

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

July 20-21, 2019

StAgathaParish.org

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm
432 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

Through Labor Day:

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

“ONLY ONE THING
IS IMPORTANT.
MARY HAS CHOSEN
THE BETTER THING,
AND IT WILL NEVER
BE TAKEN AWAY
FROM HER.”

LUKE 10:42, NCV

Upcoming Activities

July 20- Guest speaker from *Food For The*

July 21: *Poor*, Fr. Roland Dessine, C.O.

July 27: Spirituality Sharing Group for
those in Recovery

July 30: Bible Study: A Biblical Explanation
of the Mass by Dr. Brant Pitre,
Morning group begins-9:45-10:45am

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.



Communion
for the
Homebound

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.

**THIS WEEK'S
SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Food For The Poor**

St. Agatha Parish

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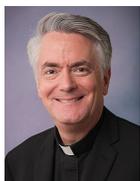
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A Note from Our Pastor,

Last weekend a number of our teens and their chaperones took part in the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference and Rally at UMass Lowell. I was able to be with them all day Saturday. Since the campus of UMass Lowell is adjacent to the ballpark where the Lowell Spinners baseball team plays, our gang decided to pose for a group picture in the lap of the inflatable alligator mascot. You can see a photo of this motley crew below in this bulletin. The conference was informative, enjoyable, and spiritually energizing, especially with the periods of Eucharistic Adoration and the large number of participants who took part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am especially grateful to our Youth Minister Helen Bornhorst and the other three chaperones who accompanied our St. Agatha group.

Please remember in your prayers this week our high school youth and their chaperones who will be representing our parish on the annual Appalachian Service Project, this year in West Virginia. Our group of 50 teens and 22 adult chaperones began their journey Saturday July 20 and will return next weekend. I am very grateful to Helen and Fr. Jay for leading this service trip, and to the other adult chaperones many of whom are using their vacation time to accompany the young people from our parish in their outreach to poor families in rural West Virginia. Thank you, also, to all those parishioners and others who have made this mission trip possible through your contributions to the various fundraisers these past several months. Let's make it a point to keep these young people and their chaperones in our prayers this week, as they bear witness to the love of Christ in West Virginia!

We welcome to our parish this weekend Fr. Roland Dessine, a member of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri who hails from Jamaica. Fr. Dessine will preach at our weekend Masses on behalf of the mission of Food For The Poor and its work in the Caribbean and Latin America. A second collection will be taken up for the lifesaving work of Food For The Poor.

We honor quite a group of saints this week in our Liturgical Calendar. We celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen on Monday. St. Mary Magdalen was healed by Jesus, was an early and generous disciple of His, was present under the Cross at Jesus' Crucifixion, and among the first witnesses to the Lord's Resurrection. Because she was the first woman to proclaim the good news of Christ's Resurrection to the Apostles, she has the well-deserved

title "Apostle of the Apostles." So, let's remember St. Mary Magdalen for being a faithful and loving disciple of Jesus, for being so courageous when He died, and for communicating the best news ever—that Christ is risen from the dead! So, with her let us celebrate Easter in July!

Another strong and very influential woman is Tuesday's Saint, Bridget of Sweden. St. Bridget lived in the 14th century and was mother of 8 children. She was a deeply prayerful person, had some mystical experiences while at prayer, and after her husband died she founded a religious order of nuns, later called the Bridgettine Sisters. Like St. Catherine of Siena she sought to end the exile of the Pope in Avignon in France and urged him to return to his proper place in Rome. Bridget is one of the co-patronesses of Europe.

Wednesday we remember St. Sharbel Makhlof. He lived in the 19th century in Lebanon, was a Roman Catholic of the Maronite Rite who became a monk and a priest very devoted to the Blessed Mother. He bore witness in his own life to living simply, being self-sacrificing, and living a life of prayer. In his lifetime the Lord performed a number of miracles through St. Sharbel. We should include St. Sharbel in our prayers as we ask for his intercession for our sisters and brothers in the Middle East and elsewhere who are suffering persecution because of their faithfulness to Christ today.

