

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 1-2, 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 is the last weekend of the Summer Mass Schedule. **Starting September 8th**, the weekend Masses will be: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon and 5:00pm. Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

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

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.

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



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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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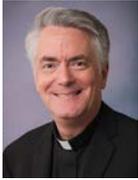
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A Note from Our Pastor,

Since most of you know that I spent 24 years of priesthood in seminary work at St. John's Seminary and at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary prior to my coming to St. Agatha's, I want to say a bit about the process of admitting and screening candidates for the seminary and evaluating them once admitted. I'll mention my most recent experience (11 years) at John XXIII Seminary. I do this to indicate the seriousness with which the Church takes priestly formation, and the broad scope of the admissions and evaluation processes before someone is allowed to move forward and be ordained.

Each seminarian is sponsored by a diocese or a religious community. Letters of reference, including from the candidate's pastor, previous employers, and others are part of the admissions file. Transcripts from college and graduate schools attended, an autobiography delineating the candidate's vocational journey, sacramental records, a criminal background check, letters of support from the candidate's bishop or religious superior and vocation director are also sent. Before coming for the admissions interview at the seminary the candidate also goes through a lengthy and thorough psychological evaluation, and that report is included in the admissions file. Once the diocese or religious community accepts the candidate for seminary, the file is sent to the seminary. The seminary rector and 4 other faculty members read the file and decide whether in their judgment the candidate should come for an admissions interview. If the decision is in the affirmative, the candidate comes to the seminary for several days, often with several other candidates at the same time, and is interviewed by the rector and the other 4 faculty members individually, as well as by the seminary's consulting psychologist. All 6 write a report of their interview with the candidate. The rector and the 4 faculty members read their individual reports to one another and discuss the candidate. They then bring in the consulting psychologist who reads his/her report, offers additional comments, and answers questions from the other 5. After the psychologist leaves, the rector and faculty members continue their deliberations and eventually vote on whether to accept the candidate.

After the candidates who are accepted enter the seminary they have a spiritual director (who is like a confessor) and a formation advisor. Both these individuals help the seminarian make the transition into seminary life (which has spiritual/liturgical, academic, pastoral (field education), and social components). They also help the seminarian process all that he experiences, and reflect on whether the Lord is truly calling him to the priesthood. Every seminarian participates in VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children). Seminarians are usually in the seminary for 4 or 5 years and are in a Master of Divinity degree program. Each seminarian at John XXIII is evaluated twice each year, receiving an oral report in the fall and a more in-depth written report in the spring, which is sent at the end of the school year to the seminarian's bishop or religious superior and vocation director. The faculty vote in

the spring each year on whether a seminarian should continue in priestly formation or not. The faculty (except for spiritual directors) offer their input on each seminarian individually, and, as was the case here with then Deacon and now Fr. Baldemar Garza, there is also input from the seminarian's pastoral assignment also at least twice a year. As Baldemar's supervisor here at St. Agatha's this past year I also solicited input from folks among the parish staff and parishioners who had regular interactions with Baldemar. A number of people wrote assessments of his preaching, for example, and others wrote about other encounters they had with him. I incorporated this into the report I sent to the seminary. But throughout the year I also met with Baldemar on a regular basis to hear from him about how he felt his ministry was going, to offer my own observations, to communicate to him both affirmations and recommendations I had heard from parishioners and staff, and to offer my own comments in that regard. Much of this was incorporated into the reports I sent the seminary.

The seminarian's bishop or religious superior receives the faculty vote, report, and recommendations, and has the final decision about a seminarian's continuance and ultimately ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. In my years at John XXIII Seminary most of the seminarians were judged favorably for ordination. Others, though, were asked to take time away from the seminary, sometimes in what is called a pastoral year, to work on personal issues or get more experience in parish life. Some seminarians themselves discerned that they were not being called to priesthood. There were also occasions when a seminarian was dismissed from the seminary. Sometimes the dismissal was because of an inability to accomplish satisfactorily some key components of the seminary program; sometimes it was an issue of problematic emotional, interpersonal, or other psychological matters; sometimes it was because there was evidence that the seminarian was not living a chaste celibate lifestyle. On one such occasion while I was rector, information came to me from some of the fellow's brother seminarians. His situation was investigated, and the man was dismissed from the seminary, and then no longer sponsored by his bishop as a candidate for priesthood.

I also want to acknowledge when there was an occasion when we on the seminary admissions board blew it. We relied too much on the input of our own consulting psychologist about a candidate for admission, while not paying enough heed to our own "gut feeling" about the candidate. We accepted him. It wasn't too long until he started demonstrating problematic behavior. He was confronted about this; we as a faculty met to discuss it, and he was dismissed from the seminary and dropped as a candidate for the priesthood in less than a month and a half into his time in the seminary.

