

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

February 10-11, 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

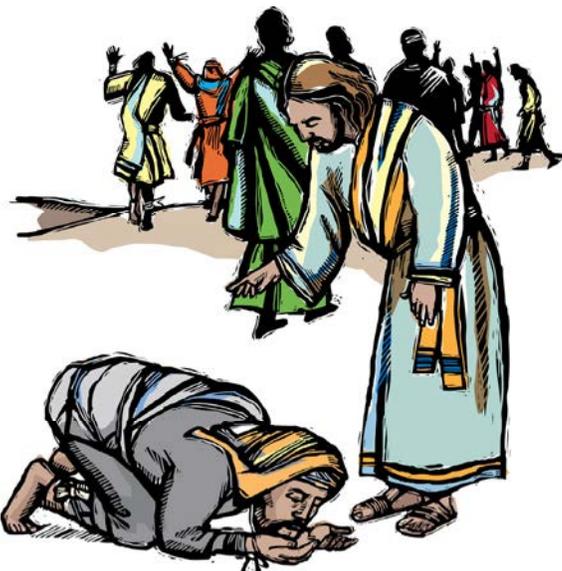
10:30 am

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.



Ash Wednesday Services—February 14

St. Agatha 7am • 9am • 1pm • 7pm

St. Mary of the Hills 9am • 7pm

St. Elizabeth 9am • 4pm • 7pm

Sacred Heart, Quincy 7am • 12:05pm • 7pm

St. Mary 9am • 7pm

St. Ann 9am • 5:30pm

St. John the Baptist 8am • 12:10pm • 6pm

This week's second collection
supports *Catholic Charities*.

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

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.

Upcoming Activities

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, Feb. 10: 4-6pm

Sunday, Feb. 11: 7:30am-1:30pm

Annual Respect Life

Baby Shower

Wednesday, Feb. 14:

Creativity and Spirituality

St. Agatha Parish

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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

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MusicDirector@StAgathaParish.org

Ms. Agata Orzechowska, Director of Music

Mr. David Marion, Principal

Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

My column will be abbreviated, inasmuch as I have been on retreat this week, and actually wrote these remarks last weekend prior to my leaving for the retreat.

Please give a warm welcome to Monsignor Martin from Cross Catholic Outreach, by way of Camden, NJ. Please also give your support to our annual Respect Life Baby Shower also taking place this weekend in the Gathering Space after all the weekend Masses.

Please note that the 5pm Mass this Sunday is a LifeTeen Mass followed by a youth group gathering in the LifeTeen room below the gym. Please also note the Mountain Tubing Trip planned for later this month for all high school youth, as well as Brian Pellicano’s request for at least one more Adult Team Leader for our Youth Group.

The Early Bird Men’s Prayer Gathering is welcoming women as well as men this coming Saturday from 7 to 8:30am at St. Mary of the Hills Church with special presenter Frank Kelly.

If you haven’t already done so, be sure to sign up for the Gala Fundraiser for St. Rock Haiti to be held on March 1st at Granite Links Golf Club.

A reminder to our many volunteers age 18 and older who have contact with children or the elderly, that next weekend you are asked to fill out 2018 CORI forms after all the Masses.

We begin the Holy Season of Lent this year this coming Wednesday February 14th. Throughout Lent all Masses will be in the upper church. On Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 7 and 9 in the morning, 1 in the afternoon, and 7 in the evening.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all Catholics age 14 and above, meaning that no meat is to be eaten on those days. Ash Wednesday, as well as Good Friday, is also a day of fasting for all those between the ages of 18 and 59, meaning that we eat only one full meal that day, with two other smaller meals allowed, but taken together not equaling a full meal.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm on Fridays during Lent in the lower chapel.

Have a great week and a blessed beginning to Lent!

Fr. Palardy



We welcome Father Andrew Martin of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Lenten Services

“The Light is on for You”

Beginning on Wednesday, February 21st from 6:30-8:00pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in every church in the Archdiocese of Boston. This sacrament of the Lord’s healing and peace will be celebrated in the Chapel located in our lower church. Come and experience the Lord’s love!

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday starting February 16th in the lower chapel at 7pm.

Lenten Booklets

The booklets will be available at the doors of the church on Ash Wednesday.



*Saint Agatha Parish
Annual Respect Life
Baby Shower*

**This Weekend
February 10th & 11th**

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

Donations may be placed in the baskets at the doors of the church after the Masses



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

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus wants to make us whole.

As you hear this reading about a leper being cured and telling everyone about it, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Pastoral Planning

February 11 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul speaks to us clearly and succinctly in the second reading today: "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Can you make that your prayer this week that in all things large and small, in your words and in your actions, your prayer will be to give glory to God? If you do that, not only will you notice a difference in your attitude and in your life, but certainly others will notice the difference in you as well.



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

As required by the Archdiocese of Boston, any person 18 years of age or older who volunteers in any capacity that puts them in any possible contact with children or the elderly, needs to be CORI checked on an annual basis. **There will be CORI forms available to fill out after the Masses on February 17-18.** In addition to some basic information, you will be required to provide the last 6 digits of your social security number, as well as your photo ID at time of signing. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Each year during Lent we make available booklets containing daily reflections and suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers. This year by popular demand we are providing a booklet by Fr. Joseph Sica entitled "Finding Hope when Life Hurts". Fr. Sica is known for offering daily reflections which are very practical and suggested actions and prayers that are simple and "down -to-earth". Booklets are available at the doors of the Church so give yourself a treat and make this Lent something special.

