

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 22-23, 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

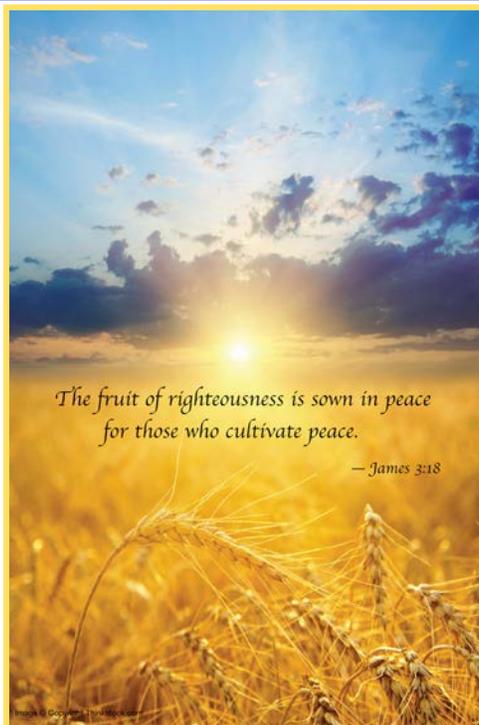
Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm
on Saturdays. Any other time
by appointment

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.



*The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.*

— James 3:18

Upcoming Activities

September 24 – RCIA Program Begins
September 24 – Gospel of Mark–Morning
September 25 – Gospel of Mark–Evening
See inside for details.

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.

St. Agatha Parish

Rectory@StAgathaParish.org

Parish Website: www.stagathaparish.org

Clergy

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
Deacon Seraphim Wirth, fbp, Seminarian Intern

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ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION

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Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

Last Sunday we had a wonderful turnout of catechists for the opening breakfast for catechists in our Faith Formation Program, Grades 1-6. This week begins faith Formation for Grades 1-6! All sessions this week will begin at 3:45pm in the Upper Church for a brief prayer service before students and teachers will make their way to the school building.

Parents of 7th and 8th graders in our Faith Formation Edge Program will meet with Helen Bornhorst this Thursday the 27th at 7pm in the Gathering Space, with classes beginning the following week.

Parents of 9th and 10th graders in our Confirmation-Faith Formation Program will meet with Helen Bornhorst next Sunday the 30th at 3:30pm in the Gym. The program itself will begin later in October.

There was a very good number of high school youth who came to the Kick-Off Tailgate last Sunday evening. Dave our grill chef did a marvelous job, and Helen and her core team of young adults organized, oversaw, and participated in the beanbag Cornhole game as well as Capture the Flag. We had close to 30 teens that evening. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and there were no injuries!

This week will provide the springboard for several other important events and initiatives here at St. Agatha's. Monday night we'll begin again another wonderful year of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Anyone interested in learning a bit more about our Catholic faith, or thinking about becoming Catholic, or being confirmed as an adult if already baptized is invited to the Gathering Space at 7pm.

Our Youth Worship Band which will be providing the music often at the 5pm Mass on Sunday will have its first rehearsal on Monday evening from 6 to 7:30 in the Upper Church. Anyone in Grades 9-12 is welcome. Bring your musical instrument or your singing voice!

Our parish has three other choirs as well: two adult choirs and one children's choir. Information about these 3 choirs and their rehearsal times can be found in this bulletin in the section "From the Music Director". Please give it a look if you are interested in helping our worshippers lift up their voices in songs of praise. Note that there are new times for the rehearsals for the chil-

dren's choir, so as to accommodate both public and Catholic school students.

Beginning this Monday morning and Tuesday evening our Pastoral Associate Lisa Gulino will be leading a prayer and Bible study on the Gospel of St. Mark. She is making this opportunity available at two different times, since some people are free in the morning and others in the evening. All sessions will be held in the Gathering Space. BYOB (the final "B" is "Bible" – don't know what else you might have been thinking!).

The final opportunity to sign up for Basketball (Grades K-High School) is this coming Wednesday September 26th from 6-8pm in the Gym.

Last but not least, please note that our next Mass of Anointing will take place on Saturday October 13th at 11am in the Chapel followed by lunch. We are asking those who plan to participate and stay for lunch to contact the secretary by October 5th so that we can plan on the luncheon numbers.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy



MASS OF ANOINTING
Saturday, October 13 at 11:00am
in the Chapel with lunch to follow

Please join us to celebrate the healing power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Sick. In the context of Mass, priests will lay hands on those seriously/chronically ill and those preparing for or recovering from surgery and anoint us with the Oil of the Sick.

We welcome those who are in need of Jesus' healing power as well as those who will pray for our ailing brothers & sisters.

