

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

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Monday – Friday 9am-4pm 432 Adams Street Milton, MA 02186

ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

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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.

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

February 18-19, 2023



[GOD] SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND ON THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

MATTHEW 5:45, NRSV

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18–19—Year A

This Week's Readings can be found at https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021923.cfm

Ash Wednesday • Feb 22 • Mass Schedule 9am & 7 pm • Liturgy of the Word 4pm

This Week's Special Collection is for Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria

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 Centennial pages on our website!

www.StAgathaParish.org/100

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A Note from Our Pastor,

I am writing this column several weeks before the beginning of Lent this year because I shall be on a retreat for priests the week that this current bulletin goes to print. Know that you and your loved ones as well

as our parish as a whole will have been in my prayers during this retreat.

We begin the Holy Season of Lent this year this coming Wednesday February 22nd. On Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9am and 7pm in the Upper Church. There will also be a 4pm Service with the Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes.

There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Ash Wednesday from 4-5:30pm in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel in the lower church.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all Catholics age 14 and above, meaning that no meat is to be eaten on those days. Ash Wednesday, as well as Good Friday, is also a day of fasting for all those between the ages of 18 and 59, meaning that we eat only one full meal that day, with two other smaller meals allowed, but taken together not equaling a full meal.

Please pick up a copy of our Lenten daily prayer booklets this year: A Season of Deep and Everlasting Healing by Deacons Eddie Ensley & Robert Hermann; and (for children) Thank You for Your Love, Jesus by Anne E. Neuberger.

Have a great week and a blessed beginning to Lent!

Fr. Palardy

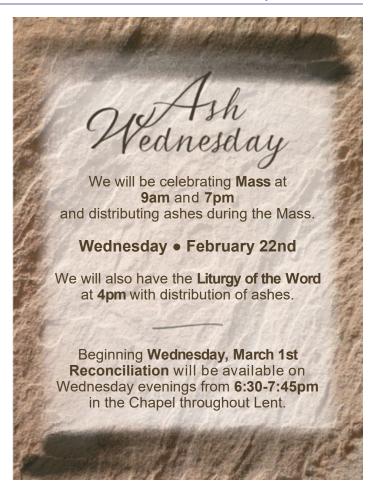
Earthquake Relief for Turkey & Syria— Special Collection This Weekend

We received this request from the Archdiocese of Boston last week: "The images coming out of Turkey and Syria following the February 6, 7.8 magnitude earthquake, are showing the world that the people there are experiencing immense suffering, destruction, and death. There are reports that the death toll has surpassed 11,000 and continues to rise.

Catholic Relief Services reports that 'across affected areas in both countries, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. For Syrians, the damage took place in areas already devastated by years of war. In Turkey, the airports and the high roads of Anatolia are closed, and most hospitals are unusable. Schools have been closed across the country.'

Recognizing the growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection be taken the weekend of February 18-19, 2023 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. Funds raised will help to provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water, and hygiene supplies."

Please address checks to St. Agatha Parish, with "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.



NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Charities

As noted on their website (www.ccab.org/about-us/) "Our agency has changed through the years, what began as primarily an adoption and foster agency evolved



into a multi-million dollar nonprofit to directly assist young, poor, and elderly people of all faiths as well as newly-arrived immigrants. Today, Catholic Charities is one of the largest social service non-profit organizations in Massachusetts—and our over 70 programs help us serve our neighbors, regardless of religion, race, gender, age, disability, or ethnicity."

FINAL WEEK

How Can I Help?

Ending February 25

Personal Care Items Drive: Faith Formation is seeking donations of *full sized*, *unopened* toiletries: toothbrushes; toothpaste; dental floss; shampoo; conditioner, men's deodorant; women's deodorant; bars of soap (packaged or individually wrapped); shaving cream; disposable razors (must be in sealed package). Bins will be in the Gathering Space and donations will be sent to Interfaith Social Services in Quincy.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: God's love invites us to wholeness.

When you hear the word enemy, what or who do you think fits that definition? How do you turn the other cheek? What does that mean to you? How complete is your love for that enemy?

Gospel: MT 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek,

turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,

and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.
But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father,
for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
For if you love those who love you,
what recompense will you have?
Do not the tax collectors do the same?
And if you greet your brothers only,
what is unusual about that?
Do not the pagans do the same?
So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS			
MON	Feb 20:	SIR 1:1-10 / MK 9:14-29	
TUE	Feb 21:	SIR 2:1-11 / MK 9:30-37	
WED	Feb 22:	JI 2:12-18 / MK 6:1-6, 16-18	
THUR	Feb 23:	DT 30:15-20 / LK 9:22-25	
FRI	Feb 24:	IS 58:1-9a / MT 9:14-15	
SAT	Feb 25:	IS 58:9b-14 / LK 5:27-32	



Weekly Offertory Report Feb. 11-12 Feb. 11-12 Feb. 11-12 Total In-Pew Mail in Weekly **Electronic** Total Weekly Difference **Difference Budget** Collection Drop off Collection Offertory **YTD** (\$28,027)\$12,440 \$8,074 \$2,320 \$4,065 \$14,459 \$2,019

Have you been wondering when your offertory envelopes will arrive?

Our envelope printer was unable to send out the current packet of envelopes for February and March. We sent out replacement envelopes this week to many of our parishioners. If you haven't received them, we have blank donation envelopes by the entrances for your use. Please place your weekly offering in an envelope with your name and address (and envelope number if you know it) so we can keep track of your donation.

Thank you so much for your patience, the printer plans to send out the next envelope packet in April.

