

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 15-16, 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

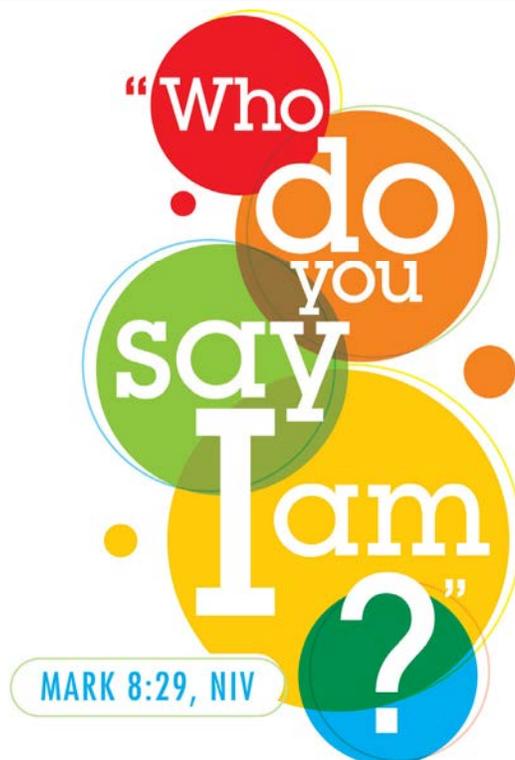
10:30 am

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.



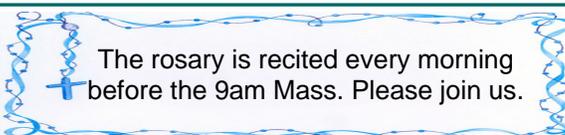
Upcoming Activities

September 24 – RCIA Program Begins

September 24 – Gospel of Mark–Morning

September 25 – Gospel of Mark–Evening

See inside for details.



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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Parish Website: www.stagathaparish.org Fax: 617-698-1517

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Rev. William B. Palardy, Pastor

Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

Pastoral Associate

Dr. Lisa M. Gulino

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Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

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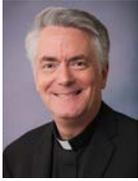
Mrs. Beth Peterson, Director

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YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org

Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

As you look through this week's bulletin you'll note that we have a lot of wonderful activities being launched. First of all, this is Catechetical Sunday when we ask God's blessings on the catechists, volunteers, students, and families who are part of our Faith Formation Program. Our 9am Mass this Sunday will include a blessing of catechists and parents and guardians. It is important for all of us to remember that our Faith Formation program assists the parents and guardians who send their children to our program, but they – the parents and guardians – are the primary teachers of their children in the faith – by their words and by their example.

This Sunday is also the long-awaited St. Agatha Kick-Off Tailgate for all high-school teens. Our Youth Minister Helen Bornhorst and her core team of young adults have done a lot of planning to make this first event of our youth ministry program this fall a great evening of food, fun, and friendship. All are invited, if they so choose, to wear a jersey of their favorite team. My only fear is that Helen will be wearing one from her favorite football team – and it's not the Atlanta Falcons, but an AFC rival of the Patriots. All kidding aside, it promises to be a wonderful evening. I'm hoping to see a lot of teens here in our Gathering Space from 6 until 8pm to launch a great year for our Youth Group.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week there will be training sessions for any children Grade 4 and up who would like to become altar servers. Please sign up by using the link on the homepage of our parish's website. It's an awesome privilege to serve the Lord and our Parish as an altar server, and it makes you eligible to enjoy a summer trip to Canobie Lake Park too!

Sign-ups for the St. Agatha Parish Basketball program begin this Wednesday the 19th. Students from Kindergarten through High School are eligible for the many teams that will be formed.

Here at St. Agatha's Parish we have an extended time each Friday from 9:30am until 1pm when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration in our chapel. In addition, the first Tuesday of the month we have Nocturnal Adoration in the evening for an hour. We are also planning, beginning in October, to have a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration on another evening from 7 until 8pm. This will provide an opportunity for us to pray before Christ in the

Blessed Sacrament with and for one another during this challenging period in our Church and in our nation. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

You will also note in this week's bulletin a notice about two Wednesdays in October when we'll be having presentations here at St. Agatha's from professionals about addiction. This is an issue that impacts very many of us and our families these days. Furthermore, on Saturday October 20th the 2nd Annual Mike's 5k race to crush substance abuse will be taking place in Milton. At a recent interfaith clergy meeting it was suggested that people could form teams to take part in this race. I'm hopeful that here at St. Agatha's there could be some teams formed, and perhaps some families might want to race as a team as well. Give it some serious thought, please.

