

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

July 7- 8, 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

Through Labor Day:

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

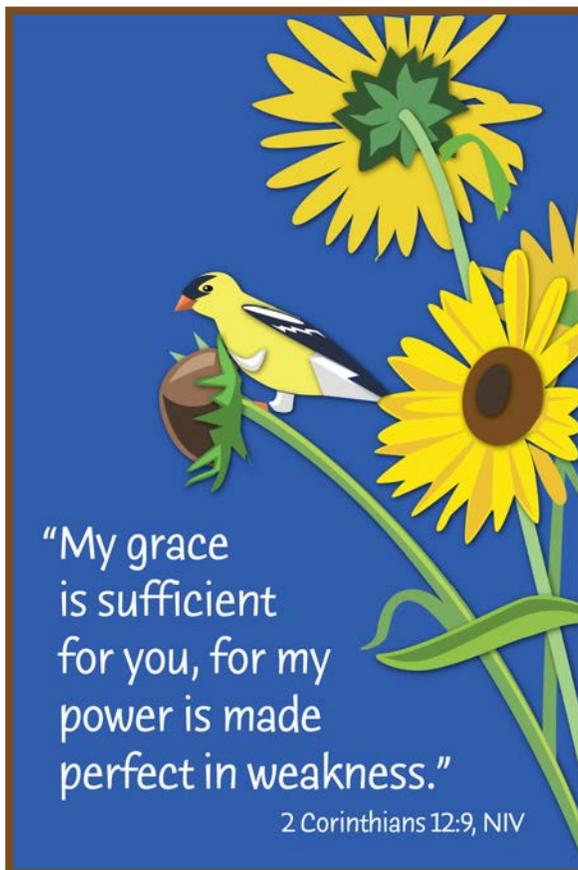
9:00 am

11:00 am

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
July 11th Coffee & Conversation
After the 7am & 9am Masses

Creativity & Spirituality
will be back in September!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

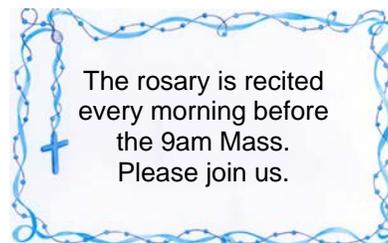
- proclaiming and celebrating God's Presence on earth;
- being open and welcoming to all;
- reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far; providing opportunities for prayer, service, education and recreation.
- In living this Mission, we accept our responsibility for giving witness to the Gospel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



St. Agatha Parish

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Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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Lisa M. Gulino, D.Min.

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A Note from the Pastoral Associate,

A few years back the *Washington Times* ran this headline: “**Religious strength tied to well-being.**” Journalist Cheryl Wetzstein reviewed a survey which collected data from 550,000 participants!

Survey results showed a direct connection between “people who attend religious services weekly and have three to five close friends in their congregation” with an overall sense of well-being. The survey stated “those committed to a faith community are most likely to say they are ‘extremely satisfied’ with life” (Wetzstein 2010). It appears that a journey of faith, within a Church community, really does matter. Why so?

Pause for a moment and consider this reality: **God yearns to reveal his love to us** in a personal way *through* the community of faith which celebrates the sacraments. Concerning the sacraments, Pope Benedict XVI states, “In the sacraments the Lord touches us through the elements of creation”—water, oil, bread, and wine. **The sacraments place us in direct contact with God.**

Summer is a perfect time to increase our spiritual attentiveness of God’s loving presence so readily available. In addition to Mass, consider that Jesus asked his disciples “to come and rest a while.” (Mark 6:31). On Fridays, from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM, in our air-conditioned chapel, enjoy the stillness and quiet of adoration. Rest in the Lord’s presence.

And for the adventurous hiker or the avid outdoorsy type, don’t forget Jesus’ invitation to contemplate the “lilies of the field and the birds of the air.” (Mk 10:21) When you enjoy the beauty of creation this summer, ponder with St. Bonaventure that **everything in creation reflects some aspect of God’s grandeur.** Let this summer be a time to renew (or regain) our sense of well-being.

Special thanks to all the members of the Bereavement Committee with whom I was able to spend time with and learn of the invaluable service they offer to the grieving. Additionally, I have had conversation and reflection with those who serve in the Homebound Ministry. I have also spoken with many of the homebound. I loved hearing of the mutual affection each have one for the other. Thanks to Catherine Vu who is spearheading a new committee which

