

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

October 14-15, 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: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:00 am

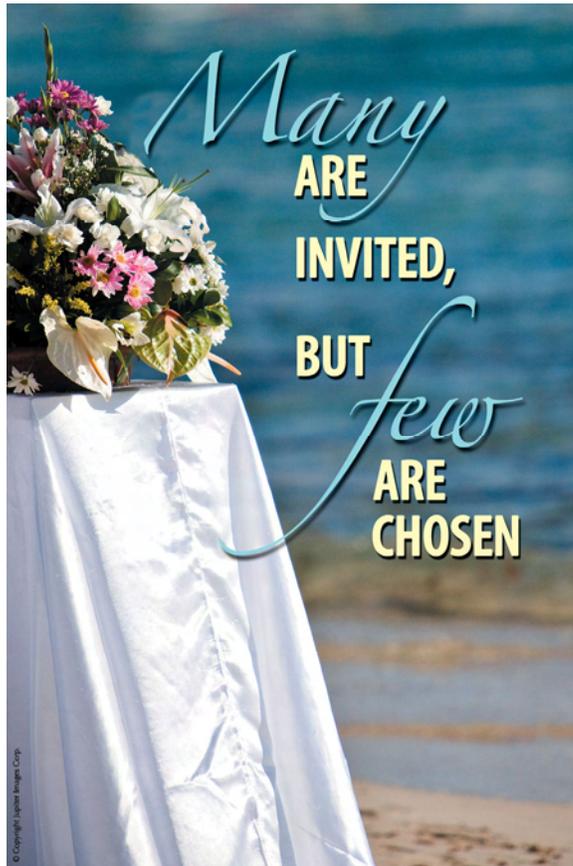
10:30 am

12:00 noon

5:00 pm

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.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 21 **Mass of Anointing**
11am in the Chapel with lunch to follow
See details inside regarding how to register.

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 9am Mass

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

St. Agatha Parish

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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. Edith McDaniel, Director of Faith Formation
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Grade 9-11 & Young Church Ministry 617-696-8978
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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



Fr. Palardy enjoyed a few days vacation this week and will be catching us up on parish activities in next week's bulletin.

A Note from Fr. Makos,

The second reading this weekend is from Paul to the Philippians. I love how he speaks to them about living life in abundance. He states that he can do all things in Him who strengthens me. If we trust and do everything with love in Christ we can share this abundant life. Who doesn't want to live life abundantly? Let's try to trust a little more. Miraculous things will happen, trust him!

Fr. Makos

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The new season of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will take place every Monday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space of the lower church. If you or anyone you know might be interested in learning more about Catholicism or are considering entering the Catholic Church, please join us on Mondays.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



For more information please feel free to speak to one of the priests or contact Ann Louise Sullivan or Tabettha O'Connor at RCIA@StAgathaParish.org.

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



MASS OF ANOINTING
Saturday, October 21 11:00am in the Chapel with lunch to follow

Please join us to celebrate the healing power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Sick. In the context of Mass, priests will lay hands on those seriously/chronically ill and those preparing for or recovering from surgery and anoint us with the Oil of the Sick.

We welcome those who are in need of Jesus' healing power as well as those who will pray for our ailing brothers & sisters.

Please call Kathy Monahan at 617-698-2439 by October 16 if you will be with us so we can plan for the luncheon. All are welcome.

Urgent Assistance Needed Mexican Earthquake hits NPH

As you know, a devastating 7.1 earthquake struck Mexico on September 19th. Sadly it occurred near homes for abandoned and vulnerable children operated by NPH, an agency St. Agatha Parish has supported for a number of years through its annual Irish Hearts fundraiser at the Marriott in Quincy. In fact Fr. Casey was one of the honorees several years ago at the annual auction and dance. Fortunately all of the children, volunteers and staff in the homes are safe. However the homes in Miacatlán and Cuernavaca homes suffered millions of dollars in damages that today put the children at risk. In Miacatlán, the dining hall cannot be used until it is repaired meaning that 500 children are now eating outdoors on the main patio and food is being prepared in a makeshift kitchen. In Cuernavaca the dorms are uninhabitable so 60 boys had to be relocated. The Elementary and Middle School buildings suffered significant damage and need urgent repair. It will be a long and expensive road to recovery, so your help is urgently needed.



If you are able to make a contribution of any size please donate now at <http://www.nphusa.org/earthquakerelief>. You can also mail your contribution to :

NPH USA Mid-Atlantic Region
265 Willard St. Quincy, MA 02169

Even if you are not able to contribute, please pray for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH), which is Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters".

