

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

April 21-22, 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

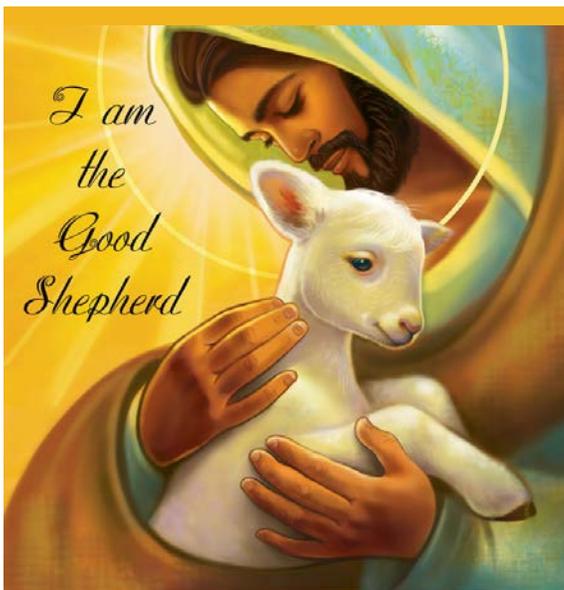
Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm
on Saturdays. Any other time
by appointment

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 Activities

- April 24:** Celia Siros, "The Resurrection and the Life" presentation
Adult Faith Formation, 7-8:30 pm
in the Gathering Space
- April 25:** The final "Walk-In Wednesday" to visit the Early Childhood programs at Saint Agatha School.
9-10am, check-in at the school office at 8:45am



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

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Agatha Parish is a Christian Community of Catholics from Milton, Quincy and beyond, whose Mission is to demonstrate Love by:

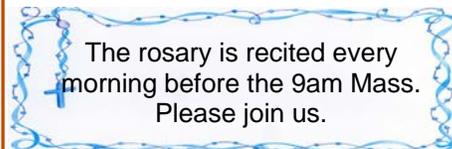
- proclaiming and celebrating God's Presence on earth;
- being open and welcoming to all;
- reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far; providing opportunities for prayer, service, education and recreation.
- In living this Mission, we accept our responsibility for giving witness to the Gospel 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.



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

St. Agatha Parish

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Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan
Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence
Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence
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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

Now that it is well into spring, though it certainly doesn't feel that way, we have many events taking place at our parish and school.

Celia Sirois' presentations on "The Resurrection and the Life" continue each Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Gathering Space through May 1st. Our second-graders in the School and in Faith Formation will be receiving their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday and next at 11am and 1pm both days. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. It is also a great time to re-enroll your children in St. Agatha School and in Faith Formation for next year. It is also a great time to give serious thought and prayer to being a catechist in order to hand on to the next generation the precious treasure of our Catholic faith and fostering their friendship with and love for Jesus Christ by your words and example. Our High School Youth Group has a lot planned now and for later in the summer, especially the Mission Trip to Appalachia from July 21-28, and the Steubenville East Conference in Lowell from July 13-15.

Any St. Agatha alums who were blessed to have Ms. Jean Mara as their teacher are invited to a celebration in her honor on Tuesday April 24th from 1 until 2:15 in the gym. There will be a bake sale and other activities, and Jean herself will be there. All proceeds will assist Jean with her medical expenses. In other School news, raffle tickets are now on sale for a 2018 black Ford Escape. The drawing of the winning ticket will take place on Saturday June 2nd following the 4th Annual St. Agatha School 5K Race and Walk. Only \$500 tickets will be sold, each at \$100. The car will be on display soon in our parking lot to perk up your interest!

As many of you know, we have a number of changes to some of our key staff members here at St. Agatha's. As I mentioned in this column 2 weeks ago Mrs. Ellen Cronin, together with Mrs. Jenn Caputo, very generously stepped forward to lead our Faith Formation Program of Grades 1-6 this year. An interview team is working with me to sort through the resumes we have received, and in the near future we shall be interviewing applicants for this position. Mr. Brian Pellicano will be leaving us in June to enroll in a program that leads to becoming a physician's assistant. Brian will have been here 3 years and has been an integral member of our staff and will be very much missed for his work in youth ministry here, for the many relationships he has formed and facilitated with and among us, and for his unflagging, joyful spirit, fueled by his love for Christ.

Soon we'll be soliciting resumes from applicants for his position of Youth Minister/7-10th Grade Faith Formation Director. As members of the St. Agatha School community know, Mr. David Marion will be leaving us after this school year, and we have an interview team going through the resumes of applicants for the Principal position here, and in the near future will be having interviews. So please pray for these fine people who have served us well and will be moving to new ventures, and pray for me and our interview teams that we will receive the Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom in selecting the right people to fill these extremely important positions. We do have one key position filled already. Ms. Lisa Gulino will be joining our staff in mid-May as our new Pastoral Associate. Lisa is currently teaching at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky, and defending her Doctor of Ministry dissertation at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Lisa has been involved in a wide variety of ministerial roles in her life. She was Diocesan Director of Faith Formation for 10 years in Fall River, and for 7 years in Providence. Lisa has extensive parish experience as well, and has much expertise in adult faith formation. Lisa hails from Attleboro and has recently found housing here in Milton. As we as a parish strive to deepen our understanding and practice of our faith, and attract others through our evangelization efforts to the wisdom and beauty of our Catholic way of life, Lisa, I am sure, will provide wonderful guidance, inspiration, and energy. Within the next couple of weeks, Lisa will introduce herself to us in a future bulletin. Please pray for her as she prepares to join our parish staff.

