

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

October 21-22, 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

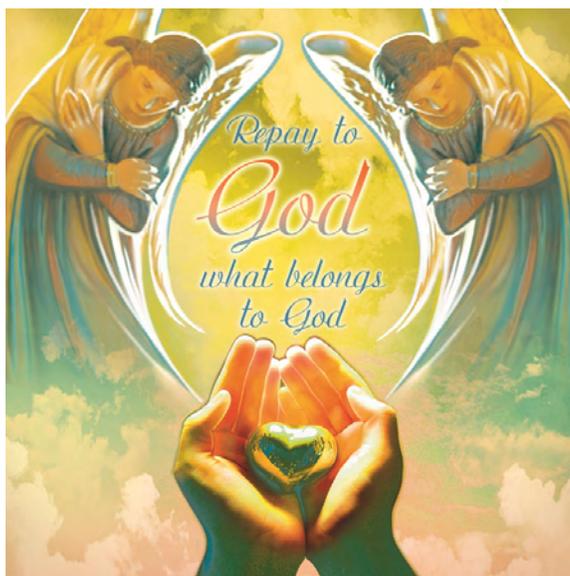
10:30 am

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.



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This week's second collection supports *Catholic World Missions*.

Pastoral Council Election ballots are enclosed in this week's bulletin.



Please return by next
Sunday,
October 29 at 6pm.
(see details on ballot)

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



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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Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence
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YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org

Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

In my column this week, even though it's a month before the formal celebration of Thanksgiving, I have a number of parish matters for which I am very thankful. Mrs. Ellen Cronin, Mrs. Jenn Caputo, and Mr. Brian Pellicano, together with the catechists and other volunteers, with great generosity and competence have enabled our Faith Formation program to have a very smooth beginning while our parish is in the process of finding a new Director of Faith Formation for Grades 1 through 8.

St. Agatha School has just completed a very busy and intense process of putting together the School's self-study in anticipation of the visitation of members of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for its 10-year reaccreditation. That visitation team was here from Sunday through Tuesday of this past week. Sitting in on the exit interview, I was very pleased to hear from the chair of the visitation team that the team agreed with how the school presented itself in the self-study. He commended the administration, teachers, and staff who worked on the self-study for their honesty and for the strong Catholic identity that is a hallmark of St. Agatha School. The recommendations that will be forthcoming from the visiting team will reflect what our School community itself said about areas where it knows areas of growth and development are needed. The parish has reason to be very proud of the wonderful way St. Agatha School has met some significant challenges in recent years and provides an excellent Catholic education for our students. Kudos to the St. Agatha School community.

You will note an excerpt in this bulletin from a letter that our Archbishop Seán Cardinal O'Malley sent to our parish, commending us for reaching our 2017 Catholic Appeal goal. Your generosity certainly enables the Archdiocese to fulfill its mission of evangelization and service, but also, in reaching our goal, our parish receives back a high percentage of the funds that were given in excess of our Appeal goal. Thank you!

I am very grateful to the 13 members of our parish who are seeking election to our Parish Pastoral Council. You will find the ballot in this week's bulletin. We ask that you look over the slate of candidates and bring the completed ballot back next weekend with your vote for not more than four of these fine candidates. In addition to the four members who will be elected, I will appoint two others, and there will also be two high-school youth appointed in consultation with Mr. Brian Pellicano our Youth Minister. Thank you to all the nominees, and to all of you for giving this voting process your prayerful consideration.

Andrew Freedman, a member of the St. Agatha Boy Scout Troop, has enlisted the support of other Boy Scouts and adult leaders for his Eagle Scout project which is the repainting of the parish garage behind the rectory. The gang worked very hard last weekend and is slated to complete the project next weekend. Thank you, Andrew, for making St. Agatha the beneficiary of your Eagle Scout Project!

Fr. Palardy

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.



For 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.



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

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We thank God for faithfulness

Hearing this lovely opening to Paul’s letter to the Church in Thessalonica, what single word catches your ear?

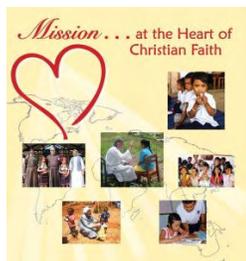
Reading II : 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Pastoral Planning

October 22~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul writes of his gratitude for the community at Thessalonica in the second reading today. He offers a prayer of thanksgiving for them remembering their works of faith and labors of love. His words of encouragement kept the community engaged in the work of promoting the faith and strengthening their bond of love for one another. Take five minutes each day this week to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for your parish community, praying that it will continue to grow in faith.



This 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.

A Note of thanks,

Dear Parishioners of St. Agatha,

Allow me this opportunity to share with you my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations for reaching your 2017 Catholic Appeal goal. Your generosity to our church is inspiring and makes a notable difference in both the life of St. Agatha Parish and the lives of those served through our Archdiocesan ministries.

