

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA March 18-19, 2017 StAgathaParish.org

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm

432 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

440 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday:

7:00am & 9:00am

Saturday & Holidays : 8:00am

Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm
on Saturdays. Any other time
by appointment

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00noon

5:00pm

Holy Days: As Announced

- There are assistive devices for the hearing impaired available in the Sacristy before all Masses.
- Low gluten hosts are available. Please see priest before Mass if needed.

CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Lenten Retreat

This Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

St. Agatha

Sunday March 19 7:00pm Believing Fr. Paul Soper

St. Mary of the Hills

Monday March 20 7:00pm Witnessing Sr. Anne D'Arcy, CSJ

St. Elizabeth

Tuesday March 21 7:00pm Living as Christ's Disciples Deacon Dan Burns



Called to be Disciples

LIFT Worship Night Tuesday, March 21st at St. Agatha Parish @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship *with guest speaker Fr. Mark Murphy.*

Parish Mission Statement

St. Agatha Parish is a Christian Community of Catholics from Milton, Quincy and beyond, whose Mission is to demonstrate Love by:

- proclaiming and celebrating God's Presence on earth;
- being open and welcoming to all;
- reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far; providing opportunities for prayer, service, education and recreation.
- In living this Mission, we accept our responsibility for giving witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

NEED HELP?



The "Caring Circle" dares to care... Call 617-337-3225 for short-term non-financial help or visit www.mcccaringcircle.org

Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday after the 9am Mass in the Chapel until reposition at 1pm..

Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

The rosary is recited every morning before the 9am Mass. Please join us.



Communion for the Homebound

Please call 617-698-2439 and we will arrange for a minister of communion to bring Eucharist to you.

St. Agatha Parish Phone 617-698-2439
Rectory@StAgathaParish.org Fax 617-698-1517
Parish Website www.stagathaparish.org

Clergy

Rev. William B. Palardy, Pastor
Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan
Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence
Msgr. William Fay, Priest in Residence

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

I hope everyone had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day. It was grand to have a number of folks at our two Masses here last Friday and afterwards to enjoy traditional Irish goodies such as Irish bread and scones. Because St. Joseph's Feast Day (actually a "Solemnity") falls on this Sunday, we celebrate his feast on Monday the 20th. St. Joseph as the foster-father of Jesus is also the Patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron saint of all laborers as well, and was the protector of his beloved wife Mary and his foster son Jesus. He is a wonderful model for all of us, especially husbands, fathers, priests and seminarians.

Next Saturday is the third big feast that falls during this period of Lent. It is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, where Mary's "Yes" changed the course of human history in her consent to become the Mother of God's Son Jesus, the Savior of the world. May we ask her intercession to help us to say, "Yes" to God's will for our lives, even when God's will is mysterious to us, as it must have been to Mary.

Please join us for our 3-evening, 3-parish Mission beginning this Sunday the 19th at 7pm here at St Agatha's. Also I hope many of you can come Tuesday night here as we host the LIFT worship night, with Fr. Mark Murphy as the keynote speaker. There will be inspiring praise music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for Confession with a number of priests available.

Folks will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses this weekend to benefit NPH USA, an organization that supports thousands of orphaned, abandoned, and disadvantaged children in Caribbean nations.

Finally, if you haven't already, please consider purchasing a ticket or even a table(!) for the St. Agatha School Auction and Gala which will take place this Saturday beginning at 6pm at the Venezia Restaurant. This is one of the major fundraisers for our school which helps keep tuition affordable for our school families.

Continue having a blessed Lent!

Fr. Palardy



Wednesday evening Confessions will be heard from 6:30-8pm in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel.

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus is the Living Water

In this long story, what image or scene did you see in your mind's eye?

GOSPEL : JN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."



Stations of the Cross in the Upper Church every Friday at 7pm during Lent.

Pastoral Planning

March 19 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

In many parishes those preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil, will experience the first of three Scrutinies today. Scrutinies are “.. rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose.... meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.” All of us can benefit from ‘self-searching and repentance’. Look at the Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel. Her conversation with Jesus put her on the ‘fast track’ to self-searching and repentance. Her conversation with Jesus transformed her into a great evangelizer: “Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, ‘Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?’” This week, share what God has done for you with someone. Invite someone to *Come see*....

