



The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

January 7–8, 2023

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9am–4pm

432 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

440 Adams Street
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday -

Saturday: 9:00 am *

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 pm *

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:30 am *

11:30 am

5:00 pm

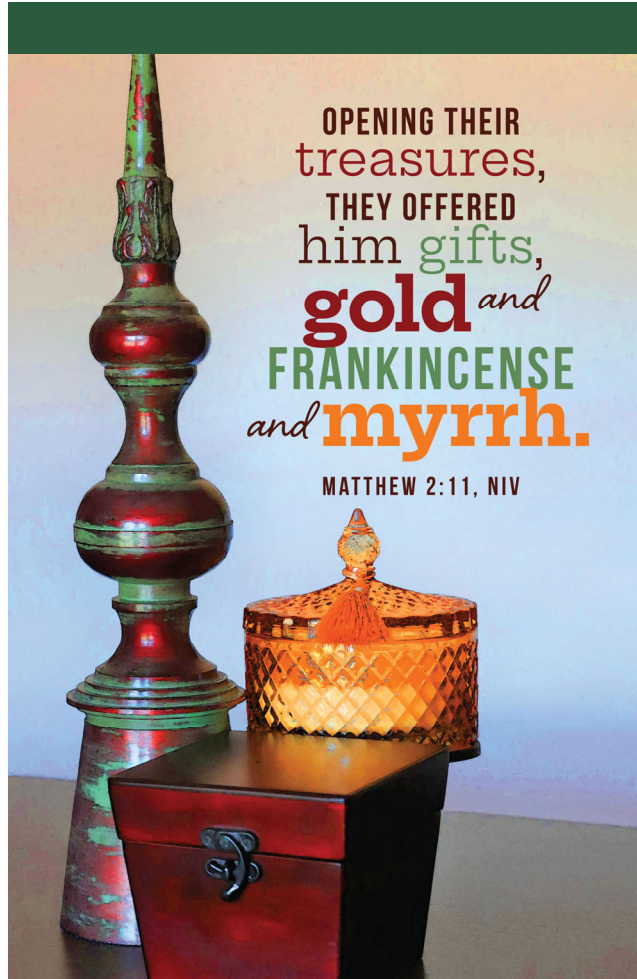
* Also livestreamed on our website.

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.

OPENING THEIR
treasures,
THEY OFFERED
him gifts,
gold and
FRANKINCENSE
and **myrrh.**

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV



*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7–8—Year A*

This Week's Readings can be found at
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010823.cfm>

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.

Current COVID Protocols

Masks are no longer required (but are optional) inside the church. Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks when distributing Holy Communion.

Please visit our website for up-to-date details.

*Please visit our
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www.StAgathaParish.org/100

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Please note in this week's bulletin the many people in whose memory our Christmas flowers were donated. Many thanks to those who honored their departed loved ones in this way, and in so doing augmented the beauty

and joy we celebrate at Christmas with such lovely decorations for our Masses during this Christmas Season.

Next weekend at the 9:30 Sunday Family Mass we shall give special thanks for all the youngsters who were baptized here at St. Agatha's in 2022. Even though we'll be observing the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time at our other Masses that weekend, because of the number of families with recently baptized children, combined with the fact that the Feast of Christ's Baptism is celebrated this Monday rather than on a Sunday which is the usual day for the Feast, we are also going to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism at the 9:30 Mass next Sunday the 15th. Following the 9:30 Mass there will be light refreshments in the Gathering Space for all those present for the 9:30 Mass, newly baptized or otherwise!

We were blessed 2 years ago to have one of our parishioners, now Fr. David Campo, ordained a priest for our Archdiocese. David attended St. John's Seminary in Brighton, as did I and my brother priests who serve here in our parish. In addition to St. John's Seminary for young men mostly just out of college, there is another seminary in our Archdiocese—Pope St. John XXIII in Weston. That is where I served as a faculty member and then rector prior to my coming to St. Agatha's. Pope St. John Seminary is for men age 30 and above, some of whom have been well established in their careers and others who are widowers who have a sense that God might be calling them to the Priesthood. We have been blessed here at St. Agatha's to have contributed to the formation of several of these men in the past few years who had been ordained as transitional deacons before coming here. Please note in this week's bulletin information about the opportunity to come to First Friday visits to Pope St. John Seminary either in person or virtually for any men 30 and older who might have a sense that the Lord might be calling them to ordained ministry. As Pope St. John XXIII once said, "A priestly vocation can come at any age."