The point of this—probably much more information than you ever wanted or imagined—is that both the admissions process and the seminary process as a whole are pretty thorough. And I believe strongly that the faculty, the pastoral supervisors, and the seminarians themselves take seminary formation for priesthood very seriously. As difficult as it can be, it is heartening to me that a seminarian's own peers are willing to call

the seminarian out if he is not living appropriately, and when need be, inform the seminary administration about this. I recall a story told me by a previous rector who was collecting exam books from a class he was teaching. A seminarian said to him, "I hope you'll be compassionate when you are grading these exams." To which the priest replied, "Oh yes, my compassion will be directed toward the people in the parish where you one day might be serving!" A bit of humor, perhaps, but a true reflection of what we as faculty were always keeping in mind. "Will this seminarian be the kind of priest whom the People of God in his diocese or the folks served by his religious community deserve?"

Fr. Palardy

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Your heart must be full of faith.

Listen again to this reading from the Letter of James. What strikes you in it? What single word or phrase jumps off the page for you?

Reading II : James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Pastoral Planning

September 2 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading today Saint James reminds us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." The message is clear—we must take the word to heart and act on it in our lives this week. We've heard God's word and been nourished by the Eucharist. So now, with whom will you share it?

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

The year of St. Agatha Parish's 75th Anniversary—1997—was bittersweet. Msgr. Francis Turke, who had been Pastor since Msgr. Gallagher died in 1981, died of cancer on August 27th of that year. He was much loved and respected and was mourned by the parish community as a faithful shepherd, good friend and fine man. Fr. William Kenneally moved to the Parish that same month as a Senior Priest and was named Temporary Administrator by the Cardinal until Fr. Peter Casey was appointed in January of 1998. The booklet commemorating the 75th—entitled "Celebrating Seventy-Five Years of Faith, Family and Friendship" was dedicated in honor of Msgr. Turke. In addition to Fr. Kenneally, Fr. (later Msgr.) Charles Anadore was also living at St. Agatha's as Senior Priest. This was in addition to the two assigned Parochial Vicars—Fr. Charles Salamone and Fr. Robert Bowers, and Permanent Deacon Dan Sullivan who had been ordained in 1990. The year-long celebration was highlighted by a special St. Patrick's Day event on March 15th; a reception with the Cardinal and a Night at the Pops in May; a Red Sox game and a Parish Picnic in June; a Harbor Cruise in August and the 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Lombardo's in October. A huge amount of planning went into these events and the publication of the 80 page "booklet" which contains a treasure trove of pictures and an excellent history of the parish. A total of fifty-two—that's right, 52—parishioners donated their time and talents to the effort. Among them are a number of people who are still active in the parish including Joan and Joe Clifford, Rita Callahan, Bill Carlson, Pat Clasby, Barbara Foley, Trudy and Will Hynes, Sue Nania, Jack & Eileen O'Brien, Joe and Jeannine Reardon, Richard Schaeztl, Judy Swanson and Fred Tarpey. These are among the people who made the 75th Anniversary a memorable one for the whole parish community. The 100th Anniversary is right around the corner. Maybe it's your turn to share your gifts by joining the Committee as it is formed. The Parish Pastoral Council is already beginning to formulate ideas, so stay tuned for updates.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.

Jack Riley

| Weekly Offertory Report | | | | | |
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| Weekly Budget | Aug. 25-26 In-Pew Collection | Electronic Collection | Aug. 25-26 Total Offertory | Weekly Difference | Total Difference YTD |
| \$13,235 | \$7,092 | \$2,746 | \$9,838 | -\$3,397 | -\$14,387 |



Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place on *Tuesday evening, September 4* Adoration and Rosary from 7:00-8:00pm. All are welcome!



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

SAVE THE DATES!

*Study, Pray, and Share Faith Together:
The Gospel of St. Mark*

Please join us for a six-week faith and spiritual formation opportunity. Each session will include:

- A presentation which “breaks open” the Gospel through study.
- A time to quietly pray with the Word of God according to the ancient practice of “lectio divina” which means “sacred reading.”
- An opportunity to journey with other parishioners by sharing faith.

Morning Session is from 9:30–10:45 AM: Monday, Sept 24; Oct. 1; 15; 22, 29, Nov. 5.

Evening Session is from 7:00–8:15 PM: Tuesday, Sept 25, Oct. 2; 9; 16; 23; 30.

