

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

June 1-2, 2019

StAgathaParish.org

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm
432 Adams Street
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ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

440 Adams Street
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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.



Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

Upcoming Activities

- Jun 1-2:** Maureen Heil from the Propagation of Faith will be speaking at all the Masses
- June 4:** Nocturnal Adoration
- June 5:** Coffee & Conversation
- June 8:** Recovery Spirituality Sharing Group starting
- June 8:** Mass of Anointing

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.

Recovery Spirituality Sharing Group

Meets on Saturdays from 8:45-9:45am, in the Meeting Room (Lower Church) starting **June 8th**. This faith sharing group employs the principles and steps for Recovery. An important principle is a firm assurance of confidentiality of those in attendance. All confidential inquiries may be directed to Fr. Jay Makos at 617-698-2439.

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule starts June 23rd. Details inside.

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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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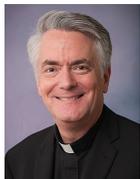
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A Note from Our Pastor,

As I promised in last week's bulletin, I want to mention several events that took place a little over a week ago. On Tuesday May 21st and Wednesday the 22nd more than 100 high school members of our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. Bryan Parrish who is the Vicar for Clergy in our Archdiocese was the celebrant on Tuesday, and Seán Cardinal O'Malley was the celebrant on Wednesday evening. Because we did not make public the names of the celebrants beforehand (and nobody asked!), especially on Wednesday night there were many happy and surprised parents, confirmandi, and sponsors! Both celebrants gave inspiring and insightful homilies and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with great reverence and prayerfulness. I am very grateful to the 2 celebrants, to my brother priest-concelebrants, to Deacon Dan Sullivan, to the altar servers, to Julie Fay, Dan Masterson, Emanuel Carreiro, and all the members of St. Agatha Choir for all their contributions to help make the liturgies of both evenings so beautiful, solemn, and uplifting. Special thanks go to Helen Bornhorst and her team of catechists for their work with the teens throughout this year, and for some of them, for a number of years prior too. In addition, Helen and also Beth Peterson conducted the rehearsals which ensured that the ceremonies would run very smoothly and decrease any anxiety felt by the confirmandi or their sponsors. Thank you to all of the above for two beautiful evenings that lifted our hearts, minds, and voices to our loving God.

Also on Wednesday May 22nd I was privileged to travel with the 8th-graders from St. Agatha School, one of their teachers Charlie Blake, and Principal Nancy Carr to the State House where we had a wonderful and informative tour where we learned a great deal about the history, the architecture, and the major political players who laid the foundation for our State's government. Our State Senator Walter Timilty made this possible for us, and gave us the great privilege of coming onto the Senate floor—the actual floor and not the upper Gallery—where we witnessed State government in action, as senators debated the fine points of next fiscal year's State Budget. But what I imagine what was most thrilling for the students (and for us adult chaperones too) was when Senator Timilty acknowledged our presence there publicly before all the other senators, and they gave us a round of applause. Check out the St. Agatha School website for some great photos taken that day. Roger Thomas and his son were our hosts that day for the State House Tour, bus transportation, and for a delicious lunch afterwards at Pizzeria Uno. The Alfred Thomas Funeral Home has a tradition of sponsoring this trip for the 8th-graders every year, and we are very grateful that Al's legacy of helping young people become knowledgeable and informed citizens continues today, thanks to his family.

On Thursday May 23rd we had our Parish Appreciation Dinner at Florian Hall. About 220 people attended. The food was delicious, the DJ was excellent, and those present told me they enjoyed spending time with people whom they knew

well but also with other parishioners they hadn't met or knew only slightly before that evening. It gave us all a sense of the many people who are so generous with their time and talents, and how very many activities and ministries we have at St. Agatha's. I know that because of other events going on that evening (including the Fontbonne Graduation), there were other parishioners who give of themselves generously to our parish who were unable to attend. I hope that this sort of event will occur on a regular basis, and those folks unable to be there this year will be free to do so in the future. For an evening such as this to come off as well as this one did, there are many people to thank. Allow me to give general but sincere thanks to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, our Parish Staff, as well as several other parishioners whose work behind the scenes, setting up the Hall, welcoming folks when they arrived, and cleaning up afterwards, helped make the evening so special for the rest of us.

