

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

September 29-30, 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

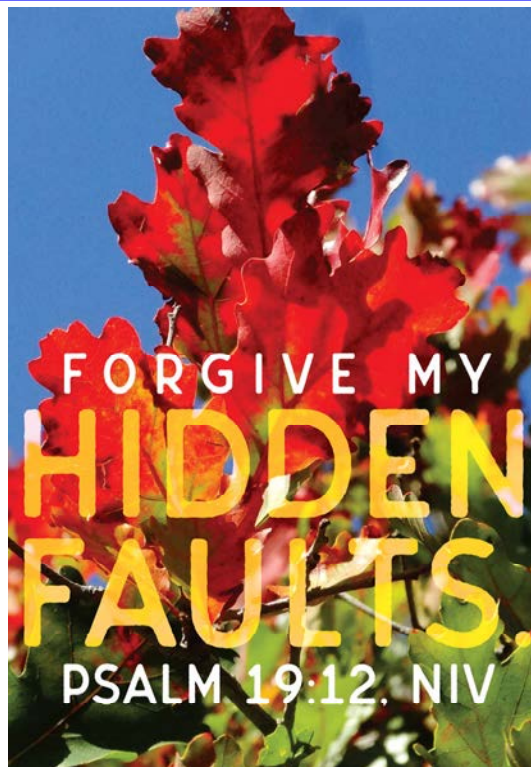
10:30 am

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

October 2– Nocturnal Adoration

October 3– Coffee & Conversation

October 4– Blessing of the Pets

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

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

Pastoral Associate

Dr. Lisa M. Gulino

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Mrs. Michelle Tierney, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

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Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

Fall is in full throttle here at St. Agatha's. Three people joined us on Monday evening for the inquiry stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Anyone else who would

like to consider joining the Catholic Church, prepare for Confirmation, or just learn a little bit more about our Catholic faith is invited to check us out on Monday evenings in the Gathering Space from 7-8pm.

Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6 has also just begun. We welcomed the many students and our wonderful catechists this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It promises to be a great year in learning about, loving, and serving the Lord as a beloved follower of Jesus.

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students in our Faith Formation Edge Program met with Helen Bornhorst this past Thursday, and classes for these students will kick off this Thursday from 6:30 until 8pm.

Parents of 9th and 10th graders in our two-year Confirmation Program will meet with Helen this Sunday at 3:30pm in the Gym. And sessions will begin in a couple of weeks.

For Adult Faith Formation our Pastoral Associate Lisa Gulino has had her opening sessions in studying and praying with the Gospel of St. Mark. Those who participated reported enjoyment, illumination, and spiritual depth from Lisa's presentation. Even if you couldn't make it this past week, you are most welcome to attend Mondays after the 9am Mass and Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Gathering Space. I'm sure Lisa will "get you up to speed!"

Now for OCTOBER! Our first rehearsal this year of our Youth Worship Band who will be playing at 5pm Sunday Masses will take place this Monday night October 1st from 6 to 7:30pm in the Upper Church. Teens from Grades 9 to 12 are invited to share their musical talents whether instrumentally or vocally. And you don't have to "concert-ready". After all, you've heard me sing!!!

This Tuesday evening we'll have Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Recitation of the Rosary from 7 to 8pm in the Church. And on Wednesday the 3rd we'll have our monthly coffee, doughnuts, and conversation in the Gathering Space after the two morning Masses.

This Thursday October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of his love for animals, we honor St. Francis here by having a blessing of animals at 4:45pm in the back parking lot behind St. Agatha School. Fr. Makos, that great animal lover himself, will be doing the honors that day!

We'll be having our October Mass of Anointing of the Sick on Saturday the 13th at 11am. If you can come, please call Kathy Monahan here at the rectory by Friday the 5th, so we can order the proper amount of food for the luncheon following.

Knowing that the reality of addiction touches so many of our lives, we'll be having two sessions with presentations from professionals in the field of addiction on Wednesdays October 10th and 17th from 7 to 8:30pm in our parish gym.

Also on October 20th is Mike's 5k run to crush substance abuse beginning at 10am at Cunningham School. We already have a St. Agatha Team being formed. If you would like to be a member of this team, please contact Carolyn Ferguson at carolynabferguson@gmail.com. More information from Carolyn is found below.

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, in addition to the extended time for adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 9:30am until 1pm and the Nocturnal Adoration on First Tuesdays of every month, we will have a Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also on Wednesday evenings October 24th and November 14th from 7 until 8pm in the Chapel. The specific intentions for these two Holy Hours will be for our Church, our Families, our Nation, and our World.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy



Mike's 5K to Crush Substance Abuse is planned for Saturday, October 20th, beginning at 10AM at Cunningham School. This is the 2nd annual race in memory of Mike Mulcahy, a Milton resident and member of our parish who passed away in December 2016 after a heroic battle against addiction. St Agatha Parish has formed a team for the 5K, called STARS: St Agatha Runners, and we invite you to join us as we raise money for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. If you would like to join our team, please reach out to Carolyn Ferguson at carolynabferguson@gmail.com.

