

# The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

August 19-20, 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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7:00am &  
9:00am

Saturdays & Holidays : 8:00am

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

### Weekend Masses

#### Through Labor Day

**Saturday** 4:30pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

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.

## 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 Gos



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**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.

**St. Agatha Parish** Phone 617-698-2439  
**Rectory@StAgathaParish.org** Fax 617-698-1517  
Parish Website [www.stagathaparish.org](http://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  
Deacon Baldemar Garza, Seminarian Intern

### Pastoral Associate

Ms. Hollis Dunlop

### Parish Administration

Mr. Jack Riley, Finance and Operations Manager  
Mrs. Ursula K. Nania, Parish Bookkeeper  
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Ms. Agata Orzechowska, Director of Music

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School Website [www.stagathaparish.org/school](http://www.stagathaparish.org/school)

Mr. David Marion, Principal  
Mrs. Joan L. Brown, Tuition Coordinator  
Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Admissions Director

**ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION** 617-696-1388

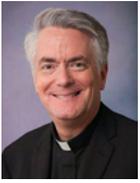
**Grades 1-8 FaithFormation@StAgathaparish.org**

Mrs. Edith McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation  
Mrs. Jenn Caputo, Administrative Assistant

**Grade 9-11 and Young Church Ministry** 617-696-8978

**YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org**

Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



### *A Note from Our Pastor,*

As summer is quickly drawing to a close, with some of our parishioners already having left home for the new academic year at colleges they are attending, I want to share a few thoughts about some significant events here earlier this summer. I also want to look ahead to some important activities, programs, and needs before us this coming fall.

I hope you and your loved ones had the opportunity for some much needed and deserved vacation. Actually I am away from this Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> through this coming Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. I'm spending the week in Chicago with a good friend of mine who is a Passionist priest teaching theology there. Looking back over the summer, in addition to the regular parish activities, I want to highlight 4 specific events. The last week of June into the beginning of July, 36 of our teens with their adult chaperones represented us magnificently in their Appalachian Service Trip to Kentucky. It was not a "pleasure trip" for them by any stretch of the imagination, but was very labor intensive. Spending a week together, traveling back and forth by van, staying overnight there in a school building, and working hard to repair poor families' homes were strenuous and without many creature comforts. Yet, the close connections they made with the people they served, the tighter bonds they formed with their companions on this trip, the athletic activities and pranks they played with and on one another, and the prayer experiences that our youth minister Brian Pellicano, Fr. Makos, and the other adults provided for the group made it evident that they were doing what they were doing as ambassadors of Christ. And isn't this really what it's all about?

Later in July I had the privilege of joining our teens and other chaperones for the Steubenville East Conference at UMass, Lowell. It was a weekend full of energy: from the Praise and Worship music, to the inspiring presentations, to the prayerful liturgies, to the opportunity of which more than half the participants availed themselves to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to kneeling in adoration of Christ as the priest brought the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament before all the participants.

The first week of August St. Agatha's hosted the Vacation Bible School for youngsters from our parish as well as St. Elizabeth's and St. Mary of the Hills. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, it was a great week where adult leaders from all three parishes worked together to provide an inspirational and fun week for the children, and the Middle School and High School teens who also assisted showed such attention and care for the little ones, that on the last day the teens were inundated with hugs from the young children! Thank you, Edie McDaniel, for making all of this possible.

A week and a half ago, two new members of our parish staff put together a wonderful presentation on various forms of prayer. Our Pastoral Associate Hollis Dunlop and Deacon Baldemar Garza used PowerPoint and handouts to supplement their description of four varieties of prayer, and then helped us in our small groups practice together the prayer forms they were presenting. About 40 folks were on hand, and we all have new insights into deepening our relationship with the Lord, thanks to Hollis and Baldemar.

Many parishioners have been very generous in helping us raise the funds needed for our two major capital projects this summer - replacing the boiler in the church and one of the air conditioner compressors. We are less than \$40,000 away from reaching the goal of \$132,040, and I am confident, based on the generosity that has been so evident so far, other folks here will step forward to raise the remainder.

Looking ahead to the coming months, we will be involved with Disciples in Mission in working with the Archdiocese and one another here to increase our evangelization efforts, broadening our outreach within and beyond our parish community, and making our parish even more vibrant than it already is. Certainly this summer's events show that we're already off to a good start! But clearly there is more work to be done.

