

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

October 6-7, 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.



“And he took the children
in his arms, put his hands
on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16

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.

Upcoming Activities

October 10 – Creativity & Spirituality

October 10 – Addiction: Recognizing
Signs and Symptoms

October 13 – Mass of Anointing

Please register by 3:30pm on Oct. 9

October 14 – Listening Session

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

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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Mr. Jack Riley, Finance and Operations Manager

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Mrs. Joan Brown, Tuition Coordinator

ST AGATHA FAITH FORMATION

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Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

I want to call to your attention several important events which will take place in the next several weeks. First, you will note in this bulletin an announcement about nominating people for our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations will be gathered this weekend and next (October 6/7 and October 13/14). Please do give thought and prayer this week about folks you might nominate (including yourself perhaps) who will help to move our parish forward in living and spreading the Gospel. Nominations are due no later than Sunday October 14th at 6pm, and can be placed in the collection basket or left at the rectory in person or dropped in the mail slot at the front door. My hope is that the membership of our Council will reflect the splendid diversity of age and ethnicity within our parish. In the event that you would like to be in contact with returning members of our Parish Pastoral Council, I am including their names and emails. We also have two high school teens whom I appointed last year and who will continue to serve this year too.

Current PPC Members and Emails:

Louise Bowes	lfbowes@hotmail.com
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Second, this Wednesday the 10th from 7 until 8:30pm in the Gym we'll host the first of two presentations on Addiction with professionals in that field. The topic of this week's session is "Addiction: Recognizing Signs and Symptoms."

Third, this coming Saturday the 13th at 11am we'll be having an Anointing of the Sick Mass in the Chapel, followed by a lunch in the Gathering Space. If you are planning to attend, and haven't already done so, please call Kathy Monahan at the rectory no later than 3:30pm this Tuesday the 9th. Also, on the 13th there will be the annual Public Square Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima from noon until 2pm across from the East Milton Fire Station.

Fourth, beginning next weekend and for the following 2 weekends we shall be doing the annual headcount at the 4:30pm Saturday Mass and all 5 Sunday Masses. So, don't be alarmed when you see folks going down the side aisles and recording how many people are present.

Fifth, any parishioners (or others too) who would like to join the St. Agatha Team for Mike's 5K race to Crush

Substance Abuse, beginning at 10am at Cunningham School on Saturday October 20th, are invited to contact Carolyn Ferguson at carolynabferguson@gmail.com.

Sixth, we have scheduled an opportunity for parishioners to voice their feelings, concerns, and thoughts concerning the latest revelations the past couple of months regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis. We are holding a Listening Session in our Gym next Sunday October 14th from 6 until 8pm. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Aldona Lingertat, the Director of the Master of Arts in Ministry Program, now located in Braintree. Also present at the meeting will be the Very Rev. Brian Flatley who is the newly appointed temporary Episcopal Vicar for our South Region of the Archdiocese of Boston. Dr. Lingertat will facilitate and lead the meeting, and Fr. Flatley will be present to bring a summary of what he hears here to Cardinal Seán.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

Next Week's Second Collection: for the Holy Father & Missionary Efforts

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief and for Catholic World Missions that support pastoral and evangelization efforts in mission dioceses. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these Collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/ppc
2. www.propfaithboston.org
3. www.cua.edu
4. www.BostonCatholic.org



Mike's 5K to Crush Substance

Abuse is 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.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.

Listening now to this reading, what strikes you in particular about Jesus' teaching? What image do you take away from this?

Gospel : Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Pastoral Planning

October 7 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel acclamation in today's liturgy sums up the scriptures and gives us a clear path as to how we are to live our lives. "If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us." Whether married or single, young or old, we need to take these words to heart. Pray this week for the grace to live by these words each day and watch for the ways God will bless your efforts.

