

# The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

January 20-21, 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

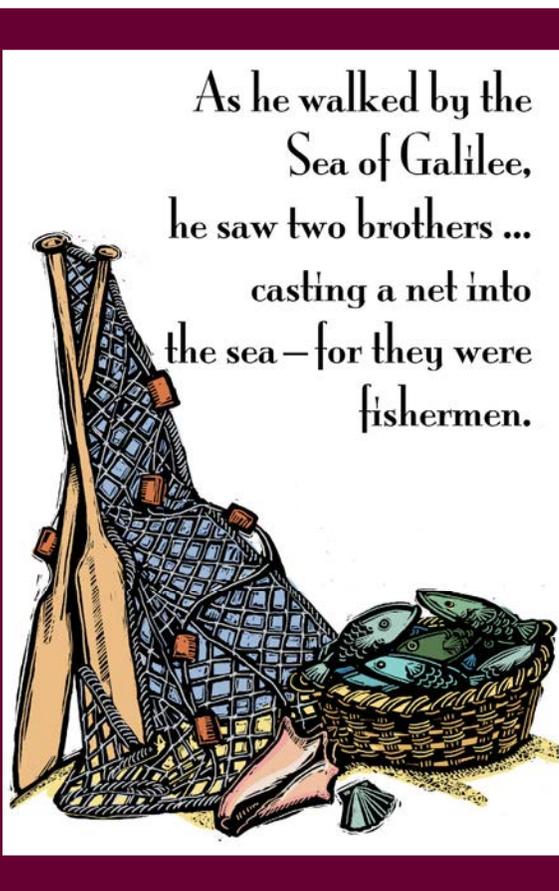
10:30 am

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.



As he walked by the  
Sea of Galilee,  
he saw two brothers ...  
casting a net into  
the sea – for they were  
fishermen.

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in those underdeveloped areas of the world  
where there are insufficient resources for  
evangelization and formation.  
More details inside.

## 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.

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



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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Parish Website: www.stagathaparish.org Fax: 617-698-1517

### 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  
Ms. Kathy Monahan, Administrative Assistant and  
Bulletin Editor

### Music Ministry

MusicDirector@StAgathaParish.org  
Ms. Agata Orzechowska, Director of Music

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Mr. David Marion, Principal  
Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

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Mrs. Ellen Cronin, Director  
Mrs. Jenn Caputo, Administrative Assistant

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YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org

Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



### *A Note from Our Pastor,*

I am grateful to those of you who attended the Interfaith Service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. last Monday evening at Concord Baptist Church. Kudos also to the students of St. Agatha School whose art work and essays were on display there, and to the young men and women of our parish in the Milton High School Chorus who sang so beautifully during that service. As we are currently about half way into this year's week of prayer for unity among Christians, let us pray that all who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior may recognize the bond of faith and charity that unites them with believers in Christian denominations different from their own, and treat one another with the respect and dignity that each deserves. But let us also pray and, if possible, assist financially, our sisters and brothers in Christ who are persecuted for their faith in other parts of the world.

This Monday we as Catholics observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The Masses that day will be celebrated for this intention. On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> St. Agatha Parish will join with St. Mary of the Hills and St. Elizabeth Parishes at St. Elizabeth Church at 7pm for a Holy Hour for Life. I hope and pray that our parish will be well represented. I've been invited to preside and preach at this Holy Hour. I also thank all those who traveled down to Washington, D.C. for the annual Vigil for Life and the March for Life this past Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>. You are wonderful witnesses to the dignity and blessing that is every human life.

Please also note that this weekend, before and after all our Masses, tickets will go on sale for the 2017 Fundraiser and Dinner on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Granite Links to support the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation of which our parish of St. Agatha is a major sponsor.

While about half of our second graders in Faith Formation and in St. Agatha School received their First Reconciliation on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and are grateful for the prayers of parishioners, the second group of second graders will receive their First Reconciliation this coming Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to remember them, their families, and their teachers in your prayers as well.

Next Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon St. Agatha School will hold an Open House for students and their families interested in applying to our school. Applications for the next school year are now being accepted. Also, students from St. Agatha School will be serving as readers and altar servers at the 9am Family Mass next Sunday in recognition of Catholic Schools Week.