Last but not least, thank you in advance for your contribution to this weekend's second collection which supports the health-care and retirement needs of the priests of our Archdiocese. In particular, St. Agatha's through the years has been blessed by the ministry of a large number of senior priests. Right now we have two great senior "Superstars" in Fr. McLaughlin and Fr. Powers. I am very grateful to them and to you to have the benefit of their wisdom and their ministry here.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy



Dear Fr. Palardy,

I would like to thank you for allowing Sr. Mary John and Sr. Lily to visit your beautiful parish and speak about the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. We were thrilled at the amazing kindness of your parishioners when we received the check from St Agatha's for \$6,788.00! Please know that these funds will be used to continue our loving mission to care for the elderly who live here at Jeanne Jugan Residence. I am truly touched by your generosity, and the generosity of your wonderful parishioners, and cannot thank you enough for your support.

With loving gratitude,
Sr. Maureen, lsp

Second Collection The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 590 men who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. You may also make your gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** (message & data rates may apply). Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We are called to carry our crosses.

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you?

Gospel : [Mark 8:27-35](#)

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Pastoral Planning

September 16 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel today, Jesus asks this question: "Who do you say that I am?" "And Peter answered, 'You are the Christ'".

Can you answer this question along with Peter and really mean it? Take some quiet time to reflect on your answer. If you really believe that Jesus is the Christ, how can you not share this good news with others? Share your story.



Basketball Sign-ups!!

Boys and girls of all ages are invited to register for St. Agatha Parish Basketball. The sign-ups will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the gym on September 19th, 20th and 26th. The basketball program is open to all parishioners as well as students of St. Agatha School. The program is divided into age groups ranging from the Pee-Wees (Grades K-2) and going all the way through High School. The In-House program

runs all day on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. The fee is \$75 per child with a maximum charge of \$150 per family.

There are also travel teams for which there is an additional fee, and more information about these teams will be available at the sign-ups.

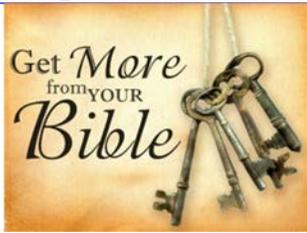
THE WEEKLY UPDATE

This past week two very important meetings were scheduled. The first was the Finance Council on Wednesday evening. The agenda included a discussion of our recent audit, a review of the current fiscal year's financial status and the review of the first draft of the Annual report which will be published in a few weeks. Then on Thursday night we had the Basketball Advisory Board meeting. This too is crucial because this group of volunteers is responsible for organizing and running our In-House and Travel basketball program which serves over 400 boys and girls each year. Next week's Operations Note will have summaries of each meeting. Just an alert for parents of children who want to join the basketball program. Registration is occurring a couple of weeks early this year and will be held in the gym on September 19th, 20th and 26th from 6–8 P.M.

It was great news to see the Offertory total below because it represents the first time in this fiscal year that we have surpassed our budgeted target. This is not entirely unexpected because summer collections tend to be a little lower due to vacations etc. So hopefully we're on the upswing!

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Sept. 8-9 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept. 8-9 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,919	\$2,746	\$13,665	\$430	-\$17,091



The Sacred Pause
Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

The Gospel of Mark – Study, Pray, Share
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.

Did you know, depending on how you count them, Jesus asks approximately two hundred questions throughout the Gospels and one question in the Acts of the Apostles? Why so many questions? Questions are an important tool in both relationship building and study. If we look at the situation in which Jesus asks a question it usually serves:

- To set the context for learning
- To focus attention on something significant
- To promote self-examination
- To prod thinking
- To show an interest in others

In reading Scripture there are keys to help us open the Word of God.

There is a series of questions asked by Jesus. Jesus, through these questions, points to the human heart’s longing and offers an invitation to relationship: “What are you looking for?” (Jn 1:38) “Why are you looking for me?” (Lk2:49) and “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mk 10:36, 51).

Each class is independent of the other, so if your schedule allows you to attend only several of the evenings...come and join us anyway! Bring a friend or family member. For more information, please call Lisa M. Gulino @ 617-698-2439 X209 or email lgulino@stagathaparish.org to register. Registration merely helps us plan for materials and light snacks.

Jesus’ questions span the ages and are indeed asked of us as well. In the busyness of life—we can easily forget our right to pause and ask and re-ask—what am I looking for in my life? As followers of Jesus—in this faith community of St. Agatha parish—we profess our search for Jesus. Jesus directly asks: “What do you want me to do for you?” **I imagine Jesus asking us this question with a great longing**—that we will give a wholehearted response and enter into dialogue with him about the hopes and joys, sorrows and concerns of our lives.