Thursday is the Feast Day of St. James the Apostle, the brother of St. John. He is the first Apostle to be martyred. Many people each year make a pilgrimage, often by foot, to his shrine in Compostella in Spain. St. James (known as "the Greater") is the patron of pilgrims, and of Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

On Friday we honor Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary our Blessed Mother. We don't know too much about them, but they had a wonderful daughter and a grandson unlike any other! It is a good opportunity to consider the thanks we owe our own parents and grandparents, and to reflect on how positive an influence we are called to be on the younger generation in our own day. St. Anne is the patroness of women in labor and miners—the latter, not because of any coal in Christmas stockings (!), but because her daughter is compared to silver, and her grandson to gold.

Have a blessed (or should I say, "precious") week!

Fr. Palardy

Annual Golden and Silver Anniversary Mass

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, October 6 at 3pm for the annual Anniversary Mass with renewal of vows at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Families and friends are welcome.

Please register for the event at bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass19 or by visiting the Family Life Page at BostonCatholic.org. For more information, contact Emily Elliott at eelliott@rcab.org.

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Roland Dessine, C.O. as he is speaking at all the Masses this weekend about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Dessine will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Roland Dessine, C.O. served as a volunteer in the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica in 1992. He was ordained in 1996. He serves in the Archdiocese of Kingston in Port Antonio, Jamaica. He is a member of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Welcome Father Dessine!

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Hospitality—We welcome Jesus in our lives.

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

Gospel : Luke 10:38–42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

Pastoral Planning

July 21 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading, we hear that Abraham, saw three men standing nearby, “... he ran ... to greet them” Not only did he greet them warmly, he provided water to bathe their feet, Sarah prepared a meal, and he “waited on them”. We call this Radical Hospitality, an attitude that many parishes are intentionally adopting. We are all called to make the strangers in our pews feel welcome. This may mean stepping out of our comfort zone to assist a newcomer.

Weekly Offertory Report		
Weekly Budget	Jul. 13-14 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection
\$12,745	\$8,532	\$2,835
Jul. 13-14 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$11,367	-\$1,378	-\$1,390

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Time, as we all know, is a fleeting thing. Less than 3 years from now St. Agatha Parish will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary as a Parish, which is both exciting and a cause for reflection on all that has changed since 1922. Aside from the ongoing recovery from World War I and the onset of the “Roaring 20’s” it was also an interesting time politically. Massachusetts held three of the four most powerful elected positions in the country. Woodrow Wilson was President, but Calvin Coolidge (Vice President), Henry Cabot Lodge (Senate Majority Leader), and Frederick Millett (Speaker of the House) were all from Massachusetts. 1922 was also the first year that all elected offices in Massachusetts were opened to women! Construction was begun on Yankee Stadium that year, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated and the British Broadcasting Company was begun, although television was not invented until two years later. And believe it or not, actress Betty White was born that year! A loaf of bread was 9 cents, and a pound of coffee was 47 cents. You could buy a brand new Chevrolet for \$525 and a new house for around \$6,000. The average household income was \$3,269.

Meanwhile over on Adams St. just outside of East Milton Square, a huge and beautiful new Church had been built and was being dedicated as St. Agatha Parish. One of the common misconceptions about the Church is that it was completely built at one time and looks the same now as it did when it was first built. The original structure, which was completed in 1919—three years before the actual founding of the parish—was only partially complete. The main tower in the front was only half the height it currently is, and the main arch, the knaves and what is now the altar space were not in existence. There was also only one entrance on what is now the “parking lot side” of the Church, and the parking lot itself was actually a field that Fr. Carney used to grow vegetables! There were no stained glass windows. The expansion of the building began in 1928, but slowed because of the Great Depression. By 1932 the outside was completed, but the interior of the Upper Church was not completed until 1936 and was dedicated that year. From its actual opening in 1919 as a “mission chapel” of St. Gregory Parish, through its official beginning as St. Agatha Parish in 1922, and up until the dedication of the Upper Church in 1936, all Masses were celebrated in the Lower Church which was quite different from what many of us remember. At that time, the Lower Church altar was actually at the Adams Street end of the Church—at the opposite end of the Church from where it was located in later years. It was located just about where the vigil stand is now in the foyer outside St. Agatha Chapel. In fact, when the renovations were done on the Lower Church almost 10 years ago, we were amazed to find a large crucifix hanging on the very back wall behind where the altar was originally located which was nearly hidden from view. It turned out that this crucifix is the very one that has been hanging in that same spot since the Lower Church was first used 100 years ago in 1919. If you have a chance to take a look at it someday you’ll see that is actually beautifully hand carved wood. There is much to appreciate about our parish, and certainly the beautiful and historic Church is one of those things.

