

# The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

March 25-26, 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

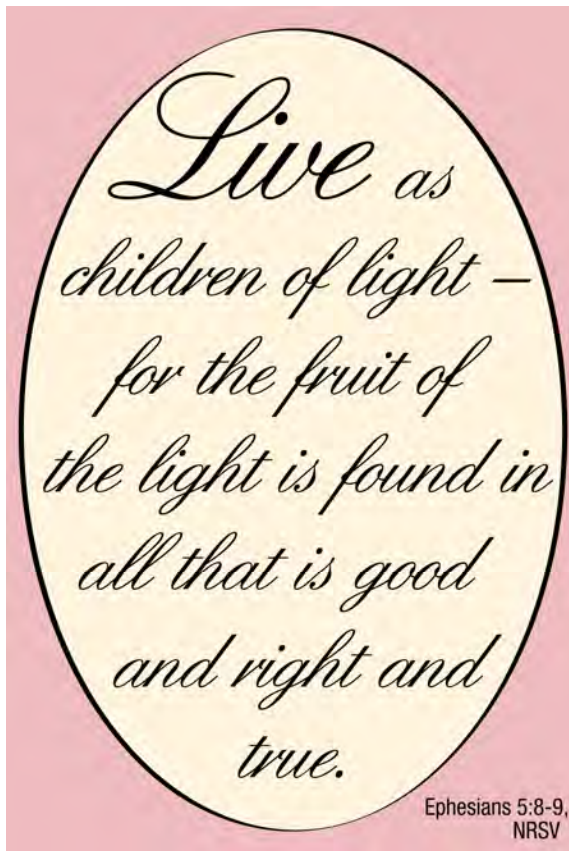
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12:00noon

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.



Ephesians 5:8-9,  
NRSV



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

## 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.

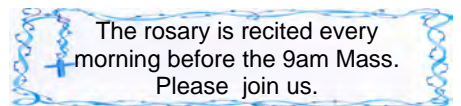


**NEED HELP?** The "Caring Circle" dares to care... Call 617- 337-3225

for short-term non-financial help or visit [www.mcccaringcircle.org](http://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



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### 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

### Parish Administration

Mr. Jack Riley, Finance and Operations Manager  
Mrs. Ursula K. Nania, Parish Bookkeeper  
Ms. Kathy Monahan, Administrative Assistant and Bulletin Editor

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Ms. Kellie Kickham, Assistant Principal  
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Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Admissions Director

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Mrs. Jenn Caputo, Administrative Assistant

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



### *A Note from Our Pastor,*

When I began graduate studies in Washington, D.C., in August of 1988, the Marine Band put on a concert on the Washington Mall entitled, "Christmas in August."

Well, with our celebration this past week of the Solemnities of St. Joseph this past Monday and the Annunciation to the Blessed Mother on Saturday, it's as if we had a little taste of Christmas during this season of Lent, considering the pivotal roles of both St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother in the birth of our Savior. And of course with the presence and active involvement of the Sisters of St. Joseph in our parish for so many years, I hope we took some time to pray for the Sisters of St. Joseph, living and deceased, who have been such an integral part of the parish's life, the school's life, and our own individual lives.

But from now until the Easter Triduum, there are no more major liturgical celebrations for the remainder of Lent this year. However, Lent is more than halfway completed, and this Sunday is called *Laetare Sunday*, meaning, similar to the Third Sunday of Advent, "Sunday of Rejoicing." And we have good cause for rejoicing. Our two catechumens (Robert and David) and one candidate for Full Communion with the Church (Francie) are finishing their preparation for the Easter Sacraments. We had an uplifting 3-Parish Retreat this past Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Our LIFT night last Tuesday was a great way to get re-energized in and with the Lord during the middle of Lent. A number of engaged couples had their first night of Pre-Cana (marriage preparation) also this past Tuesday. Our young people in the Faith Formation Program and at St. Agatha School are receiving the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, and others from near and far are taking advantage of this Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 8pm in our Reconciliation Room where "The Light Is on for You." A number of parishioners are deepening their appreciation of both Scripture and the Holy Eucharist by taking part in "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" each Wednesday evening from 7-8pm.

We are also so proud of the St. Agatha's team of young women of grades 7 and 8 who are the Archdiocese of Boston Basketball Champions this year. They, their head coach Jim Timmins, and the assistant coaches have done us proud, and they are not finished

yet! They will now compete in the New England Championship in Bridgeport, Connecticut. On a different level of talent, the 3-on-3 basketball fundraiser for the High School Mission Trip was a resounding success with much fun (and, I hope, not too many sore muscles!) had by all the participants. The upcoming "Sweetheart Soiree" should also be a real hoot!