Pastoral Planning

February 19 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings this week continue to stress how we are to live: turn the other cheek, hand over your cloak as well as your tunic, asked to walk a mile, walk two. All of these lead up to what we might find the hardest to live by: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES and PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. As difficult as this may seem, we don't despair! We have hope in the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians: "...you are the temple of God,...the Spirit of God dwells in you..." We will live according to Jesus' words once we open ourselves to the power of God, the love of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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.

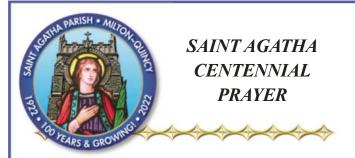
Reconciliation: Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:15pm (prior to the 4:30pm Mass) in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with one of our priests.

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



For the two week period of February 12–25, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle will be lit in memory of Patrick J. Fitzpatrick. Donated by Maryellen & Kieran Comer. May the light of God's love surround you.





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 ves 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

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).







St. Agatha Parish

LENT: A SEASON TO REMEMBER GOD-A TIME TO PONDER!

You're Invited

Got questions about life? Explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith via videos containing different questions around faith and designed to create conversation. Small group conversations led by fellow parishioners.



Starts: Wednesday, March 8th • 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Agatha Parish Gathering Space

See video preview on the Alpha page on our website

Signup: https://forms.gle/4okNjwfRes3uk99HA

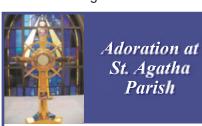
Or point your phone camera at the QR code here to register.

Pre-registration is helpful but not necessary. **Phone:** 617.698.2439





Beginning Wednesday, March 1st Reconciliation will also be available on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm in the Chapel throughout Lent.



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.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Office Email: FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org
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Along with St. Agatha School, Faith Formation is collecting FULL-SIZE personal care items for Interfaith Social Services in Quincy. The items will be used to assemble family personal care bags. The collection will run through February 25. Collection containers can be found in the Gathering Space, St. Agatha School, or bring your donation to any of our in-person events. We are looking for the following donations:

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE BRAND NEW AND IN SEALED PACKAGES

Items needed are...

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Dental floss
Full-size Shampoo with
matching Conditioner

Men's deodorant Women's deodorant Bars of soap Shaving cream Disposable razors in sealed packages

Join us for our next Pasta Family Dinner night... "Pizza and the Passion" on Wednesday, March 15 from 5:00 to 6:30pm in the Gathering Space. Come join other families in the Faith Formation Program for dinner, crafts, and the opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Preregistration is required. The email containing the registration link will be sent to all Faith Formation Families on Monday, February 27.

First Holy Communion Retreats will be held Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26. Preregistration is required. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you have not registered for a retreat.

Faith in Action. It all starts with YOU.

One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is a primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries, many of which directly benefit our parish. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities in numerous ways.

Many of you may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution transforms faith into action. See the QR code on the next page to donate. Thank you.



Liturgical Notes for Lent

To mark the season of Lent, there will be a few liturgical and musical changes to our weekend Masses:

- We will recite the penitential act in its first form, commonly known as the Confiteor (from the original Latin.) You can find it on the very first page of the Gather hymnal, where it begins, "I confess to almighty God...."
- Following the Confiteor will be the Kýrie, eléison ("Lord, have mercy.") It is a short chant we will repeat after the Cantor:

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

- The Glory to God is not sung or recited during Lent.
- Since the Alleluia is not sung during Lent, our Gospel acclamation will be "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory."
- We will chant the Eucharistic Acclamations (Holy, holy, etc.) and sing the Lamb of God in Latin:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. (sing twice)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

- At the 11:30 Sunday Masses, the communion antiphon will be chanted as the choir is receiving communion. The communion song will then be sung, as usual.
- There will be an instrumental recessional in place of a final hymn.

Lent is a unique season and an opportunity to draw ever closer to the Lord. May these liturgical changes serve as an invitation to enter more fully into the Lenten mysteries, and help us truly to prepare for the celebrations of the Paschal mystery this Holy Week and Easter.

God bless,

Julie Fay

Music Director and Organist



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.

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Celebrating 100 Days of School

Grade 1 made the trip to Mrs. Carito's class to join their

grade 7 prayer buddies to make Valentine's Day hearts—all organized by grade 7. We love our prayer buddies!



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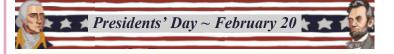
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Collective Intention Mass To Be Offered Monthly

The next Collective Intention Mass is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at 4:30pm. Up to five family intentions may be listed for that Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday 9:00am	February 18 Month's Mind 2nd Anniversary	Elvis Galvao & Marcelino Galvao
4:30pm	5th Anniversary	Patrick J. Fitzpatrick
Sunday	February 19	
7:30am		
9:30am	Memorial	Patrick & Winifred Farragher
11:30am	Memorial	Joseph Corcoran, Mary Corcoran and Claire Carten
5:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
Monday 9:00am	February 20 Special Intention	Presidents' Day Denise & Joseph Merullo
Tuesday 9:00am	February 21 Memorial	Linda Upton
Wednesday 9:00am	February 22	Ash Wednesday Special Intention
4:00pm 7:00pm		Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
Thursday 9:00am	February 23	
Friday 9:00am	February 24	
Saturday	February 25	
9:00am	1st Anniversary	Joyce Ford
4:30pm	Memorial	Jane McNulty
Sunday	February 26	
7:30am		Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:30am	Memorial	Bernard & Ellen Bonner and Theresa Bonner
11:30am	Memorial	Penny Coen



Patricia Chiavaroli

3rd Anniversary

5:00pm

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.

Attention To All AFG

Do you have a loved one struggling with alcoholism? Please join us in the St. Agatha School music room as we share our experience, strength and hope on **Wednesdays evenings**from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Please note, there will be

NO meeting on Wednesday, February 22.

For more information please contact Jeannine Reardon, jreardon119@gmail.com or 617-840-7607.

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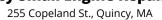
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