

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

July 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

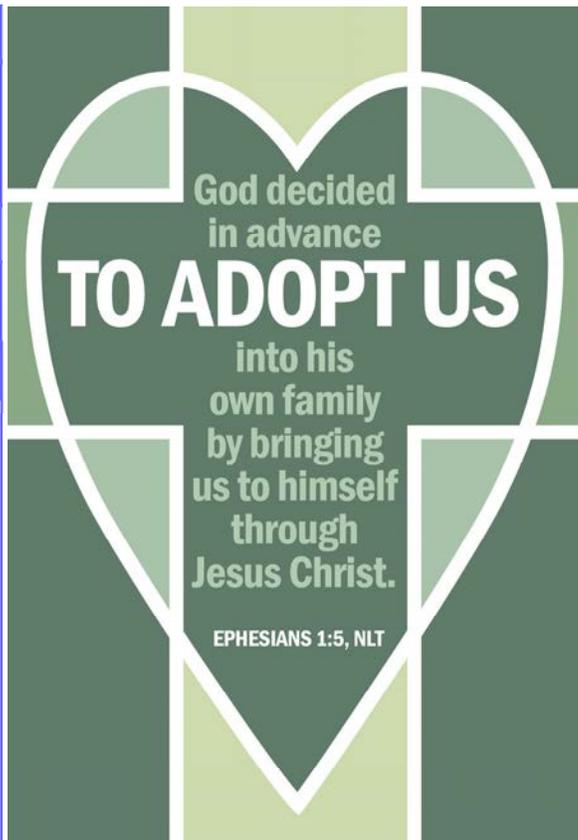
Weekend Masses

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

Mission Speaker Fr. Sylvester to speak at all Masses on the weekend of July 21/22.

Check inside for more.....

MISSION STATEMENT

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

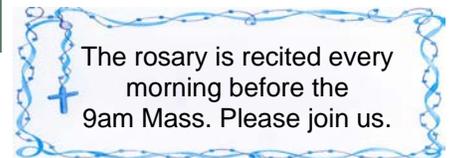
- proclaiming and celebrating God's Presence on earth;
- being open and welcoming to all;
- reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far; providing opportunities for prayer, service, education and recreation.
- In living this Mission, we accept our responsibility for giving witness to the Gospel 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 Lisa Gulino, our Pastoral Associate at 617-698-2439 X 209 and she 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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A few words from Fr. Jay,

While I am writing this Fr. Palardy is enjoying a much deserved vacation in blessed land of Ireland. He asked me to write a little something for the bulletin.

Summertime offers most of us the opportunity to take a little break and enjoy the beautiful weather. Hopefully for most of us the busy grind slows down. This is true for me especially during the month of July. I arrived at Saint Agatha 3 years ago (hard to believe time passes so quickly) on July 4th. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin the recovery process has been a part of my life for 3 and a half years. When I left my last assignment I was given the grace to get sober at Guest House in Lake Orion, Michigan. Some of you may be aware that Guest House has been in existence for bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious for many years.

Guest House's sole purpose is to walk the journey of recovery through the 12 Steps.

After 4 months I returned back to Boston much healthier and was eager to return to ministry. Thanks be to God I was able to come here. I have met people in the parish who struggle with alcoholism and other addictions and it has been a blessing to speak with them. You may want to ask me, why are you telling us this now? I think as the Archdiocese works hard to offer assistance with addiction recovery I need to offer my prayers and assistance in any way I can. A principle that's helped me in recovery is offering my story and just talking about it.

From the very start everyone has been so supportive of me here at Saint Agatha from staff to parishioners. This means so much. We are truly blessed here with a great team and our new additions only strengthen it.

The other day Lisa and I sat down and discussed what we can do to help increase awareness of difficult issues such as addiction and suicide. With Fr. Palardy's support we will be offering opportunities for discussion in the Fall and beyond.

This weekend we hear about Jesus sending out the Apostles on a journey two by two. We are never alone on the journey. Please feel free contact me or anyone else if you have questions about recovery or increasing awareness about addiction. May God bless you!

Fr. Jay



The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino, D.Min.

Recently, friends were visiting. We drove along a stretch of road familiar to me. The road offered an ocean view, with colorful rays of sunlight bouncing off the waters as the sun was setting. Not familiar to my guests, spontaneous exclamations arose: "how marvelous" and one person proclaimed, "**this is truly a masterpiece of beauty!**" For a moment, I was puzzled, what did they see? With focused attention, I looked closer at the sights and was awakened to the awe inspiring beauty. The beauty, because of its familiarity, was lost to me.

Every so often it is good to pull back and take an intentional, reflective look to appreciate that which we may take for granted. My sacred pause this week focused my attention on the manifold ways God goes beyond Himself to communicate his love. **Our God is a personal God who calls us.** Listen to St. Paul from today's second reading:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.... In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ."