This bulletin went to print before our School Auction on Saturday, but from preliminary indication and past history, this year's event promises to be another wonderful time (and, I hope, a financially lucrative one for our School). Be sure to mark your calendars, because next weekend the St. Agatha School's Drama Club will be presenting "The Music Man, Jr." at Fontbonne Academy, and I hear that tickets are going fast!

Our Cub Scouts are holding their Pinewood Derby on Saturday April 1st. I am planning to dust off the car I still have from my own days as a Cub Scout which won a Pinewood Derby before the parents of our current Cub Scouts were born! I hope that racing my antique little vehicle against all the newer high-tech editions will not make me the butt of April Fools' Day jokes!


So, rejoice this Sunday, and continue to have a blessed Lent!

*Fr. Palardy*



We're Baaaaack!!

Please join Fr. Palardy next Sunday, April 2nd, at the 9:00 family Mass, as he welcomes back the puppets from Puppetville.


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

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



**Read Reflect Respond**

**THEME:** We are children of the Light.

As you listen to this reading proclaimed again just now, what did you hear? What word caught your ear?

Second Reading : Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

*Pastoral Planning*

**March 26 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday**

Laetare – Rejoice! We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. How is your Lent? Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians and the Gospel story of the man born blind talk about light and dark. We are two weeks into Daylight Savings Time, days are longer, but is the light of faith growing stronger in you? “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” It’s not too late. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving (charity) are the pillars of Lent. How can you make these pillars pleasing to the Lord during these last weeks of Lent? It’s. Not. Too. Late.



Invitation 2017 ACIES

The Legion of Mary Bay View Curia  
This 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.

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**

As we begin the preparations for the FY 2018 budget which begins on July 1, we’ll be taking a look at the costs associated with the operation of the Parish which will be used to construct the new budget. As you know, there are fixed costs over which we have little control, and then there are variable costs which we can adjust depending upon needs and available financial resources. This week we’ll look at personnel costs. As in most organizations, a significant portion of our budget is spent on personnel. In the case of the parish this includes lay staff as well as clergy. We are projecting to spend a total of \$505,373 on lay and clergy salaries for the current year, and this number will increase next year as we incorporate the full annual salary of a Pastoral Associate who we expect to hire this year. The parish’s portion of lay health insurance premiums is projecting to be \$27,497, and \$33,600 for clergy health insurance. Other lay benefits (Social Security, Worker’s Compensation, unemployment insurance, life insurance etc.) and other clergy benefits add another \$74,380 to our personnel costs. So the total we are expecting to spend in this current fiscal year is \$640,850 on our lay staff and clergy out of a total budget of \$1,221,542. Next week we’ll look at physical plan costs and the week after that at the cost of our various ministries and liturgical activities.

*Jack Riley*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Weekly Offertory Report**

Weekly Budget	March 18-19 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	March 18-19 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,900	\$9,630	\$2,431	\$12,061	-\$1,839	-\$60,645





**Return from my Pilgrimage to Our Lady in Lourdes and Fatima**

It was my honor and privilege to bring your intentions and requests to Our Lady. These petitions were placed on the altar in the Grotto, beside where St. Bernadette knelt and in the Adoration Chapel in

Fatima.

Each night at Lourdes, these intentions are burnt with incense and the smoke permeates the Domian in Lourdes and rises above the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

In Fatima, petitions are received by the attendant and placed reverently into a box where the Blessed Mother appeared to the Fatima shepherds in the *Cova da Iria* which is now the Apparitions Chapel.

Our Lady was very happy to receive your intentions and I know this alone gives you peace and comfort. I was very moved by the many requests.

Prayer cards will be at the entrances of the Church for those who wrote intentions. If you would like, I will be distributing Lourdes Holy Water after the Masses in the Gathering Space on the weekend of April 1. Please bring a small bottle for me to fill as I only have a limited number of bottles and holy water.



Thank-you for trusting me with your intentions and I pray that your requests will be answered in the way that is most beneficial to you and pleasing to Our Lord.



**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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017**

**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 26 Classes at 3:30 p.m. Grade 6 in cafeteria;  
 Grade 7 & 8, Reconciliation service,  
 Gathering Space in lower church

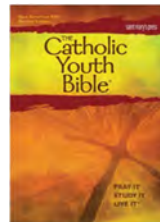
**Toiletry Drive**



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 6<sup>th</sup>**



**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](mailto:emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org). Thank you and God bless!

