

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

March 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.

THOSE
WHO DO
WHAT IS
TRUE
COME TO
THE
LIGHT
JOHN 3:21, NRSV

Upcoming Activities

Wed., Mar. 14: Creativity & Spirituality



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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.

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Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan
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A Note from Our Pastor,

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Boston. I am very grateful to our parishioners Steve Wessling and Jacqui Miller for their presentations at the Masses last weekend to inform us of the many ministries that this Appeal supports, and also of how it benefits our parish of St. Agatha as well. Thank you for giving prayerful consideration to guide you in your support of the Catholic Appeal this year.

This weekend is what is called Laetare Sunday, a Sunday of being glad. Why? Well, because we have passed the halfway point of Lent and are well on our way to the joy of Easter. Preparation for the reception of the Easter sacraments is ramping up for Nicole, Carmen, Elizabeth, and Christopher. All of them will be present with us this week and next at the 10:30 Mass for what are called the Scrutinies where they commit themselves publicly to turn away from anything contrary to Christ and His Gospel, and pledge to open themselves to the loving mercy, grace, and strength that Christ offers them in and through the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

At our 9am Mass this Sunday we are happy to host Girl Scout Sunday with young women from our parish taking part.

Our High School Youth Group is meeting from 6 until 8pm this Sunday in the LifeTeen Room below the gym.

If you are looking to grab a bite out for dinner this coming Tuesday, why not go to the Brick and Beam some time between 4 and 10 pm? If you do, 15% of your check will be donated to St. Agatha School!

For another gastronomical delight (after consuming the Bread of Life), please join us for the 8am Mass this coming Saturday St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Patrick Kelly invites all Mass attendees to join him and his family for a complete Irish breakfast in the Gathering Space in honor of St. Patrick, following the Mass which is in memory of his daughter Courtney Kelly. I hope many of you can join us.

Our annual Live Passion Play with high school students will soon be casting! The reason for the cancellation of last week's 1st meeting will be evident at the end of my remarks here.

Be sure to mark Saturday March 24th on your calendars for two great events:

The 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at our gym to support our teens who will be going on their annual mission trip to Appalachia this summer (registration info for the tournament can be found later in this bulletin);

The 20th St. Agatha School Auction and Gala at the Venezia Restaurant which is always a wonderful evening with great prizes being auctioned off, and is a major fundraiser for our school.

Please also note the request of our new Pastoral Associate Lisa Gulino who will be joining us in mid-May and is looking for an apartment in the Milton/Quincy area. If you are looking to rent out such an apartment yourself, or if you know of anyone else who is looking for a tenant, please note her email which can be found on the next page of this bulletin.

Thank you for your prayers for Natalia Pellicano, the wife of our Youth Minister Brian Pellicano. Natalia delivered a healthy 6-pound, 13-ounce baby boy, Joseph Flavio Soares Pellicano, last Saturday March 3rd at 2:07AM!



Have a blessed week, and be glad!

Fr. Palardy

Lenten Activities

"The Light is on for You" On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm, 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).

Presentations will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm in the Gathering Space on aspects of the spirituality of the early Church. This week, Fr. Makos will be presenting "St. Maximus the Confessor: Champion of Prayer and Unity, Part 2". It is not necessary for you to have attended Part 1 to derive benefit from Part 2!

Vespers will be held on Sunday evenings at 7pm in the Upper Church.



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We believe.

As you hear Jesus words to Nicodemus today, which words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel: John 3: 14–21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

We will be welcoming our new Pastoral Associate to St. Agatha's later this spring and she will need a place to live. If anyone knows of any available rental properties, please see her request below. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

New Pastoral Associate Looking for Housing to Rent

Relocating to Milton/Quincy area in mid-May. One quiet person looking for long-term, affordable apartment. One bedroom apartment with small space for office and would prefer dining area or eat-in kitchen. References available upon request. Please email lisam.gulino@gmail.com



Time to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

People on the South Shore will not soon forget last week's rain and wind. Apparently the Weather Channel named the storm "Winter Storm Riley", although I can assure it was no relative of mine! Communities across the area were pummeled by ferocious winds, flooding tides and heavy rain. Many people in Milton, including some of our neighbors, had significant damage to trees. More than a dozen trees in Milton toppled onto houses doing considerable damage. We fared pretty well at St. Agatha's, with just a couple of minor issues. We had a few leaks in the school but none which caused any internal damage. The bin behind the Rectory which is used to collect food donated by parishioners for My Brother's Keeper was blown to pieces by the wind. Thankfully, the bin, which on Wednesday was overflowing with donated food, was emptied by My Brother's Keeper on Thursday - the day before the storm. We've ordered a new bin which will be delivered soon, but in the meantime our part-time Church custodian (and part-time magician!) Bill Smits managed to piece together the old for temporary use. So you can still drop off your food donations either there or at the Rectory.