Read Reflect Respond

The Weekly Update

THEME: Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.

As you listen once again to this familiar parable, what caught your ear in it today? What image lingers in your mind from this reading?

Gospel : Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Pastoral Planning

October 15 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings today remind us of the generosity of God who provides for us "a feast of rich food..." We are so fortunate to be able to gather at the table of the Lord to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. This simple but rich food nourishes our lives giving us all that we need to be the body of Christ for others This week, pray for the grace to extend an invitation to someone to "come to the feast" and join you at Mass.

As you know, each year we publish our Annual Report which provides a detailed summary of our expenses and income. That report will be coming soon in an upcoming Bulletin, and the following week you will receive a letter from Fr. Palardy about our Grand Annual Appeal. Which is so critical to the parish's financial stability. Within each of the spending categories in the Annual Report there are a number of sub-categories which capture the routine spending that goes into running the parish. So often we focus on items such as salaries or snowplowing and tend to overlook the day-to-day costs we incur. For instance, each year we spend approximately \$3,000 on hosts and nearly \$2,000 on altar wine. We also spend nearly \$2,000 on candles of all descriptions. This includes altar candles and sanctuary candles for both the Upper Church and Chapel, Baptism candles and specialty candles. The Paschal Candle alone - which is blessed at the Easter Vigil and used for funerals and weddings - costs \$275. The Missalettes and Music Editions we use for Mass are published seasonally and last year cost \$4,994. We generally spend between \$12,000 and \$14,000 on books, primarily for the Faith Formation program. Last year we spent \$12,249, but this year we started a new series and have spent \$15,159. Utility costs are another expense that quickly mount over the course of a year. Last year we spent \$11,982 to heat the Church and \$6,780 to heat the Rectory, and \$24,114 on electricity for the Church and \$6,374 for the Rectory. When you add all our other expenses for staff and clergy, office expenses, various ministries, repairs and upkeep etc. you can see why the Weekly Offertory and Grand Annual are so vital, especially since the parish has never conducted second collections for parish use. Although we take every opportunity we can to economize (e.g. converting to energy-efficient lighting) and regularly do comparative pricing among our vendors, we have a very large parish with a large and beautiful physical plant which require an investment of our treasure. Thanks you so much for all you do to help us meet our financial obligations.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Oct 7-8 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Oct 7-8 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,878	\$2,682	\$11,560	-\$1,675	-\$26,510



“I Am Special”

“I Am Special” is a faith formation program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds during which an amaz-

ing 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) continuing through March 18. The next session is October 22. If you did not register 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!**

VIRTUS TRAINING

Next sessions at St. Agatha’s will be held October 18 and October 24th in the Gathering Space at 6:30pm

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.

If you have done this training already – **you do not need to do it again!** Registration is required and can be done on-line. 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 Kathy Monahan at rectory@stagathaparish.org or 617-698-2439.

Swim Volunteers Needed

Swim With A Special Child needs volunteers to swim one-on-one with students with developmental disabilities on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., during the school year. Free child care is provided. Volunteers are welcome for one, two, or all three class sessions. No special skills required. Training is provided. Classes are scheduled to begin Oct. 10 at the DCR Connell Pool in Weymouth. Please call June Doherty, 781-335-3785 or Roberta Mitsch, 781-331-2877.

Early Bird Men’s Group

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

- ✘ Prayer ✘ Coffee & refreshments
- ✘ Presentation & discussion

Next meeting: Oct. 21

Protestantism at 500:

Luther’s Hallowe’en Heritage

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



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grades 1-6

(3:45 to 5:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Grade 3 – 1 Co-Catechist, Thursday

Grade 4 – 1 Co-Catechist, Tuesday

1 Co-Catechist, Wednesday

Grade 6 – 1 on Thursday

Volunteers:

(3:45 to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Office Help

Door Monitors

Hall Monitors

Please contact Faith Formation at (617) 696-1388 or FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org

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Women's Retreat Day

with the Oblates at St Joseph House on Fr. Carney Drive will be held on Saturday November 4. Retreat day begins @ 8:30am with coffee and refreshments and includes a light luncheon. Participants are invited to remain on the beautiful grounds for solitude and meditation after lunch. There is a fee of \$40 for this event and space is limited, so please let Joan Regan @ smhjregan@gmail.com know if you are interested in attending.



Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

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



Or Brian's high school YouTube channel at [StaggiesLT](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStaggiesLT)

LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP:

Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, October 17th 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, this is the perfect night to try it out! Bring a friend and come hang with us.

