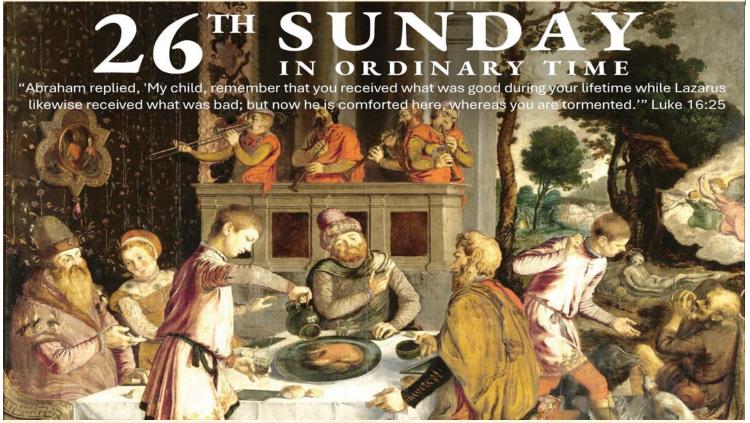
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Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129 September 28, 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

St. Mary-St. Catherine 8 am 9:30 am St. Francis de Sales St. Mary - St. Catherine 11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine 6 pm

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OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the rosary. The worries and needs of our world are great. but so much more is the love of our Blessed Mother and the mercy of her Son. Let's look up and look ahead with hope,

asking for her intercession and His help

Our Worship Committee has recommended that throughout October we pray the rosary for the defense of life, peace, and love in the hearts of all people. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

October Dates

October 13 Holiday

October 13 Movie-Soul on Fire October 18 Rosary @ 4 STF October 4 Blessing of the Animals October 19 Rosary @ 8 STM October 5 Confirmation October 19 Confirmation October 5 Youth Group October 20 RCIA October 5 Rosary @4 STF October 21 Class K-4 October 6 Rosary @11 STM October 25 Rosary @ 4 STM October 6 RCIA October 26 Rosary @ 9:30 STF October 7 Class K- 4 October 27 Symbolon October 11 Rosary @ 4 STM October 31 Eve of All Saints Day October 12 Rosary @ 9:30 STF

> 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 Harvest on Vine Food Pantry 49 Vine St. 617-580-8305

Good Shepherd School 20 Winthrop St. 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.

Harvest on Vine Food Pantry Fundraiser

Thursday, October 16th 6-9 pm

Tradesman Restaurant

50 Hood Park Drive, Charlestown

Join us for an evening of fun while supporting your community Silent Auction, raffles, light fare, cash bar, live entertainment & free parking

Tickets*

Silent Auction*

50/50 Raffle*







*Service Fee is optional - Select "Other" and enter o

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If you are unable to attend but would like to donate:



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Lots of people like me love autumn- it is a season of change, as our world is transformed again- the leaves reflect our hearts and lives as many of us look ahead to the celebrations and observances that this time of year brings. Many people do not- they find the winds cold, the nights longer, and the warmth that we all enjoyed in the summer slipping away as the season begins to call us inside.

Our society has collapsed in many ways into the cold of division- most of all, through a volley of angry words from all sides, voices that reveal, unfounded or not, sad and troubling, hidden fears. We have forgotten the art of discourse, discussion and debate, as we slide into cold, bitter threats and worst of all, actions from all sides. This world, this country... we are better than this.

We are better than abiding bullies who threaten and act. We are better than accepting words that judge and condemn others in our nation as some deign to speak for other angry, bitter people. We are better than rejecting those who look differently than us. We are better than accepting with quiet complacency those who encourage, inflame and empower this behavior and encourage others to do in the name of an ideal that does not and cannot represent the best that we are. As one nation- that truly of out of many, we are one.

We are better than acting in violent ways which steal the sacred gifts of life, justice and liberty of others. We are, at our very best and strongest, when we care for and protect our most vulnerable- nothing less. Christ calls us to be better than all of this- and above all, we belong to Him.

Yes, the cold of winter is not far away, but so are the celebrations that so many of us look forward to-Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas- a time when we express, above and though all, though prayers and acts of gratitude and generosity, praise to the Prince of Peace, who came to us as the most precious gift of all, a child.

Let us face boldly the winter winds that howl around us with heads held high, confident in the warmth and the light of Christ, the only true light and hope of this divided world. In His name our words, and more importantly our example, will begin to change the tide. May the peace we pray for begin in our hearts. Christ demands it.

Fr. John

Symbolon

Symbolon will be held Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 pm at St. Catherine's Chapel. Join us for an hour of learning!

RCIA

Our next RCIA/Adult Confirmation prep class is **Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 pm** at 46 Winthrop.

Look up. Look ahead.

