

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

April 14-15, 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.



*“I will lie down and
sleep in peace, for you
alone, O LORD, make
me dwell in safety.”*

Psalm 4:8, NIV

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.

Upcoming Activities

April 17: Celia Sirois, "The Resurrection and the Life" presentation
Adult Faith Formation, 7-8:30 pm in the Gathering Space

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Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan
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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
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Music Ministry

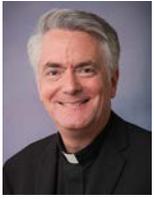
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YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org
Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

Hearty congratulations to our 7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Team together with their coach Ed Tobin for winning the New England CYO Championship on Divine Mercy Sunday in Connecticut!

Great job! You've done your parish proud.

It's no coincidence that the Easter Season lasts 50 days, while Lent was (only) 40 days. Penitence and self-denial which characterize Lent yield to the joy and celebration of Easter. While Lenten fasting and abstinence are no longer the order of the day, prayer and almsgiving (generous responsiveness to the needs of others – spiritually, emotionally, materially) are still activities that mark us out as belonging to Christ crucified and risen from the dead. Our Easter joy is rooted in Christ's sharing with us the victory He won over sin and death by His own death and glorious resurrection. So, how should we respond? Well, by spending time with Him regularly in public liturgical prayer with our sisters and brothers at Mass and in other settings of communal prayer, offering Christ our heartfelt thanks and love, as well as spending time with Christ in personal prayer. In addition, equally important is that we notice and respond to the needs of others, assisting them in whatever way we can, so that they may have whatever is burdening them lessened, and some of the joy of Easter that fills our own hearts may overflow into theirs.

Last week I went to see the movie, "Paul, the Apostle of Christ." It's set in Rome in the 60s when St. Paul was imprisoned and the Roman Emperor Nero was persecuting the Christian community there. The movie can be difficult to watch at certain moments when there are fairly graphic depictions of Christians being tortured and murdered. I was deeply affected by it, because while we can read about something and learn intellectually about it, when we actually see it in full color before us, it has, at least for me, a much longer lasting impact. I marveled at the awesome courage of these Roman Christians, our forebears, and thought about how much value they placed on their loyalty to Christ in such fearful and unstable times. They were willing to risk their very lives so that the Christian faith could live and spread, and pass from their generation all the way down through history to you and me today. They could have saved their skin by denying Christ, but instead they remained steadfast often at great personal cost, even at the cost of their own lives on this earth. What a debt we owe to them! We are disciples of Christ today because of these courageous and heroic women and men. It's

good once in a while to be shaken up a bit by a movie like this, and to ask ourselves some serious questions. Would I risk my life in such circumstances, if that's what faithfulness to Christ demanded? Do I strive to live my life according to Christ's principles? Do I acknowledge that I am a Christian only when it is "safe" to do so? Do I fit Christ into my schedule, worshipping and obeying Him only when it is convenient, and I have nothing "more important" or "more entertaining" to do? Do I decry the lack of Christ-like attitudes and actions in others and in the world around me, while being comfortable myself in acting in un-Christ-like ways? Do I bemoan the rapid decline in Christian values in our society, while absolving myself of my responsibility to model Christ-like behavior for the generation that follows mine? Think of our sisters and brothers in Christ in other parts of the world today where there is no freedom of religion and who are targeted for persecution because they hold fast to their Christian faith. They are the true heirs to the heroic Christian witnesses whose lives are depicted in "Paul, the Apostle of Christ." But, so are we, every time we make Christ rather than convenience or personal comfort the center of our lives. And, thankfully, as the good and loving Shepherd He is, after we fall short or even fail miserably, whenever we turn back to Him, Christ always wants to carry us on His shoulders, welcome us back to the flock, and give us a fresh start. Christ's mercy endures forever.

Have a blessed and truly joyful Easter Season!

Fr. Palardy



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.



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

THEME: Being able to see the Risen Christ.

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What image comes to mind from this reading?

