

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

March 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.

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY MASS (March 25)

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon, 5pm



Monday, March 26 • Tuesday, March 27 • Wednesday, March 28

7am and 9am Mass

Wednesday, March 28

6:30pm-8pm—"A Light Is On For You" (Reconciliation)

HOLY THURSDAY March 29

9am—Morning Prayer
7:30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Eucharist until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY March 30

9am—Morning Prayer
3pm—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
5pm—Students re-enact the Way of the Cross. Begins at Cunningham Park and ends at St. Agatha.
7:30pm—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY March 31

9am—Morning Prayer
8pm—Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY April 1

7:30am & 12 noon—will be held in the Upper Church
9am & 10:30am will be held in **both** the Upper Church & Parish Center

Note: No 5pm Mass

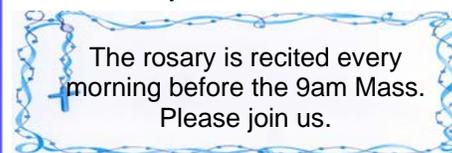
MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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



St. Agatha Parish

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Parish Website: www.stagathaparish.org

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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

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

I'm putting together these remarks on Tuesday, the day we had our third Nor'easter in 2 weeks! I spent the bulk of this day sorting through the multitude of papers in my office – papers that had been piling up for the better part of the last year and a half! I think that “Palardy” in Old French must have meant “packrat”!

When you'll be reading this bulletin, our Mass for St. Patrick's Day will have already occurred, as well as the full Irish breakfast that Mr. Patrick Kelly provided for us after Mass. Later Saturday the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will have taken place. I hope my old little car, nearing 50 years old, will have done as well as it did last year in the Cub Scout version of the “Geezers' Division” race.

I want to give a “shout out” to the St. Agatha School parents and to one of our second-grade teachers, herself a St. Agatha School alumna, Miss Victoria (“Tori”) Perez for their renewed commitment to working at our Bingo game on Monday evenings. We have an incredibly dedicated core group of people who are faithful to working at Bingo every Monday, and have done so for many decades now. It is a tremendous boost for them to have as their co-workers Tori (and other teachers too) and the current generation of St. Agatha School parents. Our Bingo game is a major support to our School, and enables us to keep tuition at a moderate rate.

Speaking of our School, because of Tuesday's storm, the fundraiser at the Brick and Beam Restaurant is postponed until this coming Tuesday March 20th. From 4 until 10pm, 15% of the dinner check will be donated to St. Agatha School. I hope many of our parishioners and School parents will be able to avail themselves of a delicious meal there that night, and thereby support St. Agatha School.

One of the biggest fundraisers of the year, and always a very enjoyable evening, is in store for those who take part in the St. Agatha School Auction next Saturday March 24th at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester. It's an evening of great food and a whole lot of fun. A large number of parents have been working diligently to make this year's Auction the best ever, so I hope to see many of you there.

Another great event will occur earlier on Saturday in our gym: the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament which supports our teens who will be traveling to Appalachia this summer for their annual mission trip.

Congrats to the St. Agatha's (high school) Girls Basketball team and their coach Jim Timmins. They made it to

the Vicariate Final against Gate of Heaven in South Boston. My understanding is that our team, composed mostly of freshmen, played valiantly against a team that was mainly seniors. Although the Southie girls won this year, with their seniors graduating and our team returning next year, we can reasonably expect a reversal of fortune in 2019!

This Wednesday from 7 until 8pm in the Gathering Space we'll have the last of our Adult Faith Formation Sessions for Lent. I'll be speaking on the early Christian images and understanding of the Holy Spirit.

But looking ahead to the Easter Season, we will be blessed to have the well-known Scripture scholar Celia Sirois with us on Tuesday evenings, beginning April 3rd in the Gathering Space. Her topic will be “The Easter Mystery.” More details will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

This Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph who is the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Patron of fathers, carpenters, and all workers, and of course the Patron Saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph whose dedicated ministry has touched many of our lives. St. Joseph's Feast Day this year also marks the 5th Anniversary of the Installation of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

During this final week before Holy Week, may the Lord strengthen us all in deepening our relationship with Him, with one another, and especially with those in greatest need, as we engage in our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and generosity to others. Have a blessed week!

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. Palardy will be presenting “Early Christian images and understanding of the Holy Spirit”.

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



Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Death and New Life

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What image of faith does this reading give you?

Gospel: John 12: 20–33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Pastoral Planning

March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus presents us with an amazing paradox in today’s Gospel. He is telling us that only by death comes life; only by spending our life do we preserve it; and only by service will come greatness. In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to live in a way that goes counter to what the world preaches. We find life, if we live by his word. In the remaining days of Lent, pray for the grace to make the necessary changes in your life so that you can live in imitation of Christ.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

This note is being written on the eve of yet another nor’easter. February was uncharacteristically tame, but March has more than made up for it by living up to its reputation of coming “in like a lion”. Let’s hope that the remainder of that description of March holds true and that the month goes “out like a lamb”! We had thought that we dodged a bullet by not experiencing damage from the first two storms, but last weekend one of the priests noticed the paint flaking from the woodwork near the ceiling to the left of the old choir loft in the Upper Church. Further investigation led us up to the bell tower where it was discovered that water had penetrated through the masonry in several areas due to mortar joints that had failed. The extremely high winds and driving rain which did so much damage in local communities including Quincy and Milton were the culprits. We brought in a company to clean up the area inside the bell tower which was completely saturated and which is now completely dry. We will keep a close eye on the situation to minimize further leakage. This upcoming storm is predicted to be snow and not rain which should help somewhat. We will also be bringing in a structural engineer to assess the masonry problem and recommend a solution. As you can probably imagine, this will be neither an easy nor an inexpensive fix. Stay tuned for further developments.

