

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

August 18-19, 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.



The altar servers and their chaperones enjoyed a fun-filled day at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH last week.

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.



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St. Agatha Parish

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Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

Summer is still with us, but September is not far away. Recently we had a wonderful day at Canobie Lake Amusement Park with the altar servers. More than 30 servers enjoyed the warm weather and the wide variety of rides, games, and refreshments that Canobie has to offer. I got drenched, twice no less, on the Boston Tea Party ship water ride, had my ups and downs on two of the three roller coasters there, got to inflict mostly gentle bumps on a number of the kiddos on the dodgem cars (and received a few bumps in return!). Thank you, Ashton, for talking me into going on the Extreme spinning ride, the type of ride I usually avoid at all costs. Only recently did I recover my stomach! It was also great to have a good number of family members as chaperones, as well as Fr. Jay, his friend and classmate Fr. Tony from Columbus, Deacon Dan, and Helen Bornhorst our new Youth Minister.

I've been spending a fair bit of time meeting with our new staff members, each of whom has really hit the ground running. Our School's new Principal Nancy Carr has been hard at work meeting with teachers and staff, communicating regularly with parents, working closely with the new Family School Association, planning and carrying out the recent Family Movie Night and Popsicles with the Principal. It promises to be a very upbeat and strong beginning to the new school year in a couple of weeks' time.

Lisa Gulino our Pastoral Associate has been connecting with a wide variety of the folks here involved in the many ministries at St. Agatha Parish. Lisa will be conducting some Adult Faith Formation and Spirituality Sessions in the near future herself, as well as planning other events such as expanding our parish's outreach to the materially needy locally and working with professionals beyond our parish to help us respond to the reality of addiction. Lisa has also been at work on our Parish Facebook Page, and (God help us) has gotten Fr. Jay and even me to do Sunday podcasts!

Beth Peterson has been hard at work with Jenn Caputo to have a great beginning to our Faith Formation Program for Grades 1-6 later in September. Beth is arranging for some of our catechists to share a word or two with us next month about the blessing of being able to hand on the faith that has been entrusted to us to our young people. She is also making plans for a wonderful celebration of Catechetical Sunday next month. We are grateful to all those who are returning or beginning for the first time as catechists and door/hall monitors, and hope that a few more parishioners will join their ranks.

The newest member of our Pastoral Team is Helen Bornhorst our Youth Minister and Coordinator of Faith Formation for Grades 7-10. Helen has been hard at work

planning for the Edge and Confirmation Programs, as well as getting ready for an exciting Kick-Off to our High School Youth Group in mid-September. Helen is looking for a few more adults to help with facilitating small group discussions in both the Edge and Confirmation programs. Helen brings a background in and a passion for Peer Ministry among teens. I am very hopeful with Helen's leadership and with the number of teens who took part in the ASP trip and in Steubenville East this summer, those who have been active in our Youth Group last year, as well as a number of other who are involved in other ways in our parish, that some wonderful opportunities for older teens to help mentor younger teens will occur.

So, much has been going on here this summer to make this upcoming autumn a time of grace, learning, deepening of faith, strengthening of our parish community, outreach to others, and ultimately a resurgence of the joy that is ours as disciples of Christ and brothers and sisters with one another in His name!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

This Sunday falls between two beautiful days honoring Mary. Mary's Assumption into heaven and the Queenship of Mary are reminders of God's plan of love and salvation.

In John's Gospel we read: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn. 3:16). Mary, said "yes" to the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. Jesus came into the world to reveal the Father's love; He is the bridge between Heaven and Earth.

The two wonderful celebrations of Mary are reminders of what awaits us after our journey of faith. St. John Paul explains: "the pilgrimage of faith no longer belongs to the Mother of the Son of God: glorified at the side of her Son in heaven, Mary has already crossed the threshold between faith and that vision which is "face to face" (1 Cor. 13:12).

Mary is the "Star of the Sea" for we who are on the journey of faith. St. John Paul encourages the faithful to "lift their eyes to her" precisely because **Mary cooperates in our spiritual "birth and development" and "she cooperates with a maternal love."**

The Church, writes John Paul II, "sees **Mary maternally present and sharing in the many complicated problems which today beset the lives of individuals, families and nations**; she sees her helping the Christian people in the constant struggle between good and evil, to ensure that it 'does not fall,' or, if it has fallen, that it 'rises again.'" Let us pray for the needs of our world, our Church, ourselves and our loved ones.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Eternal Life

As you hear this reading about Jesus as the living bread, what words or phrases strike you? What part of this promise touches you most deeply?