Families of second-graders in our Faith formation Program and in St. Agatha School are asked to note the information in this bulletin about Preregistration for Prep Sessions (beginning January 10th) for First Reconciliation and Preregistration for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 21st and 25th.

Also in this bulletin there is information about another session of our Women's Bible study, "Walking with Purpose." The first meetings will be this week on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings.

As most of us are well aware, Pope Emeritus Benedict the 16th passed away on New Year's Eve. He was a brilliant

scholar, but he also wrote works that are very accessible to those who are not professional theologians. I want to make note of 3 of his works. Two Books of his that I very much appreciated are published by Our Sunday Visitor Press. As a scholar of the Early Church, Benedict wrote, "The Fathers" which makes accessible the backgrounds and contributions of the first Christian theologians from the first through the fifth centuries. The second book is entitled quite simply "Prayer" in which he refers to Scripture, Liturgy, and several saints to draw the reader into a deeper relationship with God through prayer.

The third work of Pope Benedict's that I want to mention is his Encyclical "Spe Salvi" which is Latin for "Saved by Hope." In it he discusses the Church's understanding of the afterlife. I have made reference to his remarks about Purgatory in a homily of mine on All Souls' Day. I'll just share a little piece of it. If you would like to read the whole text of this encyclical, you can find it by Googling "Spe Salvi" online, and you can print it out. On Purgatory, Pope Benedict mentions that some theologians have suggested that purgatory, the purification that most of us experience after death might well be our encounter with Christ Himself as our Judge, and looking upon His face. Before Christ's gaze all falsehood melts away. His gaze and the touch of His heart purifies and heals us. The holy power of His love sears thru us, reaches right thru us, taking away all that has been tarnished and wounded in us because of sin, and enables us to become totally ourselves and belong totally to God. At that moment and in that purifying process, we experience and absorb the overwhelming power of Christ's love which conquers and wipes out any evil remaining within us. For example, any of us who has hurt someone who loves us deeply, and we have seen the expression on his or her face indicating both shock and yet their abiding love, and at that moment we lower our eyes, feel embarrassed, and experience in the depths of our being a sharp pain because we have injured someone we love so much and who loves us so much—that this is what Pope Benedict is getting at—when we look eye-to-eye at the penetrating yet ever-loving face of Christ at the moment of our death—we realize what enormous love Christ has for us and how unworthy we are to receive that love, until He purifies us and makes us whole.

Pope Benedict now will know whether he was right on target in his theological reflections about Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory. The rest of us will have to wait, but in my opinion we can find much food for thought and prayer in the three works of his that I've mentioned. May Pope Benedict rest in peace.

Fr. Palardy



Adoration at St. Agatha Parish

There is Adoration in the Chapel on Fridays following the 9:00am Mass, from approx. 9:30am–1:00pm. And on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8pm in the Chapel.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

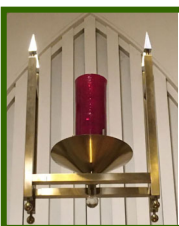
Read Reflect Respond

THEME: The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

What one word or thought in this reading really strikes you?
What image from this reading lingers for you now in your memory?

Gospel: MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



For the two week period of January 1–14, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle will be lit in memory of the Hennessey family and Griffin family. Donated by Phil and Jacqi Gentile. May the light of God's love surround you.

During the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, \$26,181 was contributed to clergytrust.org

Celebration of all those who have been Baptized during this past year

Parents, Grandparents, and Godparents, are invited to attend the 9:30am Mass on **Sunday, January 15th**—The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will have light refreshments immediately following Mass in the Gathering Space to mingle and meet the newest members of St. Agatha Parish and their families.



Welcome to the Saint Agatha Parish family!