Jack Riley

A Spirituality Group for Those In Recovery or Who Support Those in Recovery

There is a wonderful group of people meeting regularly to concentrate on prayer and Catholic Spirituality as it pertains to Recovery and to develop their personal

relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join us and bring a friend on Saturday mornings at 8:45am–9:45am in the Library of the Lower Church. We pray, meditate, and share our recovery hope with each other. We welcome all who may be having difficulties managing their daily lives. We will focus on the 3rd and 11th step of Recovery programs.



Looking for a Volunteer Ministry Serving those in Need?

St. Matthew Food Pantry is looking for volunteers who can commit to once a month to staff their food pantry.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry was founded over 35 years ago by a Pastor at St. Matthew's Church, Dorchester MA, who was looking to start a ministry to help feed the increasing hungry parishioners in his Parish. The Pantry is located in the basement of St. Matthew's Church, at 33 Stanton Street, Dorchester, and there is parking in the large back lot behind the Rectory.

The needs are as follows:

Setup Person:

Job Description: four people needed, one Saturday a month from 7:15 AM – 10 AM

A person to open the Pantry and setup food for distribution for the day. All food is given to the clients in sturdy grocery bags, either cloth or paper. A list is given to each individual for items to put in the bags.

Close Person:

Job Description: 3 teams of 2 people. Each team will serve one Saturday a month from 10:30 AM–12:00 noon

Teams will welcome people at the front desk, assist in the kitchen preparing food bags as needed using the weekly list of items to put into the grocery bags and be able to handle 15-20 lb. bags of food. Interaction with both recipients and volunteers.

For more information or to sign up please email Rich Green at kriskolerjg@gmail.com Thank you.



Coming to St. Agatha Parish?

If you're attending our Masses, we would like to keep you informed about our parish opportunities for spiritual growth. Please fill out the fields below and drop this information in the collection basket if you need to send us (or update) your contact information. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Gulino, Pastoral Associate at 617-698-2439, x. 209. Thanks!

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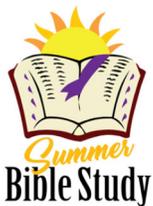
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I would like information re: electronic giving (See "Giving" on our website: www.stagathaparish.org)

I would like information re: volunteering
If you prefer to email us your update, please send to: rectory@stagathaparish.org



Bible Study: A Biblical Explanation of the Mass by Dr. Brant Pitre

Sometimes we hear it said, "the Mass is boring—it is always the same thing!" Sometimes we might say—"I wish I understood the Mass better." Here is your chance to see how the Mass prayers, our actions within the Mass, and the gift of the Eucharist are rooted in the greatest story ever told—the story of salvation—God comes to meet us in our daily walk of life.

An ancient saying in the Church reads "*lex orandi, lex credendi,*" meaning that **the law of prayer is the law of faith.** More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that **as we pray, so we believe, and so we live.** Using Sacred Scripture and ancient Jewish tradition we will discover the biblical roots of the various parts of the Catholic Mass and will give us deeper insights into **why do what we do at Mass.**

Group A: Tues., July 30th & Aug. 6th, 9:45–10:45 AM
Group B: Tues., July 16th & July 23rd, 7:00–8:00 PM
meeting in the Gathering Space



Summer Pickup Choir Continues

Did you miss your chance to sing in our summer pickup choir last week? Not to worry—you are warmly invited to sing with us any Sunday through August 4! We'll meet at 10:20am in the church for a brief rehearsal, and then sing for the 11:00 Mass. There's a seat waiting for you, so bring the voice God gave you and lift it in praise! Questions? Come say hello after Mass or drop me a line at musicdirector@stagathaparish.org. We'd love to have you!