A final note: Deacon Baldemar Garza will in less than a month, God willing, become Father Baldemar Garza. Because of his ministry here since last summer, and the many lives he has touched, St. Agatha's will be having a bus leave from our parking lot at 7:45 am on Saturday May 19th to transport parishioners to the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Health (Mission Church) in Boston for his priestly ordination. The bus will return to our parking lot immediately after the ordination. A further privilege for us, however, is that the next day, Sunday May 20th, the then Fr. Garza will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving (First Mass) here at St. Agatha Church at noon, followed by a reception and his imparting of his First Priestly Blessing in the Parish Center (gym). More information to follow, but mark your calendars now!

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Palardy

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus is the Good Shepherd..

As you hear this lovely reading about Jesus as shepherd, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Gospel : John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Pastoral Planning

April 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

“I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me.” These words from today’s Gospel hold both comfort and challenge! Are we willing to respond to what Christ asks of us? We are not asked to “go it alone.” We have the promise of Christ’s presence as we go out to others and share the “Good News.” Take time this week in prayer to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.

Fontbonne Academy is currently looking for a couple of Homestays for our international students. These are high school students between the ages of 14-17, some are from China, Vietnam and Korea.



If you are interested in hosting an international student please contact Paola Pietrantozzi.

Email: ppietrantozzi@fontbonneacademy.org or **call** at 617-512-4142.



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.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Is Spring ever coming? Back in early February Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, which supposedly meant 6 more weeks of Winter. I’m beginning to wonder whether they meant six MONTHS instead of six weeks! It’s too bad he couldn’t have somehow warned us about the cold, wet and blustery March and April we have had! But so often we seem to skip right over springtime weather and move into real warmth. In fact, the variability of the weather is one of the challenges we face at this time of year since it makes temperature control difficult - particularly in the Church. Some days it is warm or even hot during the day, but cool or cold at night. Sometimes it is warm all day and never really cools at night. And on other days it can be just plain cool all day and night. So regulating the temperature in the Church can be more art than science. Both the heat (via the new boilers) and the air conditioning (via the a/c unit beside the side door of the Church) for the Lower Church are moved through the space by the Air Handling Unit (AHU) and fan boxes located in the ceiling. This system allows for the constant flow of regulated air which mixes in fresh outside air as well. The heat in the Upper Church is provided directly from the boilers through fin tube radiation in the walls, while the air conditioning is provided by dual condensers behind the Church. So as you can see it is a multi-faceted system that can be difficult to balance. Added to that complexity is the wide variety of preferences we all have for the ideal temperature. So thank you in advance for your patience, and please feel free to provide me with any feedback you think would be helpful in making the system better.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Apr. 14-15 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Apr. 14-15 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,287	\$2,887	\$13,174	-\$61	-\$33,710

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 continue, for **6 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.



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 Retreats

“Celebrating Women,” a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am – 12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30am) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required.

Women’s Weekend Retreat: “A Retreat with a Special Person,” will be held at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA May 4-6, 2018. *Invite your mother, daughter, sister, friend or any other special woman to spend quality time together. Deepen the bonds with someone who matters much to you.*



Contact Peggy at timeoutretreats@comcast.net or call 508-548-9149. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.



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



\$25,000 value

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

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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

SWEETHEART SOIREE: Purchase Tickets now!

Girls from K-5 bring their favorite sweetheart for a night of dancing, photo-taking, face-painting, raffles and more!

St. Agatha School Gym - Friday, May 4th, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM - \$25/couple or \$35/family
Limited Tickets may be available at the door, so be sure to buy ahead!

This event is one of the highlights of our spring! It's a dance for girls in grades K-5 to bring their favorite man and have a ball in the SAS gym. This is a vital fundraiser for our summer service trip to WV, so thank you all in advance for your support.

To Purchase tickets: Complete form available at www.stagathaparish.org/ycm and mail it in / drop it off to the rectory office at 432 Adams St., Milton with a check made payable to St. Agatha Church, Memo: ASP Dance due **by May 1st**. Questions? Contact Brian Pellicano; Email: bpellicano@stagathaparish.org

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Let's be honest. Agreeing to teach kids about the faith is a daunting prospect. Many people feel that being a catechist is something that just isn't for them; or maybe they'll get to it 'someday'. But let's take a look at some reasons why being a catechist is right for you.



