

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

May 6-7, 2023

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

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:

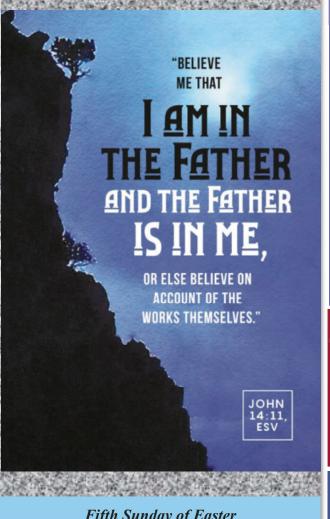
Saturday: 4:30 pm * Sunday: 7:30 am

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 Sacristv before all Masses.
- Low gluten hosts are available. Please see priest before Mass if needed.



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 6-7—Year A

This Week's Readings can be found at https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050723.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 Centennial pages on our website!

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Last weekend and this past Saturday our 2nd-grade students in St. Agatha School and in our Parish's Faith Formation program received their First Holy Communion. It's also a great opportunity for those of us who

recall our own First Communion years ago to be reminded of the great blessing it is to receive the very Body of Christ whenever we gather for the celebration of Mass.

At the 9:30am Family Mass this weekend, we invite the children in our parish and school to take part in a May Procession and crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. The recent First Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits, and one of the children will be invited to crown the statue of our Blessed Mother.

Regarding upcoming events, next weekend is Mother's Day weekend, and flowers will be on sale after all the Masses, the proceeds of which will be used to help fund this year's Appalachian Service Trip for our parish teens.

The following Sunday—May 21st—we'll be bringing back an event we haven't had for a while—our annual Baby Shower to support a local homeless maternity shelter helping unwed mothers choose life for their unborn children. For many years Paul and Mary McDonough oversaw this very important pro-life event for our parish. With Paul's passing to the Lord earlier this year, Michael and Theresa Jolley are organizing this year's Baby Shower. It will take place in the Gathering Space from 8:30am until 1pm on May 21st. Coffee and cupcakes will be served free of charge, and cash donations for the maternity shelter will be happily received.

Please note farther along in this bulletin 2 other outreach opportunities: under Faith Formation the service project: "Birthday in a Bag" (which will continue until Sunday June 25th); and under Young Church Ministry: "Fr. Bill's Lunches Service Project" which is supported by teens from our parish and from Our Lady of the Visitation Parish.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy



As a keepsake of our Centennial Year, there will be commemorative ornaments available at the entrances to the Upper Church. We respectfully request one ornament per household. Thank you!



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.



For the two week period of May 7–20, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle will be lit in memory of Cynthia M. Parfumorse, donated by Carol Minichiello.

May the light of God's love surround you.

Saint Agatha School Principal Search

As many of you are well aware, Mrs. Nancy Carr, the Principal of Saint Agatha School will be retiring as Principal at the end of this school year. If you know of anyone who is Catholic and has experience in school administration who might be interested in applying for the position of Principal of Saint Agatha School, please invite that person to contact Fr. Palardy at the rectory or via email to pastor@stagathaparish.org.

For a detailed job description visit: https://csoboston.org/open-positions.



Save the Date KINDNESS BLOOMS

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

2023 Auction Gala

COCKTAILS, DINNER, DANCING

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 7:00PM

How Can I Help?

April 2 thru June 25 Faith Formation's "Birthday in a Bag" service project. Plain brown paper bags are available in both the foyer of the Church and in the Gathering Space with a list of birthday items stapled to the front of the bag. Please purchase the items listed and return your filled brown paper bags to the Gathering Space or the Faith Formation Office at the rectory. More details can be found later in this bulletin.



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THEME: Jesus, our cornerstone.

In this lovely reading from John's Gospel, what phrases or words or images catch your ear? What promise of Christ do you hear most clearly?

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and

the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these,

because I am going to the Father."



Adoration at St. Agatha Parish

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



Pastoral Planning

May 7 ∼ Fifth Sunday of Easter

We are reminded in the Acts of the Apostles, that after the Resurrection "the word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples...increased greatly." That growth of faith is sadly less evident these days! We don't always see ourselves as disciples—those charged with continuing the work of Jesus Christ, and yet that is our call. It may be good to ask ourselves—what keeps me from speaking about the ways God works in my life? What can I do to increase the number of disciples in this parish? Jesus reassures us in today's gospel that we needn't be troubled or afraid. When it is Jesus the Way, Truth and Life that we speak about, then Christ will complete what we begin. Take to heart the words the priest says at the end of Mass: "The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord."





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1	Budget	Collection	Drop off	Collection	Offertory	Difference	YTD	
	\$12,440	\$6,375	\$275	\$4,065	\$10,715	(\$1,725)	(\$31,747)	



Annual Baby Shower

To support Friends of the Unborn a local homeless maternity shelter

Sunday, May 21st, 8:30am-1:00pm in the Gathering Space

~ Wish List ~

Avent baby bottles (4 oz and 8 oz) baby bottle brushes

crib sheets infant carriers

baby bathtubs

Aveeno baby wash & lotion monitors

bouncy seats for newborns

Pampers (size 3-6) stroller rain covers

or gift cards to Target, Walmart, TJMaxx, & Marshalls

Cash Donations Appreciated

Please join us for coffee, cupcakes & conversation

Thank you for your support

Gifts/donations may also be dropped off in the Gathering Space after the 4:30 Mass on Sat, May 20th

BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Wednesday • May 10 from 9:30-10:00am & 5-5:30pm

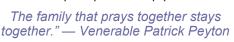
@ white garages behind the rectory Supporting the ASP Service Trip

Please remember that only returnable bottles & cans with MA deposit imprints can be accepted. **Thanks!**

Behold Your Mother!

