

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

March 9-10, 2019

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

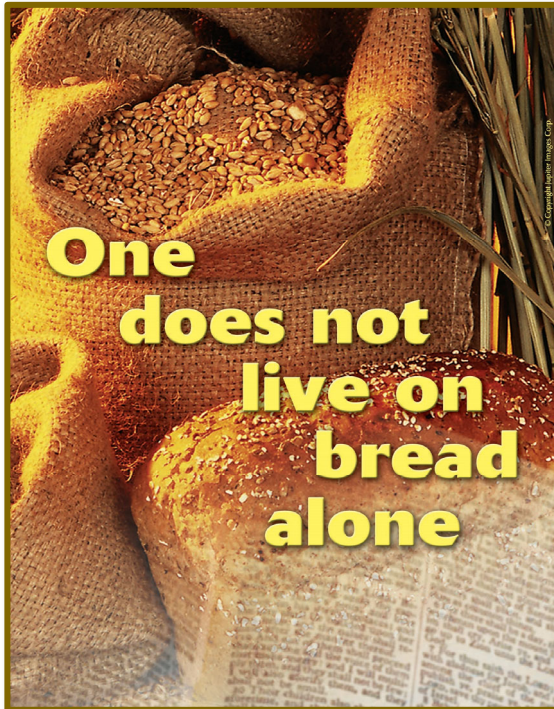
10:30 am

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.



**One
does not
live on
bread
alone**

Upcoming This Week

March 12: Video Bible Study Meetings

March 13: Coffee & Conversation
Creativity & Spirituality
Reconciliation-6:30-8:00pm

March 14: Bereavement Group continues

March 15: Stations of the Cross-3:00pm

This Week's Special Collection:
Catholic Charities

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.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday after the 9am Mass in the Chapel until reposition at 2:45pm, followed by Stations of the Cross.

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.

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Sisters and brothers, Lent has begun!

This Sunday the First Sunday of Lent our two catechumens and one candidate for reception into the Catholic Church this Easter will celebrate the rite of election at our Noon Mass and then go to Immaculate Conception Church in Malden later in the day with catechumens and candidates throughout the Archdiocese of Boston to be officially enrolled as “the elect” by Cardinal Seán O’Malley. God willing, Amalia and Lily will receive the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and Scott will make his profession of faith and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil at St. Agatha’s on April 20th. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent at our 10:30 Mass you will see them again as they experience the Scrutinies and enter the “home stretch” toward Easter.

Those of us who are already initiated into the life of the Trinity and full members of the Church have the Season of Lent to prepare to renew the promises made at our Baptism with greater vigor and firmer commitment, and to open ourselves, dispose ourselves, more widely to the power and grace of Christ’s death and resurrection. We want Christ’s life to radiate more brightly in and through us. And that’s why we make use of this sacred season of Lent as a spiritual “tune-up” period in preparation for Easter.

Notice throughout this bulletin the many events planned for our parish this week. This Wednesday there will be our monthly coffee, doughnuts, and conversation following the 2 morning Masses. In addition to every Saturday before the 4:30 pm Mass, there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) every Wednesday night from 6:30 until 8 pm during Lent in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel (The Light Is On For You). Also this Wednesday from 7 until 8 pm in the Upper Church there will be a Parish Holy Hour with music, prayers, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The particular intention and theme of the evening is Respect for Human Life. Also in the Chapel on Fridays adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9 am Mass and contin-

ues until 2:45 pm. Immediately following in the Upper Church, at 3 pm there will be Stations of the Cross. Most of our small groups “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” have had their first meeting or will do so this week. There is still time to register to take part in one of the 5 groups. If you haven’t already done so, I hope each family will take home a copy of the booklet by Dr. Christopher Klotft, entitled Finding Forgiveness in Lent at the Church entrances as spiritual nourishment this Lent.

Since St. Patrick’s Day falls on the Second Sunday of Lent this year, we’ll be observing it at St. Agatha’s the day before, at the 8 am Mass Saturday morning the 16th. Following the Mass all those present are invited to descend to the Gathering Space for a full Irish breakfast, very generously provided by Mr. Patrick Kelly in memory of his daughter Courtney Kelly.

