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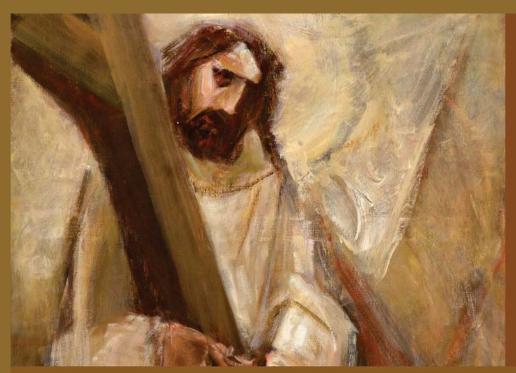
Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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 September 7, 2025

3rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27

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
9:30 am
St. Mary-St. Catherine
11 am
St. Mary-St. Catherine
6 pm
St. Mary-St. Catherine

Pastor Fr. John Sheridan

Finance & Operations Manager James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director Thomas J. MacDonald

Confirmation Director Cynthia Markey

Director of Music John Anthony Volpe

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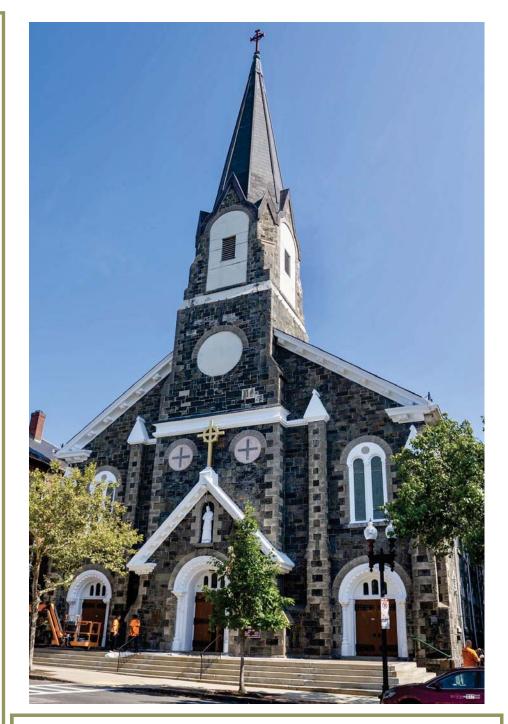
St Francis de Sales

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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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 IUPAT DC 35,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks 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 our 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.

Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor

St Francis De Sales

Thanks also to Shaun Fisher, James Santosuosso, Chris Brennan and Tim Leahy for their help in this great project. There's more to come, including video! Check out our Facebook page for more pictures!



September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance

God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

8 de septiembre - La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María

La Iglesia ha celebrado el nacimiento de María desde al menos el siglo VI. Se eligió un nacimiento en septiembre porque la Iglesia Oriental comienza su año eclesiástico con septiembre. La fecha del 8 de septiembre ayudó a determinar la fecha de la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción el 8 de diciembre.

Las Escrituras no dan cuenta del nacimiento de María. Sin embargo, el Protoevangelio apócrifo de Santiago llena el vacío. Según este relato, Ana y Joaquín son infértiles, pero rezan por un hijo. Reciben la promesa de un hijo que hará avanzar el plan de salvación de Dios para el mundo. Tal historia, como muchas contrapartes bíblicas, enfatiza la presencia especial de Dios en la vida de María desde el principio.



St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint.
A hero for a new generation.

Born on May 3, 1991, in England, Carlo Acutis was an Italian with a deep devotion to the Mother of God and to the Eucharist. When he was eleven, Carlo began documenting Eucharistic miracles. He wanted to make pilgrimages to the sites of these miracles, which, due to ill health, he never went on.

To those who disparage the call for prayers, ed of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King that particularly times of crisis, doubt and fear, the

Eventually, he created a website to exhibit these miracles, educate the public concerning them, and evangelize as many people as he could in doing so. The Venerable Servant of God is noted to have said, "the more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus." St. Francis of Assisi and Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto were some of the saints he chose to guide him through life.

Sadly, the life of Carlos Acutis was cut short by leukemia. He said, "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." He died on October 12, 2006, at the age of fifteen. Pope Francis named him a Venerable on July 5, 2018. His body now rests in Assisi. He will be declared a saint this coming week by Pope Leo in Rome.