Cardinal Sean O’Malley

Archbishop of Boston

The Weekly Update

In addition to their faithful support of the parish over the years, St. Agatha parishioners have also responded tremendously to the Catholic Appeal which funds the central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Each parish receives a Catholic Appeal Assessment which is based on a three year average of the combination of its Offertory and Grand Annual collections. The parish then receives a rebate of 60% for all paid pledges in excess of that assessment. The St. Agatha assessment for the 2017 Appeal was \$72,038, and as of this date \$131,004 has been contributed! So the parish now receives a three-installment rebate of \$35,379! This is definitely great news, but it is important to note that we do include an anticipated rebate in our budget, so this is not all excess income. But based on previous years’ results we had conservatively budgeted a \$30,000 rebate, so the \$5,000+ difference is a big financial boost. We received the first installment of \$9,625 in July and we received 50% of the remaining rebate in a check last week which was for \$12,877. The remaining amount will be remitted when the campaign is over and all pledges have been fulfilled. At that time we will also receive an additional 5% rebate because you responded so well to the in-pew campaign last spring and we exceeded our goal there as well. What a testimony to the faithfulness and generosity of the St. Agatha community. Thank you so much for your help.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Oct. 14-15 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Oct 14-15 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,453	\$2,715	\$12,168	-\$1,067	-\$27,577



VIRTUS TRAINING

Next session at St. Agatha's will be held 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.

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.



Upcoming Retreats

"The Pilgrimage of Life," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Women's Weekend Retreat: "The Story of My Life" at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 12-14, 2018. For more details, contact Peggy; see above contact information.

THE DISASTER IN PUERTO RICO IS NOT OVER

Evacuees from Puerto Rico have started arriving in our area and their needs are many. The State of Massachusetts has designated the Family Resource Centers across the Commonwealth as clearinghouses to provide support. We have assisted a number of families already here at the Quincy Family Resource Center. In an effort to ensure we can continue to provide this support we are reaching out to you, the community. We have collected food items as well as gently used clothing but have neither the storage nor the staff to take on more. What we seek now are **gift cards** so that families may determine for themselves what it is they need most. All donations will go directly to the families we serve. I hope you will consider giving. And please, spread the message.....



Donations of gift cards or checks may be made payable to Quincy Family Resource Center
Memo: Puerto Rico Relief
may be mailed to the following address
1120 Hancock Street
Quincy MA 02169

or CONTACT
Ann Macdonald

Senior Family Support Work-
ermacdonald@baystatecs.org
617-481-7227 ext. 149

Feel free to visit the website at www.BayStateCS.org





**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 continue October 24, 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.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins this week. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for food pantries in Milton and Quincy. Children may bring their donations to Faith Formation sessions any time up till Nov. 16.



Thanks be to God and to the generous heart of parishioners, we have been slowly meeting our dire need for catechists. There still are some children who have not been able to begin classes because they are still waiting for someone to teach them. We still need someone

to co-teach Grade 4 on both Wednesday and Thursday, and someone else to teach Grade 3 on Weds. *God is calling us to help our children. You can do it!*

Confirmation and Young Church Ministry

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON
@staggieslifeteen



Or Brian's high school YouTube channel at StaggiesLT

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
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 speaking 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.

Youth Group aka Life Night – Sunday, Nov. 5th 6-8pm in the Life Teen room below the gym

Find yourself hungry a lot? Well this Sunday we'll be talking all about feeding our hunger... and eating while doing it!

Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, November 14th 6:30-8pm in the Life Teen room below the gym.

We have pizza, play air hockey / foosball / chill, and then pray together a little bit. All HS teens are welcome, come check it out!

St. Agatha Life Teen Logo Competition!!!

Are you artistic? Right now we're holding a competition for the creation of our youth group logo. Any teen can enter their drawing or painting for the chance to be chosen as our logo! Any logo submitted must include SALT – St. Agatha Life Teen and an illustration. To enter, please drop off drawing to rectory office at your convenience!

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

The next life teen Mass with Contemporary worship music is **tonight, 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@stagathaparish.org

Confirmation Upcoming classes:

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

9th Grade Session 3 – Sunday – October 29th – 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space

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

During this month of October, a group of Saint Agatha School students took a few moments from their play time to pray to our Blessed Mother at the Our Lady of Fatima statue in front of the school building .



Benefit Dance for the Holy Ghost Father's

The 33rd Annual Benefit Dance to aid the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers and their Missions will be held on Friday, November 3 at 8pm at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be music by the Andy Healy Band, the Greene-O'Leary School of dance, cash bar, refreshments, and raffles. Dance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from members of the Holy Ghost Committee, including Fr. Peter Nolan C.S.Sp. (617-325-1300) or Cathy Coppinger (617-323-2800) or at the door on the night of the Dance.

Open Houses

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)

Ursuline Academy

Sunday, October 22 (11am-2 pm)

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

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.

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

Sunday, October 29 (1-4 pm)

Visit www.saintjosephprep.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 21		
8:00am	Birth Memorial	Patrick Coughlin	
11:00am	Mass of	Anointing	
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	
Monday	October 23		
7:00am			
9:00am	Memorial	Annie Callahan	
Tuesday	October 24		
7:00am			
9:00am			
Wednesday	October 25		
7:00am			
9:00am	Anniversary	William Sullivan	
Thursday	October 26		
7:00am			
9:00am	Mass of	Thanksgiving	
Friday	October 27		
7:00am			
9:00am			
Saturday	October 28		
8:00am	Anniversary	Bernadette Richards	
4:30pm	3Mo. Anniversary	Walter S. Carr	
	Anniversary	Charles Carr	
Sunday	October 29		
7:30am	Memorial	Michael & Katherine Lynch	
9:00am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha	
10:30am	32nd Anniversary	George Sullivan	
12:00pm	Anniversary	Frank Palardy	
5:00pm	Anniversary	Catherine T. Sears & Albert Sears	

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!!!

