

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

April 8-9, 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.

Monday April 10, Tuesday April 11, Wednesday April 12

7:00am and 9:00am Mass

Wednesday April 12

6:30pm-8:00pm "A Light Is On For You" (Reconciliation)

HOLY THURSDAY April 13

9:00am -Morning Prayer

7:30pm -Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Eucharist until 11pm

HOLY SATURDAY April 15

9am - Morning Prayer

8:00pm – Easter Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY April 14

9am - Morning Prayer

3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5pm - Students re-enact the Way of the Cross. Begins at Cunningham Park and ends at St. Agatha.

7:30pm -Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

EASTER SUNDAY April 16

7:30am & 12 noon– will be held in the Upper Church

9:00am, 10:30am will be held in **both the** Upper Church & Parish Center

Note: No 5:00pm Mass

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.

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Parish Website www.stagathaparish.org

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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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Mrs. Ursula K. Nania, Parish Bookkeeper
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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

We celebrate beginning today the most sacred week of the whole Christian year, with Palm/Passion Sunday this weekend. We recall the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Lord, as well as the turn of events that brought Him to the Cross just a few days later. A fine way to symbolize this is to turn the palm branch we receive this weekend into a cross, making it a visible reminder of how the praise and adulation that Jesus received soon changed into hostility that led to His death. The lesson for us all is that we should not be caught up in garnering praise from others, but as St. Paul put it, to find our glory only in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recognizing the awesome love that Jesus has for each one of us, as He submitted Himself to excruciating pain and shame, so that He might draw each one of us to Himself and to share in the eternal glory of His resurrection from the dead, let us try to be present at the blessed events that we commemorate in the Sacred Triduum. Our Art and Environment ministers, our organist, other instrumentalists, cantors, and choir, our other lay ministers, deacon, and priests offer you our best efforts so that the Lord may touch your hearts and lives very deeply at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday Evening, at the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil Saturday night, and all the Easter Masses on Sunday. Please try to make the time in your schedules to renew your own faith in and love for the Lord by praying with and for your sisters and brothers in Christ who form the St. Agatha Parish family, during these beautiful, poignant, and sacred liturgies Thursday through Sunday.

The liturgical schedule for Holy Week here at St. Agatha's can be found on the cover of this bulletin. I point out several items. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday there are no morning Masses, but Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at 9am all three days. On Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper concludes, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11pm. On Good Friday, in addition to Morning Prayer, there will be two Liturgies of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 3 and 7:30pm. From 5 until about 6pm some of our high school students will re-enact the Way of the Cross – from Cunningham Park to St. Agatha's. On Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil

will begin at 8pm with the full Initiation of our two catechumens David and Robert, and the Reception into the Church of Francie. Finally, on Easter Sunday we'll have the regular Sunday morning Mass schedule, with a second Mass at 9 and 10:30 in the gym. There will be no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

This Wednesday will be the last evening for "The Light Is on for You." Confessions will be heard in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel, and if a lot of people come this week, there will be more than one priest hearing Confessions. In that case, we'll use the sacristy and, if necessary, a back pew in the chapel as well.

I also call your attention to the event this Sunday the 9th at the Marriott in Quincy from 3:30 until 8pm, sponsored by NPH, "Irish Hearts for Orphans."



This is a fundraiser familiar to many of you which benefits orphaned children throughout the Caribbean. The winning raffle tickets for the vacation in Aruba, with Engelbert Humperdinck no less, and other fine prizes will be drawn at this event. Hope to see you there.

Have a very blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Palardy

Easter Collection

Next week, our Easter collection will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. **Our priests are always there for us**, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust**." Also, please be advised that this Wednesday on The CatholicTV Network and CatholicTVLIVE.com, Bishop Robert Reed will concelebrate Mass with senior priests from Regina Cleri at 9:30 a.m. and rebroadcast at 7:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Bishop Reed also will be praying a Special Rosary, filmed at Regina Cleri, on Holy Thursday at 10:00 a.m., Good Friday at 10:00 a.m., and Holy Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Please tune in to pray with and for our priests during this most holy week in our Church year.

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Holy Week — the mystery of our faith.

As you hear Paul’s words to the Philippians, what touches your heart? What phrase from this reading now lingers in your memory?

