

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

January 27-28, 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.

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.

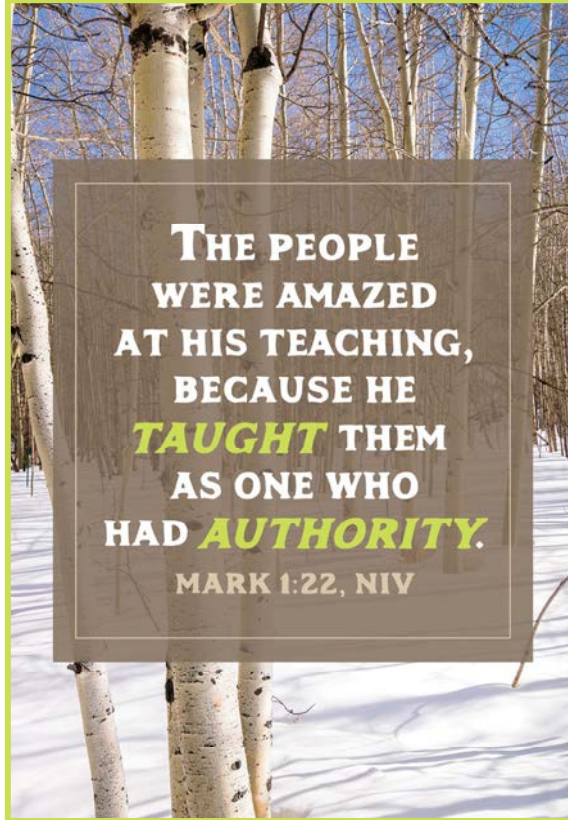
Legion of Mary

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.



This weekend, the second collection supports the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation.

St. Agatha Parish

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

Many thanks to those who participated in the Holy Hour for Life at St. Elizabeth Church last Wednesday evening. I was honored to be invited by Fr. Zukas to preside and preach at that service, and I was glad that St. Agatha Parish was well represented there. Two weekends from now, our own St. Agatha Respect Life Committee will hold a Respect Life Baby Show-er where all of us will have the opportunity to gather together for refreshments and conversation and to donate articles of clothing, other necessary items, or money to support pregnant women in challenging circumstances to choose life for their unborn child.

This week is Catholic Schools Week, and our St. Agatha School students and their families will be present and serving at the 9am Family Mass this Sunday the 28th. Immediately after Mass we welcome families who are considering St. Agatha School for their children, as well as any other folks who would like to have a tour of the School, to come to an Open House this Sunday from 10am until noon. Come and see all the wonderful things happening at St. Agatha School and meet members of our School community.

This past Tuesday I was able to attend the St. Agatha School Spelling Bee, and was very impressed with the performance of our students from grades 5 to 8 in the Bee. There were some very challenging words, but the boys and girls acquitted themselves extremely well. One representative of each of these 4 grades will take part in the Regional Spelling Bee in a week and a half or so at St. Francis School in Braintree. My only disappointment was that my favorite word, from the first movie I ever saw in a movie theater as a child, was not one of the words for these contestants. The word? "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!" A prize goes to the first person (age 14 and under) I see after Mass who names the movie that featured this word!

In our Church Calendar this week we celebrate on Wednesday the memorial of St. John Bosco who lived in the 19th century and founded the Salesian Order whose primary mission is educating youth, and is known as the "Apostle of Youth." He was also a great promoter of vocational training, is patron saint of editors, and was the first canonized saint to have a

national holiday in his honor in Italy. Some may remember that Wednesday used to be known as "Prince Spaghetti Day," so we could reinstate that at least for this week in honor of St. John Bosco.

