

# The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

May 19-20, 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.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

## 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.

## Upcoming Activities

**May 20:** Father Baldemar's Luncheon Reception in the Parish Center following the Noon Mass.

**Second Collection  
For the Seminarians  
in the Archdiocese of Boston**



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

### St. Agatha Parish

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

### 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

### Pastoral Associate

Lisa M. Gulino, D.Min.

### 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

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School Website: www.stagathaparish.org/school Fax: 617-696-6288

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,*

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, calling to mind how the powerful divine energy that is the Holy Spirit drove the Apostles, the Blessed Mother, and the other disciples of

Jesus out of the confines of the upper room to go out and spread the Good News with courage and fervor. This past Tuesday and Wednesday, we had the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation when young men and women of our parish received the Gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their commitment to Jesus Christ and in bearing witness to Him and the principles of His Gospel.

As I am writing this column, the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Baldemar Garza and his classmates hasn't happened yet, but by the time you are reading this, he is now Father Baldemar, having been ordained at 10am on Saturday at Mission Church in Boston. For some of our parishioners who traveled by bus to the ordination, this was the first time they've seen priests ordained. Having been in seminary work for 24 years, I've been to a lot of ordinations, but each one is a new manifestation of the power of God raising up new priests to serve His beloved people. Not having been to Mission Church since I was a child accompanying my mother to the Novena of Grace there, I'm sure I will be/was thrilled to be once again in that beautiful shrine of the Lord, joining with a number of St. Agatha parishioners and united in prayer for Baldemar and his classmates as they become priests of Jesus Christ offering their lives in priestly service to the people of the Archdiocese of Boston. What a blessing it will be that St. Agatha Church will be where Fr. Baldemar will celebrate His First Mass of Thanksgiving at noon this Sunday. I hope that many parishioners will be at that Mass and the reception in the Parish Center afterwards. Between the Confirmations and the Priestly Ordination ceremony we have awesome preludes to the annual celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost Sunday!

I hope that many children **Grade 3** and up will register for and attend the Altar Server training this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. If any additional incentive is needed beyond the great blessing of being able to serve the Lord during the celebration of Mass, there will also be an altar server outing later this summer at Canobie Lake Amusement Park in New Hampshire for all altar servers who are faithful to their assignments.

I am very pleased to announce that on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year Mrs. Nancy Carr will be the next Principal of St. Agatha School. Nancy is a parishioner of St. Agatha's, and for the last 11 years has been Principal of St. Brigid School in South Boston and then in the merged St. Brigid-Gate of Heaven School, named South Boston Catholic Academy. We look forward to Nancy's leadership.

Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Palardy*

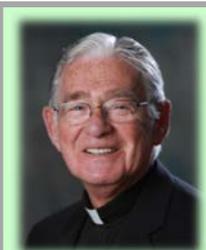
***THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION***

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).



Please join us on Sunday this weekend for a luncheon reception in the Parish Center here at St. Agatha's immediately following the Noon Mass to celebrate Father Baldemar's Ordination to the priesthood and to receive his first priestly blessings.

*All are welcome!*



***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
- An Invitation -***

On Sunday, June 3, 2018  
Fr. Peter Casey will be celebrating  
his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Ordination to the Priesthood.

This will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church,  
South Weymouth, MA at the 9:30am Mass.

Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Light Breakfast Refreshments will be served. Fr. Casey was Pastor of St. Agatha Parish Milton/Quincy from January 1998 until June 2015.

Earlier this spring, the Vatican declared that a new feast day celebrating Mary as "Mother of the Church" be added to the Liturgical Calendar on the Monday following Pentecost.

This year, it falls on May 21st. The decree said Pope Francis wanted the devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Read Reflect Respond

**THEME:** We have been given the breath of God—the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As you listen to this dramatic reading again today, what image strikes you in the story? What single word or phrase catches your ear or touches your heart?

First Reading : Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

*Pastoral Planning*

**May 20 ~ Pentecost**

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” The disciples caught that fire and went forth speaking about the wondrous things God had done. What are some of the wonderful things God has done for you? Pray that the Holy Spirit will kindle the fire of his love in your heart. Then, like the disciples go forth and share God’s gifts with others.

It goes without saying that a parish community cannot fulfill its Mission without the active faithful and enthusiastic support of a large number of volunteers. Here at St. Agatha’s we have been blessed to have many people who share their wide array of gifts by assisting with all of the many ministries and activities. One need only look at the assortment of liturgical, outreach and social events which have taken place in the last 6 weeks for numerous examples of this vital support. For instance our First Communion and Confirmation programs are heavily dependent on a large number of catechists coming forward to share their faith. The summer youth outreach trip to Appalachia could not occur without volunteer adult chaperones. The basketball program simply could not exist without many volunteer coaches and coordinators. Each Eucharistic celebration relies on Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers, not to mention the outstanding choirs on the weekends. I would like to single out one of these ministries this weekend for special recognition and to solicit your help. Our Art & Environment Committee, which manages the beautification and decoration of the Church to correspond to liturgical seasons and for special occasions is comprised of a small but talented and enthusiastic team of parishioners. But every team needs a leader, and in this case we have been blessed to have two women – Carol Varnum and Mary Lou Rawson – who have led the team for many years and have done an outstanding job in that capacity. It would be impossible to thank them enough for everything they have done. They have selflessly shared their time and talents for those many years to enhance our worship space, but they have decided that the time has come to pass the torch. So it is with sadness – and I must admit a bit of trepidation – that we wish them well in their well-earned rest and begin the search for their replacements. In a parish as large as St. Agatha’s there are surely other talented people who would enjoy this ministry, so if you feel you have the gifts and the time, Carol and Mary Lou are available and very willing to work with you to transition into this role.