Gospel : Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Pastoral Planning

April 15 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the terrible things happening in our world?" Jesus responds to his disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. That means that as his disciples, we are not meant to stay in the upper room – that place of fear and confusion. Rather Jesus sends his disciples out into the world. Take with you today the message of Easter joy, the message that is for all people.

There are lots of things going on in the School which is showing renewed signs of vitality. One of the exciting initiatives is the initial development of an alumni organization. We were privileged to have four distinguished alumna of the school from the 1950s and early 1960s with us for the School Auction which was held recently at the Venezia Function Room. We have now begun collecting all of the Eighth Grade Class Pictures which we hope to have framed and hung on the walls of the school. When we compile the list of missing pictures we'll put the list in the bulletin and ask anyone who has one of the missing years to let us borrow it for copying. If you are a St. Agatha School graduate and would like to be involved in this effort, please give me a call at the Rectory or send an e-mail to operations@stagathaparish.org

Another exciting school activity will be a fundraiser like no other we have ever conducted. This will be a raffle for a 2018 Ford Escape with a value of \$25,000 which will be on display soon in front of the school or church. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the financial support of the school. Only 500 tickets will be sold so the odds of winning are very good and tickets will go fast. The \$100 tickets are on sale now and are available at the school, the rectory and through the web site. So if you would like to support the school and also have a chance to win a brand new car, we'd love to have you participate.

And one final exciting note! Our 7th-8th Grade Boys CYO Basketball team coached by Ed Tobin won the New England Championship! After beating teams from New Hampshire and Rhode Island on Saturday, they won the Championship by handily defeating Connecticut 63-48 on Sunday. Our entire parish community has reason to be very proud of the boys and their coach, because they not only won but were great ambassadors for the parish. Congratulations to them and also to their parents for their support throughout the season.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Apr. 7-8 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Apr. 7-8 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,476	\$2,791	\$13,267	\$32	-\$33,649



Join us on Tuesday evenings continuing **through May 1st** as well-known Scripture scholar Celia Sirois will be speaking on **"The Resurrection and The Life."** Sponsored by CHRISM, this Adult Faith Formation program will take place in the Gathering Space from 7-8:30pm. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per session.

Bereavement Support Group Walking through Grief

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year(s)? You aren't alone.



Sessions for those experiencing loss through death of a family member or friend begin **April 17, for 7 consecutive Tuesdays, ending May 29th from 6pm-7:30pm.**

LOCATION: Rectory of St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Milton. Sponsored by the Milton Catholic Churches. The facilitators are Pastoral Associate Harry Feldmann and Mental Health Counselor Linda Garvey-Dickey, Social Worker Linda McKay. For further information or to pre-register call Harry at 617-696-0120.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats May 5 & June 2

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy."

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, June 2. Locations are confidential and in different parts of the Archdiocese to facilitate attendance. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



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



EMPOWER A GIRLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR GRADES 6-8

Come and learn how to lead as a girl in today's world at EMPOWER, a girls leadership conference sponsored by Fontbonne Academy's Ducks in Action Service and Leadership Team. Hear from captivating speakers, engage in leadership building activities, and participate in interactive modules.

Date: April 22 Time: 9am -2pm

Fontbonne Academy Milton, MA

REGISTER NOW

WWW.FONTBONNEACADEMY.ORG

\$ 20 Registration Fee

Questions ?

Email ducksinaction@fontbonneacademy.org



FIND YOUR GREATNESS
Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 2 -6pm at Holy Family Church in Duxbury. Dynamic Catholic's Dr. Alan Hunt and

singer-songwriter George Lower will lead this event. Don't miss the opportunity to discover the four powerful habits that will help you reach your full potential and greatness in this engaging and interactive program. Tickets at www.dynamiccatholic.com/events. For more information, Jeanne Cregan at 781-934-5055 x114 or jcregan@holyfamilyduxbury.org.