Grade 1-4 classes at 46 Winthrop St.

will be held on Tuesdays 4 - 5 pm 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

Youth Group Updates

Youth Group (grades 5 & 6) will meet on the first Sunday of the month at 5 pm, leading to the 6 pm Mass. Please note the time change (5 pm) and new grade levels.

Youth Group will meet: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, March 1, April 12, and May 3.

A Parent Sign-up Genius will be available to volunteer for food and beverages. If you still need to register your child, please go to charlestowncatholic.org then go to faith formation/education and scroll to the registration page.

We're looking forward to a great year!
-Fr. John, Cynthia Markey & Katy Fleming

Hail, Holy Queen October is the month of the Rosary



During October, we will offer this beautiful prayer Oct. 4 after the 4 pm Mass at St. Francis Oct. 5 after the 11 am Mass @ St. Mary's Oct. 11 after the 4 pm Mass @ St. Mary's Oct. 12 after the 9:30 am Mass @ St. Francis Oct. 18 after the 4 pm Mass @ St. Francis Oct. 19 after the 8 am Mass @ St. Mary's Oct. 25 after the 4 pm Mass @ St. Mary's Oct. 26 after the 9:30 am Mass @ St. Francis

Join us as we pray for our troubled nation, asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession.

Mary, Queen of peace, pray for us.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi



On Saturday, Oct. 4 at noon, we'll have the Blessing of the Animals at the statue of our Blessed Mother across from St. Francis church.

All pets, stuffed animals and other friends are welcome!

OCTOBER 13 @ 5:00PM Assembly Square - tickets available soon



In thanks!



Thanks to Dillon Collins from Collins Painting, who is refinishing the doors of St. Francis Church



Welcome our newest member Olivia Tommie Johnson





 ${ {\ \ \, Congratulations} \atop to}$ Joseph Chartier

& Chloe Dyke

AND

James Wilson &

Natalie Devine-Wilson

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27 4 pm

Sunday, September 28 9:30 am + Vincent J. Carusi



Saturday, October 4 4 pm

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am + Joseph Farley, Sr.; Joan Farley & Joseph Farley, Jr.

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

9 am

4 pm + Anne Marie Collins

Sunday, September 28

8 am + William Potter

11 am + Vincent J. Carusi

6 pm

Monday, September 19 through Friday, October 3

8 am

Saturday October 4

9 am

4 pm + Rosa Shackford

Sunday, October 5

8 am + Pat & Bob Rooney

11 am + Robert O'Connell, Jr.

6 pm



Requiescat in Pace

Salvadore Castaneda

St Francis de Sales Weekend of Sept 20/21 Parishioners contributed

\$1,989.00 to the Weekly collection and \$957.00 to the Capital Improvement Collection 9/20 4 pm 53 9/21 9:30 am 78

Total 131



St Mary's Church Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Deceased members of the Potter Family

St Mary St Catherine Weekend of Sept 20/21

Parishioners contributed \$3,071.25 to the Weekly collection and \$1,450.00.00 To the Clergy Benefit 9/20 4 pm 86 9/21 8 am 50 11 am 106 6 pm 46 Total 288



Being a Christian means having

a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him. Everyone who follows Christ receives true peace, the peace that Christ alone can give, a peace which the world cannot give. Saint Francis of Assisi bears witness to the need to respect all that God has created and as he created it, without manipulating and destroying creation; rather to help it grow, to become more beautiful and more like what God created it to be.

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- Pope Francis on Saint Francis of Assisi October 4, 2013

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO

St. Francis de Sales UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Oct 5 Holy Fr Apostolic Work

Oct 12 Capital Improvement

Oct 19 Mission Sunday

Nov 1 All Saints

Nov 19 Capital Improvement

We are grateful to you!

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Oct. 5 Holy Father Apostolic Work

Oct. 12 Monthly

Oct. 19 Mission Sunday

Nov 1 All Saints

Nov 19 Monthly

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.

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.

RCIA—interested in becoming Catholic? Homebound and would like a to receive Sacraments? Call 617.242.4664



Does your child love to sing?

We invite children in our community to join the

St. Mary's Parish Children's Choir for our special

Christmas Eve Mass performance!

- Rehearsal Location: St. Mary's Parish 55 Warren St., Charlestown,
- Time: Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30 AM

Rehearsal Dates:

• October: 5, 12, 19, 26

• November: 2, 9, 16, 23

• December: 7, 14, 21 (MANDATORY)

• Christmas Eve Mass Performance Wednesday, December 24 Mass begins at 4:00 PM

Call Time: 3:00 PM sharp

- Important Note: An adult must accompany each child to and from every rehearsal.
- Let your child be part of something joyful this Christmas season!

₩ T Stitchin' in the Spirit! **T W**



Do you enjoy sewing and have a knack for detail? St. Mary's is looking for a creative hand to help customize some of our altar linens. It's a fun way to share your gifts while adding beauty to our worship space.

