

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

January 13-14, 2018

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

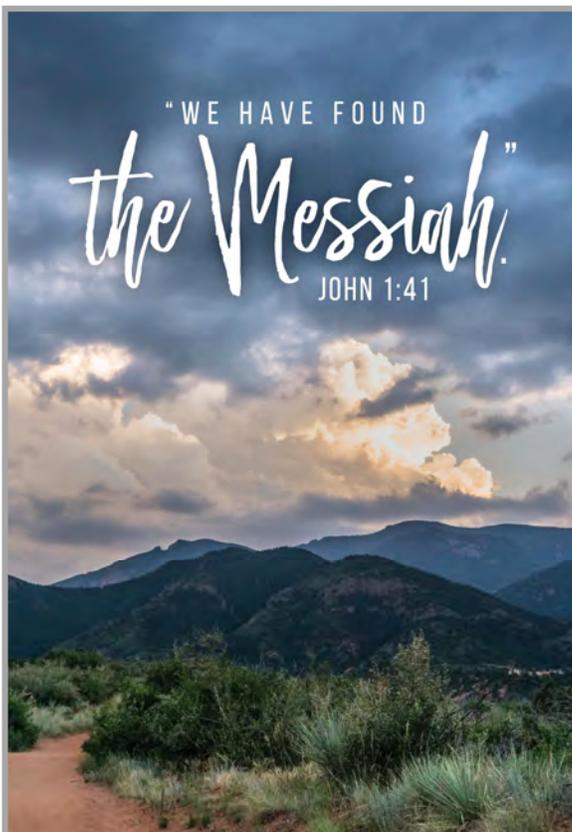
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12:00 noon

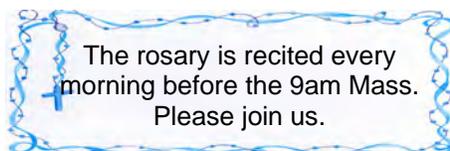
5:00 pm

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.



*On Monday, January 15th,
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the daily
morning mass will be at 8am.*



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday after the 9am Mass in the Chapel until reposition at 1pm.

Legion of Mary

meets every Wednesday
after the 9am Mass.



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

St. Agatha Parish

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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Thank the Lord that we are finally getting a bit of a thaw from the frigid temperatures of the past couple of weeks! I want to express my gratitude to so many of you who didn't let a little sub-zero wind-chill keep you away from Mass this past weekend. It is a wonderful testimony to your faith, your devotion to the Lord, and your appreciation of the centrality of the Sunday Eucharist to your lives that you came to Mass amid the very unpleasant winter weather last weekend. For those of you who didn't make it to church because of health or safety concerns, the Lord understands, and in such circumstances we have the blessing of daily Mass on TV or online and the opportunity to spend a little more time in personal prayer on our own with the Lord.

I was also impressed by the number of people who came to Mass on January 1st, even though this year it fell on a Monday and so was not a Holyday of Obligation. Your participation at Mass on that day in honor of Our Lady as Mother of God was an inspiration and a boost to me both as your pastor and as a fellow believer with you.

We had a couple of new initiatives last weekend. Last Friday the 5th we had a very enjoyable gathering of young adults with burritos, soda, ice cream, and board games. Because of the frigid weather we had hearty souls come out for the event, and everyone seemed to have a good time. I am grateful to Catherine Vu and Brendan Ng from our Parish Pastoral Council, as well as Aidan Crehan and Brian Pellicano for their contribution to the success of that evening. At the 9am Mass last Sunday several families who had a child baptized this past year were present, and each child received a Miraculous Medal that was blessed by Fr. Powers at that Mass. Afterwards Kathy Pritchard and those who work with her provided a very pleasant Social down in the Gathering Space right after the Mass.

It is my sincere hope that we can build on these activities and provide many others where more parishioners can take an active role in initiatives where our parish reaches out to a wide cross-section of our sisters and brothers within the bounds of our parish, making them feel welcome, at home, and engaged in the life of this vibrant community of faith.

