is . . . based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: “Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. (CCC 1032)

To book an Anniversary Mass or light a Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664. If your family will attend a scheduled Mass and would like to bring up the gifts, please let us know before the Mass.

Or you may want -

A Sanctuary Lamp is a candle beside the tabernacles in our Churches and Chapel that burns for approximately one week. To light a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Center at (617) 242-4664.

## GET INVOLVED !

### 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

St Mary St Catherine  
Weekend of Aug 2/3

Parishioners contributed  
\$4,826.55  
to the Weekly collection



St Francis de Sales  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for  
James "Froggy"  
Greatorex

St Francis de Sales  
Weekend of Aug 2/3  
Parishioners contributed  
\$1,415.00  
to the Weekly collection  
And \$462.00  
To the Capital Improvement  
Collection

St Mary St Catherine

8/2  
4 pm 57

8/3  
8 am 53  
11 am 87  
6 pm 47  
Total 244

**Masses for Friday, August 15**

**The Assumption of Mary—  
a holy day of obligation**

**St. Francis de Sales 9 am**  
**St Mary Church 6 pm**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for  
August 2025

Let us pray that societies where  
coexistence seems more difficult  
might not succumb to the tempta-  
tion of confrontation for ethnic, po-  
litical, religious or ideological rea-  
sons.

St Francis de Sales

8/2  
4 pm 44

8/3  
9:30 am 68  
Total 112

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

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

**St. Francis de Sales  
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



**Nutritious and Easy to Prepare  
Cooking Class**

**Thursday August 28  
4:00 pm  
at the Food Pantry**

**Cooking Demonstration  
Easy Summer Meal**

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COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN

..... I invite you to ponder whether you can assist us in one of our parish(es) ministries .....

We are inclined to think that serving in ministry is more for someone else and we are not either worthy or qualified to do that. Well, no one IS worthy! And you may be more qualified than you think! Many are able to lend a hand with preparation and support, and will carry out a much needed and important ministry at the Parish.

Please consider if you would like to become a Lector; a Eucharistic Minister or Religious Ed teacher; pray and talk with us — if you feel so called.



## **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY - AUGUST 15 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 IS THE *FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN*. THE CHURCH HOLDS THAT, AT THE END OF HER EARTHLY LIFE, OUR LADY'S BODY WAS ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN BEFORE IT COULD BEGIN TO DECAY. UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST CAN BE TRACED BACK TO ABOUT THE 6TH CENTURY. IT IS CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL MARIAN FEASTS BECAUSE IT COMMEMORATES MARY'S ENTRANCE INTO ETERNAL LIFE. ON NOV. 1, 1950, POPE PIUS XII DECLARED "THAT THE IMMACULATE MOTHER OF GOD, THE EVER VIRGIN MARY, HAVING COMPLETED THE COURSE OF HER EARTHLY LIFE, WAS ASSUMED BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVENLY GLORY." EXERCISING PAPAL INFALLIBILITY, POPE PIUS XII DECLARED THIS BELIEF AS A DOGMA OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

CATHOLICS ARE OBLIGED TO ATTEND MASS ON THIS DAY. WE WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ON FRIDAY, AUG. 15 AT 9 AM AND ST MARY CHURCH AT 6:00 PM  
WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL FEAST HONORING MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Are you trustworthy in the care of your spouse? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:  
August 15-17, 2025 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

September 19-21 in Huntington, NY  
January 23-25, 2026 in North Easton, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

### **Jubilee for Catechists, September 27 @ 10 am 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](https://bit.ly/JubileeCatechists) to learn more and sign up!

### **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](mailto:marriageprep@rcab.org) or call 617-746-5756.



### ***Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (9/27, 10/18)***

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Fall dates are Saturday, September 27 and Saturday, October 18. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).





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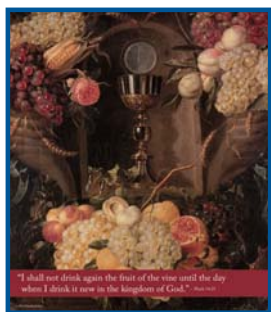
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Mark Carey



Lisa Wheeler



Mia Armstrong



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AJ De La Rosa



Julianne Carey



Sara Loy

The Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life Office, in collaboration with the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group, are excited to invite you to this special conference as we honor the sanctity and the beauty of life from the womb to the tomb and embrace the virtue of hope in all circumstances of every age and stage of life.





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