Please mark your calendars for the annual St. Agatha School Auction Gala a week from Saturday, March 23rd from 7 until 11 pm in a new venue—the Tirrell Room on Quarry Street in Quincy. This is one of the major fundraisers each year for our School. Also upcoming is the NPH USA annual Irish Hearts for Orphans Benefit Dance on Sunday April 7th from 2 until 7 pm at the Boston Marriott in Quincy. Note also in this bulletin an article by Molly Theobald about the mission trip that she and her brother and sister will be undertaking under the auspices of NPH USA.

Continue to have a blessed Lent!

Fr. Palardy

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL COLLECTION: **Catholic Charities**

As noted on their website (www.ccab.org/about) “For more than 100 years, Catholic Charities has continued its mission of building a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people. As one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities of Boston offers nearly 75 programs and services in 26 locations around Eastern Massachusetts. From Lawrence to Brockton and Natick to Boston, our service sites throughout Eastern Massachusetts helped 185,000 of our neediest neighbors of all faiths last year.”

Within the next week or so, parishioners volunteering in parish ministries who we have email contact information for, will be receiving a copy of the CORI form that needs to be submitted to the Archdiocese annually. Hard copies will also be available in the sacristy. More details will be coming regarding this process.



CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 13** from 9:30-11am in the Gathering Space. Bring an old project or start a new one.

All are Welcome!



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FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What lingers in your memory?

Gospel : Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered him,

"It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Pastoral Planning

March 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a good time to reorder our lives and to focus our attention on the essentials of our faith. In the second reading today, St. Paul challenges us to make these words come alive: "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Does your way of life profess that Jesus is Lord? Do you believe in the Resurrection? This Lent take some time in prayer asking that your faith be strengthened.



Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on *Wednesday*, March 13 for Coffee & Conversation. Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

The Parish Finance Council met last week and reviewed the bids for the extensive Church masonry restoration we need to address. It's important to note that this work is not cosmetic but is structural and critical to the integrity of the Church building. Four companies responded: P.J. Spillane, Acme Waterproofing, Folan Waterproofing, and Patriot Restoration. The low bid—by a wide margin—was P.J. Spillane whose bid was \$523,621 if all of the work is completed in 2019. Sometimes when the low bid is much lower than other bidders it can raise questions about the accuracy of the bid. However, the specifications were extremely detailed thanks to Steve Wessling (our parishioner and architect) and we also have the advantage of having seen the quality of their work on the emergency repairs they did on the bell tower last Summer/Fall. So the Council recommended to Fr. Palardy that the bid be accepted. The next step is for the Archdiocese to review the bid and give its approval so we can proceed to the signing of the contract. There is also still the large hurdle we need to face in terms of paying for the project. Although we have built up our reserves over the last few years, we currently have only about half of the total price available at this time. We will be approaching the Archdiocese about securing a loan for the difference, but we will need to conduct a capital campaign at some point to be able to both pay off the debt and re-establish the reserve so that the next century of the parish's life (which we will celebrate in 2022) will begin on a firm financial footing.

Thank you to those who filled out Catholic Appeal envelopes last weekend. We received a total of 354 which is well above the number we needed to qualify for a rebate. As a reminder, the envelopes we receive are sent directly to the Pastoral Center in Braintree for processing, so the thank you and acknowledgement will come through the Archdiocese and not through the Parish.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	March 2-3 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	March 2-3 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$9,398	\$2,729	\$12,127	-\$1,108	-\$26,513

The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

Lent, in the early Church was spent by those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as preparation for the Easter Vigil. Our parish is blessed by three individuals who seek to enter as full members of the Catholic Faith. Amalia, Lily, and Scott.

For those of us who have celebrated many seasons of Lent in our life, the very word Lent may conjure up within us gloom, darkness, or sacrifice. In actuality the word “Lent” does not pertain to darkness or despair. Quite the opposite. **The original meaning of the word actually has to do with springtime.** When Lent begins, it’s winter. But by the time Lent concludes, the days are growing longer and the forsythias are in bloom. Even if there is an unseasonal snow shower, we take heart knowing that winter is having its last gasp.

Lent literally means “lengthening of days,” or the “coming of springtime.” Our hearts, and those of our contemporaries **long for a springtime of new hope and possibility amidst the world’s many disappointments and broken promises.** Being honest we know our inner brokenness and where we need conversion and healing. **By paying attention to our Lenten journey, the seeds of new life/new virtues can blossom and take root by the time Easter arrives.**

Earlier this week we began our journey of Lent by receiving ashes rubbed on our foreheads in the sign of a cross—a reminder of the cross we are all called to live and embrace. Once again the parish enters its season of repentance, renewal and recommitment to **spread the gospel message to a world that needs to hear the hopeful, healing Word of God.** Lent then is a wonderful time for the rededication to our baptismal promises. On Easter we will again, in the presence of our St. Agatha parish family, renew our baptismal promises.