1. We all are called to continue to grow in our own faith, and **the best way to learn is to teach**. When you instruct others, your own understanding increases. If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.
2. In today's chaotic world, people are searching for what is real and what isn't. **Catechists speak the truth** about God, faith and morals. The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.
3. Ask young people who their role models or heroes are, and you'll get a litany of movie and sports stars. While looking good and being athletic are fine qualities, young people also need examples of ordinary people who do the right thing just because it is the right thing. As a catechist, you get to **model behaviors** young people might not learn anywhere else.
4. In these difficult economic times, families are struggling with rising prices and shrinking incomes. Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource — your time. You might not be able to donate as much money as you would like, but **we all have time and talent to share**.
5. Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you **put a high priority on religious education**. You may find you are teaching them as much by your example as you are your students by your lesson plan.
6. Spending time with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you **renewed energy and vitality**. Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints. Not to mention there's nothing like it when a kid "gets" one of the tenets of the faith.
7. At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:19-20). By teaching the next generation about the Good News, **you are fulfilling your part** of the Great Commandment. It may be the most important thing you will ever do.

Registration for Faith Formation continues until June 1. Please consider becoming a catechist; the little ones of our parish are depending on you.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



Youth Group Upcoming Events:

TODAY: April 22nd – Bowling Trip! Meet at 1:15 behind SAS Gym with \$20 to join our outing to Boston Bowl Today!

May 6th – Spring BBQ / Bonfire / Ultimate Frisbee / Lawn Game Tourney! After the 5pm Mass!

Check out next week's bulletin for the rest of our May events!

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND– July 13th-15th, 2018

REGISTRATIONS OPEN! Steubenville East is a thrilling weekend where teens from all over New England will gather to witness a professional band, full light show, internationally recognized speakers, and an experience they won't find anywhere else. This year's weekend will be at UMass Lowell. It is first come, first serve with only 15 spots! So sign up by contacting Brian Pellicano, our youth minister while spots last! **Cost is only \$230 and the deadline to sign up is END OF MAY!** We have 4 spots filled already – they'll go fast so don't wait! **SPECIAL NOTE: Going to one Steubenville Weekend excuses you from BOTH years of Confirmation retreats.** For more info please visit the website: www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/. **View the promotional video** – visit YouTube and search: "Steubenville Promo 2018", then click the first video

We're looking for a new Youth Group Adult Team Member: 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: TONIGHT – April 22nd 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, 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! **Thank you to the adults who have volunteered to help lead the trip! We're full up!**

CONFIRMATION DATES:

Confirmation Rehearsals: Tuesday, May 8th & Wednesday, May 9th

Confirmation Masses will be held: Tuesday, May 15th & Wednesday, May 16th

In the joy of Christ,
 Brian Pellicano

Dinner With Friends at the Ninety Nine Restaurant

There was a nice turnout at the Ninety Nine Restaurant's **Dining for a Cause Fundraiser** to benefit Saint Agatha School. A sea of smiling faces and Saint Agatha School uniforms welcomed the many families and parishioners who came together to enjoy a good meal and good company on Wednesday, April 11th. Thank you for supporting Saint Agatha School!



4th Annual Saint Agatha School 5K Race and Walk • June 2, 2018

Saint Agatha School is excited to coordinate the **4th Annual Saint Agatha School 5K Race and Walk**. The Saint Agatha 5K brings together students, teachers, parents, parishioners and friends from Milton and neighboring towns in a way that is healthy, fun and exciting. One hundred percent of the funds raised for this event will benefit the school. We hope that you and/or your company will consider sponsoring this event. For more information and to get a Sponsorship Enrollment form, please call the school at 617-696-3548. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The current St. Agatha School community extends an invitation to any St. Agatha School alumni/alumnae who were students of Ms. Jean Mara to come to a celebration in her honor on Tuesday April 24th from 1:00-2:15pm in the school gym. Please feel free to stop by and say hello to Jean. We will be hosting a bake sale with all proceeds to assist with Ms. Mara's medical expenses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	April 21 20th Anniversary	Vincent Carolan
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	April 22 Memorial	For the Parishioners of St. Agatha Lloyd & Dorothy Douglass and sons Bob & Paul
12:00pm 5:00pm	Anniversary 3rd Anniversary	Ellen Keegan William Collins
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	April 23 Birth Memorial	Della Boland
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 24 45th Anniversary 8th Anniversary	Aloysius Thomas Flavin and Mary DiRico Flavin
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 25 Memorial	James Haley
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	April 26 1st Anniversary Birth. Memorial	Brian Carey Bernice M. Wright
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	April 27 25th Anniversary Birth. Memorial	Rita Jones Ruth Kenney & Jane Celata
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	April 28 2nd Anniversary Memorial	Noreen McNamara Robert Fitzgerald & Theresa Hayes
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	April 29 For the 7th Anniversary 10th Anniversary 3rd Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Joseph Greene Kathryn G. Segalla and John S. Segalla
12:00pm 5:00pm	3rd Anniversary 14th Anniversary	Mary Eldridge David C. Cobban

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!!!

