

# The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

February 17-18, 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.

## Satan Tempts Jesus



**CORI forms will be available to fill out after the masses starting this weekend. For more info, see details inside.**

**Due to the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 19, the daily morning mass will be held 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.

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



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### St. Agatha Parish

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Rev. William B. Palardy, Pastor  
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Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence  
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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



*A Note from Our Pastor,*

Sisters and brothers, Lent has begun!

This Sunday the First Sunday of Lent our two catechumens and two candidates for reception into the Catholic Church this Easter will celebrate the rite of election at our 10:30 Mass and then go to Immaculate Conception Church in Marlboro later in the day with catechumens and candidates throughout the Archdiocese of Boston to be officially enrolled as “the elect” by Cardinal Seán O’Malley. Carmen and Nicole, and Elizabeth and Christopher will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil here. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent at our 10:30 Mass you will see them again as they experience the Scrutinies and enter the “home stretch” toward Easter.

Those of us who are already initiated into the life of the Trinity and full members of the Church have the Season of Lent to prepare to renew the promises made at our Baptism with greater vigor and firmer commitment, and to open ourselves, dispose ourselves, more widely to the power and grace of Christ’s death and resurrection. We want Christ’s life to radiate more brightly in and through us. And that’s why we make use of this sacred season of Lent as a spiritual “tune-up” period in preparation for Easter.

Notice throughout this bulletin the many events planned for our parish this Lent. In addition to every Saturday before the 4:30pm Mass, there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance every Wednesday night from 6:30 until 8pm during Lent in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel (The Light Is On For You). Also on Wednesdays beginning this week Fr. Jason and I will be doing presentations in the Gathering Space from 7 to 8pm on aspects of the spirituality of the early Church which can help feed our prayer and inspire our acts of self-denial and charity this Lent. I’ll be presenting this Wednesday on “What the Early Church Can Teach Us about Having a Spiritually Enriching Lent.” All are most welcome to participate! Also in the Chapel, on Fridays at 3pm (note the earlier time this year) there will be Stations of the Cross. If you haven’t already done so, I hope each family will take home a copy of the booklet by Fr. Joseph Sica, entitled Finding Hope When Life Hurts at the Church entrances as spiritual nourishment this Lent.

On Sunday evenings during Lent we are bringing back a tradition from earlier years here – a Vespers Prayer Service at 7pm. It will include readings from Scripture, prayers, and hymns, as well as a reflection that will be given on a Lenten theme. The first Vespers Service will be next Sunday evening February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning this weekend, we ask our many volunteers age 18 and older who have contact with children or the elderly,

to fill out 2018 CORI forms before or after the Masses. Please be sure to have your driver’s license or another form of government issued ID with you and to make available the last 6 digits of your Social Security number. It is a speedy and painless process, as many of you already know from having done this in prior years.

Please note in this bulletin information about the special Early Bird Men’s Prayer Gathering at St. Mary of the Hills at which Frank Kelly will be present for a healing service and to which women are also invited; the upcoming Gala Fundraiser for St. Rock Haiti at Granite Links; a variety of activities for Middle School (Snow Camps) and High School Youth (LifeTeen Mass this Sunday followed by a Youth Group meeting, and a great Mountain Snow Tubing adventure later this month!).

Our Middle School Students in St. Agatha School have made beautiful, colorful crosses which they want to make available to folks from our parish who are confined to their homes and who have a Minister of Holy Communion visit them on a regular basis. So, these Eucharistic Ministers are asked to stop by the rectory during regular office hours and pick up a cross to bring along with the Holy Eucharist the next time you’ll be making your visit to the folks on your Communion list.

Continue to have a blessed Lent!

*Fr. Palardy*

*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** will be held on Fridays during Lent in the lower chapel **at 3pm (new time)**.

**Vespers** will be held on Sunday evenings at 7pm starting on February 25th.

**Lenten Booklets** are available at the doors of the church.



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 starting this weekend.** 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.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

**THEME:** Reform your lives!

As you hear this very short Gospel reading, what words or phrases strike you? What image or story does the reading prompt you to recall?

