

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 8-9, 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.



Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5

Starting this Sunday, 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.

September 12 - Creativity & Spirituality
Morning Session Only

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.

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
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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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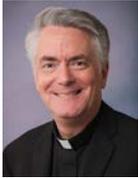
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A Note from Our Pastor,

Heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who have given so much encouragement to us priests here at St. Agatha's in person, by email, by cards and notes, and by flowers and food that you have sent our way. Fr. Jay, Fr. Pat, Fr. Tom, and I are very, very appreciative of your kindnesses to us at this very difficult time for our Church here in the US and in Rome, and for us as priests. The four of us feel very blessed by the love and support you have shown us these days. And as I have said before, we love you and thank you, and all of us on our staff are here to listen and empathize with you, as together we strive to support one another, stand with those who have been victimized by predator-priests and bishop-enablers, and work for the cleansing and purification of our Church. I am heartened to learn that a number of bishops now are calling for a largely lay-led team skilled in the field of forensic investigation to find the truth as to who knew what and when, concerning the former Cardinal McCarrick and to ascertain the facts regarding the claims made recently by the former Vatican Nuncio to the US, Archbishop Viganó. This is also a moment of truth for all of us. Are we willing to commit ourselves more wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ? Are we willing to strive more earnestly and ask God's help so that the virtues that we try to live by will allow others to see what a true disciple of Jesus looks like, in the face of so many counter-signs revealed the past several weeks? Are we willing to embrace some kind of prayer and fasting, not because we ourselves have sinned, but because prayer and fasting have throughout Jewish and Christian history, and in other faith-traditions too, been ways of begging God for something those beyond ourselves sorely need? I know from personal experience that not too long ago when I seriously and over a number of months took on a routine of prayer and fasting, God did grant something for which I profoundly hoped, for the benefit of someone dear to me. Might we see such a practice of prayer and self-denial as contributing to the cleansing, purification, and renewal of our Church for which we so desperately long?

St. Agatha School is once again in session! Last Tuesday was "Opening Day" and this coming Monday will be the opening Mass for the School Year. Thanks to our Principal Nancy Carr, our teachers, and the school staff, our new year was launched with much energy and excitement.

I am happy to welcome this weekend another member to our parish staff, Deacon Seraphim Wirth, fbp. Below in this bulletin Deacon Seraphim tells us a little about himself. Like Fr. Baldemar Garza, Deacon Wirth will be with us on weekends during his last year in seminary formation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. He is a Franciscan Brother of Peace and hails from Minnesota. Please introduce yourselves to him, and make him feel welcome in our parish community, as you did with Fr. Baldemar last year. Deacon Seraphim will serve as deacon at Masses, preach on occasion, and celebrate baptisms over the course of the next few months. I expect that he will also become involved in other activities

here, especially those that occur on weekends, given that he has a pretty busy academic schedule during the week. I am sure that he will also foster within us some of his own Franciscan spirituality.

Just a mention of what we'll be celebrating this coming Friday and Saturday. The Exaltation of the Cross on Friday moves us to ponder once again the amazing faithfulness and love of Christ for each one of us in laying down His life so that we might enjoy the fullness of life, here by grace, and hereafter in glory. On Saturday we honor Mary our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows, as she knows personally the pain we experience, especially as she had her heart pierced by the suffering and death of her dearly beloved Son. And how very much we and our Church need the power of Christ's Cross to bring us healing and new life, and Mary with her strong, compassionate, and maternal love to sustain us and intercede for us.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

Deacon Wirth

My name is Deacon Seraphim Wirth, fbp and I am a member of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. My community is located in St. Paul Minnesota and we were founded 35 years ago in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. I have been a Franciscan friar for 11 years, and I entered the seminary in 2015. In my life as a Franciscan, I have served in many different ministries. I worked in our food pantry, street ministry, shelter and several other areas. I also provide pastoral care to the Karen Catholic Community of St. Paul (a group of refugees from Myanmar). I currently serve as the Vicar and part-time Vocations Director for my community.

