

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

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

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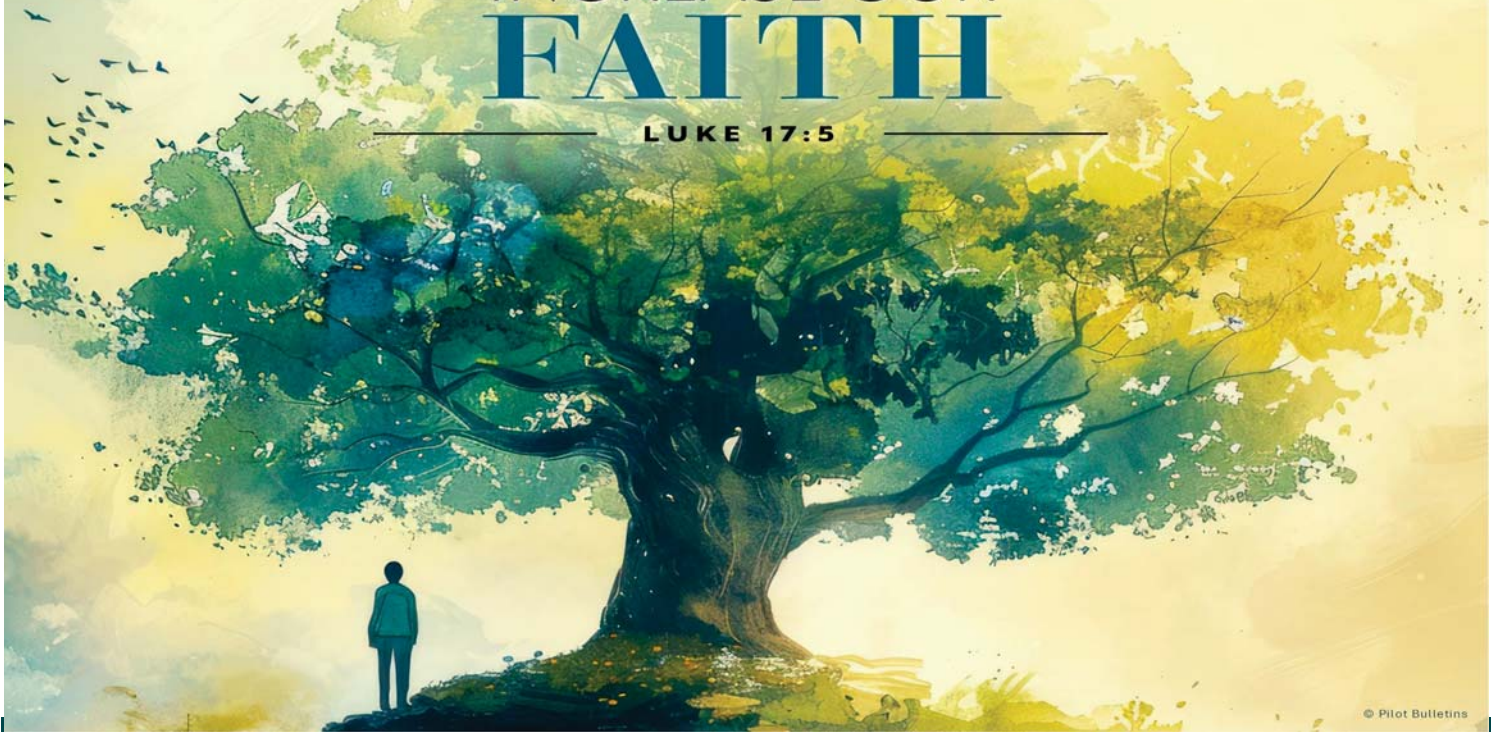
Charlestown, MA 02129

October 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INCREASE OUR FAITH

LUKE 17:5



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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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James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director
Thomas J. MacDonald

Confirmation Director
Cynthia Markey

Director of Music
John Anthony Volpe

Administrative Assistant
Dianne Ludy

Hispanic Ministry
Blanca Paz

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Joan C. Rae

Music Director

Timothy Leahy

Parish Nurse Ministry Director
Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

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Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.
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Fr. Leo Patalinghug

and also...

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Fr. Michael Della Penna, and Colleen Willard with Music Ministry by
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Scan the QR code or visit
bostonmarianconference.org

Saint Mary Church
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Warren & Soley St.

St. Francis de Sales Church
313 Bunker Hill St.

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative
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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 0

Tickets/Sponsorships may be purchased by check, make payable to:
Harvest on Vine and send to: 49 Vine Street, Charlestown, MA
02129



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

Harvest on Vine Food Pantry

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Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

stmaryscatherine.org/harvest-on-vine

Nuestra Señora del Rosario



Esta fiesta celebra la victoria de Dios mediante la intercesión de Nuestra Señora Reina del Rosario. Esta fiesta se formalizó en el siglo XVI.