Pastoral Planning

January 8~ Epiphany of the Lord

We know this story so well it may be easy miss what God invites us to hear today. The Magi were determined to find "the newborn king" by following the star— "overjoyed at seeing the star...and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother...and did him homage." So, what did you hear as God's invitation in this gospel? Perhaps God's invitation comes in the perseverance of the Magi or in their belief that following the star would lead them to the king. Or perhaps God is inviting you to look for Christ in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary events of your own life. On this feast, take a lesson from the Magi and go in search of Christ.



CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

Creativity & Spirituality will be taking a break until March. Looking forward to gathering then.

COAT DRIVE This is the last weekend of the Coat Drive. Please drop your donations in the boxes in the school & church vestibules.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON Jan 9: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 / MT 3:13-17
TUE Jan 10: HEB 2:5-12 / MK 1:21-28
WED Jan 11: HEB 2:14-18 / MK 1:29-39
THUR Jan 12: HEB 3:7-14 / MK 1:40-45
FRI Jan 13: HEB 4:1-16 / MK 2:1-12
SAT Jan 14: HEB 4:12-16 / MK 2:13-17

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Dec. 31-Jan. 1 In-Pew Collection	Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Mail in Drop off	Electronic Collection	Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$12,440	\$9,524	\$2,350	\$4,065	\$15,939	\$3,499	(\$22,902)

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Please forgive any misspellings/omissions.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

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First Reconciliation Prep Sessions will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, January 10** from 4:00–5:00pm; **Wednesday, January 11** from 2:30–3:30pm & 4:00–5:00pm; Tuesday, January 17 from 4:00–5:00pm; and Wednesday, January 18 from 4:00–5:00pm. **Preregistration is required.** If you have not registered, please fill out the registration form emailed to families on November 14.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Church on **Saturday, January 21** at 11:00am & 1:00pm, and on **Wednesday, January 25** at 4:00 & 6:00pm. **Preregistration is required.** If you have not registered for a service, please fill out the registration form emailed to families on November 14.

Please help Faith Formation with our next service project to honor the birth of Baby Jesus! We are accepting donations of new/unopened packages of children's diapers—sizes 4, 5, & 6 as well as new/unopened baby wipes, and diaper cream/Vaseline. Collection totes are available in the Gathering Space. Donations will go to Quincy Interfaith Social Services. Thank you!!



CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

Please check out Youth Ministry resources on Email, Instagram (@staggiesmilton) and Facebook (St. Agatha Youth Ministry).



Confirmation Registration is open! For information on the program and to register, visit the St. Agatha Parish website (www.stagathaparish.org).

Sundays: January 22nd & January 29th

Select Sunday Nights at 6 pm

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SAINT AGATHA CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Saint Agatha, you have guided our parish family by your intercession.

We pray for your guidance for present and future generations to persevere and show witness to our faith.

We pray that you ask the Holy Spirit to be our advocate so that we may say yes to God in total, trusting surrender.

We look to your courage for our own strength to go forward with love in action as Jesus did.

We pray that you ask the Father for protection against the uncertainties we face as we grow as a community strong in faith, hope and love.

Saint Agatha, continue to guide us as we walk with purpose towards Heaven, with a spirit of gratitude and an open heart.

Amen.



Source: *Walking with Purpose*
St. Agatha Parish Women's Bible Study Group

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism: Twice a month on Sunday at 1:00pm. Please check our website under the **Sacraments** tab for available dates and for more information. If you have already scheduled your child's Baptism and need to reschedule (or to ask any other questions), please call or email the Rectory.

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:15pm (prior to the 4:30pm Mass) in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with one of our priests.