In addition to the Offertory totals for last week, \$2,275 was contributed to the collection on Ascension Thursday. Thank you for your support.

*Jack Riley*

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	May 12-13 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	May 12-13 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,747	\$2,912	\$13,659	\$424	-\$34,079

### St. Agatha Parish is looking for Altar Servers *Would you like to help the priest during Mass?*

Altar servers carry the cross, lead the procession, hold the book, prepare the altar and present the bread, water and wine to the priest during Mass. If you would like to become an altar server you must be currently in Grade 4 or above. **You must also attend BOTH training days during one of the time slots provided.**



**Tuesday, May 22**  
@ 2:35–3:35pm or 3:45–4:45pm  
**and Wednesday, May 23**  
@ 2:35–3:35pm or 3:45–4:45pm

The best way to register for the training is to go the Parish home page [www.StAgathaParish.org](http://www.StAgathaParish.org) and click on the link to register for the training.



**A Prayer Celebration for Families:** Join us on **Sunday, June 10** for the historic celebration of Pope Francis' declaration recognizing **Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., as Venerable** and another step closer to sainthood. Families from far and wide will gather to continue Father Peyton's legacy of family prayer and his vision that, "The family that prays together stays together." **The Venerable Patrick Peyton: On the Rosary Path to Sainthood – A Prayer Celebration for Families** will consist of Eucharistic Procession, Rosary Prayer, and the Holy Mass. All our guests will receive a new Venerable Patrick Peyton Rosary. Refreshments follow the Mass and every family will be given a Family Rosary Prayer Kit to take home. The Father Peyton Center – 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356. 508-238-4095. Find our event on [www.Facebook.com/FamilyRosary](http://www.Facebook.com/FamilyRosary).

### MASS OF ANOINTING

*Saturday, June 9, 11:00am  
in the Chapel  
with lunch to follow*



Please join our parish in celebrating the healing power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ that comes to us in the Sacrament of the Sick.

In the context of Mass, priests will lay hands on those seriously/chronically ill and those preparing for or recovering from surgery and anoint them with the Oil of the Sick which was blessed by Cardinal O'Malley on Tuesday of Holy Week.

We welcome those who are in need of Jesus' healing power as well as those who want to pray in a special way for our suffering brothers and sisters. *Please call Kathy at the rectory, 617-698-2439, if you can be with us.*



### SMA FATHERS DEDHAM

Welcome you

## BENEFIT DANCE • SPRING DRAWING

Day: 8th June 2018 Time: 7pm-11pm  
Venue: Irish Social Club—119 Park St, West Roxbury

**Raffle & Door Prize**

**Admission \$15**  
Proceeds support  
SMA Fathers' Missionary Work



**Music:** Fintan Stanley  
**Also appearing:** Harney Academy of Dancers

**Contact:** Pat & Josie Casey: 781-329-0530  
Father Brendan Darcy, SMA: 781-326-3288





[www.yellowcirclerecreation.com](http://www.yellowcirclerecreation.com)

We are a **Badminton and Table Tennis** circuit for all levels of play

**Saturdays 10:00am-6:00pm**  
Play all day for \$8

*We supply the rackets, balls & shuttlecocks*

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, 40 Darrow St., Quincy, MA 02169

**An Evening of Prayer:** sponsored by the **Sisters of St. Joseph**, at their **Motherhouse**, 637 Cambridge St., **Brighton, MA. Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., "Living the Paschal Mystery"** presented by Mary Ann McLaughlin (formerly Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Life). The evening includes a conference, guided prayer, quiet time and sharing. A Free Will Donation will be accepted. To RSVP, e-mail: [spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org](mailto:spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org) or call: 781-227-4730.



 **NEED HELP?** The "Caring Circle" dares to care... Call 617-337-3225 for short-term non-financial help or visit [www.mcccaringcircle.org](http://www.mcccaringcircle.org)

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES**

Our Faith Formation sessions require a large number of catechists in order to keep class sizes small. Contrary to popular thought, a catechist is not primarily a teacher. The word ‘catechist’ comes from the Greek word that means ‘echo’, so our catechists are, at heart, the echoes of God to the parish children. The Catechist is a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith teachings according to the official teachings of the Church. The role of the catechist is a vital ministry to the Church. It is a gift that has tremendous value to the world community at large because through the catechist’s word and action, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.