Please note that if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic or in going deeper in understanding about our Catholic faith, the inquiry stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin once again later in September. Also, if there are children you know who are age 8 and older who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian church, and are interested in becoming Catholic, Edie McDaniel is our parish contact person for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). Please find more information on both programs in this bulletin.

One person has already stepped forward to help co-ordinate this year's "I Am Special" Program for children age 3 to 5 on Sunday mornings beginning this fall. If one or two others step forward after prayerful consideration, you will make our Pastoral Associate Hollis Dunlop very happy! Please see Hollis or one of the priests for more information.

Something else that will broaden the smile on Hollis' face is if someone with experience in video production steps forward to help us create a new welcome video for our new parish website. Please give this prayerful consideration too.

Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Palardy*



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

## The Weekly Update

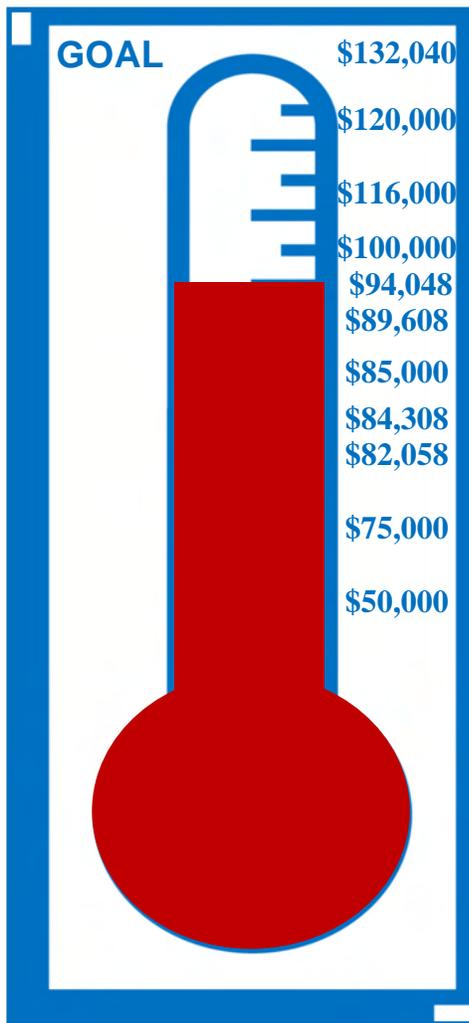
Mercifully, we're nearing the end of the boiler replacement and compressor replacement and the weekly Operations Note can turn to other things! At this point I thought it would be helpful to re-cap what the issues were and what the corrective action needed to involve. The air conditioning unit which cools the Lower Church only- which was completed nine years ago - has two compressors which operate in tandem. One of those compressors failed, so the remaining compressor was carrying the entire load. Not only was this a strain on the remaining compressor, but if that compressor failed, there would be no air conditioning in the Lower Church. *(Note that two separate compressor units provide air conditioning for the Upper Church)* This project was completed a week ago last Thursday and the system is now running normally. On the heating side, the single boiler which had heated both the Upper and Lower Churches for 35+ years began to fail last December. One of the gaskets separating two of the internal chambers burst causing the boiler room to fill with steam, which summoned the Fire Department, and resulted in a very expensive emergency repair. Fortunately no other gaskets burst over the winter and we managed to make it through the heating season. As this note is being written the two new smaller 97% efficient boilers have been installed and Cox Engineering is installing the new flues in the Church chimney to accommodate the boilers and is doing the insulation. The entire project was to be completed last Wednesday and looked to be on schedule. People continue to be generous in their support of these projects as the thermometer demonstrates. We also will be filing an application for a rebate from National Grid for which we qualify and which will save us up to \$8,000.

Because of last week's early Bulletin publication deadline the Offertory collection total for August 5-6 was not available. It is included below.

### Fundraising Goal \$132,040

**Boiler \$116,140**

**Compressor \$15,900**



*Jack Riley*

Weekly Budget	Aug 5-6 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Aug 5-6 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,459	\$2,632	\$11,091	-\$2,144	-\$13,387

Weekly Budget	Aug 12-13 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Aug 12-13 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,385	\$2,767	\$11,152	-\$2,083	-\$15,470

## Read Reflect Respond

**THEME:** Trust in God and never be afraid to ask God for anything.

What in this story strikes you as powerful? What touches your heart? What image do you take away from this reading?