**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](mailto:emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org).



## 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](mailto:emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org) or call at 617-696-1388. Thank you.

## Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

**STEBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND– July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>! We have 6 spots filled already – they'll go fast so don't wait!**  
**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/](http://www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/) View the promotional video – visit YouTube and search: "Steubenville Promo 2017", then click the first video

**LIFE TEEN: If you're in grades 9-12, check it out at 3pm downstairs from the school gym!**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – We are opening the gym and youth room! Come shoot hoops, play foosball or air hockey and enjoy some snack food! No strings, no gimmicks, just come hang out and relax.

*Thank you to those who have contributed game tables, instruments, and financial donations to our group! We are truly grateful!*

**We will be kicking off our big move to AFTER the 5pm Mass with a BBQ on May 7<sup>th</sup>! More details to follow!**

FOLLOW YOUTH GROUP ON  
**@staggieslifeteen**



**LIFETEEN MASS: THIS SUNDAY! March 26<sup>th</sup> - 5pm Mass**  
Our high school contemporary Christian group will be providing music on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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, our youth minister.

### LIVE PASSION PLAY 2017 STILL NEEDS TEENS:

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 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm** in the Resource Room adjacent to the Gathering Space in the lower level of the church. **We need about 5 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 24<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 these fundraisers. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

### THANK YOU FOR FUELING OUR FUNDRAISERS:

We had a wonderful turnout and a ton of fun at both March Madness and LIFT. We raised almost \$1000 for our mission trip at the March Madness tournament for kids! Keep up your amazing 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. This is a vital fundraiser for our summer service trip to KY, so thank you all in advance for your support. All proceeds go to the needs of the summer mission trip.

**To Purchase tickets:** Complete form available at [www.stagathaparish.org/ycm](http://www.stagathaparish.org/ycm) 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 5<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Brian Pellicano; Email: [bpellicano@stagathaparish.org](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org)

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING UP!

**GRADE 9 – Retreat next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gathering space – 4-9pm**

**GRADE 10 – Retreat this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Gathering space – 4-9pm**

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](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) or 617-696-8978. Check out Young Church Ministry Website

**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.



*Sr. Miriam Patrice: A Celebration of Life!*  
 Please join us on April 1, 2017 at 11:00 at St. John the Baptist Church, 44 School Street, Quincy to celebrate the life of Sr. Miriam Patrice McKeon at a Memorial Mass concelebrated by Reverends Michael McNamara and Francis Conroy. A Sister of Charity for 67 years, who was missioned in Halifax Nova Scotia, Sr. Miriam resided at St. John the Baptist convent for many years. As Board Member and advocate, she faithfully served the communities of Friends of the Unborn and Fr. Bill's. Let's remember our beautiful Sister in Christ in song and celebration. Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the church hall.



**Divine Mercy Retreat – Saturday, April 1**  
 Join the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy for an afternoon Divine Mercy retreat at St. Ann Parish on Neponset Ave. in Dorchester, MA. The program begins at 2:45 pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confession; Hour of Mercy and Chaplet at 3:00 pm; a talk entitled "Know that My Heart is Mercy Itself" at 3:45 pm; and Holy Mass at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. More information at [www.SisterFaustina.org](http://www.SisterFaustina.org) or 617-288-1202 ext 122



The Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville, MA is currently seeking Certified Nursing Assistants, Prep Cook/Dishwashers, Registered Nurses and a Porter to join our team. The schedule for all direct care workers includes shifts every other weekend. Candidates should be compassionate, have a desire to help others and a willingness to work as part of a team. Please contact us at [smjobs@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:smjobs@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 25</b>	Annunciation
8:00am		
4:30pm	Anniversary	Mary McAuliffe
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 26</b>	
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	
7:00am		
9:00am		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	
7:00am		
9:00am		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	
7:00am		
9:00am	Special Intention	For all victims of suicide, and substance abuse & their families
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	
7:00am		
9:00am		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	
7:00am		
9:00am		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
8:00am	Month's Mind	John Holland
4:30pm	Anniversary	Joseph Corso
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
7:30am	Anniversary	James J. Collins
9:00am	3rd Anniversary	Margaret M. Cronin
10:30am	Birth. Memorial	Jeanne Sullivan
12:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
5:00pm	1st Anniversary	Louis Ouellette

**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!**