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Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place on *Tuesday evening, October 2* Adoration and Rosary from 7:00-8:00pm. All are welcome!

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: God wants us to be just and right.

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What image comes to mind from this reading?

Gospel : Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."
 Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.
 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Pastoral Planning

September 30 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strong words in today’s Gospel: *“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”* We have a huge responsibility to give good example to children and youngsters in our midst – and to our peers. Repeat the Gospel acclamation often in the week ahead. “Your word, O Lord, is truth. Consecrate us in the truth.”

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

As we anticipate the onset of the heating season each year we take a close look at our systems in our three buildings to see where we might be able to make efficiency changes. Nine years ago we began purchasing our gas from a company other than the utility. Utilizing the expertise of Finance Council member Shaun Pandit to forecast prices and lock in the best deals, we have saved thousands of dollars in heating costs by paying one company to supply the gas and National Grid to deliver it. (By the way, we do the same with electricity). Over the last two years we have also invested many thousands of dollars in the school replacing steam traps, repairing thermostats and the like to try and increase comfort while decreasing fuel expenses. In the Rectory several years ago we replaced all of the porous, ancient double hung windows with new triple insulated vinyl clad high efficiency windows. Last year we had the well-chronicled replacement of the old boiler in the Church that had failed with two smaller extremely efficient boilers. Our HVAC contractor recently did an analysis of our heating costs for the last two years and found that we had a 16% reduction in therms used since installing the new boilers. This year we are installing a new control system in the Church which will allow us to regulate the heat in the Upper Church and Lower Church independently. Although the heating systems are slightly different, they are supplied with hot water from the same boilers. This is unlike the air conditioning systems which are supplied with cool air from completely distinct units. Until now we have had a single control system for heat which means that we can control when the heat is on and off based on a usage schedule, but both parts of the Church have been heated even when only one was being used. But beginning this winter we will be able to control them separately and this will result in additional savings. The project will occur within the next week and will be ready well in advance of the heating season.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Sept. 22-23 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept 22-23 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$8,857	\$2,751	\$11,608	-\$1,627	-\$21,086

CALENDAR

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Thank you for your presence here at St. Agatha Parish. Your presence, your family, your faith—strengthens our parish family. Renew your faith by your participation in any of these opportunities listed below:

Bereavement Support Group Walking through Grief
Have you experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year(s)? You aren't alone
1st Evening *begins on Tuesday, October 30, 2018* in the Library. More details to follow.
For more information about these opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Gulino, Pastoral Associate: lgu-lino@stagathaparish.org or 617 698 2439.

The Sacred Pause
Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

Through prayer, daily life takes on new meaning. **By praying we look with the lens of faith through which we see the true landscape of life.** Through prayer, heavenly wisdom is planted in the field of our hearts. In prayer we encounter God.

In his September 15-16th column, Fr. Palardy reminded us of the many opportunities we have present in our parish to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in adoration. They are:

- Every Friday from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Silent Adoration
- 1st Tuesday of the Month 7:00 PM with recitation of the Holy Rosary and prayers for nocturnal adoration

In light of these challenging times, we will add one more regular, on-going opportunity for Adoration. The first ***Holy Hour for our Church, our Families, our Nation, and our World***, will be held on Wednesday, October 24th from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM in our Chapel. Thereafter it will be held on the **2nd Wednesday of every month**. We are grateful for the musical contribution of Agatha and our Choir who will sing the Exposition hymn and a meditative hymn. Music has the power to relax and to raise the soul to God. Silent prayer will follow. The evening will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

Mother Teresa once wrote: “God is the friend of silence, in that silence he will listen to us; there he will speak to our soul, and there we will hear his voice.”

Peter encouraged the early Church to “cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7). Through prayer we are drawn by love into a deepening relationship with Jesus. In prayer we accomplish, on behalf of our loved ones, perhaps one of our greatest works. Let us entrust to the Lord our loved ones—their hopes and dreams, joys and sorrows while enjoying sacred silence and solace in the midst of our very busy life.

St. Mark: Study, Pray, Share

Please join us for either session:
Morning Session is from 9:30 – 10:45 AM: Monday, October. 1; 15; 22, 29, Nov. 5.
Evening Session is from 7:00 – 8:15 PM: Tuesday, October. 2; 9; 16; 23; 30.