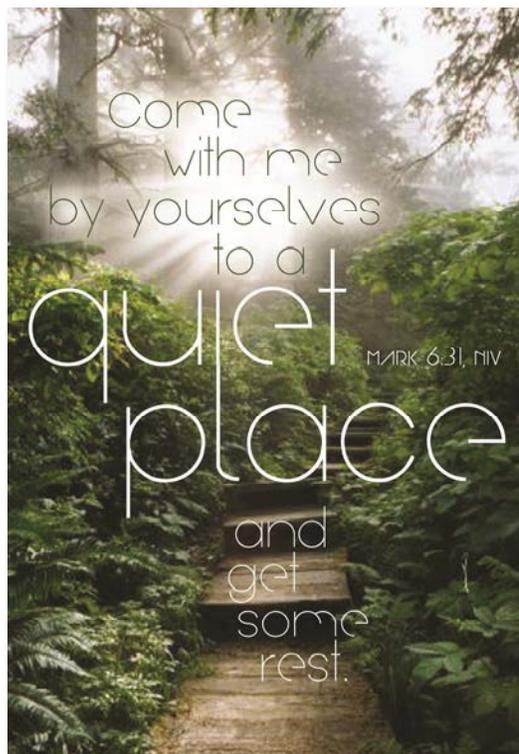
will discern new ways for young adults, youth, and families to serve those in need. These ministries are powerful examples, of Christ going beyond the parish buildings! From where I sit, I recognize a key hallmark of this faith community: parishioners bringing Christ to others.

I continue to meet many of you; however, I still have so many more parishioners to meet. Please say “Hi” as I am usually outside the front door after the Masses. And thank you for your warm welcome.

Lisa M. Gulino



Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on *Wednesday, July 11th* for **Coffee & Conversation.** Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.



Please call the rectory at 617-698-2439 and ask for either Kathy or Lisa and we will arrange for a minister of communion to bring Eucharist to you.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We must believe in Jesus ourselves..

As you hear the crowds question Jesus' identity, what words or phrases in the reading catch your ear? What image do you take away from this reading today?

Gospel: Mark 6, 1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,

and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

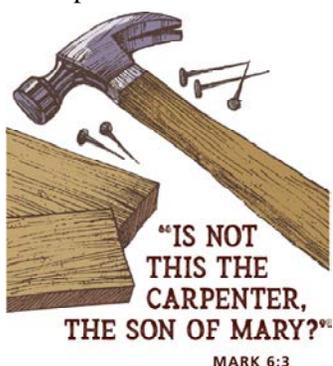
So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Pastoral Planning

July 8 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear in today's gospel that Jesus returned to his home town but he did not receive a warm reception. In fact, people questioned his authority and were unwilling to believe his teaching. St. Paul also refers to the trials and hardships he encountered in his preaching. Despite the rejection they experienced, neither St. Paul nor Jesus did not back away from their mission. Pray for the grace to persevere in the work of being a disciple.



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Sometimes it seems like every turn in our lives leads to some sort of challenge. Especially in these times of political controversy and unrest in many parts of the world there is a temptation to lose our sense of moral direction or lose our emotional equilibrium. Well, since last week's reminiscence of Msgr. Anadore's poetry was so well received, I decided to dig into the archives and find a fitting way to celebrate what would have been his 105th birthday on June 9th. I couldn't think of a better way than to re-print another one of his poems which was perhaps his personal favorite. It also seemed to be a very timely reminder for us all.

The Key To Happiness By Monsignor Charles E. Anadore

Happiness is not something you create in your mind.

Not something you search for but can't seem to find.

Not something that's purchased with silver or gold.

Not something that force can capture and hold.

It's waking up and beginning each day

By counting your blessings and kneeling to pray.

It's giving up thoughts that breed contempt,.

Accepting whatever the Lord has sent.

It's giving up wishing for things you have not,

AND MAKING THE BEST

OF WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT.

Because of an early publication deadline due to the Fourth of July Holiday, the Weekly Offertory amount was not available at the time this Note was written. It will be included in next Week's Bulletin.

Jack Riley



Please note that we are **NO** longer accepting book donations in the bin by the rectory garages. Until we locate a new company to accept the donations, please do not leave any books, etc. outside the container.



Interfaith Social Services' School Backpack Drive Donations needed by **July 27**

Although school has just let out for the summer, Interfaith only has a short time to make sure that we'll have enough backpacks to help the 500+ school-age children that will visit our pantry the month leading up to the start of the new school year.

We need your help! Please consider donating a NEW backpack full of NEW school supplies, or [make an online donation to support this effort](#). We ask that all backpacks arrive pre-packed with supplies.

Backpack distribution starts Aug. 1. Therefore, all backpacks need to be dropped off at our office (105 Adams St., Quincy) by **Friday, July 27**. Our office hours are 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday. On Tuesdays, we are open 9am-7pm.

Two types of backpacks are needed - one for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-12.

ALL backpacks should include: spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, 2 pocket folders, #2 pencils, box of tissues

For the **grades K-5 ("Little kids")** backpacks, please include: washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, Clorox wipes

For the **grades 6-12 ("Big kids")** backpacks, please include: a **scientific calculator**, index cards, highlighters, a 2" three-ring binder with dividers, a combination lock and pens (black or blue, no gel)

Please label each backpack "Little Kid" or "Big Kid" to expedite the distribution process. Please make the labels large and easy to read.

For more information, contact Eileen Kelly at ekelly@interfaithsocialservices.org or 617-773-6203 x19.

Resilience, Recovery, and Remembrance

summer liturgies for individuals and families impacted by addiction

Join us as we gather with other women, men, and their families and friends seeking freedom from addiction. Pray with us as we seek God's grace for all those impacted by addiction and remember with love the lives lost to addiction.