This particular ministry was started a number of years ago by Stasia and Dave Toomey who were looking for a way for very busy people to routinely donate to those in need. So they created the "Ministry for Busy People" and simply asked that people buy an extra jar of peanut butter, an extra box of pasta or bag of rice, or any one of a number of non-perishable foods and drop by their house and put them in the bin they purchased and put in their driveway. When they moved out of the parish, the bin which had been in their driveway was moved behind the Rectory and the ministry lived on and continues to this day. So if you would like to join in helping those in need, please feel free to jump in and turn your busy life into one that also helps those who are less fortunate.

Our Grand Annual Collection has wound down for this year. We ended up with contributions from 447 households for a total of \$167,991 which was just \$2,009 short of our budgeted goal. Many thanks to those who contributed to this extremely important source of revenue for our parish.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Mar. 3-4 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Mar. 3-4 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,663	\$2,759	\$12,422	-\$813	-\$33,585



Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: March 24

- ✘ Prayer ✘ Coffee and refreshments
- ✘ Presentation and discussion

VIA DOLOROSA DVD

In the Via Dolorosa DVD, (the traditional route in Jerusalem along which our Lord traveled during His Passion), you will join the Franciscan friars on their walk through the real Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem.

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

NPH USA is holding their annual **Irish Hearts for Orphans Benefit Dance** on **Sunday, April 15**, at the Boston Marriott Quincy from 3-7pm. This event is fun for the whole family and will feature live Irish music, dancing, raffles, and a silent auction. The grand prize raffle is round-trip airfare for two to Ireland with \$1,000 cash! Committee members will be selling raffle tickets after Masses next weekend, so plan on stopping by a table to enter for a chance to win this great prize—only \$10 per ticket! You can also buy raffle tickets now via your mobile phone by texting **IrishHearts** to **41444**.

Visit www.irishheartsfororphans.com to learn more about how you can support this year's event or to register to attend! Thank you in advance for your support.

Men, give your Lent a boost – attend the Worcester Diocese 18th annual Catholic Men's Conference

March 17th at Assumption College in Worcester

Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders. Confessions will be heard and Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For further information, a Conference brochure, or to register, call 508-929-4345 or visit www.firstmensconf.org.

Parishioner Phil Plageman will be attending—please call 617-696-3170 if you want to rideshare or if you have questions.

A Mass and Healing Service
will be held at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 10 Diamond St., Walpole, MA 02081 on Sunday, March 18th at 2pm with Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.
All those who have physical illnesses as well as those burdened, or suffering emotionally, mentally, spiritually, psychologically, or financially are cordially invited to come and pray with us. You may pray for your own needs or the needs of others.



Upcoming Events
MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER
121 Parks Street
Duxbury, MA 02331

March 14:
Nutritional Awareness & Mindful Movement mini-retreat day 9:30am to 1pm (includes lunch)
Facilitator: Gina Rainwater Thayer

March 15:
Mini Retreat for Women... "If Only You Knew the Gift of God Welling Up Inside of You!"
9:30am to 1pm (includes lunch)
Facilitator: Maureen Casey SND

March 16-18:
Letting the Cross Speak to Our Spiritual Journey
A hands-on meditation on the cross & your spirituality
Facilitator: Tom Umbras, SVD



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

THEY ARE ALIVE! **Thurs. 3/22, 12:15-1:15pm**
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.

Bring a lunch; we provide beverages
To register, see www.emfgp.org or call 617-542-8057



CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session is **Wednesday, March 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!**

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Congratulations to our Grade 2 children who, with their parents, participated in the First Communion Retreat this weekend. They enjoyed a morning of interactive activities designed to help bring them to a fuller awareness of God’s special love that will be theirs in just a few short weeks. The second retreat day is on March 24th for the remainder of the children.

Our Faith Formation students in Grade 4 on Tuesday, and Grades 3 & 4 on Wednesday and Thursday will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Faith Formation sessions this week. Families are invited and welcome to attend in the church at 4pm.