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

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.”

*Pastoral Planning*

**February 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent**

In today’s first reading we are given a beautiful reminder that every time we see a rainbow in the sky, God is reminding us of his covenant, his promise, to be with us. As we make our Lenten journey this year, we will encounter temptations to maintain the status quo, to ignore the call to a change of heart, to keep Jesus at a distance lest he ask something difficult of us. To overcome the temptations you will face, place a rainbow in a prominent place to remind that you can overcome any temptation, because God is with you.



At Catholic Charities, we work to serve the marginalized and vulnerable in our community; to provide a hand up when our clients are doing their

best for their families. Your participation in last week’s second collection will help us continue to provide those services to our brothers and sisters in need throughout eastern Massachusetts. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your prayers and generosity. We look forward to sharing the success of our collection with you in the coming months. To learn more about our work, please visit [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org).

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

We’ve passed Ash Wednesday and the Red Sox have started training camp so hopefully we’re on our way to Spring and some warmer weather! One of the other harbingers of Spring is the beginning of the budget planning process for the Parish and School. Even though the end of our fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>) is still 4 months away, we need to begin the process now to insure that we have balanced budgets in place and ready for implementation on that date. So we are beginning now a thorough review of the current year’s financial status as well as income and expense trends over the last few years. This is done to help us arrive at workable budgets that are both fiscally sound and able to support our daily operations and ministry activities. Then we must consider any new initiatives which will require funding in the upcoming year. The major one that we need to incorporate is a major repair to the organ in the Upper Church which will cost in the vicinity of \$40,000. The Parish Finance Council met last Tuesday evening and the School Advisory Board will be meeting this coming Tuesday evening to initiate the process. We will be sure to keep you informed as time moves on.

Also we have been asked to help out My Brother’s keeper during Lent in a new program they have to collect housewares for families in need. They are in need of new or gently used towels, sheets (including crib sheets) comforters, pots, pans, flatware, and serving utensils. Further details will be in upcoming Bulletins. If you would like to assist in coordinating the effort, please give me a call at the Rectory or send an email to [jriley@stagathaparish.org](mailto:jriley@stagathaparish.org).

Last weekend in addition to the Weekly Offertory amount below, \$4,298 was also contributed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection to benefit Catholic Charities and \$1,988 was contributed in the Respect Life Baby Shower to benefit the Friends of the Unborn. Thank you for your generosity.

*Jack Riley*



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

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Feb. 10-11 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Feb. 10-11 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,199	\$2,695	\$11,894	-\$1,341	-\$31,911

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](http://www.saintrock.org) to pay online. For more information, please contact **Mary McLaughlin** at [marymclaughlin.srhf@gmail.com](mailto: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



“The kingdom of God is at hand.” As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages 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://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](mailto:Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston.org)

### *Come to the Waters of Healing* *A Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion*



**Winter/Spring 2018 Dates:**

**Sat., March 10 ♦ Sat., May 5 ♦ Sat., June 2**  
**9:00am – 5:00pm**

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.”

– Pope Francis

**Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston which offers hope and healing for women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. **Project Rachel** offers confidential support, retreats and referrals for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession). For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



### **For Grieving Parents...**

**Whose children of any age have died, no matter how long ago**

**Brown Bag Lunch Retreats**  
St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Downtown Crossing, Boston

### **MARY KNOWS...**

**Wed. 3/7, 12:15pm-1:15pm**

Using “visio divina,” focus on images of Mary in art to reflect on how she surely understands our pain.

*Is she taking care of our children? How can she become our best friend?*

### **THEY ARE ALIVE!**

**Thurs. 3/22, 12:15pm-1:15pm**

Hear Emily Ketring, author of *An Angel of the Beatitudes: Finding Faith after the Loss of a Child*, reflect on how to connect with our deceased children and use them to help us draw closer to God.