Gospel : Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

### *Pastoral Planning*

**August 20 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Take a moment and look around you at Mass today. Are there people there whom you have never met? or come from a different culture? Today's scripture make it clear that the message of God's love is not to be squandered and kept to ourselves – it is for everyone! How will you be a welcoming presence to the stranger or immigrant in your midst? Pray for the grace to do your part to make your parish a "house of prayer for all people," where all are welcome!



### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Are you being called to inquire about the Catholic Faith? Begin your journey of faith here at St. Agatha Parish. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - the Inquiry Phase begins in the fall. If you are just curious about what it means to be Catholic or just want a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, please join us. No pressure to join. Know that you are always welcome to come and explore the Catholic faith.

RCIA will take place on Mondays starting September 25th at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space . If interested or want more information please feel free to speak to one of the priests or contact Ann Louise Sullivan or Tabetha O'Connor at [RCIA@StAgathaParish.org](mailto:RCIA@StAgathaParish.org)



**“I AM SPECIAL PROGRAM”  
SEEKING  
COORDINATOR**

Do you have experience working with 3-5 year olds? Can you see yourself strengthening your relationship with Christ by teaching children about Him?

This program meets for 45 minutes on Sunday mornings.  
**Please contact Hollis Dunlop, Pastoral Associate for details**  
[hdunlop@stagathaparish.org](mailto:hdunlop@stagathaparish.org)



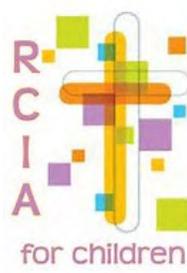


**Have film experience?**

**We are looking for some volunteers to help us create a welcome video for our new website!**

Interested?!

Please contact Hollis Dunlop, Pastoral Associate  
[hdunlop@stagathaparish.org](mailto:hdunlop@stagathaparish.org)



RCIA for Children is a program adapted for children of catechetical age, ages 8 and up, who have not been baptized or have been baptized in another Christian church.

The process is a weekly gathering of these children, their sponsors and parents to hear what the Catholic Church believes and teaches and how we are called to live out that faith.

If your child has not been baptized, or was baptized in another Christian church, and has expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Edie McDaniel at [emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org](mailto:emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org) or call 617-696-1388.

## FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



### CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Who me? No, I'm not a teacher, I can't be a Catechist! I'm no expert in the Catholic Faith!**

Sound familiar? Most of us have said this at one time or another, but I don't think of a catechist like that. No, for me being a catechist means that you are willing to share your faith, and your faith journey, with the children of our parish. You don't have to have all of the answers – none of us do! All you need is a heart willing to share Jesus with children and help them to form a solid relationship with Him.

#### Grades 1-6

(3:45 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Grade 1 – 1 on Tuesday

Grade 3 – 1 on Wednesday

Grade 4 – 2 on Tuesday; 1 on Thursday

Grade 5 – 1 on Tuesday;

Grade 6 – 1 each day

#### Grades 7 & 8

(6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday)

Grade 7 – 3 small group leaders

Grade 8 – 1 small group leader

We will need small group leaders for these classes. What is a small group leader? You will participate in the large teaching group with your students (you are not required to teach the large group), then you will facilitate discussion or an activity related to the lesson.

#### Volunteers:

(3:45 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Office Help/Door Monitors/Hall Monitors

Please contact Faith Formation at (617) 696-1388 or [Faith-Formation@StAgathaParish.org](mailto:Faith-Formation@StAgathaParish.org)

### Catechist Meeting

This year we will begin using a curriculum published by Our Sunday Visitor called **Alive in Christ**. On Sunday, September 17 after the 9:00 family Mass, **Robin Kennovin** from Our Sunday Visitor will be here to speak to us about the curriculum and how to best use it.

We ask all those who have volunteered already to mark their calendar for the September 17<sup>th</sup>! This is also a great opportunity for all those who think they would like to help, but are unsure if they can do it to learn more about being a Catechist.

Since September 17<sup>th</sup> is also Catechetical Sunday, we would like to have all Catechists attend the 9:00 a.m. family Mass where a special blessing would be given for them.

Please email [emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org](mailto:emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org) to confirm that you will be there.

## Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

**LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP: LUAU TONIGHT (Sunday)!**  
**End of Summer LUAU! August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the back patio** outside of the chapel!!! Break out your Hawaiian shirts!

September events will be posted in the next bulletin, thanks for your patience!