Last weekend the 24th through the 26th I was in Minnesota for now Fr. Seraphim Wirth's Priesthood Ordination and First Mass of Thanksgiving. It was my first trip to Minnesota, and of course I took advantage of going to Target Field while I was there to watch a Twins baseball game. But for the main event—Seraphim was ordained with 4 other new priests from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the exquisite Cathedral of St. Paul. The Church was packed, and there were several choirs, including the Karen choir—of Catholics from Myanmar (a.k.a. Burma). It was a beautiful ceremony and illustrative of the universal nature of our Church Catholic. Fr. Seraphim gave me the great privilege of preaching at his First Mass, and the folks there could understand me, even with my Boston accent, and they even laughed at the appropriate times during my homily! Seriously, though, it was quite an honor, and I let him know that you would be praying for him. Fr. Seraphim will serve within his Franciscan community, but he will also help out in parishes. In fact, just a couple of hours after his ordination he was hearing Confessions back at the Cathedral. He has learned enough of the Karen language to be able to celebrate Mass in that language for that community. The Franciscan Brothers of Peace, of whom Seraphim is the first to be ordained a priest, have a food pantry to feed the hungry, and minister to victims of torture and other refugees. I did tell him that we expect him to come back here (probably in the fall) to celebrate Mass with and for us here at St. Agatha's.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

St. Agatha's Parish Summer Weekend Mass Schedule begins Sunday, JUNE 23rd.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am 11:00 am
 9:00 am 5:00 pm

Holy Days: As Announced

There will be NO 10:30am or 12 noon Sunday Masses for the summer starting on June 23rd.



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus gives us special gifts.

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

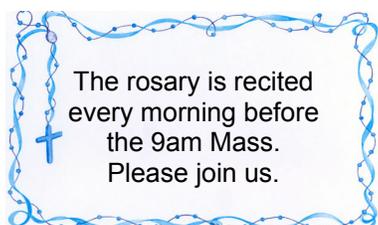
Gospel : [John 17:20-26](#)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
 “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Pastoral Planning

June 2 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

In today’s Gospel we hear part of Jesus’s final discourse to his Apostles. These are among the most touching and inspiring words of Scripture. Jesus speaks from his heart, giving instructions and encouragement to his closest friends. Directing his words to his Father, Jesus prays: “And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me...” Take time this week to read this gospel as Jesus’ prayer for us. How will you respond to this prayer?




Nocturnal Adoration
 The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place on *Tuesday evening, June 4*
 Adoration and Rosary from *7:00-8:00pm*.
 All are welcome!

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.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Let the fun begin! We started the major masonry repair on the Church last week, and of course the first day the contractor was here it rained! They were able to start the work, however, and so the projected six month duration of the project begins now. The work is divided into 7 phases, the largest and lengthiest of which obviously is the tower itself. That phase will require scaffolding to be erected like we had last Fall for the emergency repairs. Since June is a busy month for things such as Weddings and the St. Agatha School graduation the contractor agreed to begin the project by working on some lower areas that can be accessed with a hydraulic lift. So you will see the lift at various points around the Church, beginning with the St. Agatha Road side. The scaffolding will be put in place towards the end of June and then will remain in place until the project is completed in October or November. We will do whatever we can to minimize the disruption, but please be aware that certain entrances may need to be closed at different times for safety reasons. If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call or send an email.

Jack Riley



Save your returnables! The Youth Group will be collecting bottles & cans after the Masses the weekend of June 8th-9th. Thank you!

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	May 25-26 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	May 25-26 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$7,718	\$2,870	\$10,588	-\$2,647	-\$33,519

The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

The first words in today's Gospel are: **"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word...."** I love this verse! Why? Simply because in it we hear Jesus praying for us. Yes. Jesus... nearly two thousand years ago... is praying... for us.

Let's set the scene. The occasion Jesus speaks these words is Holy Thursday. He gathers his closest friends, speaks to them about his mission:

- **"I have come that you may have life and have life to the full"** (Jn: 10:10),
- **"that your joy maybe complete"** (Jn15:11)
- **"the peace I give is not like the world gives..."** (JN 14:11).

Jesus prays for them:

- that they may endure the challenges that come their way;
- that they may discover strength in their unity.
- that they will be drawn together as one—as Jesus and the heavenly Father are one.

And then he prays not only for them, but for all for who will believe in Jesus because of their testimony.

Here is a life connection—we are here today because Jesus prayed for us! Yes, yes he did. When Jesus prayed for the disciples gathered with him, he also prayed for those who believe because of them. That means **Jesus prayed for John's original audience and for all Christians, all the way up to you and me and the people to whom will come to believe because of our faith** such as our children, perhaps their friends, a co-worker, etc.

And another daily life connection—**our daily relationships can be strengthened because Jesus prayed for us.** Specifically, he prayed the love that exists between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit exist among us and in us. **Jesus' prayer reaches into our relationships—he is Love and he lives in us.** Therefore, in our lives we are strengthened to love and to be loved.