 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.** 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.

Jesus’ questions often highlight his concern for the person in their daily walk of life. Jesus focuses our attention on God’s loving and personal care for us. In Matthew’s Gospel narrative, Jesus points his hearers to a beautiful flower adorned field: “if that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you...”(Mt 6:30). In his question, “Why are you afraid?” (Mt 8:26), **we recognize Jesus’ invitation to express our concerns and fears of the unknown in our lives.**



Addiction Touches the Lives of Us All
Directly or Indirectly

Two evenings concerning an all-important and relevant topic—addiction. Please join with other members from your St. Agatha parish family as we delve into the topic of addiction.

This week’s Gospel is one of the poignant passages where Jesus asks two questions of his apostles. “Who do **people** say I am?” (Mk 8:29) Once Jesus got them talking, Jesus narrowed the focus: **“But what about you?”** he asked. “Who do **you** say I am?” Peter declared one of the most profound statements in the entire Bible: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”

Wednesday, October 10, 2018—7:00 – 8:30PM:
Addiction: Recognizing Signs and Symptoms.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018—7:00 – 8:30PM:
Addiction: Erasing Embarrassment, Shame, and Social Stigma

Professionals in the field of Addiction will present the keynote presentations. More details to follow.

Answers change lives. Jesus knew when Peter declared him to be “the Christ” that Peter would be changed by this declaration. **Who do you say Jesus is?**

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



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

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New dismissal policy: At the conclusion of sessions the dismissal bell will ring at 5:00pm, the door monitor will open the doors to the school and at that time parents/guardians will be invited to enter the school and proceed to the cafeteria to pick up their children. Upon exiting the cafeteria all will exit via the ramp door.

We understand some families may have younger siblings in car seats or other circumstances that the new dismissal policy may be a burden. Please contact the Faith Formation Office and we will arrange to have your child escorted out to you.

Catechists are still needed for: Grade 3 and 5 on Wednesday and Grade 4 on Thursday. Please answer the call to volunteer and contact the Faith Formation Office. Sessions meet weekly through April 11 from 3:45–5:00 pm.

As registration has closed we are unable to accommodate any changes at this time other than a child entering Grade 1.



In honor of Catechetical Sunday, please keep our devoted Catechists in your prayers as they so lovingly share their faith with the youth of your parish.

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 & YOUTH CHURCH MINISTRY

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



ST. AGATHA KICK-OFF TAILGATE

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

Tailgate Food, Fellowship, & Fun Games
Wear a jersey or other sports gear for your favorite team!

Confirmation Program

Parent Meeting September 30th at 3:30 pm
 Mandatory (that one parent attends!)

YEAR 1 PROGRAM BEGINS OCT. 21
YEAR 2 PROGRAM BEGINS OCT. 14

EDGE PROGRAM

PARENT MEETING Thursday, September 27th at 7 PM
 in the Gathering space

OPENING NIGHT Thursday, Oct. 4 from 6:30–8 PM

YOUTH WORSHIP BAND
 PLAYS AT THE 5 PM SUNDAY MASS

REHEARSALS
MONDAY'S 6-7:30 PM
FIRST REHEARSAL SEPTEMBER 24TH,
OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED GRADES 9-12

CURRENT GROUP: PIANO, UKULELE, BASS
CURRENT NEEDS: GUITAR, VOCALISTS
CONTACT HELEN BORNHORST IF INTERESTED

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*

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"Words cannot even begin to express how I honestly feel the mercy and forgiveness from God that I've been beating myself up for all of these years..."

A Project Rachel retreat participant.

The **Project Rachel** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a ***Come to the Waters of Healing*** one-day retreat. Fall dates are: **September 22, October 27 and November 10.** Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA is hosting its **37th Annual Lawn Party** on Wednesday, **September 26th, at 6:00 PM**, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

For information on tickets: <http://www.psjs.edu/lawn-party> or call 781-810-1923.

37TH ANNUAL LAWN PARTY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Olavo & Adelaide Macedo Patricia Petersen and Thomas Garrity
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	September 17 Birth. Memorial	David Clasby
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 18	
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 19 Memorial	Richard D. Armstrong, Jr.
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	September 20 Memorial	James Leonard
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	September 21 17th Anniversary Memorial	Marguerite E. Hart Elizabeth Ryan
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	September 22 For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	September 23 5th Anniversary Memorial 25th Anniversary 3rd Anniversary	Gina Degan Helen & Paul Williams George E. Tracey Jean Wilcox

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!!!