This weekend we will honor St. Carlo, particularly at the Community Masses at 9:30 am at St. Francis and 6 pm at St. Mary's. Let us rejoice!

Look up. Look ahead.

Faith Formation will begin with a cookout on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 4 pm.

Grade 1- 4 classes at 46 Winthrop St. will be held on Tuesdays 4 - 5 pm and will meet on Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24, Apr. 14 & 28

1st Communion May 2 & 3

From the Pastor

Regardless of who we are, our hearts are broken last week as we heard the news of the terrible shootings at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis. It is natural for us in this moment to attempt to put some reasons, and even though there may be clues and evidence that point to one reason or another, it's important for us to focus on the horrible acknowledgement of the victims, those who died, were injured, the children, teachers and families whose lives have been forever altered by unspeakable terror in a place of safety and refuge, peace and hope. If we fail to put the children first in any discussion, we are failing miserably.

To those who disparage the call for prayers, I am reminded of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King that in all times, particularly times of crisis, doubt and fear, the church is not where we go to- it is where we come from, where we begin. Catholics- particularly emboldened and encouraged by the reception of the Eucharist and all people of good will- we must be witnesses and in Christ, transforming this all-too violent world. Christ is the King of our world- and first and last, He is the Prince of Peace. It is time, well past the time, to proclaim the end of this nightmare.

It has been made quite clear that laws aren't working, and more guns won't work, either. This crisis, these issues, are bigger than any government, any force on this earth. Too many children have been exposed to the cruelty that adults inflict on each other and themselves and to them, and in their name, in God's name, together, we must find a way to bring that peace to the hearts and souls of those who misplace their anger, their frustration, their fear upon the lives of the most innocent and vulnerable in our midst.

This is our mission and our challenge, to bring Christ to this deeply divided, angry and troubled country- to defend the vulnerable, to protect each and every life, and to speak for justice and mercy and love as Christ commands and expects. In Deuteronomy 30, God challenges Israel to take a stand, to choose life. May our actions, based in our prayers, bring about a new revolution of hope, mercy, and life. If we fail, we have all failed, ourselves, our country and our children. May our lives, directed to hope and mercy, turn the tide and bring about that revolution.

Mary, Queen of peace, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Please pray for the children of Annunciation school.

Fr. John

Confirmation & Youth Group Updates

Change is in the air for our Confirmation programthe Archdiocese has directed that the Sacrament will be administered to 8^{th} graders starting in 2027.

Our Confirmation director Cynthia Markey & Katy Fleming are working to realign the classes for us. Youth group for grades 5 & 6 and prep for grades 6-10 begins Sunday, Oct. 5.



CHARLESTOWN LOVES SCOUTING!

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 thesantamarias 2015@gmail.com

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 discussion!

RCIA

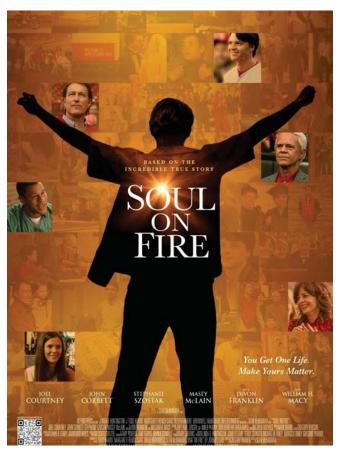
We will have RCIA/Adult Confirmation prep classes every other Monday beginning Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm at 46 Winthrop.

Coming Friday, Sept. 19th at 7 pm to 46 Winthrop



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St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

9 am

4 pm + Robert Francis Rooney

Sunday, September 7

8 am

11 am

6 pm

Monday, September 8 through Friday, September 12

Saturday September 13

9 am

4 pm

Sunday, September 14

8 am

11 am +Dorothy Cheney Collins & Mary Smith Cheney

6 pm

Saturday, September 6

4 pm + James Smithson

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am + Tiziana Quinti



Saturday, September 13

4 pm + Richard G. O'Brien, Sr.

