

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

May 5-6, 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.



This Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are Wed., May 9 at 5:30pm and Thurs., May 10 at 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm.

CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY



The next session is Wednesday, **May 9**. The morning session is from 9:30-11am in the Gathering Space (lower church).

There will be No evening session. Bring an old project

or start a new one. **All are Welcome!**

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.

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

Deacon Baldemar Garza, Seminarian Intern

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Mr. Brian T. Pellicano



A Note from Our Pastor,

As we are now in the month of May, we turn our thoughts to Mary our Blessed Mother. Our First Communicants placed flowers at the statue of Mary in the sanctuary of the upper church to conclude their First Communion Masses, reminding them and all of us that when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we must never forget His Mother Mary from whose flesh He came, and in whose heart there is a special place for each one of us who through Baptism have become Christ's sisters and brothers. In addition, at the conclusion of our 9am Family Mass this weekend, one of the First Communicants will place a crown on Mary's statue, as a further sign of our love and devotion. Let's try to make time during these beautiful May days for a Rosary, or, if not an entire Rosary, a decade of the Rosary, or, at the very least, a Hail Mary. I find in my own life that a few minutes with the Blessed Mother help me maintain or recover my focus, as she lovingly points me towards her Son, the source of true peace and joy.

As our Faith Formation program draws to a close at this time of year, and as St. Agatha School begins to count down the days until the summer vacation, this is a good time to express our deep gratitude to Ellen Cronin, Brian Pellicano, Jenn Caputo and the many catechists and other volunteers of our Faith Formation program, and to thank David Marion and all the teachers and staff of St. Agatha School. Also deserving of our sincere appreciation are the parents who volunteer at lunch, or who organize and carry out the many fundraisers during the year. I am also extremely grateful to our Bingo workers many of whom have given their time, talents, and energy on Monday nights for many, many years. I also want to thank Ms. Tori Perez and the increasing number of parents whose children are currently enrolled in our School who are committing themselves to work at Bingo on a regular basis and who recognize what a financial benefit this provides for the students and families of St. Agatha School. Those who play and those who work at our Bingo truly make it possible for St. Agatha School to thrive. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Please continue to pray for the boys and girls of our parish and school who have just celebrated their First Holy Communion, and for the young men and women here who will be confirmed a little over a week from now.

Parents who will have children eligible for Faith Formation and for St. Agatha School in the 2018-2019 academic year are asked to return the registration forms or application packets soon. We are also looking for returning and new catechists and volunteers for next year's Faith Formation program.

As I am writing this column for the bulletin I want to inform everyone that we are in the final stages of the process for selecting and announcing the new Director of Faith Formation for Grades 1-6, and the next Principal of St. Agatha School. I am very grateful to those who applied for these two positions and for the dedication and wisdom shown by the members of the interview teams here for both these extremely important positions. I expect that within the next two weeks I shall be able to announce the two individuals who will fill these positions. They with Dr. Lisa Gulino our new Pastoral Associate will be integral members of our parish pastoral staff. This leaves us just one major position to fill: that of the Youth Minister/Faith Formation Director of Grades 7-10, currently held by Brian Pellicano. The interview process for that position will begin right after May 19th, the deadline for those making application. Please pray that the people whom the Lord wants for us will be the ones chosen.

All are invited to attend a wonderful musical and theatrical event this weekend at Fontbonne Academy. The students of St. Agatha School are performing in Seussical the Musical at 7pm Saturday the 5th and 2pm Sunday the 6th.

Also this Sunday afternoon from 3-5pm all high school youth are invited to a Spring Barbecue with a bonfire, ultimate Frisbee, and a lawn game tourney.

A reminder that this Thursday May 10th is Ascension Thursday, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses here will be on Wednesday at 5:30pm, and Thursday at 7 and 9am, and 7pm.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

Deacon Baldemar Garza's Ordination to the Priesthood and First Mass are just two weeks away. Parishioners who would like to attend his Ordination at Mission Church on Saturday the 19th at 10am are welcome to sign up for the bus that will be leaving our parking lot that morning at 8:45am. Please contact our parish secretary Kathy Monahan during regular business hours. There will be only one bus, so seats are limited to those who sign up first. Then on Sunday the 20th, Father Baldemar will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving, his First Mass, here at St. Agatha's at Noon, followed by a reception and his first priestly blessings in the Parish Center immediately following.

**Please note new time:
Bus to leave at 8:45am**



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

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Love one another

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

Second Reading : 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Love one another, for love comes from God.



Pastoral Planning

May 6 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Scriptures give us a message that is loud and clear: "Let us love one another..." and "This is my commandment, love one another." The love that we share is not our own, but rather it is the love God has for us. Love is a powerful means of evangelization. The love of a faithful disciple draws people to Jesus Christ. So, let's take the scripture to heart this week and extend the love of God to others.

Dear Parishioners,

SAVE THE DATE....FRIDAY EVENING!!

You're invited to a Mothers' Day Concert May 11th at 7:00pm. The Children's Choir at St. Agatha's Parish, assisted by the Adult Choirs, will be performing Marian Songs and Art Songs for all Mother's and their families from St. Agatha's Community. Let us all celebrate this beautiful occasion together.