On Monday January 15th at 6:30pm at Concord Baptist Church (180 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton) there will be an interfaith service commemorating the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essays and art work from stu-

dents in most of the Milton schools, including St. Agatha School, will be on display. All are invited to attend this service.

On Thursday we begin our annual week of prayer for unity among all Christians. May the Lord Jesus who prayed that all His followers should be one, guide us all in our quest to form bridges rather than construct barriers between our various Christian communities.

Please also remember in your prayers our second graders in Faith Formation and in St. Agatha School who will be receiving their First Reconciliation (First Penance) this coming Saturday the 20th and the following week on the 27th.

In Our Church Calendar this week we recall on Wednesday St. Anthony of the Desert who lived in Egypt in the 3rd and 4th centuries and is considered the founder of monasticism. In fact he lived to be 105 years old, so there must be something to a regimen of prayer and fasting! On Saturday we honor two martyrs of 3rd-century Rome. Pope St. Fabian suffered martyrdom when Decius was Emperor. St. Sebastian served in the Roman Army later in the 3rd century when Diocletian was Emperor, but when discovered to be a Christian Sebastian was pierced with many arrows and left for dead. In fact he was severely wounded but not dead, was nursed back to health by St. Irene, and confronted the Emperor for his treatment of Christians, but this time Sebastian was clubbed to death. As I mentioned last year, many of us are familiar with the local Catholic High School bearing his name whose sports teams are called, you guessed it, "The Arrows!" Sebastian is the patron of soldiers, police, and, yes indeed, archers.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

On January 27-28th, the second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: God calls us to follow Christ.

As you hear this familiar story of Jesus calling his first disciples, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

Pastoral Planning

January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel presents a "best practice" for us about the work of evangelization. In it we hear that Andrew, not only heard about Jesus, but he also stayed with him. Having been so moved by his encounter with Jesus, he went and told his brother Peter about Jesus and brought him to Jesus. We know the "rest of the story" of Peter's discipleship but it is important to remember that Andrew was evangelizer to his brother. What about you? Who are you being called to bring to Jesus?

We fared pretty well during the recent frigid weather. With wind chill temperatures up to 25 degrees below zero it was no easy task for any of us to keep warm. Here in the parish we have three separate types of heating plants ranging from the two huge Weil McLain boilers in the school, to the brand new, 97% efficient boilers in the Church, to a regular old residential furnace in the Rectory. All of them are workhorses and capable of generating plenty of heat. Any problems that we do have lie in the distribution systems and not in the generation of the heat. For instance in the school the Uni-Vent units in the classrooms are so old that replacement parts are not manufactured anymore! So our new Head Custodian Andy Farrar has done a great job adjusting zones and managing this aging system so that we have seen great improvement in recent weeks - including during the cold snap. In the Rectory we still have the old style cast iron radiators which are not very efficient. In the Church the distribution system in the Lower Church is all new with the renovations and is excellent. The old radiators in the upper Church were replaced during the renovations with fin tube radiation when we converted from steam to hot water. Given the size of the Upper Church and the height of the ceilings this is one area we struggle during extremely cold weather to keep the temperature warm enough. We're still working at it and appreciate your patience.

As you can see below the Weekly Offertory far exceeded the budget for the week. This is great news, but is a little misleading because a number of people who were away over Christmas added "make-up" contributions which we appreciate very much. But it certainly is encouraging that we are trending in a positive direction. The Grand Annual has reached \$158,640, leaving us just \$11,360 from our budgeted amount of \$170,000. The Appeal is winding down, so if you haven't yet participated and can help us reach our target for this critical appeal there are still a few more weeks to join in. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Jan. 6-7 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Jan. 6-7 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$13,043	\$2,814	\$15,857	\$2,622	-\$29,341



Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: January 20

- ✕ Prayer ✕ Coffee and refreshments
- ✕ Presentation and discussion

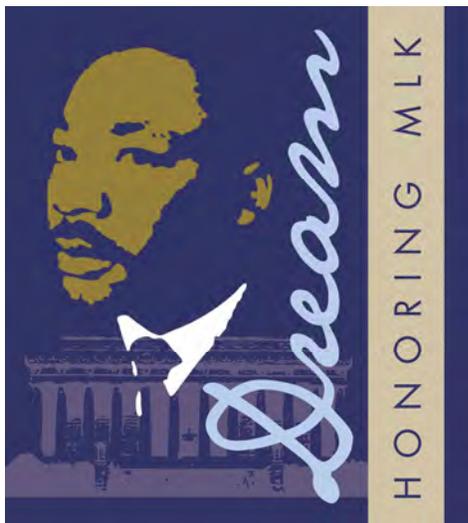
PRO-LIFE TALK

In support for the March for Life in Washington

Men, please come hear a pro-life talk and learn how you can support the pro-life cause.

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton
617-696-3170 for more information

The **Quincy Family Resource Center** would like to thank the parishioners of St. Agatha's for the donations they received on behalf of the families that have evacuated Puerto Rico to the South Shore. With your support, they continue to fulfill their mission in connecting families from Puerto Rico to their new communities. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



2018 Gala Fundraiser

March 1, 2018 — Granite Links Golf Club
6 pm Cocktails/7:30 pm Dinner and Program

Presenting Sponsor: the Flatley Foundation
Matching all funds raised for the event

Sponsored in part by:
The Saint Agatha Parish Global Outreach Ministry

Honorary Chairs — Beth Anne and Hugh Cole,
St Agatha Parishioners

KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Dr. Minaud Dacius,
the Haiti Program Director for Vitamin Angels, an SRHF institutional partner.

Special Guest Speaker -- Dr. Jean Kenes Eloy,
SRHF Medical Director

Master of Ceremonies – Eileen Curran,
local TV veteran and Saint Agatha parishioner, will be the MC for the evening.

The Saint Rock Haiti Foundation was started in 2002 to provide quality health care, community outreach, and hope to the people of Saint Rock, Haiti. In 2004, Jack Riley and Catherine Liberles, parishioners from Saint Agatha, traveled to Saint Rock and from there began a relationship between Saint Rock and Saint Agatha Parish. The Foundation is grateful to the members of the Saint Agatha Parish community for all their blessing and support.

Volunteers will be selling Tickets to the event before and after masses on January 20th and 21st.

Early bird tickets are \$125, after February 20th, \$150. Tickets will be available by sending a check to SRHF, 372 Granite Ave., Suite 1, Milton, MA 02186 or go to www.saintrock.org to pay online. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Please join us to support the ongoing work of the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation. For more information, please contact **Mary McLaughlin** at marymclaughlin.srhf@gmail.com or 617-794-9644.



NEED HELP? The “Caring Circle” dares to care... Call 617-337-3225 for short-term non-financial help or visit www.mcccaringcircle.org

SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM FOR MILTON SENIOR RESIDENTS

If you are a senior resident of Milton and have lived in your own home for the past five years you may be eligible to participate in a program to reduce your real estate taxes. The town has 25 slots available for residents to volunteer for approximately 62 hours during 2018. If you qualify for the program and complete your hours, you will receive \$750 off your real estate tax bill. This is a wonderful opportunity to lower your real estate taxes while providing a valuable service to the town. Please call the Milton Council on Aging at 617-898-4893 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Children in Gr. 1-6 will begin a 2-part Safety program this week. Parishes are mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to present this program each year for the protection of children. Complete lesson plans are provided on the parish website for families to read.



Our parish celebrations of First Penance will take place on January 20 and 27. Faith Formation children who will be receiving this sacrament will rehearse in the church this week during sessions. Children who have additional active roles were notified by email.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON @staggieslifeteen or Brian's high school YouTube channel at StaggiesLT



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group – ICE SKATING! January 21st – 2pm-4pm

We're going Shea arena for free skate!

