

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

March 24-25, 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

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—High School Students reenact
the Way of the Cross in the Upper Church.
(Note change in location)
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

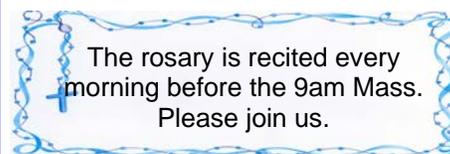
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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

St. Agatha Parish Phone: 617-698-2439
Rectory@StAgathaParish.org Fax: 617-698-1517
Parish Website: www.stagathaparish.org

Clergy

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

Mr. Jack Riley, Finance and Operations Manager
Ms. Kathy Monahan, Administrative Assistant and
Bulletin Editor

Music Ministry

MusicDirector@StAgathaParish.org
Ms. Agata Orzechowska, Director of Music

St. Agatha School Phone: 617-696-3548
School@StAgathaParish.org Fax: 617-696-6288
School Website: www.stagathaparish.org/school

Mr. David Marion, Principal
Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION 617-696-1388
Grades 1-8 FaithFormation@StAgathaparish.org
Mrs. Ellen Cronin, Director
Mrs. Jenn Caputo, Administrative Assistant

Grade 9-11 & Young Church Ministry 617-696-8978
YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org
Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

We celebrate beginning today the most sacred week of the whole Christian year, with Palm/Passion Sunday this weekend. We recall the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Lord, as well as the turn of events that brought Him to the Cross just a few days later. A fine way to symbolize this is to turn the palm branch we receive this weekend into a cross, making it a visible reminder of how the praise and adulation that Jesus received soon changed into hostility that led to His death. The lesson for us all is that we should not be caught up in garnering praise from others, but, as St. Paul put it, to find our glory only in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recognizing the awesome love that Jesus has for each one of us, as He submitted Himself to excruciating pain and shame, so that He might draw each one of us to Himself and to share in the eternal glory of His resurrection from the dead, let us try to be present at the blessed events that we commemorate in the Sacred Triduum. Our Art and Environment ministers, our organist, other instrumentalists, cantors, and choir, our other lay ministers, deacons, and priests offer you our best efforts so that the Lord may touch your hearts and lives very deeply at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday Evening, at the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil Saturday night, and all the Easter Masses on Sunday. Please try to make the time in your schedules to renew your own faith in and love for the Lord by praying with and for your sisters and brothers in Christ who form the St. Agatha Parish family, during these beautiful, poignant, and sacred liturgies Thursday through Sunday.

The liturgical schedule for Holy Week here at St. Agatha's can be found on the cover of this bulletin. I point out several items. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday there are no morning Masses, but Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at 9am all 3 days in the Chapel. On Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper concludes, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 10pm. On Good Friday, in addition to Morning Prayer, there will be two Liturgies of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 3 and 7:30pm. At 5pm some of our high school students will reenact the Way of the Cross in the Upper Church. On Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm with the full Initiation of our two catechumens Carmen and Nicole, and the Reception into the Church of Elizabeth and Christopher who will receive Confirmation and their First Eucharist. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers. Finally, on Easter Sunday we'll have the regular Sunday morning Mass schedule, with a second Mass at 9 and 10:30 in the Parish Center (gym). There

will be no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday. (The one and only collection at the Easter Masses supports the health care and retirement needs of the priests of our Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity).

This Wednesday will be the last evening for "The Light Is on for You." Confessions will be heard in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel from 6:30 until 8pm, and if a lot of people come this week, there will be more than one priest hearing Confessions. In that case, we'll use the sacristy and, if necessary, a back pew in the chapel as well.

Finally, in local sports news, two weeks ago, on Sunday March 11, St Agatha's 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball team defeated St. Raphael of Medford to win the 2018 Archdiocese of Boston CYO Basketball Championship. The score was 61-58; the game was played at Catholic Memorial HS in West Roxbury. Hearty congrats to the players and their coach Ed Tobin!