In our Church Calendar on Tuesday we commemorate St. Vincent a deacon from Spain who was martyred during the

persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. On the same day we remember the extraordinary St. Marianne Cope, a German-born American citizen who was a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY. After 50 religious communities refused the request to come to Hawaii to minister to the many lepers there, from 1883 until 1918 she and her religious sisters cared for the lepers in Hawaii, and in fact she tended to St. Damien of Molokai during the final months before his death. We celebrate on Wednesday the great Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He lived right after the Protestant Reformation and was bishop of Geneva.

Among his many writings, his *Introduction to the Devout Life* continues to be a treasured classic for the spiritual development of laity, religious, and clergy. On Thursday we observe the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. We commemorate the radical change in his life from persecutor to preacher, enabling faith in Christ and the Gospel message to reach the farthest corners of the Mediterranean world. We must never forget that the power of Christ's grace and mercy at work in St. Paul is lavishly offered to you and to me and to all who provide even the slightest opening in their hearts and souls to Christ and His Holy Spirit. On Friday we honor Saints Timothy and Titus, companions of St. Paul, to whom the Pastoral Epistles in the New Testament were written and who continued the apostolic mission of the early Church. On Saturday we commemorate St. Angela Merici from 16<sup>th</sup>-century Italy. She founded the Ursuline Order of women, and believed that, if you want the faith to grow and take root, it is essential that young women be given a solid Catholic education. Ursuline Academy in Dedham carries on St. Angela's legacy.

Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Palardy*

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



**NEED HELP?** The "Caring Circle" dares to care... Call 617-337-3225 for short-term non-financial help or visit [www.mcccaringcircle.org](http://www.mcccaringcircle.org)

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

**THEME:** We are called.

As you hear Jesus calling others to be fishers of people, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

*Pastoral Planning*

**January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

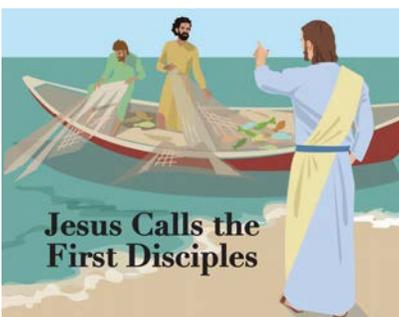
Once again in today’s Gospel Jesus gives us reassurance that if we “come after him” that is, if we follow him and come to friendship with him, he will give us what we need to bring other to Christ. Too often we take the first step of coming to friendship with Jesus, but we stop there! We don’t take the next step of reaching out to bring others to Christ either because we lack confidence or don’t think it is our job. Listen to Jesus speaking to you today, “come after me and I will make you fishers of men [and women]” How will you respond? What action will you take?

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

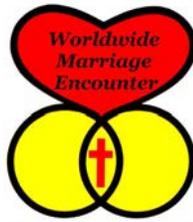
As usual, January has turned into a month to hunker down and pray for spring! At least the Patriots are making their perennial trip to the Conference Championship to distract us from the weather! The cold and snow are always a challenge for us because of the volume and schedule of activities that occur. When it snows, walkways need to be shoveled and the parking lot needs to be clear before the early Mass seven days a week. And even when there is no new snow, the melting snow covers the parking lot and requires trips by the sand/salt truck because there are evening activities nearly every night. So far we have spent \$15,110 on snow removal and salting, and \$8,465 on snow shoveling. We did get some good news in our last heating bill. Despite the fact that we had to run the new boilers much longer to keep heat in the Church during the coldest days, because of their 97% efficiency rating we actually used 8% less gas than we did during the same period last year.

As you can see below the Weekly Offertory again exceeded the budget for the week. This is fantastic news because it means that we have slightly exceeded the budgeted target for six of the last seven weeks. The only weekend since the beginning of December that we have not met our target was New Year’s Eve weekend. This has enabled us to whittle away at the deficit that built up over the first five months of the fiscal year. Many thanks for your support. The Grand Annual will be ending soon. Contributions this past week pushed the total up to \$160,286 leaving us less than \$10,000 away from our budgeted goal of \$170,000. 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. 13-14 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Jan. 13-14 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$11,012	\$2,849	\$13,861	\$626	-\$28,715



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



### Registration is OPEN for the Stop the Stigma 5K on:

**Saturday — April 28, 2018**

Registration: 9:30am  
5K Walk/Run: 10:30am

The Kennedy Center  
(440 E. Squantum St., N. Quincy)

Register online (<https://racewire.com/register.php?id=8852>) by Thursday, February 1, and get \$5 off the registration fee. Just enter promo code EARLYBIRD.