I grew up in St. Cloud Minnesota, and before entering religious life, I worked in the medical technology field. Coming from the land of 10,000 lakes I enjoy fishing, especially for the crappie and walleye.

I look forward to serving you this year, and I hope I can learn many things from you about how to be a good priest. The link below is for my community newsletter. Please feel free to read about our work.

<http://www.brothersofpeace.org/index.php/archive/158-newsmagazine-v32-e2-2>

Second Collection Next week, the diocese-wide collection will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. You can show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection. You are also invited to make your gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Opening up to the power of Jesus.

As you hear again this week from the Letter of James, what lingers in your memory about this reading? What word or phrase really strikes you?

Reading II : James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Pastoral Planning

As disciples of Christ, we are urged to speak to family, friends and co-workers about Jesus. Sadly, many of us do not. Listen to Isaiah: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...." Pray for courage to tell someone how Jesus has worked in *your* life. Your words may be just the reassurance the person needs to turn to Jesus for help.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Recently everyone seems to be asking the same question: "Where did the summer go?" It's a fair question! It seems like we just celebrated the Fourth of July, and now Labor Day is gone and we're heading for fall – although you wouldn't know it by some of the temperatures we've had recently! Part of the reason the summer went by so quickly around the parish is that it is actually one of the busiest times of the year for parish operations. It's the time of year that we do a number of maintenance and upkeep items in both the School and the Church and on the property itself. In the Church we were able to have all of the carpeting both the upper Church and the Chapel thoroughly cleaned. We also had the floor in the Gathering Space re-finished. In the school we did the normal summer upkeep which involved emptying every classroom and stripping and waxing floors. This year due to the change in enrollment we also had many classrooms moving to new locations. The great news that the Lynch Foundation provided a grant to our pre-school program led to an exciting make-over in the Lower Parish Center. We also did some repairs to the gym floor and the basketball backboards. Outside we had a couple of projects as well. We had work done on both parking lots to seal the cracks which appeared since last year and we also re-lined both lots. We also did some work on the area on the in front of the Parish Center. You may remember that over the years we have had several stubborn mulch fires in this area. So we spruced up the whole area by replacing the much with stones, adding planters and removing some dead/dying trees and bushes. Many thanks to John Driscoll Landscaping for doing such a great job. We also welcomed a number of new staff beginning in the late spring and continuing throughout the summer. We are very fortunate and happy to have with us Lisa Gulino (Pastoral Associate), Beth Peterson (Director of Faith Formation Grades 1-6), Helen Bornhorst (Youth Minister/Confirmation & EDGE Coordinator) and Nancy Carr (School Principal). Finally, we also had a week-long Audit by the Archdiocese which is done in each parish and school every 3 years. It was time-consuming, but went well. We should be receiving the report shortly and will share the results as soon as we do. So it was a very busy and productive summer and this upcoming year promises to be an exciting and fruitful one.

In addition to the Offertory amount below, \$1,174 was collected in the second collection for Catholic University.

Jack Riley

Early Bird Special

**Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering**



Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM

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

Next meeting: September 15

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

From Hoodlum to Priest,

God's extreme mercy – part 2

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton
617-696-3170 for more information

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Sept. 1-2 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept. 1-2 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$7,356	\$2,746	\$10,102	-\$3,133	-\$17,521





Join us and others interested in learning more about the Catholic faith which will be held **beginning Monday, September 24 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space**. Inquiry sessions offer opportunities for questions and answers about the Catholic faith and/or becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Various topics will be presented and discussed in a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere setting. If you, or a friend you know, might be interested please speak to one of our priests, or contact Ann Louise Sullivan or Tabetha O'Connor at RCIA@Stagathaparish.org.



Study, Pray, and Share Faith Together

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

The Gospel of St. Mark

Come join in study of the Scriptures, prayer, and fellowship.

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.