Youth Event – Sunday, October 22nd 6-7:30pm
Power In Purity Night

A team of young adult, dynamic Catholics from the greater Boston area are coming in to speak about the amazing freedom that you receive by a life purely lived. Open to all high school students. We will begin with everyone in the upper church after the 5pm Mass.

LIFE TEEN MASS: Next Sunday, October 22nd at 5pm

The next life teen Mass with Contemporary worship music is next weekend, **October 22nd 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@stgathaparish.org

Confirmation Upcoming classes:

10th Grade Session 2 Sunday – October 15th 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space

9th & 10th Grade Power In Purity Night – Sunday – October 22nd – 6-7:30pm starting in the main church

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.

In the joy of Christ,
Brian

Brian Pellicano , Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



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 continues October 17, on Tuesday evenings, ending November 14 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. **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.

Irish Pastoral Centre's
30th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Saturday, November 18th at Florian Hall
This **fundraising event** will include a cocktail reception starting at 6:30pm, followed by dinner, and live entertainment from **Devri**. Tickets for the celebration are available online, or can be purchased via phone 617-265-5300 or in person at the Irish Pastoral Centre office at 15 Rita Road. IPC's special guest and honoree at this special event will be former Mayor of Boston and Ambassador to the Vatican, **Ray Flynn**. Also there are amazing Auction and Raffle items! **1st Prize is \$1,000.** Event Tickets are \$100.



St. Agatha School is a Christian Catholic community providing excellence in education. Together, our members strive to maintain a safe, positive learning environment. Through worship and service, we see Jesus in every member of our community. We do our best to help everyone in our school feel capable, connected and contributing. Because we are two or more gathered in His Name, we believe that Christ is in our midst at St. Agatha School. In His Love, do all that we can to excel in education and to celebrate Christian values. To fulfill this mission, we promise to do what Jesus would do each day, in every way. And so, create a school climate filled with the Gospel spirit.

Open Houses

Fontbonne Academy

Sunday, October 15 (11am-2 pm)

Contact the Fontbonne Academy Admissions Office for more information:

admissions@fontbonneacademy.org or call 617.615.3014

Catholic Memorial School

Sunday, October 15

High School Program (2-4 pm).

Please visit our website at www.CatholicMemorial.org or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.

Boston College High School Open House

Sunday, October 22 (Noon-3 pm)

For more information and to register, visit www.bchigh.edu/visit or call the Office of Admission at 617-474-5010.

Archbishop Williams High School

Sunday, October 22 (11 am-1 pm) and

Thursday, November 2 (6-8 pm)

Xaverian Brothers High School Grade 9-12

Sunday, October 29 (9-11 am)

Register online at www.xbhs.com/openhouse or call 781-326-6392.

Ursuline Academy

Sunday, October 22 (11am-2 pm)

For more information please call 781-493-7727 or visit www.ursulineacademy.net to pre-register.

Saint Joseph Prep, Boston (Gr. 9-12)

Sunday, October 29 (1-4 pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 14	
8:00am	Memorial	Catherine & Daniel Cushing and Sons
4:30pm	Birth Memorial	Doug Bognanno
Sunday	October 15	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	5th Anniversary	Antonio Cerqueira
10:30am	10th Anniversary	Margaret Petitti
12:00pm	2nd Anniversary	Michael Costello
5:00pm	2nd Anniversary	Jean Wilcox
Monday	October 16	
7:00am	Memorial	Colman, Kate & Pat Curran
9:00am	Anniversary	Margaret & Charles Rawson
Tuesday	October 17	
7:00am		
9:00am	1st Anniversary	Jeanne E. Burke
Wednesday	October 18	
7:00am		
9:00am	25th Anniversary	Donald Cohoon
Thursday	October 19	
7:00am	1st Anniversary	Caitlin Pert
9:00am	Anniversary	Kay & Tony Andrews
Friday	October 20	
7:00am	Anniversary	Brian St. Peter
9:00am	Anniversary	Ruth Kenney
Saturday	October 21	
8:00am	Birth Memorial	Patrick Coughlin
4:30pm	Memorial	Devine-Williams Family
Sunday	October 22	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	11th Anniversary	Kevin Rosado, Sr.
10:30am	20th Anniversary	Brian C. Crowley
12:00pm	Memorial	Raymond J. Smith II & Mary Bottary
5:00pm	3rd Anniversary	Christopher Lynch

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!!!