To our parents, we thank you for taking the time and energy to keep faith at the center of your family life. Lent reminds us of *God’s mercy.* **Our Lenten practices as a family can be as simple as awareness of our intentional practices rooted in acts of love and kindness, acts of forgiveness, words of gratitude, assistance in daily duties.**

Lent, then, represents a new springtime in our spiritual lives. It’s a time when the darkness of sin gives way to a new light of grace.



During Lent, Adoration will be from 9:30am until 2:45pm on Fridays in the Chapel. Immediately following Benediction, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:00pm in the Upper Church.

To ensure that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone, please consider committing to a time of Adoration. Visit the link: <https://doodle.com/poll/rdgcqp4cqfd2h763> to sign up for a time slot. Each hour is listed for each Friday during Lent and all registrant information will remain private.

Fridays of Lent— Enrich your Prayer Life / Seek Silence

Evenings of Prayer Ignatius Exercises

with Guest Speakers (Upper Church)

Sunday, March 24 from 6:00–6:45 PM

Sunday, March 31 from 6:00–6:45 PM

More details to follow.



Parish Holy Hours with Choir & Night Prayer

These holy hours are peppered with song, prayer, and silence. 7:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13 **Theme:** *Prayers for Life—Caring for the Most Vulnerable*

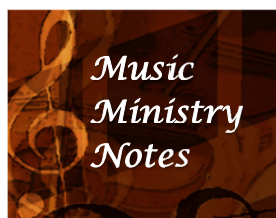
Wednesday, April 10 **Theme:** *Lent*



We received an expression of thanks from the Friends of the Unborn in Quincy recently. “Blessings to you in this New Year of promise. We have received your donations of baby clothing, diapers, wipes, etc. from your latest Baby Shower. These donations allow us to meet so many of the needs of our residents for food shelter, clothing and all that is necessary to care for themselves and their newborns.

Many of the women we house are far away from their families in other countries and many others have been rejected because of their decision to reject abortion and save the lives of their unborn babies. Together, we serve such courageous women in Jesus’ Name!

Our residents, staff and Board of Directors wish to express our most sincere gratitude for your generosity and acts of love in the past year. We go forward in faith for the future, build on the knowledge that God blesses those who live out His beatitudes.”



Musical Musings for Lent

Lent is a time of getting “back to basics” in the Christian life. The disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us put aside distractions and focus on the essential elements of our faith: love of God and love of neighbor.

Our music during Lent reflects this simplified spirit, as well. The Glory to God is not sung, and the “Alleluia” before the Gospel is replaced with “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” In addition, we will sing different Mass responses, joining Catholics down through the centuries as we lift our voices in Gregorian chant for the Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen and *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God.) Look for these new Mass responses on lavender card-stock worship aids in your pews.

Lent is a wonderful time to deepen our prayer life as we prepare to enter into the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. For many, music can be a way to draw even closer to God. If music speaks to you in this way, why not share that gift with others? Our music ministry welcomes new singers and instrumentalists with open arms and hearts. We’d love to have you! Drop me a line at musicedirector@stagathaparish.org.

In Christ,

Julie Fay, Music Director

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



March 12, 13, and 14 children in grades 3 & 4 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during session time in the Church. **Catechists and children in grades 3 & 4 please go directly to the church upon arrival to sessions rather than the school cafeteria** so the service can start at 3:50 pm. All are welcome to attend the service and receive the Sacrament.

The Grade 2 First Holy Communion Retreats will be held on Sunday, March 24 for Group 1 and Sunday, March 31 for Group 2. The retreat begins with attending the 9:00 am Family Mass.



Hunger for God, Longing for Community ~ The Future of the Church, Part 3, a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy

Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, March 13 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. (Coffee and pastry at 9:30am.) Pre-registration is required. \$25 fee can be paid on arrival. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit timeoutretreats.tripod.com/.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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YOUTH GROUP
MARCH 17TH & 31ST
SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8 PM, GATHERING SPACE

Encounter Confirmation Program
6-8 pm, Gathering Space

YEAR 1, SESSION 6 - March 24th

YEAR 2, SESSION 6 - March 10th

EDGE PROGRAM

Thursday's from 6:30-8 PM
March 14 & March 28th

My name is Molly Theobald and I am a parishioner at St Agatha parish. My mother, MaryCate and I serve on the St. Agatha Parish Outreach Committee. My brother Jack, my sister Maeve, and I are going to an NPH home in the Dominican Republic this March. NPH or Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"), is currently raising more than 3,100 orphaned, abandoned, and disadvantaged boys and girls in their homes in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. NPH USA transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting homes, health services and educational programs.