Have a very blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Palardy



EASTER SUNDAY – ONLY ONE COLLECTION

Next week, our Easter collection will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. **Our priests are always there for us**, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25 to 20222** (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust.**" Our priests thank you for your prayers and support.

Envelope users: please use just one envelope for your Easter donation, although you received two in your envelope packet.

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!

Vespers will be held on Sunday evenings at 7pm starting on February 25th in the Lower Church.



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read **Reflect** **Respond**

THEME: Jesus dies for us.

As you hear this powerful hymn from the early church, what words or phrases strike you in it? Which line of this ancient hymn touches your heart?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

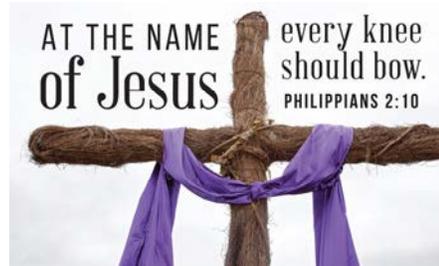
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastoral Planning

March 25 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Even though we know how today's scripture ends, can we listen and ponder as if we are hearing it for the first time? "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Do your words confess that Jesus is Lord? Are we ready and willing to share Christ's extraordinary love for us with others? Trust that the Lord will give us well-trained tongues, that we might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Then, invite someone to join you next week for Easter Mass.



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

One of the most successful youth programs we have had for many, many years has been our basketball program. The 2017-2018 season was no exception. The season is now winding down for both the In-House and CYO Travel programs. Over 300 hundred youngsters ranging in age from 5 to 14 participated this year in our In-House program. In addition to that experience we participate in the Archdiocesan CYO program which involves playing against other parish teams from this part of the diocese. The St. Agatha program has been a strong one for 65 years, and this year was another season of fun, teamwork and team accomplishments. Our own version of "March Madness" involves two tournaments—the Vicariate Tournament and the State CYO Tournament. In the Vicariate Tournament St. Agatha teams won FOUR championships! Our 11th and 12th Grade Boys coached by Steve Cloonan won their division; we swept the 7th and 8th Division with the Girls coached by Rile Rhodes and John Costello and the Boys coached by Ed Tobin both winning; and for the second season in a row the Boys 5th & 6th Grade team coached by Tony Ciccione was victorious. And then there was the State Tournament in which there were THREE St. Agatha teams—the 7th & 8th Grade Boys and Girls mentioned above and the High School Girls team coached by Jim Timmins. All three teams won their First Round games, and the 7th & 8th Grade Boys teams went on to win the State Championship and will be playing in the New England CYO Tournament in Connecticut next month. (See picture) Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who played this year and many thanks to the Coaches and Coordinators who work many hours from November until March to make sure things run smoothly. A special thanks to Brain Burns who coordinated the Travel Program and to our Sports Advisory Board who worked tirelessly to insure that the season was a success.

Because we have a much earlier Bulletin deadline due to Holy Week and Easter, the Weekly Offertory Collection for the weekend of March 17th-18th was not available for publication. The total will be in next week's Bulletin.

Jack Riley

St Agatha's 7-8th grade boys' basketball team is headed to CT to compete in the New England CYO Tournament. Good luck and kudos to the players and Coach Ed Tobin!



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.*



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://www.mema.org/>.

Dear Saint Agatha Parishioners,

Thank you for your support of our recent Gala, **Building Hope Together: Voices of Saint Rock**. Due to your generous support and a matching grant from the Flatley Foundation, we were able to raise over \$400,000 for the operation of our Clinic and Community Development programs in Saint Rock, Haiti.

Much of the success of the evening rested on a generous matching grant from the Flatley Foundation. Longtime SRHF supporters, Hugh and Beth Anne Cole, served as honorary chairs of the event.

The evening began with a special blessing offered by Fr. Palardy. Master of Ceremonies Eileen Curran narrated a new video titled *Voices of Saint Rock* which focused on a day in the life of the clinic there. Eileen recorded most of the footage during a trip she recently took to Saint Rock. During the evening she asked the crowd to help fund a new ambulance for SRHF that will be used for the mobile clinic and to transport critically ill patients to the hospital. Guests lifted their bid numbers to raise close to \$50,000 for the ambulance.