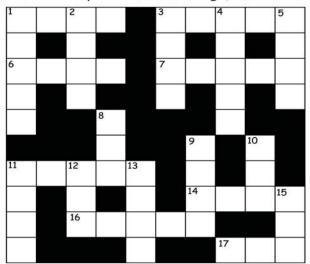
If this sounds like your kind of project, please contact John Volpe at javolpay@gmail.com

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. A drink made from grapes 3. A liquid we swallow 6. Not living 7. A sound you might make when in pain 11. Unable to see 14. Used for anointing 16. Very fine cloth 17. The very end of something (such as a finger)



CLUES DOWN

1. A woman whose husband has died 2. Close 3. Animals which licked Lazarus 4. Beds were made of this 5. Ruler of a kingdom 8. The number of the Commandments 9. Complacent people lived there 10. Everybody 11. We sleep on these 12. Unwell 13. Finished 15. Tiny drink

Sunday Funday @ Pilot Bulletins

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 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.

BIBLE RESEARCH

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

The reading from the Prophet Amos.

First of all, who was Amos, and when did he live? The prophet mentions "Zion." Can you discover what Zion was, and where it was?

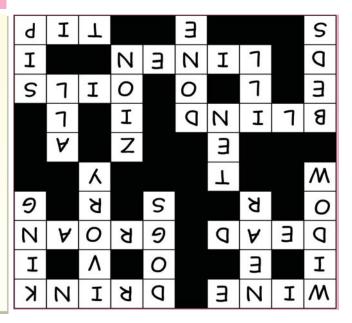
Were there really couches and beds made of ivory? If so, what did they look like? Can you find a picture?

What oils were used for anointing? The reading mentions harps. Can you find what the harps of this time were like? What was "the collapse of Joseph?"

Your local librarian can help you find books with the answers. Your religion teacher might also help.

Sunday Funday @ Pilot Bulletins





September 28 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, the rich man showed no compassion or sense of responsibility for Lazarus, the man who was begging at his gate. He remained indifferent to the pain and hunger surrounding him, concerned only with his own comfort and pleasure. This parable challenges us to examine our own worldview: Do we turn a blind eye to those in need, unwilling to accept our responsibility for the poor, the stranger, and those who suffer around us? The rich man realized his responsibility too late! What will it take for us to truly listen to God's word, and respond with compassion and care? Recall Christ's words, "When you did it for one of these least ones. . . you did it for me." Christ awaits our response!

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 29

hese archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called "the great prince"; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses' body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel's visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.





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28 de septiembre ~ Vigésimo sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, el hombre rico no mostró compasión ni sentido de responsabilidad por Lázaro, el hombre que mendigaba a su puerta. Permaneció indiferente al dolor y al hambre que lo rodeaban, preocupado solo por su propia comodidad y placer. Esta parábola nos desafía a examinar nuestra propia visión del mundo: ¿Hacemos la vista gorda ante los necesitados, no dispuestos a aceptar nuestra responsabilidad por los pobres, los extranjeros y los que sufren a nuestro alrededor? ¡El hombre rico se dio cuenta de su responsabilidad demasiado tarde! ¿Qué se necesita para que escuchemos verdaderamente la palabra de Dios y respondamos con compasión y cuidado? Recuerde las palabras de Cristo: "Cuando lo hicisteis por uno de estos más pequeños. . . lo hiciste por mí". ¡Cristo espera nuestra respuesta!

San Miguel, San Gabriel y San Rafael, Arcángeles

DÍA DE FIESTA — 29 DE SEPTIEMBRI

stos arcángeles, mensajeros enviados por Dios, son los únicos que son nombrados en la Biblia. En el Libro de Daniel, Miguel es llamado "el gran príncipe"; en la Carta de Judas, él pelea con el diablo disputándose el cuerpo de Moisés y en el Apocalipsis, lidera la batalla contra Satanás. Él es el patrón de los enfermos, los radiólogos y los marineros. En el Libro de Daniel, Gabriel interpreta las visiones de Daniel y en el Evangelio de Lucas les anuncia a Zacarías y a María el nacimiento de sus respetivos hijos. Él es el patrón de los mensajeros, las telecomunicaciones y los trabajadores postales. En el Libro de Tobías, Rafael le sirve de guía a Tobías. Él es el patrón de los ciegos, los médicos y los viajeros. Después del Concilio Vaticano II, la Iglesia estableció esta fiesta conjunta.



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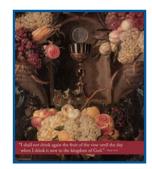
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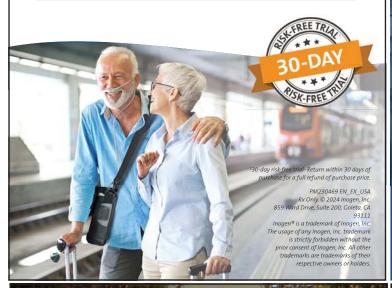
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