Our appreciation dinner—an evening of great fun—shined the light brightly on the living reality that is ours here at St. Agatha Parish—**Jesus' prayer is bearing fruit in our parish**—there is joy, there is life—peace is being shared among us as we give and receive peace at the Eucharistic table. Because of Jesus' prayer for us we are given strength to respond. **Let us continue to build this faith community into the radiant beacon of light it is called to be.** After all Jesus prayed for us! Amen.



Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on *Wednesday, June 5th* for Coffee & Conversation. Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Saturday, June 8, 11:00am
in the Chapel
with lunch to follow



Please join our parish in celebrating the healing power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ that comes to us 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 them with the Oil of the Sick which was blessed by Cardinal O'Malley on Tuesday of Holy Week.

We welcome those who are in need of Jesus' healing power as well as those who want to pray in a special way for our suffering brothers and sisters. **Please call Kathy at the rectory, 617-698-2439, if you can be with us.**

Recovery Spirituality Sharing Group

Please join us Saturday mornings at 8:45 AM starting on **June 8th** in the Library of the Lower Church to **pray, meditate, and share** our recovery hope with each other. This group is for those who would like to develop their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We welcome all who may be having difficulties managing their daily lives. We will focus on the 3rd and 11th step of Recovery programs.

- Step 3: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him."
- Step 11: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying for the knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out."

Donations will go to: "Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Ministry" for those who are struggling with the circumstance of a family member or friend in the grips of alcohol or opioid abuse in our communities.



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.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



This weekend we have come to the June 1st deadline to register for Faith Formation Sessions for next year, 2019-2020. Thank you to the families who have submitted their registration forms and

for those who have generously volunteered in the program. Registrations will still be accepted, however a late fee of \$20 will be assessed. Registration forms can be found on the parish website and at the entrances to the Church. Please prayerfully consider volunteering in the program, as we rely on volunteers in many capacities. The most needed areas are Catechists (teachers). This coming year we are capping the class sizes of Grades 1-6 at 8 students. We have found this ratio of students to catechists to be beneficial overall, however with capping at that number we will need to increase our number of volunteer Catechists. As you register your child or read this column, please consider volunteering. You don't have to have a child in the program to volunteer and if the weekly commitment does not work for your schedule, perhaps co-teach a class and work out a schedule to share the class with another volunteer. We supply the lesson plan, materials and support. Our schedule of session options are: Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, starting mid September to mid April. Thank you for your consideration! Any questions please contact the Faith Formation Office.



This Summer St. Agatha Parish will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp the week of July 15-19 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm daily. Children entering grades 1 through 6 in September 2019 will enjoy music, arts

and crafts, bible lessons and sports. Rising students in grades 10-12 are needed to be Group Leaders, rising students in grades 7-9 are needed to be Counselors. Service Hours and Confirmation Points will be awarded. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for any questions or to volunteer. Registrations will be emailed to Faith Formation Families and accessed on the parish website.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP St. Agatha Youth Ministry page or @staggiesmilton



YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS
JUNE 2 & JUNE 9
 SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8 PM
 GATHERING SPACE



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 Sept. 1, 2019. **You must also attend BOTH training days during one of the time slots provided.**

Wednesday, June 5
 @ 2:35-3:35pm or 3:45-4:45pm
and Thursday, June 6
 @ 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 1	
8:00am	7th Anniversary	Rosa & Manuel Cunha
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Sunday	June 2	
7:30am		
9:00am	Memorial	Richard Hall
10:30am	5th Anniversary	Joe Higgins
12:00pm	Birth. Memorial	Albert Seghezzi
5:00pm		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday	June 3	
7:00am		
9:00am	Special Intention	Donald J. Trump
Tuesday	June 4	
7:00am		
9:00am	1st Anniversary	Stephen Poelaert
Wednesday	June 5	
7:00am		
9:00am	Special Intention	Mass of Thanksgiving
6:30pm	Graduation	
Thursday	June 6	
7:00am		
9:00am	Memorial	Rita McNulty
Friday	June 7	
7:00am		
9:00am	School Mass	
Saturday	June 8	
8:00am	Month's Mind	Patrick Finbar Russell
11:00am	Mass	of Anointing
4:30pm	2nd Anniversary	John F. Joyce
Sunday	June 9	
7:30am		For the Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:00am	5th Anniversary	Joe Higgins
10:30am	Memorial	Agatina & Jerome McConvey
12:00pm	10th Anniversary	Martin Glavin
5:00pm	10th Anniversary	Jerry Murphy

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

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