

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 23-24, 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.

**"THE
LAST
WILL BE
FIRST,
AND THE
FIRST
LAST."**

MATTHEW 20:16, ESV



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

The rosary is recited every
morning before the 9am Mass.
Please join us.

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, ser-
vice, education and recreation.
- In living this Mission, we accept
our responsibility for giving wit-
ness 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

St. Agatha Parish

Phone 617-698-2439

Rectory@StAgathaParish.org Fax 617-698-1517

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

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Mrs. Ursula K. Nania, Parish Bookkeeper

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Ms. Agata Orzechowska, Director of Music

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Mr. David Marion, Principal

Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION

617-696-1388

Grades 1-8 FaithFormation@StAgathaparish.org

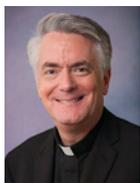
Mrs. Edith McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation

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,

Thank you most sincerely for your generosity to last week's second collection for the health-care and retirement needs of us priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. Your support in this regard indicates the esteem, affection, and gratitude you have for the many priests who have served here at St. Agatha's and ministered to you and your families through the years. This weekend please be sure to welcome to our Pastoral Staff Fr. Thomas Powers who is with us as a Senior Priest alongside Fr. Pat McLaughlin.

As I mentioned last week, you will find enclosed in this bulletin a nomination form for the upcoming Parish Pastoral Council election later in October. We shall be accepting nominations this weekend and next. The forms can be placed in the collection baskets, or dropped off, mailed, or faxed to the rectory any time between now and next Sunday October 1st. Thank you for giving this process your prayerful consideration.

Our Confirmation program is up and running for both 9th and 10th grade students, and later this week grades 1 through 6 will begin their classes. A special word of thanks is in order to all the catechists and other volunteers who work with Brian Pellicano and Edie McDaniel to draw our young people to an ever deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church so that they in turn can become loving, faithful, and faith-filled disciples of His.

This coming Monday the 25th, the new season of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will launch at 7pm in the Gathering Space of the lower church. If you know any friends, neighbors, or family members who might be interested in learning more about Catholicism or are considering entering the Catholic Church, please give them a nudge to join us on Monday.

In our Church calendar this week we remember two brothers who were medical doctors and martyrs, Saints Cosmas and Damian, for their selfless care of the sick which they offered free of charge and for their courageous witness to Christ. St. Vincent de Paul we honor on Wednesday. His great legacy consists of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers, the Daughters of Charity, and the St. Vincent de Paul Societies throughout the world which serve the poor and needy in their local communities. The martyrs St. Wenceslaus of the 10th century and the 17th century martyrs of Japan, St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions, are commemorated on Thursday. We celebrate the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on Friday, and the great Scripture scholar and Bible translator St. Jerome on Saturday.

Have a blessed week! *Fr. Palardy*

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

On this weekend, September 23/24, and the following, 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. Please refer to the Nomination forms inserted

Feel free to contact by email any of the following returning Parish Pastoral Council Members.

Fall 2017 Returning Parish Pastoral Council Members

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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>

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: It is never too late to enter the reign of God.

As you listen once again to this familiar parable, what caught your ear today? What image of this vineyard do you still have lingering in your mind?

Gospel : Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first." When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**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.

The Weekly Update

"Stewardship" is a word that we often hear to describe our responsibility as Catholics. Quite simply, stewardship is a way of living out our faith. As individuals, and collectively as a community, we are called to be Christian stewards. The U.S. Catholic Bishops describe a Christian Steward as "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord". How do we do this? We do it by sharing our resources of time, talent and treasure – the three legs of the stewardship tripod. Unfortunately, but very necessarily, we most often talk about the importance of sharing our treasure, since a parish cannot function without the financial resources necessary to pay program, staffing and physical plant expenses.

At last week's Finance Council Meeting we had a discussion about the lagging Offertory collection, but we also had an interesting discussion about working on ways to utilize the talents of our parishioners to both fulfill our Mission Statement and in some cases even reduce parish expenses. When we hear the word "talent" used in connection with the Church, many of us have the same initial reaction: "What talent do I have that could be useful?" But if we look more closely at ourselves, it quickly becomes apparent that each of us has unique abilities that we can share. As Christian Stewards, we should assess our strengths and determine how they might be used to help build God's Kingdom. These strengths could be obvious things. Maybe you are artistic. Or maybe you are very mechanically inclined or have a skilled trade. (For example we just had a gate behind the Church blow off due to high winds and it needs to be repaired and re-hung.) Maybe you have great computer skills and could help with the re-design and upkeep of our parish web site. Maybe you're an excellent communicator or have a marketing background. Or maybe you simply have some free time that you could use to help answer phones in the Rectory or help clean or decorate the Church. The list is almost endless. On the other hand, maybe your gifts are of a more subtle nature. For instance, maybe you have great empathy and can support people who are grieving or struggling in other ways in their lives. Or maybe you're a great listener. Or maybe you're a good problem-solver. This list, too, is almost endless. The bottom line is, "there are many gifts, but the same Spirit." As we consider the notion of Stewardship, let's all take a few minutes to take stock of our talents – our gifts – and consider how we can "share them in justice and love with others."

In addition to the Weekly Offertory amount below, an additional \$8,055 was contributed to the second Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust. Thank you for your generosity.

Jack Riley

Weekly Budget	Sept 16-17 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept 16-17 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,701	\$2,682	\$12,383	-\$852	-\$23,397

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Class for Grades 1-6 begin this week!

Students in grades 1 through 6 will come to the Upper Church at 3:30 p.m. We will go over the procedures, answer questions and call all classes.

ONE ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY THE CHILDREN AND SHOULD NOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL CLASSES ARE CALLED!