RCIA: Inquiry Sessions

Do you have questions about becoming Catholic? Haven't received Confirmation yet? Come and join us for informal discussion and prayer.
Monday, October 1 at 7:00 PM Gathering Space

Mass of the Anointing

Saturday, October 13, 2018.
11:00 AM in the Chapel
Reception to follow.
Please call Kathy Monahan at 617-698-2439 by October 5 if you will be with us so we can plan for the luncheon.

Addiction: Recognizing Signs and Symptoms.

An evening open for all adults and an opportunity for parents and their teenage/young adult children to discuss such an important issue. Experts in the field will give invaluable insights on recognizing signs and symptoms of addiction. Following the Keynote, a witness will give her testimony. Followed by Q/A.
Wednesday, October 10, 2018—7:00 – 8:30 PM. St. Agatha School Gym

Addiction: Erasing Embarrassment, Shame, and Social Stigma.

An evening open for all adults. Following the Keynote, a witness will give his testimony.
Wednesday, October 17, 2018—7:00 – 8:30 PM. St. Agatha School Gym.

Holy Hour for our Church, our Families, Nation, and our World.

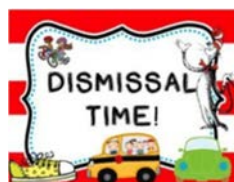
As a Church community—a family of faith—let us come and rest in the Lord, casting all the cares of our times—Church crisis, family joys and concerns, and lack of peace in the world.
Wednesday, October 24, 2018—7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Chapel
Wednesday, November 14, 2018—7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Chapel

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Welcome Back!

It was such a pleasure to welcome back our Faith Formation Students! Thank you parents for your commitment to your child's religious education. As our Catechists are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and relationship with God, please remember it is you who sets the greatest example of faith in your child's life. Through praying together, actively participating at Mass and celebrating the sacraments as a family, you inspire your children to do the same.



Thank you all so much for your patience and cooperation with the new dismissal policy. Your support helps to keep all of our Faith Formation Children safe at dismissal time.

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.



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



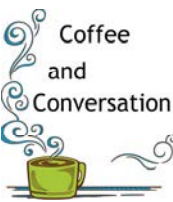
Encounter Confirmation Program
 VARIOUS SUNDAY NIGHTS 6-8 PM IN THE GATHERING SPACE
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING
 Sunday, September 30th at 3:30 pm in the Gym
 Parents only. At least one parent must attend.
YEAR 1 PROGRAM BEGINS OCT. 21
YEAR 2 PROGRAM BEGINS OCT. 14

EDGE PROGRAM
 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: OCT. 1ST
 CONTACT HELEN BORNHORST AT HBORNHORST@STAGATHAPARISH.ORG IF INTERESTED



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.



Coffee and Conversation
 Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on **Wednesday, October 3** for Coffee & Conversation. Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

The Family School Dance, graciously hosted by the FSA (Family School Association), was a huge success! The event was very well attended by families from various grade levels so there was something enjoyable for all ages. Students danced to the music provided by a DJ, enjoyed snacks



and drinks, and played musical games. There were familiar line dances, such as Cotton Eye Joe, that brought everyone out on the dance floor! A particular favorite



game was having teams of students wrapping a teammate in toilet paper to make the best mummy! Some activities came with prizes, too! It was great to see kids of all ages interacting, laughing, and enjoying some SAS Fall Fun!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am	September 29 100th Birth. Memorial	Constance Michaelina Samborska McCabe Robert F. Daly
4:30pm	4th Anniversary	
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	September 30 1st Anniversary For the Memorial	Joan Viens Parishioners of St. Agatha Francis, Rosella, Michael & Mark Callahan
12:00pm 5:00pm	5th Anniversary Anniversary	Cecelia McCarthy Helen & Angelo Piazzola and Roberta Piazzola
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	October 1 Memorial	Molly Stenson
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	October 2 Special Intention	
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	October 3	
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	October 4	
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	October 5 Memorial School Mass	John Deering
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	October 6 Birth. Memorial 21st Anniversary	Frances Anne DeSantis Albert L. Crimmins
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	October 7 Memorial 6th Anniversary Anniversary 1st Anniversary Anniversary	Alva William & Marie Scully Brown Antonio Cerqueira & Family Claire Carten Eugene Pierotti, Sr. Walter Carr



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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Staff Positions Available

The United States Province of the Holy Union Sisters, located primarily in southeastern New England, is inviting applications for two staff positions:

Director of Mission Advancement
(full time, forty hours per week)

Director of Communications
(part time, twenty hours per week)

Province Office is located at Fontbonne Convent, Milton

Information about both positions and the application process can be found on the province website:

www.holyunionsisters.org

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!!!