*Please call Kathy Monahan at 617-698-2439 by **October 5** if you will be with us so we can plan for the luncheon. All are welcome.*

An Invitation to:

The Installation of Rev. Paul Coughlin as Pastor of Saint Raphael Parish by Most Reverend Mark O’Connell, Auxillary of Boston

When; September 30
 Time: 11:30 Mass
 Saint Raphael Church
 514 High Street
 Medford , MA
 Reception to follow

Donations can be made in Father’s name to :
 Saint Raphael Food Pantry, Pierce Family Fragile X Foundation or the Ryan Harrington Foundation.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

The Finance Council Meeting was held last Tuesday evening and the agenda was a very full one. The Council reviewed a draft of the Annual Report for the Parish and School. The report was approved with a few minor changes and will be published in the Bulletin and online in early October. The Council also reviewed the draft findings of the audit recently conducted by the Archdiocese of Boston Audit Department. The audit did not find any significant problems and the auditors made some helpful suggestions about procedural items that could be improved. In a parish this size which also has a school there are many moving parts, and external suggestions are often very useful. The final audit report will be issued by the Archdiocese in about a month. Finally, the Council reviewed the income and expenses of both the Parish and School so far this fiscal year. A watchful eye is certainly on the Weekly Offertory which is the key to our financial health. The School seems to have stabilized and the enrollment has been increasing to the point that it is now 22 students above what was budgeted. This is great news. On a sad note, longtime Council member Richard Schaetzl announced that his other responsibilities at this time necessitated his resignation from the Council. Richard was a steady influence on the Council for many years, and his quiet and well-considered observations were always right on the mark. He was also the Council Secretary and did an excellent job producing amazingly accurate minutes from long and complex meetings. He will be sorely missed and we wish him the best.

In addition to the Offertory amount below and additional \$6,901 was contributed to the Second Collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Fund, Thank you for your support of this very important cause.

Jack Riley

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: We are called to serve others.

Reading II : James 3:16-4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
 there is disorder and every foul practice.
 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
 then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
 full of mercy and good fruits,
 without inconstancy or insincerity.
 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
 for those who cultivate peace.

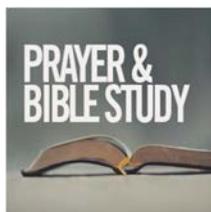
Where do the wars
 and where do the conflicts among you come from?
 Is it not from your passions
 that make war within your members?
 You covet but do not possess.
 You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
 you fight and wage war.
 You do not possess because you do not ask.
 You ask but do not receive,
 because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Pastoral Planning

In today’s reading, James exhorts us as followers of Jesus, to possess the wisdom of God. He describes the fruit of that wisdom as peace, gentleness, sincerity and mercy. While jealousy and selfish ambition exist all around us, today’s readings remind us of the need to be witnesses of a different way of living and loving. Let somebody in on the beauty of God’s wisdom!

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Sept. 15-16 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept. 15-16 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,122	\$2,746	\$10,868	-\$2,367	-\$19,458

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.

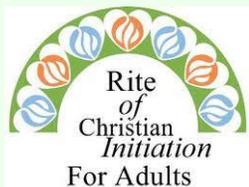
Evening Session is from 7:00 – 8:15 PM: Tuesday, Sept 25, Oct. 2; 9; 16; 23; 30.

Interested in strengthening your spiritual life? Wish you knew more about the Bible and how God's Word still speaks to us today?

Hope to see you—it starts this Monday and Tuesday. **Please bring a bible.**

Each session is independent of the other in case you cannot make all the sessions. Call Lisa for more info.

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 Tabetta O'Connor at RCIA@Stagathaparish.org.



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.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018—7:00 – 8:30 PM:

Addiction: Recognizing Signs and Symptoms.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018—7:00 – 8:30 PM:

Addiction: Erasing Embarrassment, Shame, and Social Stigma

Location: St. Agatha Gym.



Dear Parishioners,

This is the 2nd week of the return of both choirs after a summer break.

On behalf of the Music Ministry team I would like to welcome back all choir members, cantors and instrumentalists.

We have all been truly blessed to have choirs in our Parish that enhance Liturgy and help us celebrate God's presence. Surely their ministry is highly appreciated. I would like to encourage all Parishioners interested in music. Please give it a try and attend one of our rehearsals.

Choir is an exciting place! We get to sing, train our voices, stimulate our brains by learning new harmonies, improve our focus, and develop friendships, all for the Glory of God! Please don't be intimidated if you have little or no experience in choral singing. A little bit of a natural skill and the desire to learn is all that's needed. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

The rehearsals are as follows:

The Contemporary Choir meets on Wednesdays, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

The Contemporary Choir sings on Sundays at the 12:00 Mass.