Join us the weekend of Sunday April 9th to support NPH USA!



Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on This weekend, March 18th & 19th to benefit the upcoming NPH USA event and to support the 3,400 orphaned, abandoned, and disadvantaged children in their care.

Tickets are \$10.00 – so please bring cash and/or a check to help support this life changing cause!

Prizes include Gertrude Bryne’s 30th Anniversary All Star Irish Caribbean Cruise for Two, a Cape Cod Irish Village Getaway Weekend, and a \$200.00 cash prize!

For more information visit www.irishheartsfororphans.com or call Thayer Lawson at 617.206.4940.

Invitation 2017 ACIES

The Legion of Mary Bay View Curia Sunday, March 26th at 2:00pm

The Legion of Mary Bay View Curia wishes to extend an invitation to all to attend the annual ACIES ceremony on March 26th which will take place at St. Agatha Church.



The ACIES is the solemn expression of union with, and dependence on, the Blessed Virgin Mary, where Legionaries assemble as a body and renew their consecration to Jesus through Mary.

All legionaries active and auxiliary members are cordially invited to attend this beautiful ceremony and witness to their true devotion to Mary. There will be a Mass followed by a reception in the Gathering Space of St. Agatha Church.

The Weekly Update

Occasionally the Operations Note focuses on electronic giving as a way to support the parish. However, the use of Weekly Offertory envelopes is another great way to contribute. This method has been in use for decades and is still a very important part of our contribution system. It offers a means of supporting the parish which encourages more “intentional giving” as opposed to simply putting in the basket what is in our pockets. We send interested parishioners envelopes 6 times per year which each contain 2 months of weekly and special collection envelopes, each of which features a quote from Pope Francis on the outside. We currently use a company called Church Budget to send out just over 1,000 sets of envelope which costs the parish a little over \$500 per mailing. This is money well spent because it offers a convenient, accountable and personalized manner of giving. It also gives us the total contribution information we use to send out year-end contribution summaries for tax purposes. Unfortunately, the number of people who receive envelopes and then actually use them is dropping steadily to the point that in recent months barely one-third of the people who receive them have used them. We are very happy to provide this vehicle for contributing, and hope that if you are currently using them you will continue to do so. In fact, if you are currently not receiving them and would like to, please let us know so we can add you to the mailing. However, it is a waste of paper and postage to send them to households that don’t use them. So over the next month or so we will be going through the parish census and if envelopes were not used during 2016 and have not been used yet this year we will discontinue the automatic delivery of envelopes for those households.

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	March 11-12 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	March 11-12 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,900	\$9,395	\$2,431	\$11,826	-\$2,074	-\$58,806

Jack Riley



REGISTRATION UPDATES

REGISTRATION: Please return your registration forms to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

CHANGES FOR GRADES 6-7-8 in 2017-2018:
Grade 6 will be meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the School.
Grades 7 & 8 will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space!

Grades 1-5

- March 19 First Holy Communion Retreat
Group 1 & 2 – 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gym
- March 21-22-23 Classes for Grades 1-5
- March 28-29-30 Classes for Grades 1-5
- April 2 First Holy Communion Retreat
Group 3 & 4 – 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gym
- April 4-5-6 Last Day of Sessions – final day for Toiletries Drive

Grades 6-8

- March 19 NO CLASS FOR GRADES 6-8**
- March 26 Classes at 3:30 p.m. Grade 6 in cafeteria; Grade 7 & 8, Reconciliation service, Gathering Space in lower church



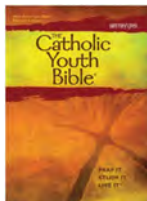
Toiletry Drive

Once again, during the season of Lent, our children from our **Faith Formation Program** will be collecting and donating toiletry items to our local shelters. The shelters have asked for our assistance in collecting **unused** basic necessities, such as:

Ivory soap, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Spray deodorant Shampoo, Brushes and combs, Shaving cream & razors

Donations may be brought to Faith Formation sessions through April 6th

Bibles for Our Middle School Religious Education Program



We are trying to purchase 20 copies of this Catholic Youth Bible for use by our 5-8 grade students in next year's Religious Education classes. If we can purchase through Amazon, the price per Bible is \$25.74 (regular price is

\$27.95), so 20 copies would require an investment of \$500. If you are able to help us toward our goal of \$500, please call Edie McDaniel in the Faith Formation office (617-696-1388) or email emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org. Thank you and God bless!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HAPPENING!