To sign up – please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/qQdPEIACKYgC3Xwv2>

All abilities welcome, any high schoolers welcome.

You may also contact Brian Pellicano, our youth minister at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org to RSVP.

Any 9th graders in Confirmation will return in time for the 3:30 Confirmation session with Brian

We need a new Youth Group Adult Team Member:

Do you have a New Year's resolution or inclination to increase your service to others? Do you want to help young people see the importance of the Catholic faith?

Currently looking for a male addition to our youth ministry team! **If you are reading this – I am calling you (or your husband)** to prayerfully consider joining us for the spring! After that period we can re-evaluate and see if you'd like to continue! (Preferably between ages 22 & 65)

LIFE TEEN MASS: Sunday, January 21st at 5pm High School Worship Band:

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 guitarist, a percussionist and vocalists !!!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21st – 28th, 2018: Register NOW!

Registration is now online for our high school mission trip to West Virginia! We have 30 high school spots and 15 adult chaperone spots on a first come, first serve basis. This is an incredible experience where we will work together to repair up to 7 homes for families of great need. The cost is \$350 per teen and just \$250 per adult chaperone. Every volunteer (teen and adult) will be responsible for helping to raise money for our trip. There are many costs that – excluding registration – add up to about \$14,000.

Any **additional financial support from our parishioners is greatly appreciated.**

Please note, once you submit a registration – YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO GO. Don't wait – the spots are filling fast! I look forward to making the trip with you!

MISSION TRIP ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

To all adults 21+ years of age. **I am counting on you – yes you – to consider volunteering** your time and efforts to be part of our adult leadership team for this year's mission trip. It is truly an amazing experience. If you know of anyone who has gone on ASP, I encourage you to talk to them about their experience as a volunteer. Details again are listed in the previous paragraph, contact Brian for more details via bpellicano@stagathaparish.org or by phone at 617-696-8978. Thank you and God bless!

Confirmation Upcoming classes:

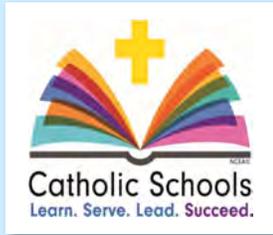
9th Grade Session 7 – NEXT Sunday – January 21st 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space

10th Grade Session 7 – Sunday – January 28th 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space

EDGE 7th/8th Grade Upcoming sessions:

Session 6 – Thursday, January 25th 6:30-8pm in the Gathering Space

In the joy of Christ,
 Brian Pellicano
 Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



Saint Agatha School Open House

**Early Childhood
through Grade 8**

Sunday, January 28th 10:00 until noon

Since 1941, Saint Agatha School has been educating young men and women for success in high school and beyond. Built on a tradition deeply rooted in our Catholic faith and academic excellence, we seek to both reflect and ensure that students deepen their knowledge and relationship with Jesus, develop their individual gifts and talents for service to the Church and others, and to live productive and joyful lives.

Come join us at our Open House on Sunday, January 28th. Meet our faculty, see our classrooms, and learn what it is like to be a part of the Saint Agatha School community... where children learn to love and love to learn.

Please contact Saint Agatha School at 617 696-3548 if you have questions or wish to request an application packet.

Camp Fatima for boys and **Camp Bernadette** for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15.



For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email Brendan@bfcamp.com or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com. *Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	January 13 Anniversary	Brian Carlson
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	January 14 6th Anniversary Memorial Anniversary	Martin Kane John "Jack" Coffey William E. Trecker For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday 8:00am	January 15	
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	January 16	
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	January 17	
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	January 18 100th Birth Memorial	Bridget Lyons
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	January 19 Birth Memorial	Bridget T. Fahy
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	January 20 Anniversary 1st Anniversary	James Albert Olinda Goncalves
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	January 21 14th Anniversary 1st Anniversary 1st Anniversary Memorial Anniversary	Mary Lou O'Leary John Sawyer William T. Rehm Kay Tarpey & Dowd Family Bridget & Peter Boylan

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!!!

