

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 16-17, 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.



Second Collection this weekend for



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

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
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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
Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence
Deacon Baldemar Garza, Seminarian Intern

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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Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Admissions Director

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Grades 1-8 FaithFormation@StAgathaparish.org
Mrs. Edith McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation
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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

I am very happy to welcome Father Thomas Powers to our parish this coming Wednesday September 20th. Fr. Powers is a Senior Priest of our Archdiocese, serving most recently as Senior Priest at St.

Timothy Parish in Norwood, but prior to that Fr. Powers was pastor of St. John Parish in Wellesley where he was a valued supervisor to seminarians in their last year of study at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston, immediately prior to their ordination as priests (as I am now to Deacon Baldemar Garza here). But I got to know Fr. Powers many years earlier when he was Catholic Chaplain at Harvard University when I was an undergraduate there (many, many moons ago!). Fr. Powers is a well-respected priest whose ministry has been greatly appreciated in the various assignments he has had for the past 51 years. I feel very blessed to have now two exceptional Senior Priests in Fr. Powers and Fr. McLaughlin with many years of experience as pastors, together with Fr. Makos, to help keep me on the straight and narrow as your pastor! Please be sure to give Fr. Powers your customary warm St. Agatha's welcome!

Speaking of Senior Priests, let me anticipate your generosity to our second collection today for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. This collection supports the health-care of all Boston priests, as well as providing funding for all retired Boston priests, including Fr. Powers and Fr. McLaughlin. Our parish has been blessed to receive the ministry of a large number of retired priests for many years who have been integral members of the Pastoral Staff at St. Agatha's. It is your generosity to this collection, as well as the collections at Christmas and Easter, that provides for the health needs and extended ministry of us Boston priests. Thank you very much!

At the 9 AM Mass this Sunday the catechists in Grades 1 through 8 of our Faith Formation program will receive a special blessing as they prepare to teach our students this year, drawing them into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. There will be a meeting immediately following for those teaching in Grades 1 through 6, as well as other volunteers, with a guest speaker well versed in the curriculum **Alive in Christ**. Grade 7 and 8 catechists will meet this Thursday September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space.

Our first meeting of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be a week from Monday, September 25th from 7-8 pm in the Gathering Space. Those thinking about becoming Catholic and anyone else who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith are most welcome.

Finally, you will note in this bulletin an announcement about nominating people for our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations will be gathered the next two weekends (September 23/24 and September 30/October 1). Please do give thought and prayer this week about folks you might nominate (including yourself perhaps) who will help to move our parish forward in living and spreading the Gospel. My hope also is that the membership of our Council will reflect the splendid diversity within our parish.

Have a blessed week! *Fr. Palardy*

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

On the following two weekends of September 23/24 and September 30/October 1, parishioners are invited to nominate candidates to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. The election itself will take place later in October. You are encouraged to nominate yourself and/or other parishioners for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Purpose: To assist the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation, outreach, and other service activities within the Parish.

Objectives: To assess adequately the needs of the whole Parish and its members, to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the Parish, to foster unity and a sense of community in the Parish, to coordinate all Parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interest of the Parish, and to promote programs and activities recommended by the Archbishop, Archdiocesan offices and agencies, as well as the Pastoral Council itself.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Catholic who is active in the Parish, and
- Participates in the Sacramental life of the Church and is 18 years or older. (Two High School youth will also be chosen to serve, but through a process of consultation with Brian Pellicano, our Youth Minister).

QUALITIES DESIRED IN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Person who has talents and interests that would help the Parish;
- Person who has an interest in serving the Parish in a leadership role;
- Person who is able to listen to others, especially those whose opinions might differ from his/her own;
- Person willing to participate in programs for spiritual formation and development of the Pastoral Council.

Please give thought and prayer to whom you might choose for nomination in the next couple of weeks. Our hope is that nominees will be women and men who will represent the diversity of our parish community in terms of coming from both Milton and Quincy; young adults, middle-aged, senior citizens; and representative of the various ethnic and racial backgrounds of the membership of our parish.

Nomination forms will be provided in the bulletin next weekend.

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We are called to forgive others as Jesus forgives us.

When you hear the Gospel proclaimed today, what words or phrases really strike you?

Gospel : Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Second Collection ~Clergy Benefit Trust

The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 590 men who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. You may also make your gift online at clergytrust.org or text the word **PRIEST** to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply).