All families who are registered have received an email regarding the start of classes. Contact our office if you have questions.

Edie McDaniel & Jenn Caputo
Office of Faith Formation
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FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org

CHANGE TO START OF GRADE 7

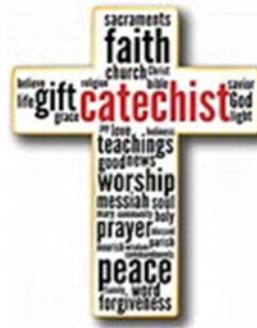
Classes begin for Grades 7
****October 12****
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Gathering Space (lower Church)

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/>



CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grades 1-6

(3:45 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or 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 FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org



CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Do you want to know about, and understand the teachings of the Catholic Church a little better? When friends and family ask questions about why Catholics do or believe certain things, are you at a loss to explain it? Well this program is just for you!

Meets one Saturday per month from September through April at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with different instructors each month and spirituality talks given by priests and seminarians from around the Archdiocese.

For more information visit:

www.theologicalinstitute.org
email: certificate@sjs.edu



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 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!**

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS



Boys and girls of all ages are invited to register for St. Agatha Parish Basketball. Sign-ups will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 in the gym on the following dates:

- October 4
- October 11
- October 12

The basketball program is open to all parishioners as well as students of St. Agatha School. The program is divided into age groups ranging from Pee-Wee (Grades K-2) and going all the way through High School. The In-House program runs all day on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. The fee is \$75 per child with a maximum charge of \$150 per family. There are also travel teams for which there is an additional fee, and more information about these teams will be available at the sign-ups.

Our goal is to teach basketball skills in a fun environment while learning to compete with good sportsmanship. The program is extremely popular, and capacity at some grade levels is reached quickly. So it is important to attend one of the sign-ups, as late registrations are accepted on a space-available basis only.

We are also in need of volunteers to help coordinate the program and coach our many in-house and travel teams. The program serves nearly 500 youngsters every year, but we're only able to do this with the help of a great many people willing to share their time to help form our young people. If you have an interest in helping, please speak to any one of the Sports Advisory Board members at one of the Registration nights or call Jack Riley at the Rectory at 617-698-2439, ext. 103 or e-mail him at operations@stagathaparish.org

Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON @staggieslifeteen



Or Brian's high school YouTube channel at StaggiesLT

LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group a.k.a Life Night – THIS 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 based on Pope St. John Paul II's "Theology of The Body" – you can come have a blast with us, make a lot of new friends and explore the coolest parts of being human!

Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, October 3rd 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.

LIFE TEEN MASS: Tonight – September 24th at 5pm

The next life teen Mass with Contemporary worship music is **this Sunday, September 24th at the 5pm Mass.** 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! Currently looking for: a pianist, a percussionist and vocalists**

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 Upcoming classes:

10th Grade Session 1 – THIS SUNDAY - September 24th 3:30-4:50 pm in the Gathering Space
9th Grade Session 2 – Next Sunday – October 1st 3:30-4:50 pm in the Gathering Space

Confirmation Teachers Got 'em:

Thanks to you faithful parents and parishioners who offered their time and talent to join our Confirmation volunteer team. It's going to be incredible and smooth now that we have the number of teachers we needed. If you were on the fence – don't hesitate next year – jump in. You won't ever regret it.

March For Life:

In January of 2018, we'll be taking a small group of teens to Washington D.C. for the annual march for life as an aspect of activism for the pro-life movement. If you have a teen that is interested in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, please contact Brian in the rectory office.



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

Open Houses

Fontbonne Academy

Thursday, October 12 (6-8pm)

Sunday, October 15 (11am-2pm)

Learn about the excellent academic program, our commitment to service, and our extensive co-curricular offerings (athletics, art, drama, and a wide variety of clubs and activities). Hear firsthand from Fontbonne students and faculty about the Fontbonne experience. Tour the campus with our student ambassadors, and drop into informational sessions with each department. Fontbonne has something for every young woman.

Contact the Fontbonne Academy Admissions Office for more information: 617.615.3014 or admissions@fontbonneacademy.org.

Catholic Memorial School

Sunday, October 15

Middle School Program (10:00 am-12:00 pm)

High School Program (2:00-4:00 pm).

Please join us for student-led campus tours. Meet faculty, staff, coaches, students and parents to discuss programs and answer questions. Please visit our website at www.CatholicMemorial.org or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.

Marian High School

273 Union Ave, Framingham, MA 01702

Tuesday, October 17 (5:30-7:30pm)

Sunday, November 19 (12:00pm-2:00pm)

HSPT Prep Course Dates

Saturday, October 21st & 28th (9:00am-12:00pm)

High School Placement Test Dates

Saturday, November 4 (8:00-11:30am)

Saturday, December 2 (8:00-11:30am)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 23	
8:00am	Memorial	Molly Stenson
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
Monday	September 25	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Tuesday	September 26	
7:00am		
9:00am	Anniversary	Anne Drinkwater
Wednesday	September 27	
7:00am	30th Anniversary	Maureen Bridget King
9:00am		
Thursday	September 28	
7:00am		
9:00am	99th Birthday/ Well-being	Connie McCabe
Friday	September 29	
7:00am	3rd Anniversary	Mary Noonan
9:00am	Memorial	George Chave
Saturday	September 30	
8:00am	Month's Mind	Roberta A. Carbone
4:30pm	Memorial	Frank & Edna Slyne
Sunday	October 1	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Memorial	Claire Carten
10:30am	Memorial	Francis Rosella, Michael & Mark Callahan
12:00pm	20th Anniversary	Albert Crimmins
5:00pm	4th Anniversary	Cecelia McCarthy

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!!!

