

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

May 20-21, 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

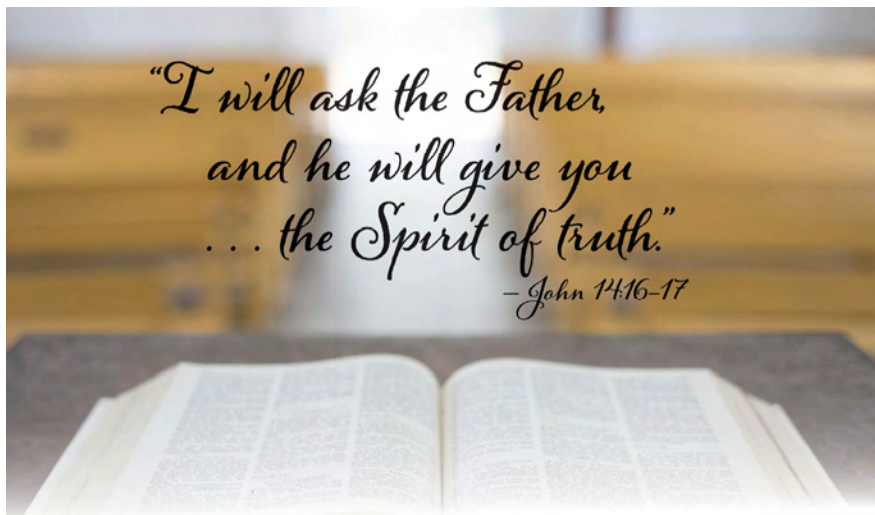
10:30am

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.



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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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A Note from Our Pastor,

As we proceed through this very busy month of May, we congratulate the young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Agatha's this past Tuesday and Wednesday. It is always a joy to have Bishop John Dooher, our Regional Bishop of the South Region, celebrate this Sacrament for us and with us. Also deserving of congratulations and thanks are the parents, the sponsors, the catechists, and Mr. Brian Pellicano who co-ordinates the Confirmation Program. I look forward to having the newly confirmed take an increased role in our parish in liturgical ministries and in outreach to others in our community, making good use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received in Confirmation.

As we progress through this Easter Season, we celebrate this week the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Wednesday the 24th, and Masses at 7 and 9 in the morning and 7 in the evening on Thursday the 25th. The students at St. Agatha School will join us at the 9am Mass on Thursday. This Solemnity marks both Jesus' return to Heaven but also His entrusting of His mission here on earth to His disciples-you and me, in other words. Hence the need for celebration and our best prayer -the Holy Eucharist – to strengthen us for the task that the Lord has entrusted to us!

I encourage parents who intend to have their children enroll either in St. Agatha's School next fall or in our Faith Formation program next fall to register at their earliest convenience. It is helpful, and indeed necessary, for the purpose of planning for the next academic year's programs.

Finally, I am very grateful to the increased presence of School parents and other folks, including some new callers, who have come to work at Bingo the past several weeks. Your efforts in this regard are much appreciated and absolutely essential to the success of this weekly fundraiser for St. Agatha School!

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Palardy

Thursday, May 25th, is Ascension Thursday

a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be:
Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30pm
Thursday, May 25th at 7am, 9am & 7:00pm

Masses at

St Elizabeth's will be
Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00pm
Thursday, May 25th at 9am

St. Mary of the Hills
Wednesday, May 24th at 5pm
Thursday, May 25th at 9:30am



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

Three Ways to Obtain an Indulgence

For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began on Nov 27, 2016 and will end Nov 26, 2017.



To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intercession of the Holy Father.

In addition, the faithful must satisfy one of the three noted below:

- Make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin, pray OR,
- Visit and pray before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, that is the one day during this month of May and on the 13th of the month from June 13, 2017 thru October 13, 2017. Our Lady of Fatima statue is in the church (through the month of May) or in front of the school.

In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

Read Reflect Respond

The Weekly Update

THEME: We have the spirit of truth to guide us.

What feeling do you have after hearing the promises of Jesus?

Gospel : [John 14:15-21](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Pastoral Planning

May 21 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into every human situation. The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. This means that we need to take our discipleship seriously. We need to grow in our ability to speak to others about Jesus and how we have come to know and love him. St. Peter put it very simply in today's reading, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope – but do it with gentleness and reverence." Can you give an explanation for your hope?