Bring your family to Family Rosary's outdoor May Crowning at 2 pm on **Saturday**, **May 13** that will include the Rosary, a procession, crowning ceremony, music and festivities. First communicants invited to wear outfits for the procession! Free and open to the public.

Museum of Family Prayer, 518 Washington Street (Route 138) North Easton, MA. 508-238-4095 https://grco.de/bdptpa.





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

LOST & FOUND



What do a SAS sweatshirt, toddler sunglasses, multiple pairs of leather gloves, an assortment of umbrellas, a red fleece with BSO branding and a baby's christening shoe all have in common? These items are all waiting patiently under the watchful eye of St. Anthony to be claimed by their rightful owners on the Lost & Found table. Where is this table you ask? Located right inside the entrance to the Gathering Space. This is the time of year when many items are inadvertently left behind when visiting Saint Agatha Parish. If you are missing something, please check it out at your earliest convenience!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

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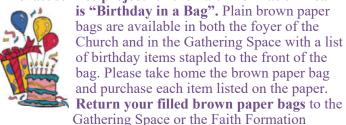
Registration for the 2023-2024 Grades 1 – 5 Faith Formation Year is open! The link to the online registration form can be found on our parish website—

www.stagathaparish.org or scan the QR code seen here. Please register your child/ren as soon as possible, no later than June 30th. Registrations after June 30th will be assessed a minimum of \$25 per child late fee.



Preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a two-year process generally in grades 1 and 2. Sacraments are received after the successful completion of the second year in the program.

The last service project for the Faith Formation Year



Office at the rectory. There are clear plastic totes available for you to leave your donations in. The last day to drop off your donation is Sunday, June 25th. The Faith Formation Office will then transfer your donation into a colorful gift bag and deliver it to a local charity such as Interfaith Social Services.

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends! Please pray the children and their families will continue to receive the Eucharist with as much joy in their hearts as they did on their First Holy Communion Day!

Parents of rising grade 2 children for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation Year please plan to attend a parent meeting on your choice of day either, Tuesday, May 9th, or Wednesday, May 10th from 6:00–6:30pm in the Upper Church.

Wednesday, May 10th Young Church Ministry will hold a Bottle and Can Drive. We will be in person to accept donations from 9:30–10:00 am and 5:00–5:30 pm at Barn 432. The door to the barn will be open all day and you are welcome to drop off your donations any time until 5:30 pm. All proceeds will go towards the June ASP Service Trip.

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).

Fr. Bill's Lunches Service Project

Over the last 3 years, teens at St. Agatha Parish and Our Lady of the Visitation have made over 4,500 lunches for Fr. Bill's Homeless Shelter. Each month, our teens gather to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and assemble bagged lunches as well as spend time in prayer and reflection.

We have had many generous parishioners donate nonperishable items and contribute financially to offset the cost of the perishable items used each month such as bread, bananas, and chips.

Currently, we are asking families to **consider making a financial contribution** in support of our ministry. If you would like to donate, you can mail a check made out to St. Agatha Parish with "Fr. Bill's Lunches" in the memo to the rectory (432 Adams Street, ATTN: Helen Waring).

In addition, we will be re-stocking our non-perishable items through a donation drive this upcoming Fall! Be on the lookout for details!



SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Students from Grades 7 & 8 recently enjoyed a 3-day trip to Washington DC!





THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON	May 8:	ACTS 14:5-18 / JN 14:21-26
TUE	May 9:	ACTS 14:19-28 / JN 14:27-31a
WED	May 10:	ACTS 15:1-6 / JN 15:1-8
THUR	May 11:	ACTS 15:7-21 / JN 15:9-11
FRI	May 12:	ACTS 15:22-31 / JN 15:12-17
SAT	May 13:	ACTS 16:1-10 / JN 15:18-21

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

	WASS IN	LIVITONS		
Saturday	May 6			
9:00am	Anniversary	Ron Clancy		
4:30pm	Memorial	Gertrude Sweeney, Geraldine DeCourcey and Susan Roberts		
Sunday	May 7			
7:30am	Anniversary	Hugh & Ellen Kelly		
9:30am	15th Anniversary 8th Anniversary	Kathryn G. Segalla and John S. Segalla		
11:30am	Memorial	Marian Lang		
	Birth. Memorial	Mary & Albert Seghezzi		
	Month's Mind	Deirdre Caffrey		
5:00pm	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha		
Monday 9:00am	May 8 6th Anniversary	Richard Hynes		
Tuesday 9:00am	May 9 Birth. Memorial	Marion Murphy		
Wednesday 9:00am	May 10 Memorial	Paul L. Pizzi		
Thursday 9:00am	May 11 Month's Mind	Martin Reaney		
Friday 9:00am	May 12 Memorial	Mary & Larry Donnelly		
Saturday 9:00am 4:30pm	May 13 Memorial Anniversary	Edward Harrington Richard F. Boehler III		
Sunday	May 14	Mother's Day		
7:30am	•	Parishioners of St. Agatha		
9:30am	Anniversary	The Prendeville & Maloney Family		
11:30am		All Mothers		
5:00pm	Memorial	Powers & Shine Families		

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

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.

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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 meetings on Wednesday, May 10 and May 17 due to a scheduling conflict.

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

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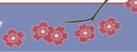
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