*“Your prayer is the word you speak to God.
When you read the Bible, God speaks to you;
when you pray, you speak to God” (St. Augustine)*

Please call Lisa Gulino @ 617 698 2439 X209 or email lgulino@stagathaparish.org to register. This will assist us in proper planning for handouts and light snacks.



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.

If you, or a friend you know, might be interested please speak to one of our priests, or contact Ann Louise Sullivan or Tabettha O'Connor at RCIA@Stagathaparish.org.



Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on *Wednesday, September 5* for Coffee & Conversation. Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.

CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

We are back! The next session is **Wednesday, September 12.**

The morning session is from 9:30-11am in the Gathering Space (lower church). See next week's Bulletin for more info...

Bring an old project or start a new one.

All are Welcome!



“Spirituality for Everyday Living” monthly mini-retreat series, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, begins its 9th season at

Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, September 12th. **“Taming the Monster,”** on the topic of courage, is from 10:00am to 12:30pm with coffee and pastry at 9:30am. Pre-registration is required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

“Lyrics of the Heart:” Though 5 months away, you may want to reserve a space now for this women's retreat weekend to be held at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA January 18-20, 2019. Peggy Patenaude will team up with singer-songwriters Stowegood to lead women in a very special experience. To learn more about Stowegood visit www.stowegood.com. Contact Peggy for more information.

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 in the upper church**. Parents or guardians please accompany your child/children to the opening session.

An email was sent to 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.

Our current Faith Formation needs are; Catechists for Wednesday - grade 3, 4 and 5, Thursday - a co-catechist for grade 4, and a catechist for grade 6. **Door/Hall Monitors** for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please contact the Faith Formation Office. *Thank you!*

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 in Grade 4 or above as of September 1st.
You must also attend BOTH training days during one of the time slots provided.

Tuesday, September 18
 @ 2:35–3:35pm or 3:45–4:45pm
and Wednesday, September 19
 @ 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 and click on the link to register for the training.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP ON
 @ *staggiesmilton* or *St. Agatha’s Youth Ministry*



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:



CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation Parent Meeting September 30th at 3:30 pm in the GYM. It is mandatory that at least 1 parent attend.

Confirmation Sessions this year will occur on specified Sundays from 6–8 pm (7 sessions in total). In order to provide a deeper spiritual experience and supplement the Confirmation Curriculum, a mandatory retreat in Spring of 2019 will be held (a day retreat for year 1 and a weekend retreat for year 2).

- Year 1 Program begins Oct. 21
- Year 2 Program begins Oct. 14

EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM):

EDGE Parent Meeting will be Thursday, September 27th at 7 pm in the Gathering Space.

EDGE will meet various Thursday Evenings from 6:30–8 pm in the Gathering Space. Join us for an opening social & prayer event Oct. 4 from 6:30–8 pm!

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

- We're excited to share some news from our school that will benefit our youngest students and their teachers!
- Our brand new principal, Mrs. Carr, recently finalized a partnership with the prestigious Lynch Foundation for Early Childhood Education—that's the organization started by famed Fidelity Investments money manager Peter Lynch and his late wife.
- Our school will soon receive a grant to redesign our pre-school and pre-k classrooms, build up a new curriculum and offer scholarships for some of our teachers to get their Master's degrees.
- This can make a real difference for our kids so it is VERY exciting as we head into a new school year!



**First day of school
for Grades 1-8 is
Tuesday, September 4th**

Fundraising Event at The Yogurt Bar!

When: Tuesday, September 4th
From: 12:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm

Where: The Yogurt Bar
110 Willard Street, West Quincy



Join us for a special fundraising event!



**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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm | September 1 Health & Healing Memorial | Fred Morahan Mary & Patrick Conneely |
| Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm | September 2 Memorial Memorial | George Gazza Kathleen Carr For the Parishioners of St. Agatha |
| Monday 8:00am | September 3 | Labor Day |
| Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am | September 4 Special Intention | Rita M. Todd |
| Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am | September 5 Special Intention | |
| Thursday 7:00am 9:00am | September 6 7th Anniversary | Rita Graham |
| Friday 7:00am 9:00am | September 7 13th Anniversary | First Friday Joseph Germaine |
| Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm | September 8 Anniversary 12th Anniversary | Albert Oliverio Virginia Crimmins |
| Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm | September 9 Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary 1st Anniversary | For the Parishioners of St. Agatha Reardon & Reynolds Families Patrick J. Fitzpatrick Catherine & Daniel Cushing and Sons Brian O'Connell |



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.



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

Come and Play

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