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 Events:

Youth Group 3/11 – 6-8pm

This night is going to be all about getting the most out of what you put into your faith and who we can look to as our “coaches” in faith! It’s going to be epic – don’t miss it!

We’re looking for a new Youth Group Adult Team Member:

Do you have an 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:
Palm Sunday March 25th at 5pm

High School Worship Band:
 Next Mass is March 25th, 5pm!

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

LIVE PASSION PLAY 2018 NOW CASTING:
 On Good Friday, a group of our high school students will put on a live rendition of the Stations of the Cross – the story of Christ’s journey to Calvary. **Now looking for teens to join the cast for Good Friday, 2018. We are offering 20 service hours to those who participate.** Contact Brian Pellicano at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21st – 28th, 2018:
Last Few Spots Filling Up – don’t wait!

Registration is continuing for our high school mission trip to West Virginia! 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!

1 MORE MISSION TRIP ADULT LEADER 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 – 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.


EDGE 8th Grade: Keep your eye on future bulletins for a reunion with adoration and confessions available!

Sincerely,
 Brian Pellicano
 Youth Minister



March Madness

3 x 3 Basketball Tournament



When: Saturday, March 24th @10am–4pm
Where: Saint Agatha School Gym
 440 Adams St, Milton
Cost: \$60 per team registration fee

All proceeds support the high school service trip to help those in need in Appalachia.

- 3 age divisions: 8–9 yr, 10–11 yr, 12–13 yr
- Each team plays at least 2 games
- Winners and losers play off
- The first 20 teams to sign up get a T-shirt
- Winning teams get medals
- Fun tournament for kids, no coaching
- Referees are teen volunteers helping to raise money for the summer trip
- *Good sportsmanship mandatory* 😊

To Register: contact Brian Pellicano at email: bpellicano@stagathaparish.org for a registration form. Complete form and mail in \$60 team fee made payable to St. Agatha Young Church Ministry to: St. Agatha Rectory, 432 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186, Attn: Young Church Ministry by March 20. Detailed schedules and time slots to be determined and emailed to team captains. Contact Brian with any questions.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

Channel 5 Meteorologist Visits Saint Agatha Students in Grades 3, 4 & 5



Our scientists in Grades 3, 4 and 5 had a spectacular time learning about weather with WCVB Channel 5 Meteorologist Kelly Ann Cicalese and were featured on Channel 5's morning "wake up call" this past Thursday.

Please join us at the

BRICK & BEAM
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FOR A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT
SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 13th
From 4pm until 10pm

Located on the border of Quincy and Milton, the Brick & Beam Tavern brings classic American comfort food and casual elegance to a neighborhood steeped in tradition and family.

Please present this certificate at the time of payment to have 15% of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, donated to Saint Agatha School.

705 Adams Street, Quincy, MA 02169 • (617) 481-5434



Saint Agatha School
Milton ~ Quincy
Currently accepting applications
for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Pre-school ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten-Gr 8

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 10	
8:00am	8th Anniversary	Marianne Scarlata
4:30pm	25th Anniversary	Edward F. Barry
Sunday	March 11	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	2nd Anniversary	Thomas "T.C." Cummings
10:30am	Memorial	Bernard & Ellen Bonner and Theresa Bonner
12:00pm	8th Anniversary	Robert Scannell
5:00pm	Memorial	Mary Hayward Shaw & John Shaw, Jr.
Monday	March 12	
7:00am	Anniversary	Gerald F. Muldoon
9:00am	Memorial	Howard Minns
Tuesday	March 13	
7:00am		
9:00am	45th Anniversary & 8th Anniversary	Aloysius T. Flavin & Mary DiRico Flavin
Wednesday	March 14	
7:00am	Anniversary	Lucette Matte
9:00am	Health & Healing	Katie Raimondi
Thursday	March 15	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Irene & Arthur Eldridge
Friday	March 16	
7:00am	Memorial	Dunn-Joyce-Monahan Families
9:00am	34th Anniversary	Robert Vuilleumier
Saturday	March 17	
8:00am	3rd Anniversary	Courtney Kelly
4:30pm	Memorial	Nancy Perella
Sunday	March 18	
7:30am	25th Anniversary	William M. Swanson, Jr.
9:00am	Anniversary	Patrick Tevenan
10:30am	1st Anniversary	Winifred T. Lynch
12:00pm	Anniversary	Connie & John Nigro
5:00pm	5th Anniversary	Stephen Chiavaroli, Sr.

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!!!