Celebrate with us as we rejoice in the resilience and hope of the Boston recovery community.

Saturday, July 21

7:00 p.m.

**St. Anthony Shrine
100 Arch Street in
Downtown Crossing**

Music from the Arch Street
Band

Reception to follow

**Saturdays, August 18 &
September 15**

7:00 p.m.

**Shrine of Our Lady
of Good Voyage
51 Sleeper St in the Seaport**

Reception to follow



An initiative of love and support from The Father Mychal Judge Center for Recovery at St. Anthony Shrine (stanthonyshrine.org), The Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services (aarps.org) and The South Boston-Seaport Catholic Collaborative.

100 Arch Street, Boston

617-542-6440 stanthonyshrine.org

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On a Personal Note,

You may have heard this summer the Archdiocese of Boston will be focusing on prayer and resources to combat addiction and promote recovery.

Every moment that passes more and more people of every age group get entrapped by some addiction. God has been so incredible in my life as I walk the path of recovery.

Through the years people have suggested books and articles on recovery and letting go of life's difficulties.

The following is a book that you may have heard of or maybe even read. I found it inspiring and great help to me personally and in ministry. I will be following up this little blurb with a more lengthy article in the near future about the path of recovery.



For your consideration:
The Gifts of Imperfection
by Brené Brown

Fr. Makos

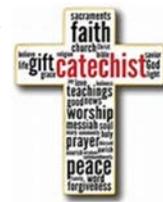


Here is one of the tables up for the Silent Auction this weekend to support the upcoming ASP Mission Trip.



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Faith Formation Sessions for grades 1 – 6 begin on **Tuesday, September 25, Wednesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 27.** All sessions meet from 3:45 to 5:00pm.



Catechists are needed for afternoon sessions in Grade 1 on Wednesday and Thursday, Grade 2 on Tuesday, Grade 4 on Tuesday and Thursday, and Grade 6 on Tuesday and Thursday.

Door monitors are needed for all three sessions, this is a vital position as it ensures the safety of all.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering in the Faith Formation Ministry, the children of the parish need you! Contact the Faith Formation office at 617-696-1388 or email: faithformation@stagathaparish.org *Thank you!*

Due to the transition in our Faith Formation office and with the pastors in the other parishes in Milton, we will not be having Vacation Bible School this summer.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

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

The trip to West Virginia is fast approaching. The high school students and their chaperones, need your assistance in raising funds to support their mission. Please take a moment to stop by the silent auction tables after the Masses this weekend and view the two beautiful fir wood picnic tables that are available to bid on. The estimated value of each table is \$250. All proceeds collected will go towards the Appalachia Mission Trip in a few weeks. Thank you.

All other donations for this summer's mission trip can be made with our online donation platform, GoFundMe.

To Donate and learn more about the trip, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/stagathaasp2018>

Thank you in advance for your support!

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Saint Agatha School Milton ~ Quincy

Currently accepting applications
for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Pre-school ages 3 and 4
Kindergarten through Grade 8

For more information or to schedule a visit
please call 617 696-3548

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Summer Fun at Saint Agatha School

The summer programs at SAS are geared for children entering K0 through Grade 3. Camp is open to all current SAS families as well as new families starting school in September 2018. The children will engage in a variety of summer enrichment activities that will help to keep them having fun but exercising their minds as well. Within the themed weeks, activities will be planned to foster growth and exploration in the **S.T.E.A.M.** standards (science, technology, engineering, art and math). It is also a good way to keep up with social interactions and development.

We offer half day programs running from 8:30am until 1:00pm on Monday through Thursday. You can choose 2, 3 or 4 days. The K0-K2 program runs from July 9-August 10. The Gr. 1-3 program runs from July 9-13 then July 23-August 10. Each child will need to supply their own lunch, a morning snack and water bottle.

Please contact Mrs. Sullivan at jsullivan@stagathaparish.org if you are interested in learning more about the K0 through K2 summer program or contact Mrs. Leary at eleary@stagathaparish.org if you are interested in learning more about the Grade 1 through Grade 3 summer program.

*Each day will be a new adventure
in summer fun!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	July 7 Memorial 4th Anniversary	Grace L. Soldano Edward Nichols
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	July 8 Birth. Memorial Memorial Birth. Memorial	James J. Collins Bridget King Julia A. Dempsey For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	July 9 97th Birthday Celebration	Ruth Grace Callahan
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	July 10 Memorial	Thomas & Margaret Haley
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	July 11 Memorial	Jeri Murphy Behan
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	July 12 Anniversary	Leo Drinkwater
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	July 13 14th Anniversary 4th Anniversary	Mary M. Kelly Pauline Yovino
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	July 14 Anniversary 20th Anniversary	John Albert Edith A. Spinelli
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	July 15 For the 16th Anniversary Birth Memorial	Parishioners of St. Agatha Mary E. Palardy Edward J. Harrington

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



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

Come and Play

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