The evening concluded with a raffle and door prizes. John Bacon was the lucky winner of the Lottery Board. We hope to see you all there next year!

With gratitude,

The Saint Rock Haiti Foundation



Fr. Coughlin, Pat Regan, Fr. Powers, Paula Clasby and Fr. McLaughlin enjoying the festivities at The Saint Rock Haiti Foundation's annual Gala.



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Thank you and congratulations to our parish children and their parents who attended the First Communion retreats recently. The children all were happy to plant some seeds and are now anxiously waiting for them to sprout. Just like our little ones themselves they were sown in faith, and grown with love.

There will be NO SESSIONS of Faith Formation during Holy Week.

Registration forms for the upcoming year will be available shortly after Easter. The deadline for registration is June 1. The Faith Formation Office will be only sporadically staffed after school gets out, 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.



CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group Upcoming Events:
Palm Sunday Youth Group 3/25 – 6-8pm!
 This night is going to help us gear up for the Triduum and make this Easter the best one we've ever had!

Good Friday Movie Night! 3/30 – 6:30pm
 Come to the Life Teen space below the gym on Good Friday at 6:30pm to watch the Mel Gibson's *The Passion of Christ*

Pizza & Prayer Night 4/3 – 6:30-8pm
 This is a great night to come get some free food and learn how to pray for real!

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:
 We will provide music for EASTER Mass at 10:30am in the Parish Center (gym)! **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 guitarist, and a vocalist!**

PASSION PLAY 2018:
 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.

Looking for more boys 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:
 Registration is almost full 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!

Thank you to the adults who have volunteered to help lead the trip! We're full up!

Confirmation Upcoming classes:

Upcoming Mandatory Retreat:
10th grade: April 8th 11:15am-6pm in the Gathering Space includes the 5pm Mass (lunch provided, but those with dietary restrictions please bring your own)

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

In the Joy of Christ,
 Brian Pellicano
 Youth Minister



One of our very important Ministries is visiting and bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners who are unable to get to Mass. While many of them enjoy watching daily Mass on Catholic TV, their opportunities to receive the Eucharist are limited. We are very much in need of volunteer Eucharistic Ministers so that we can meet the increasing number of requests from people in need of the spiritual comfort and strength they receive from receiving the Eucharist. If you can spare even a few hours per month volunteering in this vital outreach ministry please call Del Staunton at 617-696-1032.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

St. Agatha School is hosting a series of “Walk-in Wednesdays” for families considering enrollment in the Early Childhood (ages 3 & 4), Kindergarten (age 5), and Grade 1 programs. Come and check it out, meet the teachers, see the classes in action, and picture your child stepping into our classroom in September! No need to register in advance, but please check-in at the school office at 8:45am. **Walk-In Wednesdays are March 28, April 4, 11, & 28** from 9–10am. 440 Adams St., Milton. Registration information will be available.



St. Agatha School students wore green for NPH on Friday, March 16th. Miss Perez's second grade class also celebrated St. Patrick's Day!



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

Celebrate Christian Values • Excel in Education

Bingo Night

• **Every Monday** •
Doors Open @ 4:30pm
BINGO begins at 6:40pm

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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	Palm Sunday Parishioners of St. Agatha Peter & Rita O'Connor Carole Lawson Jeanne Sullivan Anna Smyth
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	March 26 Anniversary	Reardon Reynolds Families
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	March 27 Special Intention Memorial	Capplis Family and Lisa & Phil Hanlon Colman O'Donnell
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	March 28 4th Anniversary Month's Mind	Margaret M. Cronin and Albert E. Cronin
Thursday 9:00am 7:30pm	March 29	Holy Thursday Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 9:00am 3:00pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	March 30	Good Friday Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Way of the Cross Reenactment Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 9:00am 8:00pm	March 31	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer Easter Vigil
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	April 1	Easter Upper Church Upper Church & Parish Center Upper Church & Parish Center Upper Church

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.



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