The Traditional Choir meets on Thursdays, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

The Traditional Choir sings on Sundays at 10:30 am Mass.

Please join us!

With God's Blessing,
Agata Orzechowska/Music Director

Children's Choir



Dear Children and Parents,

We are recruiting children to the Children's Choirs.

The enrolment is open to all Children ages 6 to 14.

Rehearsals are in the Main Church **on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm**

The time of the rehearsals should accommodate students from both, Public and Catholic Schools. Please let me know if your child is interested in joining the choir and if you might have a conflict with this time frame.

All Children that like to sing are welcome!

I truly would like to encourage all children to give it a try and attend one of our rehearsals. Choir is an exiting place where children get to train their voices, learn music, improve focus, develop new friendships and learn about Liturgy.

And all for the Glory of God!

I hope to see many of you next Wednesday.

Sincerely,
Agata Orzechowska

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Faith Formation Sessions for grades 1-6 begin this 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.

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. If your children will walk home from their session, please email the Faith Formation Office giving your permission for them to do so, please include your child's name, grade and day of session.

Sessions meet weekly September 25 through April 11 from 3:45 – 5:00 pm, following the Milton Public School Calendar for all vacation, holidays and other school cancellations.

We had a lovely breakfast meeting for our Catechists last Sunday. The parish is blessed to have these very dedicated and faith filled volunteers. Please keep them and the Faith Formation Children in your prayers for continued growth in wisdom and love of God.

October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. A lover of all God's creations, Francis greeted others as brothers and sisters; he greeted animals and elements of nature with the same respect. In honor of his feast, **all are welcome to bring their pets (or a photo of your pet) on Thursday, October 4 at 4:45 pm for a blessing of animals outside at the back parking lot, behind St. Agatha School.**



All Faith Formation students will be dismissed early from their session on Thursday, October 4 at 4:45 pm to the back parking lot, behind St. Agatha School. **Parents/Guardians please park your car in the front parking lot and walk to the back parking lot whether or not you have a pet to meet your children for pickup.**

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



Encounter Confirmation Program
 VARIOUS SUNDAY NIGHTS 6-8 PM IN THE GATHERING SPACE
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING
 Sunday, September 30th at 3:30 pm in the Gym
Parents only. At least one parent must attend.
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
 OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED GRADES 9-12
REHEARSALS
 MONDAYS 6-7:30 PM
 UPPER CHURCH
FIRST REHEARSAL: SEPT. 24TH
CONTACT HELEN BORNHORST AT HBORNHORST@STAGATHAPARISH.ORG IF INTERESTED

Basketball Sign-ups!!
 Boys and girls of all ages are invited to register for St. Agatha Parish Basketball. The final sign-up will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the gym on September 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.

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

Catholic High Schools Fair

Thinking of a Catholic High School?



Please attend a Catholic High Schools Fair--Sunday, September 30th (11am-1pm) hosted by Archbishop Williams (80 Independence Ave., Braintree)--meet with representatives from local Catholic high schools to learn more about school life.



There will be a **Public Square Rosary**

When: Saturday, October 13th from noon to 2pm

Where: in the park area across from the East Milton Fire station.

All are welcome.

Any questions?

Please call Pat Clasby at 617-696-2567.

Have you ever wondered about the value of that family heirloom or yard sale find?

Join us for a professional Skinner appraisal. Schedule an appointment to bring one item for a verbal appraisal and evaluation.*

Saturday, October 13th | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities Labouré Center

275 West Broadway | South Boston

Proceeds directly support Catholic Charities Labouré Center programs which focus on education & job readiness, family stabilization, and youth & senior services.

\$20 PER OBJECT

Price includes free general admission.

For information or to schedule an appointment, [click here](#) or call (617) 464-8500.

*Space is limited. Appraisal by appointment only.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Gina Degnan Memorial Helen & Paul Williams 25th Anniversary George E. Tracey 3rd Anniversary Jean Wilcox
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	September 24 2nd Anniversary Jean Gulino Memorial Elizabeth Ryan
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 25 Special Intention Good Health
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	September 26 Memorial Peter H. Coley
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	September 27 14th Anniversary Maureen Bridget King
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	September 28 Anniversary Marilyn O'Donnell
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	September 29 100th Birth. Constance Michaelina Sam-borska McCabe Memorial Robert F. Daly 4th Anniversary
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	September 30 1st Anniversary Joan Viens For the Parishioners of St. Agatha Memorial Francis, Rosella, Michael & Mark Callahan 5th Anniversary Cecelia McCarthy Anniversary Helen & Angelo Piazzola and Roberta Piazzola

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!!!