In Christ,
Julie Fay
 Music Director

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Mark your calendars all our wonderful, fabulous, awesome catechists! Please plan to attend the annual **Catechist Mass and Breakfast**

on Catechetical Sunday, September 15. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and breakfast will be served immediately following in the Saint Agatha School Cafeteria. We will have a brief meeting to talk about the upcoming year and as well please **bring your driver's license or other government issued id with you to complete the annual CORI form.**

Please help share Jesus' Good News with the children in grades 1-6 of our parish as a volunteer catechist! Sessions are held once a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, from September 17 to April 16. If the weekly commitment does not work for your schedule, share the class and co-teach with another volunteer. We supply the lesson plan, materials, support and class sizes are capped at 8 students per catechist. Many catechists say how much their own faith grows through sharing it with the children, please consider volunteering! Contact the Faith Formation Office to volunteer or if you have any questions, thank you!



Sessions begin for Catechists on September 17-18-19 and sessions for students will begin on September 24-25-26.

The Youth Choir of Greater Paris (Jeune Choeur d'Ile de France) under the direction of Francis Bardot, is coming to Boston and will perform a free concert this coming Thursday, July 25th at 8pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Donations gratefully accepted to benefit the youth choir and the Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund.



CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



Please pray for our group headed down to West Virginia with Appalachia Service Project. We will spend the week repairing homes for people in need! Over the course of the week, our volunteers will live out the love of Christ by getting to know the families we serve and working hard to make a real difference in their lives!

Support our annual Appalachia Service Project trip by donating through our Go Fund Me page or mailing in a check with ASP on the envelope!

www.gofundme.com/f/appalachia-service-project-2019

Thank you for all of your support!

THURSDAY NIGHT DROP-IN'S

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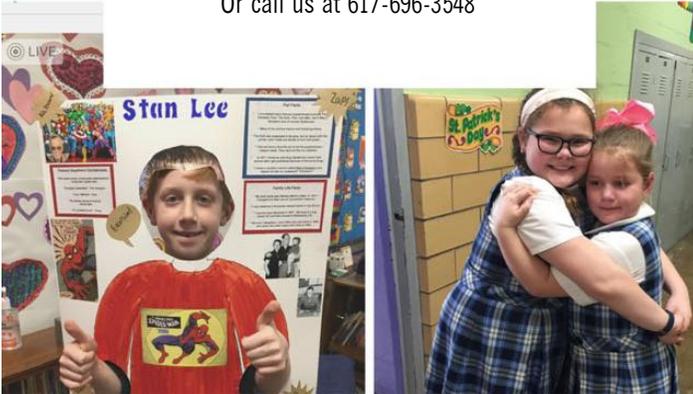


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Parish high school youth participating in Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference in Lowell last weekend took a moment to pose with the Lowell Spinners' mascot, Canaligator.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	July 20 Month's Mind 2nd Anniversary	William Capplis Albert Seghezzi
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	July 21 13th Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary	Joseph P. Flaherty For the Parishioners of St. Agatha Mary E. Palardy Tommy Kingston
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	July 22 Memorial	Anne-Marie Plageman & Deceased Members of the Plageman & Cammas Families
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	July 23 Anniversary 4th Anniversary	Catherine Shea Mildred Linehan
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	July 24 28th Anniversary	Louis G. Kreinsen
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	July 25 Birth. Memorial	Rosetta Abruzzese
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	July 26 Birth. Memorial	Marguerite E. Hart
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	July 27 Memorial Memorial	Helen L. Massa Daniel & James O'Leary
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	July 28 For the Parishioners of St. Agatha Memorial 11th Anniversary 1st Anniversary	Brian Cummings & Andy Gillis Debra Davis Josephine Conneely

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.

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

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