

## Milton ~ Quincy, MA

July 8-9, 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:

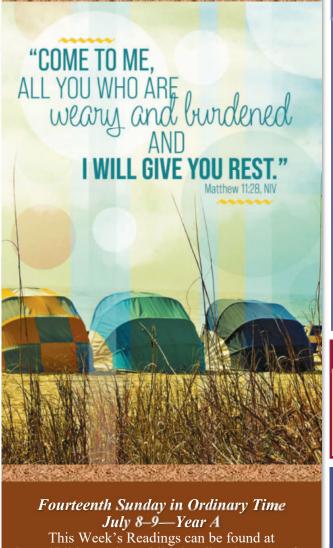
Saturday: 4:30 pm \* Sunday: 7:30 am 9:30 am \*

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



https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070923.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
- 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**

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#### St. Agatha Parish

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#### A Note from Our Pastor,

Because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, our bulletin publisher requires the content of this weekend's bulletin to be submitted by Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, our new parochial vicar Fr. Jiwon Yoon is planning to

speak at all of the weekend Masses at St. Agatha's July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. So as you are reading this column, you have already had the benefit of listening to his remarks last weekend, and also, I'm sure, of having given Fr. Jiwon a wonderful welcome to St. Agatha Parish. We also are very pleased to welcome Mr. Gregg Chambers as the new Principal of St. Agatha School. He has been assistant principal at St. Catherine of Siena School in Norwood, and, after a lengthy search for a worthy successor to Mrs. Nancy Carr, we are very pleased that Mr. Chambers has accepted the position as Principal of St. Agatha School.

Although Independence Day was earlier this past week, I want to conclude my remarks by providing you with an adaptation of a prayer written by Archbishop John Carroll, the first Roman Catholic bishop of the United States. His cousin Charles Carroll was the only Catholic to be a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Archbishop Carroll composed this prayer for the newly formed United States Government on November 10, 1791, and, in particular, for the Inauguration of George Washington. This prayer remains timely for our own day and age, some 232 years after Archbishop Carroll wrote it, and I encourage all of us to make the time to recite this prayer, especially amid the many challenges currently facing our nation and its leaders:

"We pray, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may aim at preserving peace, promoting national happiness, and continuing to ensure the blessings of equality and liberty.

We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the legislature, for all judges, magistrates, and other elected officials who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge their duties with honesty and ability.

We commend likewise to your unbounded mercy all the citizens of the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

You are Lord and God forever and ever. Amen." Have a blessed week.

Fr. Palardy



For the two week period of July 2–15, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle will be lit in memory of Carolyn Hope, donated by the Maureen Clasby. May the light of God's love surround you.



walking with purpose

A Catholic Bible Study for Women

There will be sessions of Walking with Purpose in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. Women of all faith backgrounds and parishes are welcome to any of the sessions, and no prior knowledge or study of Scripture is required.

Information about purchasing books and Registration Forms are on the St. Agatha Parish website under ministries. For more information, please contact us at WWP@StAgathaParish.org.



# Would you like to lend a hand with the Family Coffee Hour?

The monthly Family Coffee Hours have been well-received and we would like to start them up again beginning in September. We are looking for volunteers to set up and

clean up for a particular weekend and/or coordinate the volunteers. The Coffee Hours would be scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, after the 9:30 Family Mass in the Gathering Space. It entails picking up the munchkins (already purchased in advance), starting the coffee, setting out the snacks, creamer and water bottles. All of the supplies are provided. The time commitment is about 2 hours (9-11am). If you're willing to help keep this fun parish community building ministry going, please visit www.stagathaparish.org or click on the link *here* to send us your contact information.

THANK YOU!

#### FEATURED WEEKLY READING

**THEME:** Jesus refreshes and strengthens us for ministry.

As you listen to the words of this challenging section of Matthew's Gospel, what catches your ear? What single word or phrase lingers now in your memory?

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

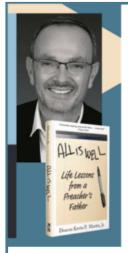
## Pastoral Planning

#### July 9 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Savor these words of comfort. They are an expression of how Christ is present to you. Then, consider if there is someone you know who needs this blessed assurance, someone who is not here with you today. Invite that person to join you at Mass next week. The invitation is simple...Come and rest in the Lord.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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	MON	Jul 10:	GN 28:10-22a / MT 9:18-26
	TUE	Jul 11:	GN 32:23-33 / MT 9:32-38
	WED	Jul 12:	GN 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a / MT 10:1-7
	THUR	Jul 13:	GN 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 / MT 10:7-15
	FRI	Jul 14:	GN 46:1-7, 28-30 / MT 10:16-23
	SAT	Jul 15:	GN 49:29-32, 50:15-26a / MT 10:24-33



A beautiful, inspiring, and graceful tribute...A must read!"

—Nancy Frates

Deacon Kevin's book is now on the shelves! The book is called *All Is* Well: Life Lessons From A **Preacher's Father**. It's the story of the good life well-lived, plain and simple. It's a story of faith, and living a life in the beatitudes. It's a story of simplicity, practicality, baseball, business, forgiveness, marriage, bucket lists, grief, joy, miracles, savoring the moment...and much more. 100% of the book's

profits will go to ALS research and care charities. The book can be purchased on Amazon as well as in stores or ask Deacon Kevin if you see him after Mass (he'll keep a few in his car). Click here to order if reading this online.