“Lectio Divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

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



I am Special

“I Am Special” is a faith formation program for children who are ages between the ages of 3 – 5. More details to follow in next week’s bulletin. **Needed:** Teenagers who can help teach songs, prayers and lessons about Jesus. Teenagers, consider the I Am Special Program as part of your required community service for your school. Parents if you wish your children to participate or your teenager to volunteer, please contact Dianne Mallett at mallett72@hotmail.com.

Save the date **Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17**, from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. St. Agatha Parish will be hosting two important evenings on **Addiction**. Professionals from the field will be presenting on this important topic. More details to follow.

The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

This week’s Gospel passage, from Mark, gives us a glimpse of how Jesus’ gestures are full of loving attention and express deep compassion for a man both deaf and mute. This man was **brought to Jesus by the crowds**. Consider this—this man is healed because others brought him to Jesus.

Jesus, concerned for the man, **drew him aside** from the confusion of the crowd. By several gestures full of meaning, the man felt Jesus’s **closeness as well as his understanding**. Jesus placed his fingers in his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Jesus then **looked to Heaven and prayed**: *“Ephphatha!”*— that is, **“Be opened!”** This gesture invited the man to turn his interior gaze, that of his heart, to the heavenly Father. Finally, **he healed him and restored him** to his family and to his people. The crowd exclaimed: “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” (Mk 7: 37). Imagine, the first voice the deaf man heard was the voice of God in the person of Jesus! The first words the mute man spoke were words of praise and thanksgiving to God. Jesus’ miracles were never an end in themselves; they were signs. What Jesus once did for a person on the physical plane indicates what **Jesus wishes to do every day for every person on the spiritual plane**.

To hear the word of God, **draw aside**, be still and encounter Jesus.

Be aware of God’s closeness to you particularly in the stillness. *“Be still and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10).

Lift your heart to the God of Heaven and earth— and **be open to God’s word**.

Recognize that it is the very person of **Jesus in the Eucharist** who touches our tongue.

Proclaim with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of God. “My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You; And my soul, which You have redeemed.” (Psalm 71:23).

When our ears are opened to the Word of God our tongue can be loosed to proclaim God’s love. Our world is in need of this message of love! With a new openness to the Word of God and words of thanksgiving about God’s goodness to us, who will we bring to the Lord?

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



DO SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD!

Are you being called by God to volunteer as a Catechist? Perhaps, but a little hesitant, feeling

you may not be “qualified”? Please know, God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called. So please respond and answer the “call”, we will provide you with the materials, lesson plans and support. **Our current Catechist needs are grade 6 on Tuesday, grades 3 and 5 on Wednesday and grade 4 on Thursday.** Contact the Faith Formation Office at 617-696-1388 or email: faithformation@stagathaparish.org to volunteer.



Catechists in grades 1-6 – next Sunday, September 16 is Catechetical Sunday. Please plan to attend the 9:00 am Family Mass where you

will receive a special blessing 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). If you have not done so yet, please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at 617-696-1388 or email faithformation@stagathaparish.org,



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.

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:



**ST. AGATHA
KICK-OFF
TAILGATE**

**SEPTEMBER 16TH 6-8 PM
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
GRADE 9-12**

Tailgate Food, Fellowship, & Fun Games

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

The First
Day of School



Begins with
a Blessing



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

In Remembrance of
Sept.



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!!!



MASS INTENTIONS

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 For the Anniversary Birth. Memorial Anniversary 1st Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Reardon & Reynolds Families Patrick J. Fitzpatrick Catherine & Daniel Cushing and Sons Brian O'Connell
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	September 10	
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 11 For the 1st Anniversary	Victims of 9/11 & their families John Farmer
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 12 Special Intention	Rita M. Todd
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	September 13 Birth. Memorial	Paul & Mary Clancy
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	September 14 Memorial Month's Mind	Lorayne Carberry Anna D'Amico
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	September 15 2nd Anniversary 6th Anniversary	Alice Klumpp Jennie Pascarella
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	September 16 Memorial For the 38th Anniversary Memorial Memorial	Dixon & Weare Families Parishioners of St. Agatha Christine Linehan Mr. & Mrs. Olavo Macedo Patricia Petersen and Thomas Garrity

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.