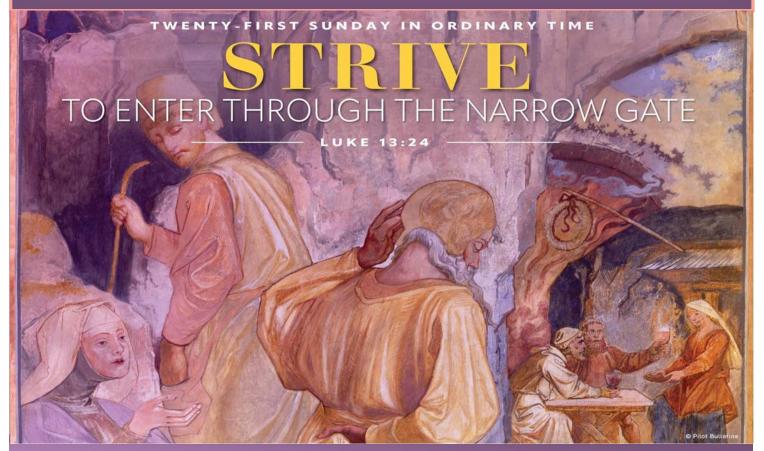
CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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 August 24, 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 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

Finance & Operations Manager James Santosuosso

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Confirmation Director Cynthia Markey

Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

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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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Confirmation News

Dear Families,

In 2024, the Archdiocese of Boston lowered the age of Confirmation to 8th grade. You can read more about that decision here.

Over the next two years, our Charlestown Catholic Collaborative will implement this change by incorporating middle schoolers into the program in order to comply with this new policy. Please see the schedule below; the program continues to be a 2 year journey for all Confirmation students, with Confirmation Masses occurring for the "Confirmation 2" students in the Spring of each year.



2025-26 school year:

Confirmation 1: Grades 7, 8, 9 Confirmation 2: Grade 10

2026-27 school year:

Confirmation 1: Grade 7

Confirmation 2: Grades 8, 9, 10

2027-2028 school year:

Confirmation 1: Grade 7

Confirmation 2: Grade 8

For this upcoming school year, Confirmation classes will meet one Sunday afternoon/evening per month from 4:30-7pm (Schedule is on the website). Class and a light meal will be from 4:30-6, and we will attend the 6pm Mass together. Families are encouraged to join us at Mass.

We anticipate a large number of students in the Confirmation 1 class this year, and parent involvement will be necessary! The groups will be divided into their respective grades, and we will be asking for parent volunteers to assist the teachers per group. Please be on the lookout for signups.

We also plan to incorporate a monthly service project; stay tuned!

First class is on October 5th. More info to follow!

Father John, Cynthia Markey & Katy Fleming—Confirmation Coordinators

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

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

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

Handicapped Access

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



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!

August 24 ~ Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah is speaking on behalf of the Lord, directly to us: "...proclaim my glory among the nations." This might seem like too much of a challenge. Take a few minutes to ask God to whom should you be proclaiming God's glory? Is it a family member, a co-worker or a friend? Tell YOUR story of the importance of Jesus in your life. And, in case you think that task is for someone else, the Church in her wisdom reminds each one of us in today's psalm refrain: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news!"

24 de agosto ~ Vigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Isaías está hablando en nombre del Señor, directamente a nosotros: "... proclamad mi gloria entre las naciones". Esto puede parecer un desafío demasiado grande. Tómese unos minutos para preguntarle a Dios a quién debe proclamar la gloria de Dios. ¿Es un miembro de la familia, un compañero de trabajo o un amigo? Cuente SU historia de la importancia de Jesús en su vida. Y, en caso de que pienses que esa tarea es para otra persona, la Iglesia en su sabiduría nos recuerda a cada uno de nosotros en el estribillo del salmo de hoy: "¡Id por todo el mundo y anunciad la buena nueva!".

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

How do I rediscover hope in Jesus Christ?

Hope comes from knowing Jesus Christ. You get to know him like the same way you get to know anyone: you talk to him. Prayer is essentially talking to Jesus. Take time this year to talk with Jesus. You can sit with him in Eucharistic adoration, listen to his words in Scripture, or use novenas and written prayers to help you find the words you want (the Book of Psalms is great for this!). Ask Mary, our Mother of Hope, to help you discover your reason for hoping in Jesus.

Año jubilar 2025: Peregrinos de esperanza

¿Cómo redescubro la esperanza en Jesucristo?

La esperanza proviene de conocer a Jesucristo. Se le conoce de la misma manera en que se conoce a cualquier persona, hablándole. La oración es, en esencia, hablar con Jesús. Dedica tiempo este año para conversar con Él. Puedes sentarte con Él en la adoración eucarística, escuchar sus palabras en la Sagrada Escritura o usar novenas y oraciones escritas para ayudarte a encontrar las palabras que quieres decirle. (¡El Libro de los Salmos es perfecto para esto!). Pídele a María, nuestra Madre de la Esperanza, que te ayude a descubrir tu razón para esperar en Jesús.

Jubilee for Catechists, September 27 @ 10 am Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish, Medford

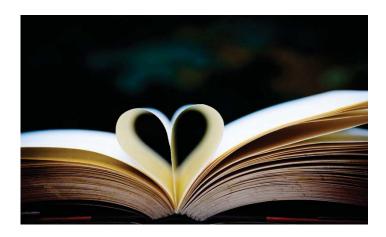
Calling all catechists in the Archdiocese of Boston! That means you - parents, faith formation leaders, teachers, volunteers, OCIA and youth ministry teams, etc.

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 to learn more and sign up!