If you happen to be on Cape Cod in the next couple of weeks, there are a couple of events coming up. There's a talk and book signing at Where The Sidewalk Ends Bookstore in Chatham on July 10th between 5:30 and 8:30pm and then at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster on July 11th between 5:00 and 7:00pm. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood!



All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the cardinal. Family and friends are invited to attend. Couples can register or find more information at bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass.

**DID YOU KNOW...** when you read this bulletin online, any website listed in the text has a clickable link that will take you to the website mentioned?



#### Adoration at St. Agatha Parish

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

Wednesday evening adoration will resume in September.



Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who has not been baptized (adult) or has not received all the sacraments of Initiation? Please see one of

our priests or deacons. We will be starting the process of inquiry and formation called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in September.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information



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#### Walking with the Saints



Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" — a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel — YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston.



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 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 by calling the rectory to schedule.

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



One of our very important Ministries is visiting and bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners who are unable to get to Mass. While many of them enjoy watching the livestreamed Mass on our website or on Catholic TV, their opportunities to receive the

Eucharist are limited. If you, a family member or a friend is in need of the spiritual comfort and strength from receiving the Eucharist please call the rectory at 617-698-2439 to arrange a visit.

#### **FAITH FORMATION UPDATES**

Office Email: FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org
Office Phone: 617-696-1388



Registration for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation Year Grades 1–5 is currently closed. Registration will reopen on Monday, September 4 thru Monday, September 11.

Our mission in Faith Formation is to support parents in their role as the primary teachers of our Catholic Faith and evangelists within their families. This is called the Domestic Church. Simply put, the Domestic Church is Church in the home, where families grow in faith and holiness together.

#### Our Faith Formation Program consists of:

- Access to an at-home online learning curriculum
- Supplemental materials to extend online learning
- **BELIEVE Nights** Families come together to share a meal, fun, & faith
- **ENCOUNTER Evenings** Families come together to share a meal, fun & a liturgical activity such as Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Praying the Rosary

BELIEVE Nights and ENCOUNTER Evenings will be held once a month on select Wednesdays from 5:00–6:30 pm. Dinner will be provided at both BELIEVE Nights and ENCOUNTER Evenings.

To learn more about our program please visit our Parish website at stagathaparish.org.

Email the Faith Formation Office with any questions at faithformation@stagathaparish.org.

Mark your calendars and save your July 4<sup>th</sup> returnable bottle and cans! Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation will hold a Bottle and Can Drive. Drop your donations off to Barn 432 (the white garages) any time from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. All proceeds

can drives!

will go towards the Family BELIEVE and ENCOUNTER FAMILY DINNERS.

Thank you for your continued support of our bottle and



#### **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).



2023 Appalachia Service Trip
More details and pics to follow!



### Fr. Bill's Lunches Service Project

Each month, our teens gather to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and assemble bagged lunches for Fr. Bill's. Please consider making a financial contribution to offset the cost of the perishable items. 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).

More details of a non-perishable items donation drive this Fall to come!



#### SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

This year's St. Agatha School *Auction Gala "Kindness Blooms*" was a wonderful success. A heartfelt thank you to the Auction Committee ~ Sheila Taylor, Kathy Keil, Krista Keohane, Jacqui Miller, Iciar Garcia, Kedist Tewodros, Julie Ross, Kate Herbst, and Serenity Belo (seen below) as well as all of the parents and community members who donated so generously to make the event such a fun-filled evening. More photos from the evening and the event sponsors are posted on the school website: www.stagatha.org or click *here* if reading online.



Fr. Palardy and Fr. Stanton with the evening's auctioneer, Jim Wells.



Principal Nancy Carr was honored at the Auction Gala.



School Office Summer Hours: Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9:00am until 1:00pm



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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Saturday 9:00am	July 8 1st Anniversary	Thomas Richardson			
4:30pm	25th Anniversary	Edith A. Spinelli			
Sunday	July 9				
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha			
9:30am	Birth Memorial	Rosemarie L. Sullivan			
11:30am	Birth Memorial	Claire Carten			
5:00pm	2nd Anniversary	Mary V. Albanese			
Monday 9:00am	July 10 Memorial	Paul & Phyllis Mulkern			
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00am	July 11 12th Anniversary	Rev. Charles Murphy			
Wednesday 9:00am	July 12 Memorial	Ruth & Tim Callahan			
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00am	July 13 Month's Mind	John R. O'Brien			
Friday 9:00am	July 14 Memorial	John Lyons			
Saturday	July 15				
9:00am	16th Anniversary	Patricia Shields			
4:30pm	Memorial	Thomas G., Mary E., Tom S. and Joe Burke			
Sunday	July 16				
7:30am	1st Anniversary	Thomas Gunning			
9:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha			
11:30am	Anniversary	Mary E. Palardy			
5:00pm	Month's Mind	Vincent P. Rafferty			

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

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.

#### Next Meeting: Wednesday this week

#### **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.

The meetings this summer are on Wednesday, July 12th and Wednesday, August 16th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm

The weekly meetings will resume on September 13th. For more information please contact the rectory, rectory@stagathaparish.org or 617-698-2439.

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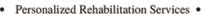


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