### **ONE-DAY RETREAT**

**Sat. 3/10, 9:30am-7:00pm**

Give yourself the gift of getting away to focus on where God is in your life after the death of your child.

**Bring a lunch; we provide beverages**

**To register, see [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) or call 617-542-8057**

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES**

The RSVP for the First Communion Retreat is now overdue. If we do not receive a RSVP form, there will be no materials for your child to participate (including Communion banner materials).



Faith Formation sessions will resume after the winter break. Registration forms will be emailed to all currently registered families in the coming weeks.

Our Faith Formation children are responding with their usual enthusiastic generosity to our three almsgiving options for this Lent: Rice Bowls, to benefit Catholic Relief Services; toiletries for donation to Southampton Street Shelter; and Easter Basket trinkets (not food) for distribution by the Quincy Interfaith Social Service Agency. Thank you to them and their generous parents.



One of the options to perform community service as part of Lenten almsgiving is the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls.

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to: “hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to guide their Lenten almsgiving.”

**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 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. 25<sup>th</sup> – meet at St. Agatha's parking lot at 11:30am. We will be traveling by cars and tubing for 2 hours! Will arrive back around 4pm at the church. To sign up, email Brian Pellicano at [bpellicano@stagathaparish.org](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) or sign up directly at <https://goo.gl/forms/mRJ1wnjPnchrQCPm2>

**We are looking for 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** 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 25th at 5pm**  
**High School Worship Band:**

Next mass is February 25th, 5pm. **If you are a teen interested in singing or playing with our group – contact Brian Pellicano at [bpellicano@stagathaparish.org](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) !**

**Currently looking for:**  
 a percussionist, a pianist, a guitarist, and vocalists !!!

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) or by phone at 617-696-8978. Thank you and God bless!

**Confirmation Upcoming classes:**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Session 8 – Sunday, March 11 – 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Upcoming sessions:**

**Session 11 – Thursday, March 1 – 6:30-8pm**  
**in the Gathering Space**

This is only for 8th graders! PARENTS OF 8th GRADERS WELCOME! Let's end it with a bang!

In the joy of Christ,

Brian Pellicano  
 Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



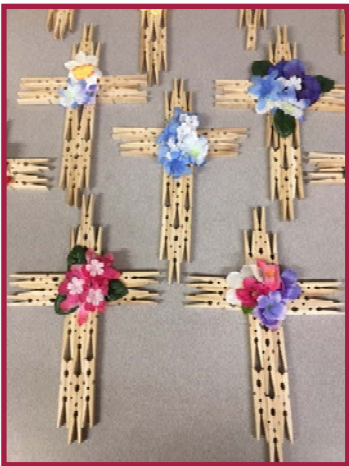
## Saint Agatha School Milton ~ Quincy

**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 students in Grades 7 and 8 made dozens of the beautiful crosses pictured as part of a Catholic Schools Week Service Project.

The crosses will be delivered to homebound and sick parishioners by members of the Saint Agatha Parish Home Visitation Ministry.

**St. Agatha School vacation week is:  
February 19–23. Enjoy your break!**



**SAVE THE DATE**



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>February 17</b> Birth Memorial Memorial	Katherine M. O'Hearn Catherine Bowes Ryan
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>February 18</b> For the Anniversary Memorial Anniversary Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Charles J. Wunderlich Patricia & Joseph Mulhern Jean Baynor Michael L. Lofgren
<b>Monday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 19</b> Month's Mind	James (Gonzo) Kearns
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>February 20</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>February 21</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>February 22</b> Health & Healing	Kaitlin Gonzales Swanson
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>February 23</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>February 24</b> Memorial 10th & 15th Anniversary	Frank Foley Mary Riordan & John Riordan
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>February 25</b> Month's Mind For the Anniversary 12th Anniversary 1st Anniversary	James Haley Parishioners of St. Agatha Arthur & Gladys Nighan James Browne & the Browne & Gill Family William Herlihy

### 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!!!