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am + Marty & Catherine O'Brien

+ James & Roy O'Brien

+ Ann & Bridget Carrier

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, Faith Formation, 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 31- Sep 1

Parishioners contributed \$3,880.40 to the Weekly collection

> 8/31 4 pm 62 9/1 8 am 69 11 am 83 6 pm 25 Total 239

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 14 Monthly

September 21 Clergy Benefit



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Rita Mahoney & Ann M. O'Brien



St Francis de Sales

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for

James & Grace McGoniagle

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St Francis de Sales
Weekend of Aug 31—Sep 1
Parishioners contributed
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to the Weekly collection
And \$306.00
To the 2nd collection

St Francis de Sales

8/31

4 pm 36

9/1

9:30 am 32

Total 68

St. Francis de Sales
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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.

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!



BANNS OF

MARRIAGE

John McCormack

&

Kelli Keaney

Joseph Chartier

&

Chloe Dyke

September is the month of the SEVEN SORROWS (DOLORS) OF MARY Which is celebrated on September 15

September 7 ~ Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus challenges both his disciples and us to be fully committed to his mission. He acknowledges that true discipleship requires sacrifice and suffering. And yet, even with such challenges, we are still able to experience deep joy knowing we are following Christ. As we head into a new season with parish programs and activities resuming, how will we respond to Christ's invitation to be active participants not passive spectators, in our discipleship journey. When our efforts to live our discipleship seem to bear little fruit, or we feel hesitant to get involved, take time to pray the words of the Communion Antiphon: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." With renewed trust in God's grace, may all we do in the name of Christ, bear witness to our commitment to live as his disciple.

7 de septiembre ~ Vigésimo tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús desafía tanto a sus discípulos como a nosotros a comprometernos plenamente con su misión. Reconoce que el verdadero discipulado requiere sacrificio y sufrimiento. Y, sin embargo, incluso con tales desafíos, todavía podemos experimentar una profunda alegría al saber que estamos siguiendo a Cristo. A medida que nos dirigimos a una nueva temporada con la reanudación de los programas y actividades parroquiales, ¿cómo responderemos a la invitación de Cristo de ser participantes activos, no espectadores pasivos, en nuestro viaje de discipulado? Cuando nuestros esfuerzos por vivir nuestro discipulado parecen dar pocos frutos, o nos sentimos reacios a involucrarnos, tómese el tiempo para rezar las palabras de la antífona de la Comunión: "Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida". Que con renovada confianza en la gracia de Dios, todo lo que hagamos en el nombre de Cristo, dé testimonio de nuestro compromiso de vivir como su discípulo.

Charismatic Renewal Fall Conference, "In Unity and Hope for the Mission" (9/13)

All are invited to the Charismatic Renewal Fall Conference, "In Unity and Hope for the Mission," with Archbishop Henning at BC High School, Boston on Sept. 13th. Two language tracks, healing service, and Vigil Mass. \$30 includes lunch. For more information visit bit.ly/CRSFallConference2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day Masses (9/15)

The Archdiocese of Boston, in collaboration with the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, will celebrate 21 Masses for those grieving the loss of a child on Sept. 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

For an updated list of Mass locations, see bit.ly/OLSorrowsMass. This event is hosted by the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents.

For more information, visit https://www.emfgp.org/events/2025-be-a-pilgrim-of-hope/ or contact Diane Monaghan.



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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Deadline: September 12, 2025 Recipients Announced: September 26, 2025



September At A Glance

Sept 1 Labor Day

Sept 7 Canonization Carol Acutis

Sept 8 Mother Mary's Birthday

Sept 8 Scouts Meeting

Sept 14 Exaltation of the Cross

Sept 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept 15 Symbolon Returns

Sept 19 Movie Bonhoeffer

Sept 23 Faith Formation Cookout

Sept 23 Padre Pio

Sept 27 St Vincent de Paul

Sept 29 the Archangels



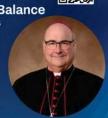
SEPTEMBER 11TH

Today, we remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for the victims and their families.

Conference October 4, 2025 The Track at New Balance 91 Guest St. Boston, MA 02135



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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 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.

The Hope for Life Conference

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

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.



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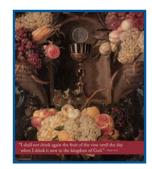
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