Without a sacred pause in the busyness of life, I can miss the spiritual blessings and the encounter with the living God who calls me by name. We "who believe are united to God and open to his grace" which "allow us to discover the power of his love." (Pope Benedict XVI).

Through the Sacraments we encounter God's power and love. God, in and through the Sacraments, works wonders in our soul. The *Catechism* teaches: "Sacraments are powers that comes forth from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving." Sacraments "are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church." They are "the masterworks of God." (CCC 1116).

Much like the familiar road I drove missing the "masterpiece of beauty," I can easily miss the "**masterworks of God**" unless I pause anew. These Sacraments—Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Sacred Orders, and Marriage are indeed **awe inspiring powerhouses of grace and love freely given by our God**—who has chosen me "before the foundation of the world."

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

As you hear Jesus sending his disciples out to teach in his name, what image comes to mind for you? What strikes you about this event?

Gospel : Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—

no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

He said to them,

“Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.

Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you,

leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

So they went off and preached repentance.

The Twelve drove out many demons,

and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Pastoral Planning

July 15 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Listen to the instruction Jesus gives his disciples in the gospel! They went out with confidence to preach as Jesus directed. Those instructions are meant for us, his current day disciples. Let us

take seriously the fact that we are sent to bring “good news.” Rely on the words that St. Paul says in the second reading, “God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.” Jesus gives us what we need, so let’s get going!

We have officially plunged into Fiscal Year 2019. As mentioned several weeks ago, the Finance Council approved and recommended to Fr. Palardy the budgets for the Parish (\$1,234,395) and the School (\$2,183,060), and he accepted their recommendations. There is one item of note on the Parish budget. The projected Weekly Offertory for the parish remains the same as last year - \$675,000, even though we fell slightly short of that in FY18. As you may recall, the Weekly Offertory summary presented in late June showed a deficit of \$39,136 for the year. However, at the end of each fiscal year this final number is adjusted because we add in collections taken up on the Holydays which are considered “Offertory” even though they are not taken up at weekend Masses. We then add in one-time or bi-annual contributions that a small number of parishioners make which also are considered “Offertory”. After these adjustments, our deficit was reduced to \$15,196. Given the positive signs we noticed in the second half of the last fiscal year, the Finance Council felt comfortable and confident enough in the Offertory’s trend to budget the same amount for FY19.

On another note, St. Agatha Parish recently received congratulations from the Archdiocese for surpassing its Catholic Appeal Goal for this year with pledges and payments of \$149,485. As a reminder, each year we receive two targets. The first is called our Fair Share Assessment (often referred to as a Parish Tithe) which is a percentage of our average Offertory and Grand Annual for the previous three years. This year our assessment was \$68,906 and we have achieved 213% of that target. The second target, the Catholic Appeal Goal, which is based on previous years’ performance and therefore is usually higher than the assessment. In our case the Appeal Goal this year was \$137,575 which as you can see we have also exceeded. This is a remarkable achievement, and one which we have managed for four years in a row. By surpassing both of these targets and by exceeding our In-Pew Participation Goal, the Parish has qualified for a substantial rebate for the amount raised above the Fair Share Assessment. In past years this rebate was 65% of the amount above the assessment, but there is a new formula which is now being determined by the Archdiocese. Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have been so generous, and a special thank you to Steve Wessling who has done a fantastic job as our parish’s Catholic Appeal Coordinator for a number of years.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report	Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
June 30-July 1	\$13,235	\$8,264	\$2,855	\$11,119	-\$2,116	-\$2,116
July 7-July 8	\$13,235	\$8,127	\$2,855	\$10,982	-\$2,253	-\$4,370

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

*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 (8:30am—1:00pm) on Monday through Thursday. You can choose 2, 3 or 4 days. The K0-K2 program runs through August 10. The Gr. 1-3 program runs 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!*

Week 2: Volcanoes Are Cool!



Week 1: Beaches of Fun!