#### LIFE TEEN MASS: August 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – 5pm

The next life teen Mass with Contemporary worship music is **this Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm Mass** followed by another next Sunday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you enjoy this fresh style or have never heard it before – definitely come check it out! **If you are a teen interested in singing or playing with our group – contact Brian Pellicano at the parish office!**

**FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON**  
**@staggieslifeteen**



#### LOVE GOD AND TEENS?

We're currently seeking 2 new adults to join our youth ministry team. It's truly a life changing experience for you and teens where we are building real relationships and walking with them as they discover the richness of living with faith. Just like Jesus says to us - It's not always easy, but it's worth it. Commitment: 2 Sundays/month and occasional events. Contact Brian Pellicano at 617-696-8978 or [bpellicano@stagathaparish.org](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org)

#### Confirmation Registration Deadline is here:

Do you have an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader who intends to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? **You should now be enrolling them for our Confirmation program here at St. Agatha's!** To register, go online to [www.stagathaparish.org](http://www.stagathaparish.org) > Sacramental Life > Confirmation > Hyperlink at the top of the page - or contact Brian Pellicano. Thank you!

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – September 10<sup>th</sup> 3:45pm in the Upper Church**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – September 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm in the Upper Church**

#### Confirmation Teachers NEEDED!

Do you wish you could see teens connecting with their faith? Do you feel like we're losing them to other things? YOU can be the difference in their life. It takes 26 teachers to make this program run successfully. **We don't need you to know everything about the faith, we need you to love it and share that love.** Learn more about becoming a Confirmation Catechist by contacting Brian Pellicano at the rectory office. **Know a Catechist? Ask them how it is – most have said they learned a lot about the faith too!**

**Confirmation Teacher Meeting Pushed back due to schedule Conflicts – New Date TBA next week**

Thank you for your patience!

In the joy of Christ,

Brian

Brian Pellicano

Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



**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.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

By prayer, reflection and faith sharing Meeting Christ in Prayer can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ in Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Sister Anne D'Arcy. Participants pray with suggested scripture texts daily.

**This group will meet at the following times:**

**FALL 2017** - Wednesday mornings:

September 27 - November 15 10am – 11:15am  
 St. Elizabeth Parish, 350 Reedsdale Road, Milton.

**Lent 2018** - Wednesday mornings

February 21-March 14, 2018 Location and time to be determined

For further information please and to register call: 617-433-5065 or email: Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston

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 Join Us to Pray for the Canonization of a Saint for Families

Please join us for our monthly gathering of the Connie Harvey Chapter of the Father Peyton Guild on Sunday, **August 20, 2017** at 5:00 pm at the Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street in North Easton.

We will begin by praying the Rosary, followed by a presentation and reflection, "The Assumption of Mary: What Difference Does it Make in Your Life?" by Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C. Light refreshments to follow. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 508-238-4095.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00am<br>4:30pm                    | <b>August 19</b><br>Memorial<br>Anniversary                                       | Francis Punch<br>Elizabeth Crowley and<br>Beverly Cooney                                        |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:30am<br>9:00am<br>11:00am<br>5:00pm | <b>August 20</b><br>For the<br>Memorial<br>13th Anniversary<br>3rd Anniversary    | Parishioners of St. Agatha<br>Robert & Yvonne Flynn<br>Corinne Cyr Benedict<br>James P. Kennedy |
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:00am<br>9:00am                      | <b>August 21</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00am<br>9:00am                     | <b>August 22</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00am<br>9:00am                   | <b>August 23</b><br>Special Intention<br>1st Anniversary                          | Joseph McVay                                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:00am<br>9:00am                    | <b>August 24</b><br>Memorial<br>5th Anniversary                                   | Mary & William Fitzgerald<br>Richard G. Kreinsen                                                |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:00am<br>9:00am                      | <b>August 25</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00am<br>4:30pm                    | <b>August 26</b><br>21st Anniversary                                              | John F. Teehan                                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:30am<br>9:00am<br>11:00am<br>5:00pm | <b>August 27</b><br>Birth. Memorial<br>For the<br>Anniversary<br>10th Anniversary | Marie Brown Wyatt<br>Parishioners of St. Agatha<br>Coleman Joyce<br>Joan & Walter Kirby         |

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

**Baptism:** 2:00pm on the 2nd/4th Sundays of each month. Please call the Rectory to arrange/ask questions regarding other arrangements.

**Marriage:** Call one of the parish priests or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

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



**Every Monday Doors Open @ 4:30pm**  
**BINGO begins at 6:40pm**  
**Come and Play**

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