Support your friends, neighbors and family members affected by mental illness or addiction by participating in Interfaith Social Services’ **Stop the Stigma 5K**.

This year’s Family Fun Celebration includes food, ice cream, games, kids’ crafts, music, air brush tattoos, face painting, balloon animals, a bouncy house, raffles and more!

For more information, please contact: [pdaniels@interfaithsocialservices.org](mailto:pdaniels@interfaithsocialservices.org) or call 617-773-6203 x28



1 Enders Island  
PO Box 399  
Mystic, CT 06355

\$50  
per person

**Winter Day of Recollection**  
*with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC*  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 9:00AM**  
*The Mystery of Lent: Finding God in the Feasts and Fasts of Lent*

<http://enders.is/WinterDOR> | 860-536-0565

**Volunteers will be selling tickets before and after masses this weekend for:**



### 2018 Gala Fundraiser

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

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.

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](http://www.saintrock.org) to pay online. Sponsorship opportunities available.

For more information, please contact **Mary McLaughlin** at [marymclaughlin.srhf@gmail.com](mailto:marymclaughlin.srhf@gmail.com) or 617-794-9644.



**Calling all alumni!**

**Sacred Heart School in Roslindale is turning 100!**

**Save the date for our Dream Big Celebration on:**

**Friday, April 27, 2018  
7:00—11:00pm**

Moseley’s on the Charles  
50 Bridge Street, Dedham, MA 2026

**\$100/1 ticket — \$900/10 tickets**

**For Tickets: Call 617-323-2500 • Stop by the School or visit: [www.sacredheart-boston.org](http://www.sacredheart-boston.org)**

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES**



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the 67 parish children who received their First Penance this weekend. Sometimes it is difficult for adults to acknowledge the celebratory nature of this particular Sacrament, but the expressions of joy on the faces of the children made it easy to witness their happiness.

We will have another First Penance on Saturday, January 27 for the children in Group 2. Children with a reading should check in with Mrs. Cronin by 10:50am, and all families should be seated and ready to begin promptly at 11am.



**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 FREE SKATE!  
Today January 21<sup>st</sup> – 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](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) to RSVP.

Any 9<sup>th</sup> 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: TONIGHT, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 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](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) or by phone at 617-696-8978. Thank you and God bless!

**Confirmation Upcoming classes:**

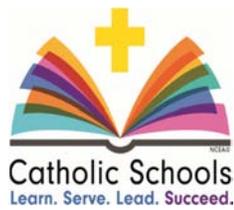
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Session 7 – THIS Sunday – January 21<sup>st</sup> 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Session 7 – NEXT Sunday – January 28<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space**

**EDGE 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Upcoming sessions:**

**Session 6 – Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS



to the  
**Saint Agatha School  
Girls Basketball Team  
for beating Trinity  
Catholic/Brockton  
in overtime, 40-36!**  
**Great job team!**

**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 & register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com). *Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>January 20</b> Anniversary 1st Anniversary	James Albert Olinda Goncalves
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>January 21</b> 14th Anniversary 1st Anniversary 1st Anniversary Memorial Anniversary	Mary Lou O'Leary John Sawyer William T. Rehm Kay Tarpey & Dowd Family Bridget & Peter Boylan
<b>Monday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>January 22</b> For the legal For the legal	Protection of Unborn Children Protection of Unborn Children
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>January 23</b> Anniversary	Edward & Julie Flynn
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>January 24</b> For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>January 25</b> Memorial	Joanne Donovan
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>January 26</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>January 27</b> Birth Memorial Anniversary	Kevin Ryan Marie O'Halloran
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>January 28</b> For the 23rd Anniversary 7th Anniversary Memorial	Parishioners of St. Agatha Noel G. Henry John "Rob" Howley Ann & John Holland & Tom Hoey

## 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!!!