Upcoming Activities



MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER 121 Parks Street Duxbury, MA 02331

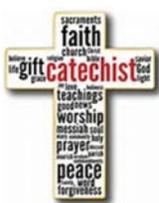
April 16: **Mini Retreat for Women... 'Easter: A Time to Share in Jesus' Risen Joy'** (9:30am to 1pm, includes lunch)

Facilitator: Maureen Casey SND

April 21: **Knitting into the Mystery** Experiencing the spiritual and emotional benefits of sharing our insights, our stories and our craft (10am to 3pm, includes lunch)

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Registrations for the fall sessions of Faith Formation are available on the parish website and at the doors of the church. Families are strongly urged to register before the deadline of June 1, 2018, to ensure placement in a class.



We understand that there are many activities that require registration for the fall, but we hope that our families will 'put faith first' and **set Faith Formation as the priority activity** with the other activities scheduled around that.



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:

Wednesday, April 18

12 noon –Hiking Blue Hills with Brian! Meet at the Houghton's Pond Parking Lot at Noon

- Will be about a 4.5 mile hike, bring a bagged lunch and water – can pick kids up around 5pm
- If parents want to join, you are more than welcome!

Sunday, April 22 – Boston Bowling Trip

Meet at the parish behind the gym at 1:15pm with \$20

- Cost covers 2 games, shoes, and snacks – additional arcade or food items require additional money

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: Sunday, April 22, 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 percussionist, a pianist, a guitarist, and a vocalist!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21st – 28th:

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!

In the joy of Christ,
 Brian Pellicano
 Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator

Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore
 Men's Prayer Gathering
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: April 21



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

**MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL:
 FR. NEUBECKER, OMV**

Men, come for fellowship, recharging, and hearing one priest's story in the Lord's vineyard.

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

**Oblates of the Virgin Mary
 2nd Annual Oblate Gala**
 Seaport Hotel in the
 Plaza Ballroom
 in Boston
Saturday, May 5th 2018



*Cocktail hour and silent auction begins at 5:30pm
 Dinner will be served at 7:00pm.*
 For tickets, sponsorship or more information please visit
www.omvusa.org/donate/annual-gala/ or

Call [617-536-4141](tel:617-536-4141).

The Oblates serve at St. Francis Chapel in the Prudential Center Mall, St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine in downtown Boston and St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton. All proceeds go to support the Oblate seminarian vocations and formation.



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

The final **“Walk-in Wednesday”** is **April 25** for families considering enrollment in St. Agatha School 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 from 9–10am. 440 Adams St., Milton. Registration information will be available.



Saint Agatha School students in Grades K2 and Grade 1 welcomed 16 chicks into their classrooms. A sure sign Spring is coming!

WIN A 2018 FORD ESCAPE

\$100 each ticket
 (max. of 500 tickets sold!)



\$25,000
 value

not actual car

Tickets are on sale now and available at the School, the Rectory or through the website.

All proceeds to benefit St. Agatha School
 Drawing to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018
 after the St. Agatha Road Race in Cunningham Park

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	April 14 9th Anniversary 14th Anniversary	Kathleen Melia Kevin Ryan
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	April 15 Anniversary Anniversary 12th Anniversary Anniversary	Michael & Mary C. O’Toole Joseph Corso Andrew J. Veneto, Sr. Mary & Martin Heavey For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday 8:00am	April 16 Memorial	Patriot’s Day Audrey & M. Joseph Manning
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 17 Anniversary Memorial	Lucille & Armand Matte Francis & Mary Leonard
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 18 Successful Surgery & Healing Anniversary	Marian Arrowsmith Joan Torracco
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	April 19 Anniversary 60th Wedding	Msgr. Ralph Gallagher Anniversary Celebration for Joe & Joan Clifford
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	April 20 7th Anniversary	Elizabeth Ryan
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	April 21 20th Anniversary	Vincent Carolan
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	April 22 For the Memorial Anniversary 3rd Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Lloyd & Dorothy Douglass and sons Bob & Paul Ellen Keegan William Collins

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!!!