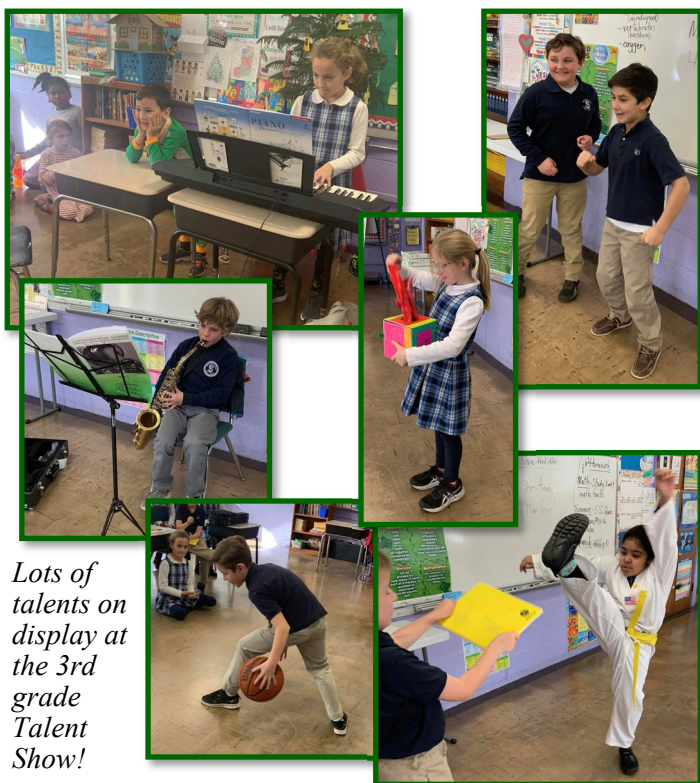
Marriage: Call one of the parish priests or deacons. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

CURSILLO An opportunity to deepen your faith | The Boston Cursillo Movement | www.bostoncursillo.org

The Cursillo is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Each Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order that Christ's love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Upcoming weekends in February and March will be held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, MA.

A member of our own parish, Lisa Martin, is on the team for the women's weekend in February. Lisa can be reached by phone or text at 617-872-9675.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Lots of talents on display at the 3rd grade Talent Show!

St. Agatha's
**Walking with
Purpose Women's
Bible Study** starts

this week with a new book, *Fearless and Free, Experiencing Healing and Wholeness in Christ* and will cover the book of Ephesians. Join us if you can. Come to Monday's session at 7:15 pm or Tuesday's session at 9:45am. We will be meeting for eleven weeks. We hope you will join us. Questions: WWP@StAgathaParish.org.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 7	
9:00am	2nd Anniversary	George T. Ryan
4:00pm	Anniversary	Paul & Ginny Motta
Sunday	January 8	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
7:30am	1st Anniversary	Frank J. Agostino
9:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
11:30am	22nd Anniversary	Margaret M. Welch
5:00pm	Memorial	Patrick & Winifred Farragher
Monday	January 9	
9:00am	Memorial	Irene & Arthur Eldridge
Tuesday	January 10	
9:00am	2nd Anniversary	Theresa Wallace-Flaherty
Wednesday	January 11	
9:00am	Memorial	Marie Sullivan
	<i>School Mass</i>	
Thursday	January 12	
9:00am	Anniversary	Noreen Cummings
Friday	January 13	
9:00am	Anniversary	William E. Trecker
Saturday	January 14	
9:00am	Memorial	Charles W. Marble
4:30pm	15th Anniversary	Catherine Higgins
Sunday	January 15	
7:30am	Memorial	Janice & Joseph P. McLean III
9:30am	Memorial	Richard Rowland Kirkland
11:30am	Memorial	Kathleen Tarpey & The Dowd Family
5:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha



St. Agatha Parish prays the rosary on Monday through Saturday mornings starting at 8:30am (before the 9:00am Mass) in the Upper Church. Bring your rosary and join us.

Masses are celebrated weekday and Saturday mornings at 9:00am and on Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am 11:30am and 5:00pm. The Masses on **Saturday at 4:30pm** and **Sunday (Family Mass) at 9:30am** and **weekdays/Saturday at 9:00am** are also livestreamed on our [website](#). The scheduled Mass intentions are announced at these Masses and remembered in prayer.

Reconciliation is available on **Saturday afternoons, from 3:30-4:15pm** (prior to the 4:30pm Mass) in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel. It is also available by appointment with one of our priests by calling the rectory.

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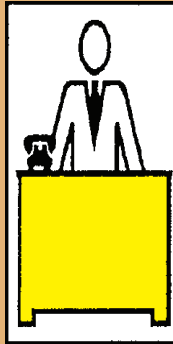


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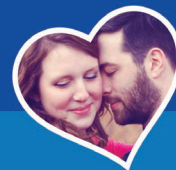
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