St. Agatha's Parish is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer. The theme is Maker Fun Factory – Created by God Built for a Purpose.

NEED VOLUNTEERS:

IF ENTERING GRADES 8 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL you can be a counselor.

ADULTS can help with snacks, crafts, outdoor activities, music, group leading and more!

If you are willing to volunteer to help, please email Edie McDaniel at emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org or call at 617-696-1388. Thank you.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

We had a nice turnout for our Lenten study! There is still plenty of space for more participants! Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? Come join us on Wednesday evenings this Lent in the Gathering Space in the lower church at 7:00 p.m. The cost is only \$20 and you will receive a book of the same name & workbook for the study. Contact Edie McDaniel at (617) 696-1388 or emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org.

Mass of Remembrance and Healing

The St. Anne / St. Catherine Collaborative (Westford, MA) Respect Life Ministry and Project Rachel will sponsor a Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM, at St. Catherine's Church. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. The guest homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A light reception and opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will also be available after Mass. For more info, contact: Respect Life Ministry at life.collaborative@icloud.com or Project Rachel at 508-651-3100, help@projectrachelboston.com.

Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND— July 14th-16th
REGISTRATIONS NOW AVAILABLE! Steubenville East Youth Weekend is a thrilling weekend where over 3,200 teens from all over New England will gather to witness a professional band, full light show, internationally recognized speakers, and an experience they won't find anywhere else. If you know someone who has been on the trip, go ahead and ask them if it was worth it! This year's weekend will be at UMass Lowell. It is first come, first serve so sign up by contacting Brian Pellicano, our youth minister while spots last! **Cost is only \$230, all inclusive before June 1st!**

SPECIAL NOTE: Going to one Steubenville Weekend excuses you from BOTH Confirmation retreats.

For more info please visit the website: www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/ View the promotional video – visit YouTube and search: "Steubenville Promo 2017", then click the first video.

LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP: 3-4:45pm in youth room
 If you're in grades 9-12, check it out at 3pm downstairs from the school gym!

March 19th – Do you love your mom and dad the same way you love pizza? I didn't think so! We are diving back into Alive & Dangerous with a night on Counterfeit love and how to tell it apart from real, authentic love.

FOLLOW YOUTH GROUP ON
 @staggieslifeteen



LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT: This Tuesday, March 21st 7-9PM
 at ST. AGATHA'S – Open to EVERYONE

Adult volunteers needed to staff the evening: Will you help? I need a 4 more. Please contact me (Brian Pellicano, youth minister) if you are able to help, thank you.

LIFETEEN MASS: March 26th - 5pm Mass

Our high school contemporary Christian group will be providing music on **Sunday, March 26th**. All are welcome to experience a refreshing worship style in Mass! **Are you a high school-aged singer? Consider joining the group!** For info, contact Brian Pellicano.

LIVE PASSION PLAY 2017 NOW CASTING:

We are looking for more teens to join the cast for Good Friday, 2017. **We are offering up to 20 service hours to those who participate.** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 23rd 6-7pm** in the Resource Room adjacent to the Gathering Space in the lower level of the church. **We need about 8 more teens to sign up!** There will then be meetings every Thursday in Lent 6-7pm for rehearsal. To sign up – contact Brian our youth minister.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP: June 24th-July 2nd

The first and second installments for ASP tuition are now due. If you are going on the trip and have not submitted these, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Parishioners - we're counting on you!

There are many costs that – excluding registration – add up to about \$15,000 each year just to break even on the trip. We will be hosting a number of fundraisers throughout the months to leading up to July. Please show your support to these hard working teens by offering a donation or participating in one of the fundraisers. **We will post a "fund-ometer" in the church to visualize the status of our fundraising efforts.**

Will you donate to help our high school mission trip?