Reading II : Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastoral Planning

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

This story never gets old. How quickly things change, from “Hosanna” and palm branches to “Crucify him! Crucify him!”. Strange that it was Pilate who asked: “Are you the king of the Jews?” And then, correctly, publicly, identified him: “..they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” He is our King. During this holiest week of the year, spend some time in church or in quiet prayer reflecting on the way of the Cross (the Stations) with the One Who died for you. On Good Friday – good because it is the day we were redeemed - when we sing “Were You There” will you be able to say, Yes, Lord, I walked – and will continue to walk - with you?



Our Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore Men’s Prayer Gathering
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM

- ✘ Prayer
- ✘ Coffee and refreshments
- ✘ **Presentation and discussion**



Next meeting: April 15

St. Joseph, Father

Geoff FitzGerald
Early Bird Member

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary’s Road (off Brook Road), Milton
Call 774-343-5075 for more information



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

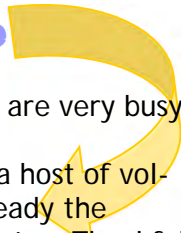


*Divine Mercy Sunday
April 23*

On April 23rd, immediately following the 12 noon Mass the Legion of Mary invites you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament the Divine Mercy Chaplet which will be followed by Benediction.

All are welcome! Please join us.

The Weekly Update



The next few weeks around the Parish are very busy ones as we prepare for Holy Week. Staff, our landscaping contractor and a host of volunteers will be working diligently to ready the Church, Parish Hall and grounds for Easter. Thankfully we were able to complete the painting of the walls in the Chapel and Gathering Space in time, and they look great. The Art & Environment Committee is particularly busy because they face the challenge of decorating our worship spaces for a range of liturgies as we transition from the reflective and penitential tone of Lent through the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and solemnity of Good Friday to the triumphant exuberance of Easter. We are so thankful for all that they do. The School children again assisted in replacing the 725 Missalettes for Holy Week and the Easter season.

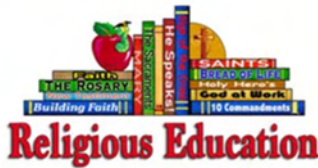
As mentioned last week, we will be purchasing eight new Communion Cups within the next several weeks at \$225 each which are available to be purchased and inscribed with the name of a loved one. The response has been very strong, and we’ve received commitments for four of the eight already. If you would be interested in purchasing one of these very special cups, please either speak to Fr. Palardy or call or email me (jriley@stagathaparish.org) at the Rectory.

Because of the early deadline for the publication of the Bulletin due to Palm Sunday and Holy Week, the Weekly Offertory total was not available for inclusion in this week’s Bulletin. So the total for the weekend of April 1-2 will be included in the Bulletin for Easter Sunday and the total for Palm Sunday weekend will be in the following week. Thank you for your understanding.

Jack Riley

CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session is: **April 12th**
The morning session is from 9:30am-11:00am in the Gathering Space (lower church) . The evening session is from 7-9pm in the lower rectory. Bring an old project or start a new one. **All are Welcome!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION UPDATES

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

Beginning in September of 2017, Grades 7 & 8 will participate in EDGE – a Catholic Middle School Curriculum created by LifeTeen. We will meet on a weekly basis (grades 7 and 8 will alternate weeks) in the Gathering Space of the Lower Church. This should be a wonderful, exciting and faith-filled time for our students.

CLASSES HAVE ENDED FOR GRADES 1-8.

As I have completed my first year at St. Agatha as Director of the program for grades 1-8, I want to thank everyone for your help, patience and cooperation as I “learned the ropes”. I have truly enjoyed my first year with the children and families of our parish. I look forward to next year and the opportunities we will have to enhance and enrich our program.

But the work is not yet finished!



First Communion Rehearsals:

Group 1 – Monday, April 24 (3:45-5:00 p.m.)

Group 2 – Tuesday, April 25 (3:45-5:00 p.m.)

Group 3 – Monday, May 1 (3:45-5:00 p.m.)

Group 4 – Tuesday, May 2 (3:45-5:00 p.m.)

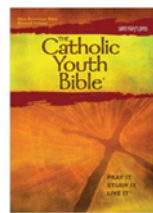
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CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS

Catechists: We need teachers/catechists for the next school year. Not sure you can commit to every week? Why not consider teaming up with someone else to co-teach?

Volunteers: Office Help
Door Monitors
Hall Monitors

Please contact Edie McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation at (617) 696-1388 or EMcDaniel@StAgathaParish.org



Bibles for Our Middle School Religious Education Program

Thank you for your generosity!

We have been blessed with several generous donations that have allowed us to purchase 15 copies of the Catholic Youth Bible. We are hoping to be able to purchase a few more for the coming school year and will be announcing a few fundraisers for this purpose.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has been so generous and willing to help us make our Faith Formation program the best it can be!