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

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

As mentioned in a previous Operations Note, we had some fairly significant water infiltration this past Winter through the bell tower walls and into the interior of the Church. In order to diagnose the problem it was necessary to bring in a large lift last Thursday so the exterior walls of the tower could be inspected. Unfortunately, as the lift was being maneuvered up the walkway towards the tower the concrete blocks forming the sidewalk started to buckle, likely due to erosion of the sub-surface. As they lifted out of the ground they cracked and several completely broke in half. The end result was that the first 5 rows of concrete sections had to be replaced. As Murphy's Law would dictate, we were less than 48 hours away from one of the busiest weekends of the year with a variety of Masses including two First Communions, a funeral and a Wedding in addition to our regular Masses. Thankfully the company we were working with had a crew out that afternoon to remove the damaged concrete and arranged to have the new concrete poured and formed on Friday. The sidewalk now looks great. The other piece of good news was that the inspection of the bell tower — both external and internal — revealed that the masonry problem was not as serious as originally feared. It will still need some repairs, but it should be far less involved and much less expensive than it would have been otherwise. When we receive the final report the results will be in the Operations Note.

Jack Riley

The **rosary** is recited every morning before the 9am Mass. Please join us.

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.

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Apr. 28-29 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Apr. 28-29 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,581	\$2,887	\$11,468	-\$1,767	-\$35,392



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**MOTHERS
DAY**
CONCERT

MAY 11th at 7:00 pm

SAINT AGATHA CHURCH
432 Adams Street, 02186 Milton MA

performed by Children and Adult Choirs

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

REGISTRATION: Registration for Faith Formation Grades 1-8 continues through the end of this month. Please return your form and payment to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible. If you are new to our process, or your child is entering Grade 1, you will need to provide a **copy** of the baptismal certificate.



This weekend the final two groups of children received their First Holy Communion. A very special thank you to our Grade 2 catechists and to the parents who prepared them for this momentous step in their journey of faith. This parish is very fortunate to have such a large number (130) of children coming to the table of the Lord; it is a blessing for us all to witness.

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:

TONIGHT: May 6th – 3-5pm Spring BBQ / Bonfire / Ultimate Frisbee / Lawn Game Tourney!

May 20th – 6-8pm Life Teen youth group! Meet up in the Life Teen space below the gym via rear gym entrance!

STEBENVILLE 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 5 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.

LIFE TEEN MASS: May 13th - 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 pianist, a percussionist, a guitarist, and a vocalist!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – July 21st – 28th, 2018:

Registration is full for our high school mission trip to West Virginia! To those signed up – get ready for the trip of a life time! **Please Note:** 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.**

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

Youth Minister, Confirmation Coordinator



Frank Kelly
St. Mary of the Hills Church
Friday, May 18 • Mass at 7:00 PM
followed by a healing service

Frank Kelly was severely electrocuted on December 5, 1985 by a lethal dose of electricity. He was called back to life and commanded with the commission *Francis, Go and instruct*. Today Frank's ministry consists of Healing Services, Confirmation instruction and Life in the Spirit seminars. He is supported by his orthodox Spiritual Director, Rev. Ronald Tacelli, SJ as well as Cardinal Sean O'Malley. **You can find out more and read Frank's story on his website: FrankKelly.org. St. Mary of the Hills Church is located at 29 St. Mary's Road in Milton. Phone: 617.696.0120 web: smhMilton.org**

The 26th Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 21st**, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the Seminary for each golfer and a guest. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psj.edu/golf-tournament.





4th Annual St. Agatha School 5K Race and Walk

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Cunningham Park, Milton, MA

Register at:
sas5k2018.racewire.com

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. To download a sponsor form please go to: stagathaparish.org/school or call 617 696-3548 to have a form mailed to you. Thank you in advance.



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

**MULTIPLE MYELOMA
RESEARCH FOUNDATION • 5K Walk/Run**



The Saint Agatha School students pictured above participated in the **MMRF 5K Walk/Run** as part of Team Myeloma Musers. The MMRF Team for Cures: Boston 5K Walk/Run unites multiple myeloma patients, caregivers, family members, friends, and health professionals. The event was held on Sunday, April 30th along Carson Beach in South Boston.



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	May 5	
8:00am	Memorial	John A. Irwin
11:00am	First Communion	
1:00pm	First Communion	
4:30pm	Birth. Memorial	Marion H. Keenan
Sunday	May 6	
7:30am		
9:00am	1st Anniversary	Catherine Coccimiglio
10:30am	1st Anniversary	Richard Hynes
12:00pm	Memorial	O'Sullivan, Kelly & Gibbons Families
		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
5:00pm		
Monday	May 7	
7:00am	Memorial	James & Sarah Dargon
9:00am	Memorial	John J. Cattaneo, Jr.
Tuesday	May 8	
7:00am	Birth. Memorial	James P. Kennedy
9:00am	1st Anniversary	Paul Callahan
Wednesday	May 9	
7:00am		
9:00am	Birth. Memorial	Teresa M. Callahan
5:30pm		
Thursday	May 10	Ascension Thursday
7:00am		
9:00am		
7:00pm		
Friday	May 11	
7:00am	18th Anniversary	Hugh Kelly
9:00am	Memorial	Helen & John Finnigan & Sr. Elizabeth Mary Blanchard SND
Saturday	May 12	
8:00am	11th Anniversary	Edward Melia
4:30pm	6th Anniversary	Stella Baranowski
Sunday	May 13	Mother's Day
7:30am		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	Memorial	Mary Corcoran
10:30am	All Mothers	
12:00pm	1st Anniversary	Mary C. Lawlor
5:00pm	2nd Anniversary	William J. Tierney

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 or 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.

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