Week 1: Ocean Life



Early Bird Special

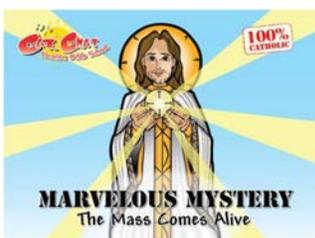
Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: July 21

- ✘ Prayer ✘ Coffee and refreshments
- ✘ Presentation and discussion

Rob Rogers

Know God and Live a life of no regrets

Men, come for fellowship, recharging, and watch a DVD of the moving personal story of Rob Rogers who lost his family in a tragic accident but kept trusting God – a model for us when suffering or adversity hit. St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton
617-696-3170 for more information



**Marvelous Mystery
Vacation Bible School
August 6-10th**

St. Mark's Parish is hosting a Vacation Bible School this summer for children entering

1st through 5th grade. Come join us as we sing, dance, play and craft our way to a better understanding of the Mass! The Bible school will be held in the St. Mark's basement from 10am to 4pm and the cost is \$80 for the week including lunch, snack and a t-shirt. We are also accepting middle school students for our skit and decoration production team at no cost. If you are interested, please email: smsay@gmail.com for an application due July 28th. You can also stop by the St. Mark's rectory in person located at 20 Roseland Street, Dorchester MA.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Summer is a great time to take a breath and focus our hearts on the message of Christ. It's a time for resting, reaching out and growing. Here are some suggestions to help you and your children grow in our faith this summer:

Make Mass a Priority: Besides being faithful to Sunday Mass participation, on a free morning attend our daily 9:00 am Mass. If that is a little too early, the Pastoral Center in Braintree, just past the movie theaters, has a beautiful chapel which celebrates a 12:05 pm daily Mass on weekdays and a lovely cafeteria to have lunch following Mass.

Do some Spiritual Reading: For children in grades 1-4 try "The Mystery of the Missing Jars", the fourth volume in the Gospel Time Trekkers Series by Sister Maria Grace Dateno. Children in grades 4 to 6 may enjoy "How to Be a Hero: Train with the Saints" by Julia Harrell.

Visit a Holy Place: Take a day trip to The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro. It's about a 45 minute car ride. The grounds are beautiful, walk and pray the outdoor Rosary, attend mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit the gift shop.

Simplify Your Life: With your child sort through clothing, toys, sports equipment, DVD's, CD's and donate them. "The Bureau Drawer Thrift Shop" located in the rear of Interfaith Social Services on Adams Street in Quincy accepts donations. More information can be found on their website: interfaith-socialservices.org.

Do Something for Someone Else: Make a point this summer to reach out to people in need. Visit an elderly neighbor, bring freshly baked cookies and lemonade.



Be a role-model for your children and volunteer this September in the Faith Formation Program! **Catechists are needed** for afternoon sessions in Grade 1 on Thursday, Grade 2 on Tuesday and Thursday, Grade 3 on Wednesday, Grade 4 on Tuesday, 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. 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 MISSION TRIP

July 21st – 28th, 2018:

The trip to West Virginia leaves next week.

All 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!



*Serving the
 Spiritual Needs
 of Grieving Parents*

A Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

Please join us. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents
 At St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
 One-Day Spiritual Retreat
 August 4, 2018**

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (617) 542-8057
 Or visit www.emfgp.org



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

Upcoming Events

Miramar Retreat Center
121 Parks St.
Duxbury, MA

Invites you to the 15th annual
“Some Enchanted Evening”
 on Saturday evening, August 4

The doors open at 5:30pm

Bill Alberti and Jillian Carelli will present
 a musical concert featuring show tunes and
 popular hit songs.

Reservations are \$100.00 per person and include
 cash bar, exquisite hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner
 and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit
 Miramar's Capital Campaign.

To make reservations, contribute quality articles or
 services to the auction or to make a contribution to
 the Program Book, contact Miramar at
 781-585-2460, ext. 312 from 8am to 4pm.



HOPE of the NATIONS
 September 15, 2018
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20
 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope! Come
 and join with almost 2000 other Catholic men and
 women for a full day filled with five powerful talks,
 incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of
 thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. Holy
 Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included
 in this amazing day of grace.

To get more information and register go to
www.HopeConferences.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 14	
8:00am	Anniversary	John Albert
4:30pm	20th Anniversary	Edith A. Spinelli
Sunday	July 15	
7:30am	Memorial	Christine Brady
9:00am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
11:00am	16th Anniversary	Mary E. Palardy
5:00pm	Birth Memorial	Edward J. Harrington
Monday	July 16	
7:00am		
9:00am	Mass of	For the Rescue of the Soccer
	Thanksgiving	Team in Thailand
Tuesday	July 17	
7:00am	Special Intention	
9:00am	Anniversary	Miriam Sullivan
Wednesday	July 18	
7:00am	35th Anniversary	Thomas M. King
9:00am		
Thursday	July 19	
7:00am		
9:00am	2nd Anniversary	Marjorie Hopkins
Friday	July 20	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Saturday	July 21	
8:00am	1st Anniversary	Suzanne Goldsmith
4:30pm	1st Anniversary	Albert F. Seghezzi
Sunday	July 22	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	10th Anniversary	Debra A. Davis
11:00am	8th Anniversary	Philip Casey
5:00pm	1st Anniversary	Robert Coakley

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. Ar-
 rangements 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!!!