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:
 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Pastoral Planning

August 19 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus’ teaching about the Bread of Life continues in today’s gospel. It is a teaching we need to hear over and over. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” Jesus is inviting us to receive his body and blood at Mass in Holy Communion. Savor Jesus’ words as you receive Communion today. Is there someone you know who isn’t here this week? Pray for strength to invite that person to come to Mass and Holy Communion next week.

By the time of its 50th Anniversary in 1972 St. Agatha Parish had firmly established itself as an important part of the East Milton/West Quincy communities. Msgr. Ralph Gallagher was finishing his 17th year as Pastor and was assisted by Fr. William O’Connor, Fr. Charles Murphy, Fr. Martin Cogavin and Fr. James Mannis, CSC. It was a turbulent time within the Catholic Church as the effects of Vatican II were beginning to take hold. It was also a turbulent time politically as the Vietnam War began to wind down and Richard Nixon was nearing the beginning of his ill-fated second term as President. The Mass schedule on Sunday mornings remained similar to the schedule in place at the time of the 35th Anniversary. However one notable change in the schedule was the addition of THREE Masses on Saturday evening at 4:00, 5:00 and 8:00 and Sunday afternoon at 5:00. The Anniversary itself was a multi-event celebration in October which was co-chaired by Fr. O’Connor and Joseph M. Murray and comprised of a host of small volunteer committees. It began with a Field Day on October 7th organized by a committee chaired by John Lynch. Then on October 13th there was a Teen Dance organized by the CYO. On October 14th there was a “Shut-in’s” Mass and reception organized by Anne Fitzgerald. And the major event was a 50th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Maguire followed by a Dinner Dance at Lantana’s in Randolph. The Dinner Dance Master of Ceremonies was Joseph Murray and the Reception Committee was comprised of six couples - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Clifford, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Coyne, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. William DiPesa, Mr. & Mrs. James Fitzgerald and Mr. & Mrs. John A. Walsh. It was interesting to note that Joe Clifford was singled out as being responsible for the music! I always suspected that Joe had hidden musical talent! It was a huge undertaking that relied on many volunteers. The effort to plan the 100th Anniversary is in its beginning stages now, so please keep an eye out for updates and hopefully share of your time and talent to make this upcoming celebration the best yet! Next week we’ll take a look at the 75th Anniversary in 1997.

In addition to the Offertory contributions below, an additional \$6,768 was contributed to the Special Collection to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you for your generosity.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Aug. 11-12 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Aug. 11-12 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,820	\$2,820	\$12,640	-\$595	-\$8,396



**ARE YOU SOMEONE
OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact Ann Louise Sullivan or Tabetha O'Connor at RCIA@StAgathaParish.org or Lisa M. Gulino, Pastoral Associate at Igulino@StAgathaParish.org or 617 698 2439 x209.

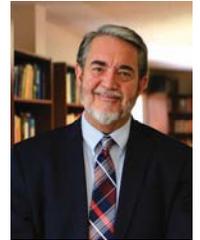


HOPE of the NATIONS
September 15, 2018
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope! Come and join with almost 2,000 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.

Scott Hahn



Saturday, September 15
St. Mary's Church • Lynn, MA
9:00 am–3:30 pm • Mass at 4 pm
\$25pp

Dr. Scott Hahn is an author (or editor) of over forty books and academic publications. A professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville since 1990, he is the founder and president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

Dr. Scott Hahn has delivered thousands of popular talks and academic lectures, nationally and internationally, on a wide range of topics related to Scripture, Theology and the Catholic faith.

For more information and to get your tickets, please call St. Mary's Lynn at 781-598-4907 or email Chris Carmody at ccarmody@lynncatholic.org. The event is sponsored by The Lynn Catholic Collaborative of St. Mary and Sacred Heart, offices located at 8 South Common Street, in Lynn, MA 01902.

BOSTON HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FORUM

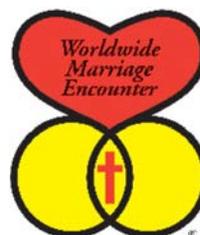
*Please Join us for:
Educational forum using Catholic Social Thought
and Ignatian Principles of Discernment
to examine the challenges and opportunities
of the future for the Holy Land*

**September 9, October 14, and November 4
Sundays at 4:00 pm**

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church
28 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02417

For more information contact:
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Catechists in grades 1–6 please mark your calendars for Catechetical Sunday, September 16. Please plan to attend the 9:00 am Family Mass and immediately following Mass, the annual Catechist Breakfast will be held in the Gathering

Space. We will be discussing the upcoming Faith Formation Year and passing out your teaching materials. Please bring your government issued picture ID (driver’s license) with you to fill out the annual CORI (background check). It would be much appreciated if you would kindly RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at 617-696-1388 or email faithformation@stagathaparish.org, thank you!