La fiesta conmemora el día en que las fuer-zas navales de varias naciones cristianas derrotaron a las fuerzas navales invasoras de Turquía en el Golfo de Lepanto, en la costa oeste de Grecia. Para ese entonces, el Rosario era ya una práctica piadosa establecida. Poco antes de esta batalla, el papa Pío V les pidió a los cristianos en toda Europa que rezaran el Rosario por una defensa exitosa y los cristianos en toda Europa y los miembros de las tripulaciones navales en más de 200 buques navales, rezaron. Los miembros de la Confraternidad del Rosario también se reunieron en Roma ese día para orar por la victoria de las fuerzas navales.

El domingo 7 de octubre de 1571, se logró una victoria naval contra la flota invasora de los turcos otomanos. El papa Pío V atribuyó la victoria a la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María mediante las oraciones del Rosario. En 1572, el papa estableció una conmemoración en honor a Nuestra Señora de la Victoria y, en 1573, la fiesta fue cambiada a Nuestra Señora del Rosario, celebrada el primer domingo de octubre. En 1716, el papa extendió esta fiesta a la Iglesia universal y, en 1913, la fiesta se fijó para el 7 de octubre. Tradicionalmente, el mes de octubre es dedicado al Santo Rosario.

RCIA

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

Confirmation / 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.

A Parent Sign-up Genius will be available to volunteer for food and beverages.

Our **Confirmation 1 and 2** classes also begin this Sunday.

The Archdiocese has directed that Confirmation takes place in the 8th Grade—instead of 10th—and we are undertaking a 2-year transition to make that happen.

10th grade is the Confirmation II group. 9th grade (Confirmation 1) will meet separately, and grades 7, and 8 will represent a second Confirmation 1 group. All groups will meet monthly.

We will continue to have a two year prep leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation. All classes (including the above youth group) will take place before the 6pm Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation 1 and 2 classes will begin at 4:30 PM at 46 Winthrop Street (Parish Center). This is a change of location from previous years.

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.

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

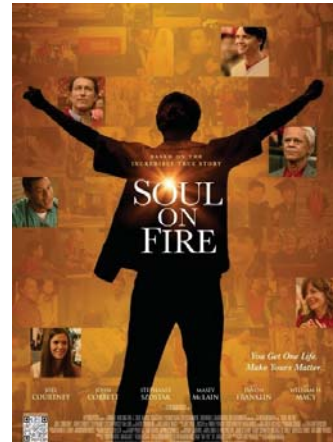
We're looking forward to a great year!
-Fr. John, Cynthia Markey & Katy Fleming

Faith Formation

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

OCTOBER 13 @ 5:00PM

Assembly Square - tickets available soon



As we did for Cabrini, the Parish has rented out a movie theater at Assembly Row.

Please call the Parish office if interested, and follow the Parish Facebook pages for more information.



Welcome our newest member

Isabel Mae Legare

Today is Respect Life Sunday! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating
Respect Life Month! respectlife.org/celebrate.



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid.*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, *Vatican News*, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6.

CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

St. Francis de Sales Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4
4 pm

Sunday, October 5
9:30 am + Joseph Farley, Sr.; Joan Farley &
Joseph Farley, Jr.



Saturday, October 11
4 pm

Sunday, October 12
9:30 am

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 6 through Friday, October 10
8 am
* Tuesday, October 7th —8 am; Tiziana Quinti

Saturday October 11
9 am
4 pm + Lawrence Mahoney & Mary Holmes

Sunday, October 12
8 am
11 am Janet Gleason Higgins
6 pm

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



St Francis de Sales Weekend of Sept 27/28

Parishioners contributed

\$1,437.00
to the Weekly collection
And
\$210.00 to the
Holy Fathers Collection

St Francis de Sales

9/27
4 pm 31
9/28
9:30 am 56
Total 87



St Mary's Church Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for

Maureen Dewey

St Mary St Catherine Weekend of Sept 27/28

Parishioners contributed
\$3,281.25
to the Weekly collection

St Mary St Catherine

9/27
4 pm 77
9/28
8 am 45
11 am 111
6 pm 41
Total 274

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

The September collection supports the future wellness needs of our priests. Our parish contribution in honor of the priests in good standing, will have a positive impact on programs that the Clergy Benefit Office is able to provide priests this year. If you did not have the opportunity to make a donation and wish to do so, please visit clergy-funds.org.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

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

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 are 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

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



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!



We are, in collaboration with Good Shepherd School, going to be a collection location for an ongoing diaper drive for the Kennedy Center to support families in our Charlestown Community. Open packages/boxes are allowed and all sizes are appreciated. Thank you for your support.