Hope for Life Conference (10/4)

The Hope for Life Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th at the Track at New Balance in Brighton from 8 AM-4 PM. All are invited to this special event featuring The Chosen's Jonathan Roumie, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Mass by Archbishop Henning, music by the Vigil Project, and much more. The event is a collaboration of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Please join us in honoring the sanctity and beauty of life. For more information and tickets, visit hopeforlifeboston.com.



Faith Formation

We are planning for 2025-26!

Registration has begunjust 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!

As we turn the page to Fall...

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!



Open to Boys and Girls, K-5th Grade

Meet Us September 8th at 5:30 PM

St, Mary's Community Room
46 Winthrop Street in Charlestown
Questions? - email thesantamarias2015@gmail.com

En Espanol

e 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".



Welcome Ellis Michael Hughes,

our newest member

















We would like to thank you for the incredible work you did in repainting our St. Francis de Sales Church. Your dedication, skill, and attention to detail have truly revitalized our beloved space.

The fresh paint and finishes not only enhance the beauty of our church but also uplift the spirits of the entire community. We appreciate the time and effort that each of you contributed to this project.

Thank you once again for your generosity and craftsmanship.

Look up. Look ahead.



Thanks also to Shaun Fisher, James Santosuosso, and Tim Leahy for their help in this great project. There's more to come – including video!







St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23

9 am

4 pm + Daniel McKillop & William McKillop

Sunday, August 24

8 am

11 am

6 pm

Monday, August 25 through Thursday 28

8 am

Friday, August 29 - Office Closed

9 am

Saturday August 30

9 am

4 pm + Emma Mahoney

Sunday, August 31

8 am + John Fraga

11 am

6 pm

Saturday, August 23 4 pm

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am



Saturday, August 30

4 pm

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

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 or email: info@charlestowncatholic.org

St Mary St Catherine
Weekend of Aug 16/17
Parishioners contributed
\$4,063.91
to the Weekly collection
\$697.00 to the monthly collection
\$ \$407 to the August 15th collection

St Mary St Catherine
8/15 Holy Day
8/16
4 pm 59
8/17
8 am 44
11 am 120
6 pm 48
Total 271

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 14 Monthly September 21 Clergy Benefit



Requiescat in Pace

Jeanne Tobin

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GOD GIVES US ALL, WE EACH WILLINGLY
OFFER OUR UNIQUE GIFTS TO ONE
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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

John McCormack & Kelli Keaney St Francis de Sales
Weekend of Aug 16/17
Parishioners contributed
\$1,734.00
to the Weekly collection
\$483.00 to the Parish Deficit
& \$195 to the August 15th collection

St Francis de Sales 8/15 Holy Day 46 8/16 4 pm 47 8/17 9:30 am 49

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Total 96

August 31 Mission Appeal
September 14 Capital Improvement
September 21 Clergy Benefit

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

A note from our Music Director St Mary-St Catherine Siena Parish

St. Augustine is often quoted as saying "he who sings, prays twice. I would like to invite any and all parishioners to share their talents with the music ministry here at St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena. We as Christians are called to make a joyful noise in song and praise - what better way to do just that than by joining us at the Mass? No prior singing ability or instrumental musical training is needed. All I ask is that you come with an eager mind and an open heart. Please see me after the Mass and let me know if you are interested.



The office will be closed on Friday, August 29th & Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Weekend.

Morning Mass will be at 9:00 am on 8/29 & 9/1



Don't forget the poor

Please remember the

POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Thank you!



Have you been looking for a way to get more involved in our Parish?

We are still looking for volunteers for our Faith Formation program! It takes many hands to make this program all that it can be, so please contact

Fr. Sheridan at (617) 242-4664 for more information.



ANNUAL BANQUET



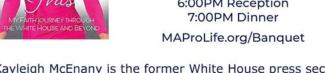
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Kayleigh McEnany is the former White House press secretary and current co-host of Outnumbered on the Fox News Channel.Kayleigh graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor and Georgetown University School of Foreign Services with a degree in international politics. She also studied politics and international relations at Oxford University, St Edmund Hall.

Kayleigh is the author of the New York Times bestselling books, "For Such a Time as This" and "Serenity in the Storm: Living through Chaos by Leaning on Christ."

Click to purchase tickets





KAYLEIGH MCENANY

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.



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ould you share some time and help us do His work? If so, please reach out to

Fr. John.

Please share your talents

with us!



BAPTISM

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism is always a joyful event in our Parish. It's

such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child.

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually scheduled for the second Sunday of the month at 12:30PM at St Mary—St Catherine Parish. *The next dates are September 14 and October 12.* Dates for St Francis de Sales Parish are scheduled with Fr. Sheridan.

At times, parents inquire about what to consider when **selecting godparents** for their child, and if it is okay to select a person who is not Catholic. Catholic teaching is as follows:

A godparent is a Catholic who is at least 16 years of age, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and who leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith so that he/she can serve as a good Catholic role-model for the child and support the parents in raising their child in the Catholic faith.

A Christian Witness is a non-Catholic who practices their Christian faith, and may be substituted for **one** of the godparents.

Please keep these qualifications in mind when selecting godparents for your child.

If you are expecting a child and want to have him or her baptized in our Parish, please contact the office at 617-242-4664



Rite of Christian Initiation Classes (RCIA)

Learn more about the Catholic faith!

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic? Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more? Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?) Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey. Recently it is being reported, there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God, and develop a deeper relationship with God as they consider becoming Catholic.

If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church and regardless of your decision you are always welcome here at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

To find out how you may participate in the RCIA process, please contact Fr. Sheridan at 617.242.4664 or talk to him after the Mass!

Faith Formation classes K-6



Religious Education 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 has begun!

K—4 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



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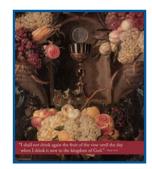
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