Please call Edie McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation at (617-696-1388) or email emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org if you are able to help us in any way!

Toiletry Drive

Thank you for all your generous donations!

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Faith Formation Office





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HAPPENING!

St. Agatha, St. Elizabeth & St. Mary of the Hills Parishes join forces to bring all families in Milton an opportunity to participate in **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**.

This great fun time is for students in Grades 1-5 and will run from July 31st to August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day.

The theme is:

Maker Fun Factory – Created by God Built for a Purpose.

Adults – we need your help with snacks, crafts, outdoor activities, music, group leading and more!

Students – if you are **GRADE 8 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL** we need your help as a Junior Counselor or Counselor.

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

Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND– July 14th-16th

REGISTRATIONS FILLING UP! Steubenville East is a thrilling weekend where 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. 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!** **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/ **View the promotional video** – visit YouTube and search: "Steubenville Promo 2017", then click the first video

LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP:

If you're in grades 9-12, check out youth group at 3pm downstairs from the school gym this Sunday!

Be on the lookout Easter morning – we'll be giving out summer event calendars and goodies!

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

FOLLOW YOUTH GROUP ON
@staggieslifeteen



LIFETEEN MASS: EASTER SUNDAY! 9AM MASS IN THE GYM

Our high school contemporary Christian group will be providing music on **Sunday, April 16th**. 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: THIS FRIDAY! 5PM!

Come see our teens this Friday as they reenact Christ's passion! – starting from Cunningham Park at 5pm and making their way back to St. Agatha's parking lot. Hope you join us!

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 leading up to July. Please show your support to these hard working teens by offering a donation or participating in one of these fundraisers.

Want to give online? We have an online donation platform available on GoFundMe.com

To Donate, visit: www.gofundme.com/stagathaasp
Thank you in advance for your support!

SWEETHEART SOIREE: Fantastic!

Thanks to all who participated and contributed to our Sweetheart Soiree Dance, 2017. It was a phenomenal event and the girls had a blast! They told me not to tell anyone... but so did their guys!

Our next fundraiser will be our Mother's Day Flower Sale – May 7th between all Masses!

CONFIRMATION - COMING UP:

GRADE 10 – Parent closing info meeting April 26th in the Upper Church 6-7pm.

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



**Saint Agatha School is currently
accepting applications
for the 2017-2018 school year.
Pre-school through Grade 8**

Come visit Saint Agatha School where children learn to love and love to learn!
Call our Admissions Office at 617 696-3548 x 202 to request an application packet or to schedule a school visit.

**Learners Today
Leaders Tomorrow**

LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT - COMING

SOON : LIFT Ministries is coming to St. Joseph the Worker, Hanson for an exciting worship event that includes live music, relevant talks, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. The evening takes place Tuesday, April 18 from 7- 9pm. Father Stan Fortuna will be the guest speaker. Please come join hundreds of young adults, families, clergy, and friends from around the area for a great evening of live praise and worship music and Christian fellowship. This event is free and is open to all ages, feel free to invite your friends. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com.

**Notre Dame Education Center
Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary**

The Notre Dame Education Center of South Boston (NDEC) will hold its 25th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser on Thursday, May 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson Street, Boston.

As part of the festivities, there also will be an All-School Reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing Central High School for Girls.

NDEC traces its roots back to Cardinal Cushing High School. After CCCHS closed in 1992, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur wanted to continue their service to South Boston. They began to offer English classes for immigrants and high-school equivalency classes for adults who did not have a diploma, and NDEC was born.

For more information about the celebration and the reunion, or to purchase tickets, visit the NDEC web site www.ndecboston.org. To purchase advertising in the Program Booklet, contact Kate Nelson, NDE-C25@ndecboston.org, or call 617-268-1912, Ext. 248.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	April 8 13th Anniversary Kevin Ryan	
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	April 9 Memorial For the 11th Anniversary Memorial 4th Anniversary	Palm Sunday Peter Vu Parishioners of St. Agatha Andrew J. Veneto, Sr. Powers & Shine Families John A. Haughn
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	April 10	
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 11	
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 12	
Thursday 9:00am 7:30pm	April 13	Holy Thursday
Friday 9:00am 3:00pm 7:30pm	April 14	Good Friday
Saturday 9:00am 8:00pm	April 15	Easter Vigil
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	April 16	Easter Sunday
NO 5PM MASS		

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!