On Friday we observe the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem shortly after His birth. Candles are blessed to commemorate Christ as the "Light for all the nations." In some parts of the world this marks the 40th and last day of the Christmas Season. On Saturday we remember 2 saints. First, the less well known St. Ansgar, a member of the Benedictine Order, bishop of Hamburg in Germany, known as the "Apostle of the North, since he was a missionary to Sweden and Denmark. Then there is the very well known St. Blaise, bishop in Armenia, martyred in the early 4th century, and remembered for a miraculous healing of a severe illness of the throat. Here at St. Agatha's we'll bless throats at the Masses on Saturday, his feast day, and then at the Sunday Masses.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Palardy

The second collection, Support of the Church Around the World, will assist 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.

All Masses for **Sunday, February 4th** will be offered for **Prayer and Penance** at the request of Cardinal Sean. The Mass is being held in response to a call from Pope Francis for all episcopal conferences across the world to have a Day of Prayer and Penance in recognition of harm done by clergy sexual abuse within the church. It will be an opportunity to express repentance for the sins of the church, to pray for all those who were abused, and to pray for continued healing for all those impacted by the abuse including those who were abused, families, members of our church, and the community at large.

At the 9:00am Family Mass, comments addressing this issue will be appropriate for families.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus has power over evil.

As you hear today’s Gospel with its shouting demons, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Pastoral Planning

January 28 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark makes clear in today’s Gospel that Jesus spoke with a different kind of authority, unlike the Scribes of his day. Jesus taught with a certainty that spoke to them of God. To hear someone speak like this was like a breeze from heaven. Jesus’ words, his deeds and his response to those in need astonished and amazed them. Do we let ourselves be astonished and amazed when we hear Jesus speak to us? Take some time this week to recall the words in today’s gospel that may have amazed you.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Last week marked the anniversary of an important milestone in the history of St. Agatha Parish. Believe it or not January 15th was the NINTH anniversary of the opening of the renovated spaces in the Lower Church. I know that time seems to be flying by, but when I looked at the Occupancy Certificate I had to just shake my head. Since January of 2009, daily Masses have been celebrated in St. Agatha Chapel which is a beautiful and peaceful worship space. The Gathering Space, Kitchen and Parish Library/ Meeting Room have accommodated hundreds and hundreds of events serving parishioners of all ages, both formally and informally. From Faith Formation, Edge, Life Teen and Confirmation sessions, to Baptism Preparation Classes, to Family Mass Receptions, to Legion of Mary meetings, to luncheons after special Masses in the Chapel (e.g. Mass of Anointing), to school meetings — the list just goes on and on. In fact these spaces have proven to be such a tremendous asset to our Parish community that it’s hard to imagine what it was like before we had them available! Even the renovated restroom facilities recall the days when a single barely functioning restroom served the entire Church! None of it would have been possible without your generosity, and the entire Parish should look at this accomplishment with pride and thanksgiving. And we certainly have to remember to appreciate this resource and guard against ever taking it for granted. We are blessed in so many way, and this is surely one of them.

As you can see below, we just barely missed our weekly target. I think it’s safe to say we can blame the Patriots, because the 5:00 Mass was sparsely attended for some reason! Hopefully this week we’ll resume our winning ways as the Patriots prepare to so the same!

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Jan. 20-21 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Jan. 20-21 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,002	\$2,849	\$12,851	-\$384	-\$29,099





Saint Agatha Parish Annual Respect Life Baby Shower

February 10th & 11th

Please join us in the Gathering Space after the masses for refreshments and conversation.

Saint Rock Haiti Foundation | Annual Gala



2018 Gala Fundraiser

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

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 to pay online. For more information, please contact **Mary McLaughlin** at marymclaughlin.srhf@gmail.com or 617-794-9644.

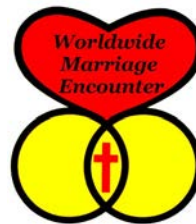


CITIZENSHIP CLASSES at Notre Dame Education Center, 200 Old Colony Ave., South Boston, MA 02127 will be starting in March. **Monday evening** classes run from **March 5th through June 4th, 5:30-8:00pm** and **Wednesday morning** classes **March 7th to May 30th, 11:30am-2:00pm**. Classes meet once weekly.

For more information call 617-268-1912 or go to www.nedcboston.org



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



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/>.