Jack and I went last year and were amazed at the joy and love that the children shared. Visit the link below to see Jack's blog post from last year. <http://nphusa.blogspot.com/2018/05/the-kindness-and-joy-i-experienced-was.html?m=1>.

One of the amazing lessons we learned from our first trip was that everyone can give back. The NPH residents themselves work hard to go out into the community to help those who are even less fortunate than them. This year, we will be building a house for a family that lives in the nearby "batey", a Spanish word for impoverished community. Please consider donating and passing along this information to anyone who might be interested. No amount is too small! <http://igfn.us/vf/NPHDR> or Text NPHDR to 71777.

Please help us reach our goal!
Gracias!



NPH USA is holding their annual Irish Hearts for Orphans Benefit Dance on Sunday, April 7 from 2pm-7pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy. This event is fun for the whole family and will feature live Irish music, dancing, raffles, a silent auction, and even an Irish Step lesson for kids! The **Grand Prize Raffle** is round-trip airfare for two to Ireland—only \$10 per ticket! This year will also feature a **10th Anniversary Raffle** with a prize of \$5,000.00! Raffle tickets are \$100 with only 100 are available. After all the Masses over the weekend of March 23–24, Committee members will be selling raffle tickets. Stop by a table to enter for a chance to win this great prize—If you don't have time to stop, you can buy raffle tickets anytime via your mobile phone by texting **IrishHearts** to **41444**. Visit nphusa.org/irishhearts to learn more about how you can support this year's event or to register to attend! Thank you for your support.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



"Championship Sunday" does not only apply to the New England Patriots. On Sunday, March 3rd, it also applied to the St. Agatha School girls' basketball team. The girls went into last week's game the number three seed ready to take on the number one seed and defending champs, St. Catherine's of Norwood. The match up was a good one, with a low scoring first quarter, but St. Catherine's slipped into their groove and pulled away. The SAS girls played their game and fought hard, but couldn't close the gap. St. Catherine's won 45-21. The team has qualified for the CYO Tournament and will play Immaculate Conception, Revere at a day & time yet determined. The season continues!

Thank You to Mr. Costello, Mrs. McEvoy, and Mr. Jolley who have coached these girls to an amazing season!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 9	
8:00am	9th Anniversary	Marianne Scarlata
4:30pm	49th Anniversary	John Pascarella
Sunday	March 10	
7:30am	26th Anniversary	William M. Swanson
9:00am	Anniversary	Bernard & Ellen Bonner and Theresa Bonner
10:30am		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
12:00pm	Anniversary	Francis McDermott
5:00pm	Anniversary	Marie Kingston
Monday	March 11	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Tuesday	March 12	
7:00am	Memorial	Gerald F. Muldoon
9:00am	9th Anniversary	Mary DiRico Flavin
	47th Anniversary	Aloysius Thomas Flavin
Wednesday	March 13	
7:00am		
9:00am	11th Anniversary	Msgr. Charles Anadore
Thursday	March 14	
7:00am	Memorial	Lucette & Marc Garant
9:00am	Anniversary	Mary & Martin Heavey
Friday	March 15	
7:00am		
9:00am		
Saturday	March 16	
8:00am	4th Anniversary	Courtney Ann Kelly
4:30pm	1st Anniversary	James O'Leary
Sunday	March 17	
7:30am	1st Anniversary	Mary Peltier
9:00am		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
10:30am	Anniversary	Patrick Tevenan
12:00pm	9th Anniversary	Robert Scannell
5:00pm	6th Anniversary	Stephen Chiavaroli, Sr.

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.



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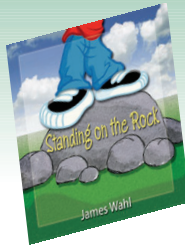


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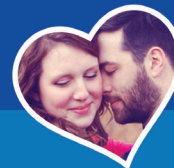
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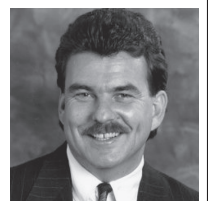


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