The Outreach Committee is back! We're happy to announce that with the leadership of Lisa Gulino and Catherine Vu the Outreach Committee has been re-formed and is poised to rejuvenate a long-time tradition of service here at St. Agatha Parish. There will be several exciting initiatives starting soon, and you are encouraged to become a part of whatever spurs your interest. One of the key elements of our Parish Mission Statement is "...reaching out to our brothers and sisters near and far" and the Outreach Committee will be working hard putting those words into action. The members of the Committee are Lisa Gulino (Co-Chair), Catherine Vu (Co-Chair) Tori Perez, Rich Greene, Maureen Gemma, Kelly Gemma, Caitlin Gemma, Maureen Ellis, Jack Riley and Fr. Makos. If you have any ideas or suggestions you'd like to make please feel free to chat with any one of the members.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

At the beginning of the summer we noted the need for some fairly extensive masonry work that needed to be done on the bell tower. The first phase of the work will address the most critical areas, while the larger project can be completed sometime in the not-too-distant future. The focus of this initial work will be restoring the stone-to-stone mortar joints and repairing spalling stone (i.e., stone that it is cracked, crumbling or peeling due to age and weather). After our architect Steve Wessling solicited and reviewed three competitive bids for this first phase we have selected the Spillane Building Restoration and Preservation Co. to do the work. We are working with them now to determine the length of the project and to gauge the impact on our routine operation. The project is not expected to be disruptive, although there will be some scaffolding involved. We will insure that the area is completely safe and do our best to minimize any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience as we complete this work which is essential to preserving the integrity of the Church structure and reducing dramatically the water infiltration into the walls and ceilings of the interior of the building. The cost of the project will be \$71,625 and we will pay for it out of our capital reserve fund. With the help of your support of the Grand Annual Collection (which, by the way, is coming up soon!) and the fact that several parishioners have included the Parish in their wills in the last year, we have been able to build up our reserve to the level that we can absorb a project cost of this magnitude.

Jack Riley



Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Sept. 29-30 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Sept. 29-30 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,833	\$2,751	\$12,584	-\$651	-\$21,737

Mass of the Anointing

Saturday, October 13, 2018. 11:00 AM in the Chapel
 Do you have an elderly neighbor or someone who has recently shared they received a difficult diagnosis? The Catechism teaches: “The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick.” (CCC 1511). Consider reaching out to a fellow Catholic who is your neighbor, a family member, or a friend who would benefit from this Sacrament. Reception to follow. Please register with Kathy Monahan 617-698-2439 or kmonahan@stagathaparish.org.

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

Bereavement Support Group Walking through Grief

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year(s)? You are not 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: lgulino@stagathaparish.org or 617 698 2439.

CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session is Wednesday, **October 10**
 The morning session is from 9:30-11am in the Gathering Space (lower church). There will be No evening session. Bring an old project or start a new one. **All are Welcome!**



I AM SPECIAL PROGRAM SIGN UPS

“I Am Special” is a faith formation program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds during which an amazing group of teen volunteers teach the children songs, prayers, and lessons about Jesus and His love for them. This special time for your children is held during the 10:30 AM Mass every other week starting on Sunday, October 28th. Sign Up will take place in the Gathering Space during the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on October 7 and October 14. The cost of the program is \$50.00 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child. For more information please contact: Lisa Gulino, Pastoral Associate at lgulino@stagathaparish.org or Dianne Mallett, Coordinator at mallett72@hotmail.com

The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

The month of October is traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary. For many of us, we may have grown up with the family rosary. For others of us, we may not have been introduced to this devotion or if we have been, we may not understand the richness of this simple prayer.

Today, in our world, is there a place for the Rosary? Does the Rosary have any relevancy to our daily journey?

During the praying of the Rosary, **the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul.** The repetition of the *Hail Mary*—if you will—becomes the symphonic background as the one praying is led to “**contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love.**” It can be said that those who pray the Rosary, *sit at the school of Mary*, and with her ponder the love God has for us.

At a time in my life when I had a very long (and most times aggravating commute) I would play a CD of the Holy Rosary. I found peace and relaxation as the rhythm and repetition of the Hail Mary prayer washed over me as I thought upon the particular mystery being prayed.

The simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm and seasons of human life. Pope John Paul II writes:

“Contemplating Christ’s birth” the one praying learns “of the sanctity of life; seeing the household of Nazareth, they learn the original truth of the family according to God’s plan; listening to the Master in the mysteries of his public ministry, they find the light which leads them to enter the Kingdom of God; and following him on the way to Calvary, they learn the meaning of salvific suffering. Finally, contemplating Christ and his Blessed Mother in glory, they see the goal towards which each of us is called, if we allow ourselves to be healed and transformed by the Holy Spirit. **It could be said that each mystery of the Rosary, carefully meditated, sheds light on the mystery of the human person.**”

The Rosary is a treasure to be rediscovered.

(see St. John Paul II’s letter on the Holy Rosary).

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Two Grade 3 Catechists are very much needed for Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00. Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish.

Materials, lesson plans and support will be provided. Please contact the Faith Formation Office.



Starting the week of October 14, Faith Formation along with St. Agatha School will be collecting food donations.

A representative from the Milton Food Pantry will be addressing the Tuesday Faith Formation students about the food pantry's needs on Tuesday, October 9.



The Grade 6 Faith Formation students will be hosting the 9:00 am Family Mass on Sunday, October 21. If you have a child in grade 6 that is interested in participating please contact the Faith Formation Office.



Dear Children and Parents,

We are recruiting children to the Children's Choir. 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 on Wednesday.

Sincerely,
Agata Orzechowska

For more details please email the music director at: musicdirector@stagathaparish.org

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



YOUTH WORSHIP BAND
PLAYS AT THE 5 PM SUNDAY MASS

OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED GRADES 9-12
REHEARSALS
MONDAYS 6:30-8 PM
UPPER CHURCH

CONTACT HELEN BORNHORST AT
HBORNHORST@STAGATHAPARISH.ORG
IF INTERESTED

EDGE PROGRAM

NEXT EDGE NIGHT Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6:30-8 PM

Encounter Confirmation Program

VARIOUS SUNDAY NIGHTS 6-8 PM
IN THE GATHERING SPACE

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



Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore
Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM
Next meeting: October 20

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

50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae
Pope Paul VI's Daring Affirmation of Church Teaching on Contraception

Men, come for fellowship, recharging, and to hear our learned member Geoff FitzGerald on Humanae Vitae. Geoff who experienced the tumultuous 60s & 70s as a young man attests that contraception leads to disposable people. Come hear about the Church's wonderful wisdom about marriage and human dignity.

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

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

Last weekend's Touch a Truck fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to all the families that participated in the event and to the contributors that provided their vehicles and



expertise! Police cruiser, fire truck, back hoe, excavator, ambulance—so many to visit!

More photos are available at:
www.stagathaparish.org/school/



Trunk or Treat!

On October 28th, from 1:00-3:00 pm, St. Agatha Teachers and Staff are hosting a Halloween event! Kids can dress in costume and go from car to car to trick or treat in a safe and secure Halloween environment of the St. Agatha School parking lot!

All are welcome to this festive event!

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	October 6 Birth. Memorial 21st Anniversary	Frances Anne DeSantis Albert L. Crimmins
Sunday 7:30am	October 7 Memorial	Alva William & Marie Scully Brown
9:00am	6th Anniversary	Antonio Cerqueira & Family
10:30am	Anniversary	Claire Carten
12:00pm	1st Anniversary	Eugene Pierotti, Sr.
5:00pm	Anniversary	Walter Carr
Monday 8:00am	October 8 For the	Columbus Day Parishioners of St. Agatha
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	October 9 1st Anniversary Birth. Memorial	Michael Jesson Corinne Benedict
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	October 10 Memorial	Patricia Connolly
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	October 11 8th Anniversary	Bob & Joan Bibeau
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	October 12 Anniversary Anniversary	Ellen Reese & Mary Joseph Bernadette Regan
Saturday 8:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	October 13 Memorial Mass of 2nd Anniversary	William J. & Mary F. Fitzgerald Anointing Ben Baranowski
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	October 14 For the Memorial 11th Anniversary 2nd Anniversary Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Albert & Margaret Cronin Margaret Petitti Kenneth Caldwell John Harrison

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!!!