*Charlestown Catholic Drop off locations: Parish office -46 Winthrop St.
St Francis de Sales Church—at the Masses and St Mary Church—at the Masses*



✪ 🪡 Stitchin' in the Spirit! 🪡 ✪

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

Bible
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The Sacrifice of Abram

GENESIS

When they arrived at the place which God had indicated to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham!' he said. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your own beloved son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham called this place 'Yahweh provides', and hence the saying today: 'On the mountain Yahweh provides.'



WORD SEARCH

WORD BANK

Abraham
Bush
Wood
Isaac
Caught
Altar
God
Horns
Sacrifice

L	S	B	I	I	R	G	W	M	S
S	N	A	Q	G	Z	A	O	D	Z
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X	U	H	N	A	L	F	W	F	D
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N	O	W	G	T	B	B	X	S	R



Harvest on Vine Food Pantry Distribution Calendar

Friday, October 10th,
3:00 p.m. Set-up
Saturday, October 11th,
10:00 am. Distribution
Thursday, October 23rd,
1:00 pm Mishanum
Monday, October 27th,
3:00 pm Set up
Tuesday, October 28th
*2:00 pm Distribution

(*Note time change)

Log onto to our websites to see what's new; find bulletins and Mass times;
view the latest recorded Sunday Mass:
stfrancischarlestown.org and stmarystcatherine.org



**DON'T FORGET
THE POOR**

Saint Faustina Kowalska

1905 – 1938
FEAST DAY – OCTOBER 5

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 into a poor Polish family and experienced a religious calling from a young age. She initially deferred pursuing a religious vocation to help her family with her earnings as a housekeeper. At age 19, after a vision of the suffering Jesus, she earnestly sought entrance into religious life. Initially turned away by many convents, she entered the order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. In April 1928, she took her first vows with her parents in attendance. St. Faustina served the Congregation as a cook, gardener, and porter. While living a simple religious life, she grew in great union with God, experiencing profound sufferings as well as consolations. She had many visions of Jesus and wrote a diary of her experiences. St. Faustina died from tuberculosis at the age of 33 in 1938.



In 1959, the Vatican suppressed the Divine Mercy devotion. But in 1978, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith lifted the suppression after new original documents were examined and texts were retranslated. Then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla strongly promoted the message of Divine Mercy. Later, as Pope John Paul II, he canonized St. Faustina, in April 2000, and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Because of her work fostering devotion to Divine Mercy, St. Faustina is known as the “apostle of Divine Mercy.”

Jesus appeared to her many times and spoke of his great and unfathomable mercy to those who would trust in him. Jesus told St. Faustina that he wanted the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated as a “Feast of Mercy,” as a refuge for all souls, especially poor sinners. On Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated the weekend after Easter, the Gospel tells the story of when Jesus appeared in a locked room where the disciples were hiding.



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October 5 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us of our responsibility as disciples saying, “Stir into a flame the gift of God that you have...” We may feel inadequate or ill equipped to speak to another person about our faith or its importance in our lives, but St. Paul encourages us further with these words, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love...” Even when Jesus' own disciples were worried about their ability to carry out his mission, they turned to him asking for an increase of faith. How about us? Are we willing to share with courage the importance of our relationship with God?

5 de octubre ~ Vigésimo séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad como discípulos diciendo: "Enciende en la llama el don de Dios que tienes..." Podemos sentirnos inadecuados o mal equipados para hablar con otra persona sobre nuestra fe o su importancia en nuestras vidas, pero San Pablo nos anima aún más con estas palabras: "Dios no nos dio un espíritu de cobardía, sino de poder y amor..." Incluso cuando los propios discípulos de Jesús estaban preocupados por su capacidad para llevar a cabo su misión, se dirigieron a él pidiéndole un aumento de fe. ¿Y nosotros? ¿Estamos dispuestos a compartir con valentía la importancia de nuestra relación con Dios?

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (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 on 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

*Using Rosary Beads—
pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet . . .*

OPENING PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

*Repeat three times:
(Diary, 84)*

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

*1 Our Father
1 Hail Mary
1 Apostles Creed*

*On each "Our Father"
bead of the rosary, pray:*

*V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

*V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,
R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen



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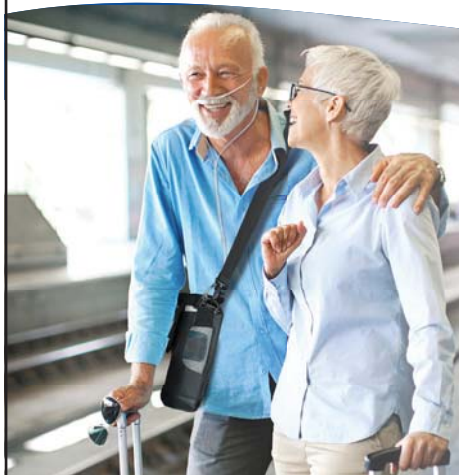
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