We now have an online donation page! GoFundMe.com is an online avenue for a fundraising campaign. In our case we are raising money for our high school mission trip. Any amount you would consider will be greatly appreciated! **To Donate, please visit: www.gofundme.com/stagathaasp**

Thank you in advance for your financial support!

SWEETHEART SOIREE: Purchase Tickets now!

Girls from K-5 bring their favorite sweetheart for a night of dancing, photo-taking, face-painting, and more!

St. Agatha School Gym - Friday, April 7th, 2017 - 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM - \$25/couple or \$35/family

Limited Tickets may be available at the door, so make sure to buy ahead!

This event is one of the highlights of our spring! It's a dance for girls in grades K-5 to bring their favorite man and have a ball in the SAS gym. All proceeds go to the needs of our summer mission trip.

To Purchase tickets: Complete form available at www.stagathaparish.org and mail it in / drop it off to the rectory office at 432 Adams St., Milton with a check made payable to St. Agatha Church, Memo: ASP Dance due **No later than April 5th**. Questions? Contact Brian Pellicano; Email: bpellicano@stagathaparish.org

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING UP!

GRADE 9 – Last Regular Class – (This Sunday) March 19th – 6-7:30 pm – Gathering Space
GRADE 10 – Retreat! – March 26th – 4-9 pm – Gathering Space (Mass and dinner included)

In the joy of Christ,
 Brian

**For all Confirmation and Young Church Ministry Activities please contact: Brian Pellicano, Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org or 617-696-8978. Check out Young Church Ministry Website



Spring Begins

**St. Agatha School
Annual Auction & Gala
March 25, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
Venezia Restaurant**

**Tickets Now on Sale in the main office
or email**

sasauction2017@stagathaparish.org

St. Agatha School's Drama Club
production of "The Music Man Jr."
Friday March 31st and Saturday, April 1st at 7pm and
Sunday April 2nd at 2pm at
Fontbonne Academy.
Tickets can be purchased
in the school's main office.



Upcoming Retreats

"Aging with Grace," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held Wednesday, April 5 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

"New Beginnings," a women's one-day retreat (8:30AM to 5:00PM) led by Peggy Patenaude will be held Wednesday, May 17 at La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or at timeoutretreats@comcast.net. To register call LaSalette at 508-222-8530.

**Refugee Immigration
Ministry 10th Annual
International Concert**



March 30, 2017, 7:00 PM
26 Washington Street, Malden, MA 02148
Tickets: \$20 Students: Free

Featuring
The Noor Ensemble, Koleinu Chorus
New England Sikh Study Group
Malden High School Chorus
Refugee Immigration Ministry
6 Pleasant Street, Suite 612, Malden, MA 02148
phone: 781-322-1011
Buy Tickets on-line: www.r-i-m.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 18	
8:00am		
4:30pm	36th Anniversary	Philip Belmont
Sunday	March 19	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Anniversary	Dr. Alfred Weber
10:30am	25th Anniversary	Marie Bresnahan
12:00pm	10th Anniversary	Patrick F. Tevenan
5:00pm	5th Anniversary	Frank McDermott
Monday	March 20	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Rev. John J. Joyce
Tuesday	March 21	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Wednesday	March 22	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Msgr. Charles Anadore
Thursday	March 23	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Friday	March 24	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Reardon/Reynolds Families
Saturday	March 25	
8:00am		
4:30pm	Anniversary	Mary McAuliffe
Sunday	March 26	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Anniversary	Rita O'Connor
10:30am	1st Anniversary	Mary "Maureen" Russell
12:00pm	7th Anniversary	Robert Scannell
5:00pm	2nd Anniversary	Courtney Kelly

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism: 2:00pm on the 2nd/4th Sundays of each month. Please call the Rectory to arrange/ask questions regarding other arrangements.
Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm on Saturdays Any other time by appointment
Marriage: Call one of the parish priests or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.



**Every Monday
Doors Open @ 4:30pm**



BINGO begins at 6:40pm
School parents we need your help.

Thanks to all our volunteers!