Faith Formation Sessions for grades 1–6 begin on Tuesday September 25, Wednesday September 26 and Thursday September 27 at 3:45 pm in the upper church. Parents or guardians please accompany your child/children to the opening session.

An email was sent last week to the families in grades 1–6 who have registered for the upcoming Faith Formation Year. If you have previously registered your child and did not receive an email please call the Faith Formation Office at 617-696-1388.

If you know of a child entering grade 1 in September, please invite them to register for Faith Formation which starts in grade 1. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, is a two-year process, usually in Grades 1 & 2.

Your faith is a gift that is meant to be shared, please share it with the youth of our parish!

Our current Faith Formation needs are; Catechists for Wednesday - grade 3, Thursday- a co-catechist for grade 4 and two catechists for grade 6. **Door/Hall Monitors** for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to volunteer. *Thank you!*



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.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Save the date for our **Youth Group Kick-Off** of fun and fellowship on **September 16th** after the 5 pm Mass!

Confirmation sessions this year will be occurring on specified Sundays from 6-8 pm about once a month. In order to provide a deeper spiritual experience and supplement the Confirmation curriculum, a mandatory retreat after the New Year will be held (a day retreat for year 1 and a weekend retreat for year 2). In addition, the **registration deadline has been extended to August 19th**, but earlier registrations are appreciated! Please note that year 2 Confirmation students, having completed year 1, must register again for year 2.

The Confirmation Program will begin in October (dates will appear in next week’s bulletin)!

The **7th & 8th grade Edge Program**, will meet on specified Thursday evenings from 6:30–8 pm.

The **EDGE Program Parent Meeting** will be held Thursday, **September 27th** at 6:30 pm and the **first EDGE night** will be Thursday, **October 4th** from 6:30-8pm (locations to be announced later).

Facilitators for small group discussion are needed for both the Confirmation program on Sunday evenings and for the Edge Program on Thursday evenings. To volunteer please email Helen Bornhorst at hbhornorst@stagathaparish.org.



LIFT Ministries

12 Year Anniversary Celebration

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 12 years of ministry with a special event on **Saturday, August 25th** at La Salette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4 pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7 pm. This event is **FREE** to attend and open to **ALL AGES**.

For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

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.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



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

Thank you to everyone that attended the SAS Family Movie Night! Close to 200 people enjoyed the twilight showing of *The Greatest Showman* and a sense of community along with their popcorn and snacks. Thank you to St. Agatha School's Family School Association for organizing this successful event and the sponsors: Roche Bros., Stop & Shop, Pleasant Entertainment (for the outdoor games) and Unchained Pizza for their support.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 18	
8:00am	Anniversary	John Fahy
4:30pm	1st Anniversary	Martin J. DeMatteo, Jr.
Sunday	August 19	
7:30am	4th Anniversary	James P. Kennedy
9:00am	Memorial	Elizabeth Crowley & Beverly Cooney
11:00am	10th Anniversary	Joseph D. Cronin
5:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday	August 20	
7:00am	Birth. Memorial	Salvatore Gulino
9:00am	Anniversary	James Albert
Tuesday	August 21	
7:00am	Birth. Memorial	Joanne Donovan
9:00am	Memorial	Elizabeth Crowley & Beverly Cooney
Wednesday	August 22	
7:00am		
9:00am	Anniversary	Suzanne & Michael Goldsmith
Thursday	August 23	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Friday	August 24	
7:00am	Memorial	William J. & Mary F. Fitzgerald
9:00am	6th Anniversary	Richard G. Kreinsen
Saturday	August 25	
8:00am	1st Anniversary	Joaquim Barbosa
4:30pm	25th Anniversary	Robert Weddleton
Sunday	August 26	
7:30am	13th Anniversary	John T. Berry
9:00am	Anniversary	Coleman Joyce
11:00am	4th Anniversary	Marilyn Caldwell
5:00pm	22nd Anniversary	John Fee Teehan

Bingo
Night

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

Come and Play

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