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

Pastoral Planning

Forgiveness – even the first disciples found it hard to be forgiving of others. When they asked, perhaps in frustration, how many times they were to be forgiving, Jesus does not soften his response. Rather he multiplies the number of times they are to be forgiving saying “not seven times but seven times seventy-seven times.” We are fortunate that each time we seek out God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, we are never turned away, never refused His mercy and compassion. To whom is God calling us to extend that same kind of forgiveness?

The Weekly Update

At times it becomes very easy to get wrapped up in the day-to-day concerns of our lives and we can lose sight of what is truly important. We each have our daily challenges, but when a natural disaster occurs which causes significant loss of life and property destruction it encourages us to re-focus our attention on our calling to be disciples of Jesus. Over the years we have been called upon numerous times to put our parish Mission Statement into action by “...reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far” when they have been faced with crushing natural disasters. Our parish has always responded generously to appeals for victims of earthquakes (Peru, Ecuador, Nepal, Japan, Hungary, Turkey), hurricanes (Matthew, Sandy), and even a tsunami (Philippines). This past weekend our urgent assistance was needed again to help in the relief efforts for people in Texas, the Caribbean and the states in the southeastern section of the country whose lives were severely impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. There was a fantastic response as \$13,440 was contributed to this important cause, making it the 3rd largest special collection (other than Christmas and Easter for the Clergy Fund) that we have ever conducted. In September 2005 \$15,912 was collected for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and in January 2010 \$23,454 was collected for the earthquake victims in Haiti. This is another testament to the kindness and generosity of the St. Agatha Parish family. Thanks so much for giving such a powerful example of what it means to love others.

Jack Riley

Weekly Budget	Sept 9-10 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept 9-10 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$11,175	\$2,595	\$13,770	\$535	-\$22,545

Bereavement Support Group Walking through Grief
Have you experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year(s)? You aren't alone.

Sessions for those experiencing loss through death of a family member or friend begin October 3, for 7 consecutive Tuesdays, ending November 14 from 6:00 P.M. -7:30 P.M. LOCATION: Lower Level of St, Agatha Church, Milton. Sponsored by the Milton Catholic Churches. The facilitators are Linda Garvey-Dickey, Linda McKay, and Harry Feldmann. For further information or to pre-register call Harry at 617-696-0120.



Want your child to know God's love? Sign up for "I Am Special"

"I Am Special" is a faith formation program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds during which an amazing crew of teen volunteers teach the children songs, prayers and lessons about Jesus and His love for them. The program will meet every other Sunday in the Parish Center during the 10:30 Mass (drop off and pick up just before and just after Mass) beginning October 8th and ending March 18th. Registration will be held in the Gathering Space September 17th and September 24th right after the 9 and the 10:30 Masses. If you cannot make the registrations and you are interested in having your child/ren attend OR if you are a teen who loves working with kids and wants to help out, please contact Dianne Mallett at mallett72@hotmail.com. **Children must be potty trained!**

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

****CHANGE TO START OF GRADE 7****

Classes begin for Grades 1-6
 September 26, 27 & 28
 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.
 Upper Church

Classes begin for Grades 7
****October 12****
 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 Gathering Space (lower Church)

Classes begin for Grades 8
 October 5
 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 Gathering Space (lower Church)

Watch your email for updates for your specific families.

If you have questions about registration/classes, please call our office: 617-696-1388 or email emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org

Visit our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/stagathafaithformation/>

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



Catechist Meeting Grades 7 & 8

This year, Grades 7 & 8, will begin using a curriculum created by LifeTeen called **EDGE**. There is a meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space in the lower Church to review the program, learn what the Group/Table Leader will need to do and what the first semester will focus on.

Please email emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org to confirm that you will be there.

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!

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 2 – 2 on Thursday

Grade 3 – 1 on Wednesday

Grade 4 – 1 on Tuesday

Grade 5 – 2 on Tuesday;

Grade 6 – 2 on Wednesday & 1 on Thursday



Grades 7 & 8

(6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday – each grade meets every other week)

Grade 8 – 2 small group leaders

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 with your group.

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

VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone in any volunteer position in the parish **must complete VIRTUS training!** This is required for anyone who is going to be involved in Faith Formation, LifeTeen, Confirmation, I Am Special, Basketball, Boy Scouts, etc.

There will be a training session this Wednesday (9/20) at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday (9/23) at 9:00 a.m. If you have done this training already – **you do not need to do it again!**

Registration is required and can be done online. Please register by going to:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Click "First-Time Registrant" box and check schedule for a training session or register for a session.