Meeting Christ *in* Prayer



Meeting Christ *in* Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

By prayer, reflection and faith sharing Meeting Christ *in* Prayer can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ *in* Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Sister Anne D'Arcy. Participants pray with suggested scripture texts daily.

The group will meet at: Fontbonne Convent
444 Centre Street, Milton, MA 02186

Wednesday evenings 7-8pm

February 21 through April 11, 2018

For further information and to register call: 617-433-5065 or email: Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston.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.

For more information, please contact:
pdaniels@interfaithsocialservices.org or call
617-773-6203 x28

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



There will be no sessions of Faith Formation on Wednesday, January 31 due to a day off for the Milton Public Schools. This is a change in our calendar. There WILL be sessions on Tuesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to the parish children who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend, and to their parents and teachers who brought them to this point. Our parish is indeed fortunate to witness such large numbers deepening their relationship with Jesus.

Safety Sessions will occur for Grades 1 & 2, and 3 & 4 this week. Parents who wish to opt out of these sessions must let us know in writing (email is OK), and keep their child home that day.



CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group Upcoming Schedule:

Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, January 30th 6:30-8pm in the life teen room below the gym

Pizza & Prayer – Tuesday, February 6th 6:30-8pm in the life teen room below the gym (No Sunday due to Super Bowl)

Sunday Youth Group – February 11th 6-8pm in the life teen room below the gym

MOUNTAIN TUBING TRIP! – February 25th meet in the church parking lot at 11:30AM

Youth Group MOUNTAIN SNOW TUBING – Feb. 25 FREE For Teens That Come!

Never been to youth group? Great time to give it a try. We're tubing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford on Sunday, Feb. 25th – meet at St. Agatha's parking lot at 11:30AM. We will be traveling by cars and tubing for 2 hours! To sign up, email Brian Pellicano at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org or sign up directly at <https://goo.gl/forms/mRJ1wnjPnchrQCPm2>

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: February 11th at 5pm

High School Worship Band:

If you are a teen interested in singing or playing with our group – contact Brian Pellicano at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org ! Currently looking for: a pianist, a guitarist, a percussionist and vocalists !!!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21st – 28th, 2018 Spots filling up – don't wait!

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:

Next 9th Grade Session – February 11 – 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space

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

EDGE 7th/8th Grade Upcoming sessions:

Session 6 – Thursday, February 1 – 6:30-8pm in the Gathering Space

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



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 - February 3
#CSW18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 27	
8:00am	Birth Memorial	Kevin Ryan
4:30pm	Anniversary	Marie O'Halloran
Sunday	January 28	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am		
10:30am	23rd Anniversary	Noel G. Henry
12:00pm	7th Anniversary	John "Rob" Howley
5:00pm	Memorial	Ann & John Holland and Tom Hoey
Monday	January 29	
7:00am		
9:00am	10th Anniversary	Mary Cooney
Tuesday	January 30	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Wednesday	January 31	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Paul Loring
Thursday	February 1	
7:00am	2nd Anniversary	Daniel Connor
9:00am	Memorial	Doris T. Girard
Friday	February 2	
7:00am	Anniversary	Hannah Mahan
9:00am	3rd Anniversary	Mark Mullen
Saturday	February 3	
8:00am	7th Anniversary	Daniel Carr
4:30pm	Memorial	John & Joan Hatfield and Emily & William Kerrigan
Sunday	February 4	
7:30am	Special Intention	Denise Merullo
9:00am	Anniversary	Nora Harrison
10:30am	4th Anniversary	Janet Barry
12:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
5:00pm	2nd Anniversary	John Fee Teehan II



Saint Agatha School Milton ~ Quincy

Currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Pre-school ages 3 and 4
Kindergarten through Grade 8

For more information or to schedule a visit please call 617 696-3548

Celebrate Christian Values • Excel in Education



Saint Agatha School Open House Early Childhood through Gr. 8 Sunday, January 28th 10:00 until noon

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.



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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508) 238-2300.

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!!!