Next Week's Second Collection Catholic Relief Services

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

The transition from winter to summer not only seems to come quickly, but it also seems to skip right over spring! It was in the upper 40's with a cold rain on Mother's Day and in the 90's with bright sunshine just four days later. That makes it a little tricky when regulating the temperature in the Church, since we sometimes get much cooler nights that then warm quickly during the day. Thank you for your patience. The best news is that it seems safe to say that the boiler repairs we made in December survived the winter, and we can now focus on replacing it. This is also the time of year that we make repairs and do preventative maintenance on the Church, School and Rectory. At the Church this year we'll be focusing on some exterior masonry work, especially on the main entrance stairs and landing. This will hopefully be occurring in early June. In the School, the major exterior work will include fairly significant repairs to the chimney and regular preventative maintenance on the roof which has nearly eliminated leaks and has extended the life of the roof membrane dramatically. There are also several important interior projects in the School related to the heating system. One is the repair/replacement of steam traps in the classroom for which we are receiving a large rebate incentive from National Grid. The second is the replacement of the zone valve controlling heat distribution to the Parish Center, gym and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms. Although no work is planned on the Rectory per se, the garages behind the Rectory are badly in need of re-painting, and one of our Boy Scouts has taken this on as his Eagle Scout project.

I will be away next weekend, so the Operations Note will return on June 3-4. Enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend, but please set aside a few minutes to thank God for those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom, and to pray for them and their families.

Jack Riley



Weekly Budget	May 13-14 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	May 13-14 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,900	\$10,144	\$2,699	\$12,843	-\$1,057	-\$65,532



CHRISTMAS IN JUNE?

Did you see the Christmas tree with the Vacation Bible School sign in the Gathering Space, or in the Foyer of the upper church? Did you say – “What is this about?”

Well, we need some help with the supplies needed for our Vacation Bible School this summer and we thought this would be a fun way to ask for your help!

Beginning May 23rd, we will have “ornaments” on the trees, that will have an item needed. For example; water bottles, we will need several cases of the small (8 oz.) bottles! Can you buy an extra case of water while you are out shopping? Great!

Drop it in the donation bins (located in the Gathering Space next to the tree and at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Faith Formation office) and tape the ornament to the package.

Please check out the tree and see if there are items that we need that you have to give, or add to your regular shopping list.

Thank you for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Looking for a fun, faith-filled activity for your children this summer! Vacation Bible School offers activities, games, music, snacks and more!

This year’s theme is:

Maker Fun Factory:

Created by God Built for a Purpose.

Who: Children in grades 1-5

When: July 31st to August 4th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day.



Adults – We will need a few adults to help with things like snacks, crafts, outdoor activities, music and more!

Students – Grade 8 and up can volunteer as counselors or junior counselors.

If you can help make this a fun time for our children, please email Edie McDaniel at emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org or call at 617-696-1388.

Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION: HURRY - REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 30th.
Forms can be found on-line and in the Gathering Space of the lower church. Please return your registration forms to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS



We can't do this work without you!

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



Grades 7 & 8

This fall we will introduce a new program for our grade 7 and 8 students – EDGE!

What is Edge?

Edge is a Catholic middle school Faith Formation curriculum. This program allows us to hold large group classes for all students, who will then break into small groups where they will work on activities/discussions relating to their faith. We will discuss what Catholics believe and how we live that out in our daily lives. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psycholog-

cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.

Grades 7 and 8 will meet on alternating Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space of the lower church. REGISTRATION CLOSED JUNE 1st - Register your 7th and 8th grade students today!

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Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND—July 14th-16th
SPONSOR A TEEN! We have a couple of teens that missed the “early bird” dates but truly want to attend with our group! The registration fee is \$250 per teen. If you are interested in sponsoring a teen for this amazing trip and want to know more about it – contact Brian Pellicano, the youth minister and visit the link below!

For more info please visit the website:
www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/

View the promotional video – YouTube search: “Steubenville Promo 2017”, then click the first video

LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP: Movie tonight!
After the 5pm Mass this weekend we’ll be hosting a movie night 6:15pm in the youth room! Come comfy! Bring a blanket, a snack if you have a favorite movie snack, and of course a favorite *appropriate* movie to be among the options!

May 28th – Lawn Game Tournament! – kan jam, corn hole, ladder ball, etc – then **glow in the dark capture the flag!** Wear dark clothes!

May 31st – Homework/Study Night – we’ll make you break-fast for dinner, just come and do your homework together!