**WHAT DOES A CATECHIST DO?**

The primary goal of a catechist is to model God’s love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for children. A catechist develops a lesson plan and uses that plan to teach in the classroom. The Office can supply catechists with the lesson plans or they can craft their own. By utilizing the lesson plan the catechist ultimately designs and structures experiences for students that help them grow in their personal faith and spirituality.

**WILL I RECEIVE TRAINING & SUPPORT?**

St. Agatha offers training in an introductory catechetical meeting to provide catechists with the text series and how to use it. We provide a clear overview of the program and all expectations, procedures and policies. Excellent ongoing support is provided by the Director of Faith Formation and the office staff. Faith Formation Office personnel is always present when classes are in session. Team teaching is also utilized as a mechanism for support. Experienced catechists are the most helpful of support to newer catechists.

**ARE THERE TEACHING & RESOURCE MATERIALS?**

St. Agatha provides grade level Teacher Manuals, and Catechist Handbook and Resource Book with numerous activities. There is an extensive library of books, music, activities, games, craft materials, and media resources as well as the parish website and a password protected website for additional materials.

**WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?**

St. Agatha Faith Formation Gr. 1-6 Program runs September through April and meets once a week. It follows the Milton Public Schools holiday schedule. K-6<sup>th</sup> grade is offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:45-5pm. Catechists can choose which class time works best for them. If two catechists are teaming up, the class commitment is around 13 hours.

**INTERESTED? ( and, please give this a chance)**

Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 617-696-1388.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Faith Formation Registration closes June 1 for Grades 1-8. Forms are available on the website or in the back of the church.

**CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY**

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



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:**

**STEBENVILLE EAST YOUTH WEEKEND– July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**  
**REGISTRATION IS 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 7 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/](http://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: TONIGHT - May 20<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:bpellicano@stagathaparish.org) Currently looking for: A pianist, a percussionist, a guitarist, and a vocalist!**

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

**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!**

**CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE: June 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> after Masses!**

**SAVE YOUR BOTTLES NOW!** Bring them to the rectory garages before or after Mass on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> to help us raise money for the mission trip to WV! Thanks folks!

**Congratulations to all of our Newly Confirmed!** The Masses were wonderful and we are so proud of our new young adults sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit! Thanks to Fr. Flavin, our main celebrant, as well as our priests Fr. Bill, Fr. Jay, Fr. Pat, and Fr. Tom. Thank you to Agata and the choir for beautiful worship music at the Masses and Deacon Dan for serving as well. Thank you to all who have prayed for our teens over the past years as they prepared for the reception of the sacrament. **A very special thank you to my Catechists for 10<sup>th</sup> grade** who made this program such a success, especially: Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Dimanno, Mrs. Farrell, Mr. Farrell, Ms. Hughes, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Mehtala, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Shea, Mr. Shields, and Mrs. Stefanidakis. It’s been an honor and a privilege being a part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

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

## SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Agatha School 5K Race and Walk

Pro Timed 5K | Family Friendly  
Course | Kids Run

**Saturday, June 2, 2018**  
**Kids Run 8:30am | Race Start 9:00am**  
**Cunningham Park, Milton, MA**  
Register at: [sas5k2018.racewire.com](http://sas5k2018.racewire.com)

*The excitement is building as we near the June 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing date for the winner of the 2018 Ford Escape! There are still tickets left, but they are going fast. Don't miss out on your chance to win a beautiful new car while supporting St. Agatha School. Tickets will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend and you can pay by cash, check, or credit card. It's also very easy to get your ticket online by going to [www.stagathaparish.org](http://www.stagathaparish.org) and following the link to use your credit card. However you do it, don't miss out – a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold! Join the fun and support a great cause!*

### WIN A 2018 FORD ESCAPE

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



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



### 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**

### TIME TO ORDER UNIFORMS

Scholastic Sportswear and Donnelly Uniform will be in the school cafeteria on **Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 until 4pm** and from 5 until 7pm for uniform purchases and fittings.



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

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>May 19</b> Anniversary	Richard F. Boehler III
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>May 20</b> Month's Mind For the 12th Anniversary First Mass Birth. Memorial	Daniel E. Coughlin Parishioners of St. Agatha Edward Duff Fr. Baldemar Garza Sara Curry
<b>Monday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 21</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 22</b> Health & Healing Successful Surgery	Fay Fahey
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 23</b> Memorial Memorial	Stanley & Eileen Raby Joanne DelConte
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 24</b> Birth. Memorial 19th Anniversary	Timothy "Brendan" O'Connor John F. Dempsey
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 25</b> Anniversary	Fr. Eugene Carney
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am 4:30pm	<b>May 26</b> Memorial Memorial	Frank Soldano Bonomo Family
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<b>May 27</b> Memorial Memorial Anniversary Anniversary For the	Dixon & Weare Families Brenna Maye Fasano & Mary Anne Bergin Laxton Loretta T. Czarniak Mary P. Trecker Parishioners of St. Agatha

## 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.