Jack Riley



EASTER SECOND COLLECTION

This Easter, our parish collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our 590 priests. **Our priests are always there for us;** they share Christ’s good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don’t forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching “@ClergyTrust.” Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



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



Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Mar. 10-11 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Mar. 10-11 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,294	\$2,759	\$12,053	-\$1,182	-\$34,767



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! After Masses this weekend, committee members will be selling raffle tickets. Stop by a table to enter for a chance to win this great prize—only \$10 per ticket! If you don't have time to stop, you can buy raffle tickets 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 for your 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 Weekend is 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/>.



MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER
121 Parks Street
Duxbury, MA 02331

March 23-April 1:
The Triduum Retreat in Holy Week
Facilitators: Miramar Retreat Center Staff



Divine Mercy Sunday April 8

On Sunday, April 8, immediately following the 12 noon Mass, the Legion of Mary invites you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament the Divine Mercy Chaplet
All are welcome!
Please join us.

Spirituality & Service on Tap

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England will be sponsoring a "Spirituality and Service on Tap" event at **Doyle's Cafe** in Jamaica Plain (MA) on **Tuesday evening, March 20, at 6:30pm**. The theme of the evening will be "Spirituality & Service in the Second Half of Life."



This will be a chance for agencies interested in sponsoring Ignatian volunteers or for potential volunteers to come and meet members of the IVC New England community, and learn more about the work of IVC in Boston and elsewhere in New England.

Father Jim Gartland, SJ, rector of Saint Peter Faber Jesuit Community at Boston College and past president of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, will be the featured speaker. For more information, or to **RSVP** (for food count) contact IVC New England at newengland@ivcusa.org. Food will be served. Cash bar.



Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: March 24

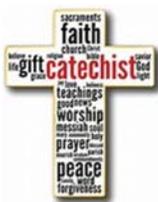
- ✘ Prayer ✘ Coffee and refreshments
- ✘ Presentation and discussion

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

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Our Faith Formation year is quickly coming to an end. Thank you to all our wonderful catechists and volunteers for all your assistance. Our program is totally dependent on the faith-driven help of so many willing parishioners. May God richly reward your efforts to spread the ‘good news’ to our parish children. There will be NO SESSIONS during Holy Week.

Registration forms for the upcoming year will be available by Easter. The deadline for registration is June 1. The Faith Formation Office will be mostly closed during the summer, so there will be little time for registration after the deadline passes. We sincerely request your timely response in order to effectively plan for sessions in the fall.

Grade 3 children who attend sessions on Tuesday will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week at 4pm in the church. Parents are welcome and invited to attend.



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:

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!

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)

Confirmation Upcoming classes:

9th Grade Retreat – Friday, March 23– 5:30-9pm in the Gathering Space.

10th Grade Session 9 – Sunday, March 18 – 3:30-4:50pm in the Gathering Space.

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

**Come join us at the
Saint Agatha School
20th Annual Auction & Gala!**



Saturday, March 24th

Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson Street, Boston, MA

Please email sasauction2018@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation, become a sponsor, or purchase tickets.

Please see new date for the Brick & Beam fundraiser below!

Please join us at the

BRICK & BEAM
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**FOR A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT
SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, March 20th
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 and 4
Kindergarten through Grade 8

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	March 17 3rd Anniversary Memorial	Courtney Kelly Nancy Perella
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	March 18 25th Anniversary Anniversary 1st Anniversary Anniversary 5th Anniversary	William M. Swanson, Jr. Patrick Tevenan Winifred T. Lynch Connie & John Nigro Stephen Chiavaroli, Sr.
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	March 19 Month's Mind 4th Anniversary	Patrick J. Fitzpatrick Dr. Alfred Weber, MD
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	March 20 Memorial 1st Anniversary	Bernice M. Wright John Joseph Freeman, Jr.
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	March 21 Special Intention For the	Nicolas Blanchard Parishioners of St. Agatha
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	March 22 Special Intention Memorial	John Anthony Dufour, Jr. McCarron/Coffey/Shovlan Family
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	March 23 Memorial	Peter Kott
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	March 24 3rd Anniversary Memorial	Ruth Senier Charles & Margaret Duffy and Sister Colette Duffy, SA and Popo Lyew
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	March 25 For the 10th Anniversary 1st Anniversary Birth Memorial Memorial	Parishioners of St. Agatha Peter & Rita O'Connor Carole Lawson Jeanne Sullivan Anna Smyth

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!!!