June 4th – BONFIRE!! S'MORES!! MUSIC! Maybe even ultimate Frisbee or football.

Seeking fire pit to borrow for June 4th evening – please contact Brian Pellicano, the youth minister to help!

FOLLOW YOUTH GROUP ON
@ *staggieslifeteen*



LOVE GOD AND TEENS?
We’re currently seeking 2 new adults to join our youth ministry team. It’s a life changing experience for you and teens – building real relationships and walking with them. It’s not easy, but it’s worth it.
Commitment minimum: 2 Sundays/month and occasional events Contact Brian Pellicano!

LIFETEEN MASS: May 28th at the 5pm Mass
Our high school contemporary worship band leads music for Mass on **Sunday, May 28th this month!**
Are you a high school-aged singer/musician? Consider joining the group! For info, contact Brian Pellicano, our youth minister.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP: June 24th-July 2nd Parishioners - we’re counting on you!

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

May 21st – June 21st – Partnering with Birch Street Bistro, Roslindale – From May 21st to June 21st, the owner of Birch Street Bistro has invited all parishioners to help us raise money! If you eat at BSB, order both an entrée and a dessert, and tell them you’re with St. Agatha’s for our trip. They’ll donate the money from the desserts straight to our costs!! So as my grandma would say – MANGIA!

May 21st – Sponsorship Weekend – Our teens will be speaking about their experience and we will have a 50/50 raffle in the back of the church after all Sunday Masses. In addition you can grab a form to sponsor a teen on the trip! We can email you pictures and a letter!

June 10-11th – Can & Bottle Drive – Start saving your bottles! We’ll be at the rectory garages after all Masses to collect your cans and bottles!

Prefer 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!

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed!
We had a wonderful week of Confirmation Masses and it was certainly a joyous occasion for all. I especially want to thank Bishop Dooher, Fr. Palardy, and my Catechists for their full-hearted involvement in our program’s success. Our 10th grade Catechists this year included: Mrs. Eileen Bacon, Mrs. Kathie Riordan, Mrs. Laura Conway, Mrs. Joyce White, Mrs. Denise Johnson, Mrs. Joann Sullivan Cantor, Mrs. Pam Noonan, Mrs. Kathy Griswold, Mrs. Linda O’Connor, Mrs. Lisa McAuliffe, Mrs. Heidi Quinn, Mrs. Molly Meade, Mrs. Carol Soricelli, Mrs. Deirdre O’Boyle, and Mrs. Gay O’Hanlon. Thanks again – I could not have completed this year’s Confirmation program without you!

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.



3rd Annual



5K



St. Agatha School

Race and Walk

Pro Timed 5K/ Family Friendly Course/
Kids Run / Saturday, June 3rd
Kids Run 8:30am
Race starts 9:00 am
Cunningham Park, Milton

Register at: sas5k2017.racewire.com

FAMILY PRAYER EVENT:



It doesn't get better than faith, food, and family fun! Join us on Saturday, June 3 at 1:30, for an inspired afternoon that will bring your family together in prayer. From an interactive skit, a shared meal, to powerful prayer experi-

ences, you and your family will be enriched and uplifted. Event to be held at The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356 and is free, family-friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. For more info: 508-238-4095.

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, June 6th @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony Church in Cambridge, MA with guest speaker Fr. Eric Cadin. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	May 20 1st Anniversary Memorial	Frank Soldano Bonomo Family
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	May 21 1st Anniversary 20th Anniversary Memorial	David D. O'Leary Joan White O'Sullivan, Kelly & Gibbon Families
12:00pm 5:00pm	8th Anniversary 1st Anniversary	Jerry Murphy William J. Flaherty
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	May 22 Birth. Memorial Memorial	Norah Curran Julia "Ena" Crowley
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	May 23 Memorial	Stanley B. & Eileen E. Raby
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am 5:30pm	May 24 For the 6th Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Helen Mulrey
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am 7:00pm	May 25 Special Intention School Mass	Ascension Thursday
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	May 26	
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	May 27 17th Anniversary 11th Anniversary	Hugh Kelly John Albert
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	May 28 Memorial Anniversary Memorial Memorial For the	Dixon & Weare Families Jacinto & Deolinda Barbosa Mary Corcoran Ngan Tran & Ho Thuan Parishioners of St. Agatha

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**

Come and Play

School Parents, your help is needed
Thank You Volunteers!!!