Also this weekend we are having our Respect Life Baby Shower in the Gathering Space from 4-6pm on Saturday and from 7:30am – 1:30pm on Sunday. Even if you can only stop in for a few minutes please join the Respect Life Committee for refreshments and conversation. They have been organizing this tremendous outreach ministry for over thirty years and would very appreciate your support. Over those years tens of thousands of dollars have been donated to agencies such as Friends of the Unborn who are champions in the struggle to support life for every unborn child. There are baskets at the exits if you can make a financial contribution of any size. What better way to celebrate life and get a running start on your Lenten almsgiving than by supporting this important cause! Thank you for your support.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Feb. 3-4 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Feb. 3-4 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,869	\$2,849	\$12,718	-\$517	-\$30,570



CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session is Wednesday, **February 14th**. The morning session is from 9:30 -11am in the Gathering Space (lower church). The evening session is from 7-9pm in the lower rectory. Bring an old project or start a new one.

All are Welcome!



Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: February 17

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

FRANK KELLY

Healing Service ~ Women Invited!

Men, please bring wives, daughters and all friends to Frank's Healing Service.

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

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



CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY

Saint Rock Haiti Foundation | Annual Gala

BUILDING HOPE TOGETHER



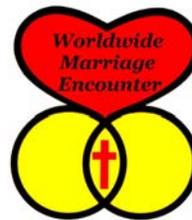
2018 Gala Fundraiser

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

Early bird tickets are \$125, after February 20th, \$150. To purchase tickets either send 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.

The Foundation is grateful to the members of the Saint Agatha Parish community for all their blessing and support.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA.

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

SNOWCAMPS 2018

Parents, are you looking for a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual growth experience for your 7th, 8th, 9th grader? If so, this is it!!!

SNOWCAMPS 2018 will be held on the weekends of February 23-25 and March 2-4 at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, N.H. Teenagers throughout the diocese will be participating in what could be "the best weekend of their lives!"

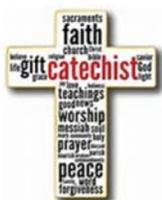
Register now as space for SNOWCAMPS is limited and will sell out. For on-line applications and information go to www.snowcampsparty.com. You may also contact Kathy Boucher at 617-696-1980 or Lorraine Tower at 617-698-2650.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Puppets will join us once again on Sunday, February 18 at the Family Mass at 9am!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Several important notices regarding First Holy Communion were emailed to the parents last week. If you have not yet received that info, please check your emails. The deadline for return of the First Communion RSVP form is February 15th. The dates for the Communion parent/child retreats are March 10th and March 24th. There will be no retreat on March 17th. **(NB this is a change from the original calendar.)**



There **will be** Faith Formation sessions on Ash Wednesday.

This year our Faith Formation children will once again perform community service as part of their Lenten almsgiving. They will have three choices of projects: the customary Rice Bowls to benefit Catholic Relief Services; a toiletry collection to benefit Southampton Street Shelter (formerly known as Long Island Shelter); and—new this year—contributions to help fill Easter Baskets for Quincy Interfaith Social Services. We will be collecting for all those worthy projects throughout Lent.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON
@staggieslifeteen or St. Agatha's youth group **YouTube channel at StaggiesLT**



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
Youth Group Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday Youth Group – TONIGHT– 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
More than half filled 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:

9th Grade Session 8 – Sunday, February 11 – 3:30-4:50pm
in the Gathering Space

10th Grade Session 8 – Sunday, March 4 – 3:30-4:50pm
in the Gathering Space

Note: Please keep your eye on email updates in early March as class status may change due to Brian's child being born!

EDGE 7th/8th Grade Upcoming sessions:

Session 10 – Thursday, February 15 – 6:30-8pm
in the Gathering Space

This is the last session for 7th graders! Let's end it with a bang!

In the joy of Christ,

Brian Pellicano

Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



Students in Grades K2 through Grade 8 were recently treated to a visit from Junior Achievement of Northern New England. Teachers and students welcomed JA-trained volunteers into their classrooms for this one-day, enriching event. Working together in pairs, volunteers delivered JA's five elementary, turn-key lessons to their assigned classes. Students learned basic concepts about money such as wants versus needs, earning and spending, credit management, taxes, voting, and owning their economic success. Thank you to Junior Achievement of Northern New England and State Street for working together to help empower our young people.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 10	
8:00am	Memorial	Agnes Coppens
4:30pm	Anniversary	Patricia & Robert Bowes
Sunday	February 11	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	7th Anniversary	Charles J. McCarthy
10:30am	1st Anniversary & 23rd Anniversary	Kathleen Ahern & Bartholomew Ahern
12:00pm	13th Anniversary	Paul Nichols
5:00pm	Anniversary	Paul V. Buckley
Monday	February 12	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Tuesday	February 13	
7:00am		
9:00am	Anniversary	Reardon & Reynolds Family
Wednesday	February 14	
7:00am		
9:00am	Birth Memorial	Pauline Yovino
1:00pm		
7:00pm		
Thursday	February 15	
7:00am	Anniversary	Francis Bennett Shields
9:00am	Anniversary	Richard Mahan
Friday	February 16	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Saturday	February 17	
8:00am	Birth Memorial	Katherine M. O'Hearn
4:30pm	Memorial	Catherine Bowes Ryan
Sunday	February 18	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Anniversary	Charles J. Wunderlich
10:30am	Memorial	Patricia & Joseph Mulhern
12:00pm	Anniversary	Jean Baynor
5:00pm	Anniversary	Michael L. Lofgren

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.

BINGO NIGHT

Every Monday • Doors Open @ 4:30pm
BINGO begins at 6:40pm • Come & Play

School Parents, your help is needed.
Thank You Volunteers!!!