For questions or further information, please contact Edie McDaniel in the Faith Formation office.

emcdaniel@stagathaparish.org or 617-696-1388

Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON
@ [staggieslifeteen](https://twitter.com/staggieslifeteen)



Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, September 19th 6:30-8pm in the Life Teen room below the gym. It's exactly what it sounds like. We'll have some pizza, chill, and then pray together a little bit. If you've never been and are nervous about it being too corny or something, this is the perfect night to try it out! Bring a friend and come hang with us.

Youth Group a.k.a Life Night – Sunday, September 24th 6-8pm in the Life Teen room below the gym.

We can't wait to dive into our topic for this semester – you can come have a blast with us, make a lot of new friends and explore the coolest parts of being human!

Become a volunteer for our Life Teen youth group:

We're currently seeking 1-2 *male* adults 21+ 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 for a period of 1 academic year

Contact Brian Pellicano at 617-696-8978 or bpellicano@stagathaparish.org

Confirmation Registration Deadline is here:

Do you have an incoming 9th or 10th grader who intends to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Enroll them in our Confirmation program here at St. Agatha's!

The program is a 2-year, bi-weekly program with 9 regular sessions per year plus a couple of mandatory specialized sessions. It includes one retreat per year. Classes are held 3:30-4:50 on select Sundays. To register, go online to www.stagathaparish.org >Sacramental Life >Confirmation >Hyperlink at the top of the page or contact Brian Pellcano. Thank you!

Confirmation Teachers NEEDED:

Do you wish you could see teens connecting with their faith? YOU can be the difference in their life. **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. **We currently need 3 more catechists to make this year run successfully and we're only 1 week away!**

In the joy of Christ,
Brian

Brian Pellicano
Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



Saint Agatha students are back in school. If you wish information about the school, call the office at 617-696-3548.

**Learners Today
Leaders Tomorrow**

Boy Scout Troop 5 Information Meeting and Signup September 24

Are you interested in learning about all that Scouting offers for your son and family? Families of boys ages 11-17 are invited to the Troop 5 Information Meeting on Sunday, September 24, 4:00 at St. Agatha's School cafeteria. Hear about our exciting Scouting program--camping, hiking, kayaking, trips, community service, leadership and more! Come with questions and stay for some fun activities! For more information visit <https://miltontroop5.mytroop.us>

Our 22nd **Early Bird Special**
Boston & South Shore
Men's Half-Day of Reflection

**Saturday, September 23
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

- ✘ Cost \$45, payable at the door
- ✘ Call Geoff FitzGerald 774-343-5075 for reservations
- ✘ Continental breakfast & refreshments
- ✘ Presentation and discussion
- ✘ Mass ✘ Prayer ✘ Lunch



Fatima 100: Countdown to the original Sundance Festival

St. Joseph's Retreat House
65 Father Carney Drive (off Adams), Milton

**Most Rev. Dave Nicgorski, OMV
Rector Major of the Oblate Order
Spiritual Advisor**

Open House

Archbishop Williams High School (Grades 7-12) Open House--Sunday, October 22 (11am-1pm) and Thursday, November 2 (6pm-8pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 16	
8:00am	Anniversary	Charles Lawler
4:30pm	37th Anniversary	Christine Linehan
Sunday	September 17	
7:30am	4th Anniversary	Gina Degnan
9:00am	2nd anniversary	Mary Nevin
10:30am	Memorial	Cronin Family
12:00pm	Memorial	George E. Tracey
5:00pm	1st Anniversary	Maria Adelaide Macedo
Monday	September 18	
7:00am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Health & Healing	Carol Varnum
Tuesday	September 19	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Wednesday	September 20	
7:00am	Memorial	James Leonard
9:00am	5th Anniversary	Rose Plunkett
Thursday	September 21	
7:00am	Memorial	Marguerite E. Hart
9:00am	Anniversary	Elizabeth Ryan
Friday	September 22	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Saturday	September 23	
8:00am		
4:30pm	1st Anniversary	Ben Baranowski
Sunday	September 24	
7:30am	Memorial	Joseph F. Duggan, Jr.
9:00am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
10:30am	Memorial	Aurelio & Concetta Minichiello and Cynthia Parfumorse
12:00pm	6th Anniversary	Robert W. Harvey
5:00pm	Anniversary	Helen & Angelo Piazzola and Roberta Piazzola

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!!!

