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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

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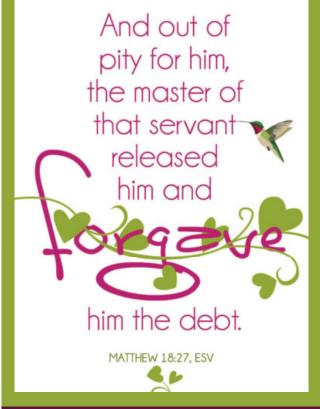
Holy Days: As announced.

- 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

September 16-17, 2023



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16–17—Year A

This Week's Readings can be found at https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091723.cfm

This week's Second Collection benefits:



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

Masks are no longer required (but are optional) inside the church.

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

Please visit our Centennial pages on our website!

www.StAgathaParish.org/100

St. Agatha Parish

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Well, the new school year has begun! Our campus is bustling with all sorts of activity. It was nice to see so many families and parishioners at our first Family Coffee Hour of the school year last Sunday. In addition,

our Faith Formation Program is also up and running. On Wednesday the first BELIEVE Session, entitled "Franks and Forgiveness" will take place in the Gathering Space from 5 until 6:30pm. Preregistration is required so that we can order the right amount of food for the number of people participating. Faith Formation families should have received an email this past September 5th with the link to register for this Session.

This Sunday from 6 until 7pm in the Gathering Space there will be a session of our Ignite Youth Group, open to all high school students.

In addition, on this Tuesday the 19th from 5:30 until 7pm in the Gathering Space there will be the opportunity for all students from 8th through 12th grade to prepare lunches for Fr. Bill's homeless shelter. More information can be found later in this weekend's bulletin.

We are looking forward to having our various parish choirs back at our weekend Masses. As our Music Director Julie Fay indicated at the Masses last weekend, we hope that we'll have a good number of new choir members to join with our longstanding members. Information about this can be found on the back page of this weekend's bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this weekend's 2nd collection to benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which assists priests of the Archdiocese of Boston in good standing.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy



This week, we will have a special collection to benefit Clergy Trust

which cares for the health and well-being of all our active and senior priests in good standing through health and wellness programs, a dedicated care team, and a residence for senior priests. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. This collection is one way we can give thanks for the many ways our priests continue to serve our parishes, schools, and communities. Please visit: https://clergytrust.org/september/ for more information.



For the two week period of September 10–23, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle will be lit in memory of James McCue, on the anniversary of his wedding, donated by his wife, Deborah McCue. May the light of God's love surround you.

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 or email RCIA@stagathaparish.org.

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





42nd Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its **Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 27th**, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website https://www.psjs.edu/lawn-party. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

How Can I Help?

September 10–28

Fr. Bill's Place: collecting peanut butter, jelly, paper lunch bags and ziplock sandwich baggies to prepare lunches for distribution. There will be bins in the Gathering Space and outside the Faith Formation Office located on the lower level at the back entrance to the rectory to leave your donations.

Weekly Offertory Report						
Weekly Budget	Sep 2-3 In-Pew Collection	Sep 2-3 Mail in Drop off	Electronic Collection	Sep 2-3 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$11,600	\$5,161	\$640	\$3,927	\$9,728	(\$1,872)	(\$6,363)



FEATURED WEEKLY READING

THEME: We are called to forgive others as Jesus forgives us.

When you hear the Gospel proclaimed today, what words or phrases really strike you? What lingers in your memory from this reading?

Gospel: MT 18, 21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy -seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,

a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back,

his master ordered him to be sold,

along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant

let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left,

he found one of his fellow servants

who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding. 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him.

'You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,

unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Hope that everybody had a great week! With school back in full swing and a few projects finishing up, it has been a busy time at the Parish. I wanted to give everybody a heads up on the newest project that began this week at the church and that is the Sound Renovation project. We will be replacing all of the older speakers with new ones to improve the sound quality in the church, as well as installing a new projector. We anticipate this being completed around the first week of October. We ask for patience and understanding from all parishioners for any inconveniences that this construction may cause. To allow for timeliness in the completion of this renovation, we will be limiting the scheduling of funerals to Fridays and Saturdays until the project is completed. For any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Rectory.

As always, thank you so much for your contributions to the weekly offertory, they are vital to our day to day operations!

Have a great and blessed week ahead!

Adam Leskow

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON	Sep 18:	1 TM 2:1-8 / LK 7:1-10
TUE	Sep 19:	1 TM 3:1-13 / LK 7:11-17
WED	Sep 20:	1 TM 3:14-16 / LK 7:31-35
THUR	Sep 21:	EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 / MT 9:9-13
FRI	Sep 22:	1 TM 6:2c-12 / LK 8:1-3
SAT	Sep 23:	1 TM 6:13-16 / LK 8:4-15

Pastoral Planning

September 17 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Forgiveness—even the first disciples found it hard to be forgiving. When they asked Jesus, perhaps in frustration, how many times they were to be forgiving, Jesus does not soften his response. Rather he multiplies the number of times they are to be forgiving saying "not seven times but seven times seventy-seven times." How fortunate are we that each time we seek out God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, we are never turned away. God's response is always one of mercy and compassion. To whom is God calling us to extend that same kind of forgiveness?

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Bible Study for Women

walking with purpose

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.

Fall: Beholding His Glory

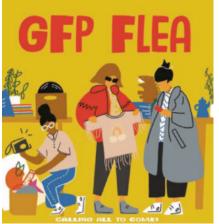
(9 wks starting the week of September 18, 2023)

Winter: Beholding Your King

(9 wks starting the week of January 15, 2024)

In addition to the two in-person sessions held on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings at the St. Agatha Parish Lower Church, there will be a virtual session on Wednesday afternoons and a hybrid live/ virtual session held at Our Lady of Visitation Parish on Thursday evenings.

Information about purchasing books and Registration Forms are on the St. Agatha Parish website under Ministries. Or click here if you're reading online. Any questions? Email WWP@StAgathaParish.org.



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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.



SAINT AGATHA CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Saint Agatha, you have guided our parish family by vour 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

Join Us!

A Triduum of Masses Celebrating St. Thérèse's 150th Birthday

Friday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 30, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Blessed roses will be distributed on October 1st!



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FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Office Email: FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org
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Welcome to WEEK 1 of the Faith Formation Year!! ALL children in the program should be logged into the online learning curriculum by TODAY and COMPLETE CHAPTER 1 THIS WEEK.

Grade 1: God Created the World

Grade 2: God Created Us

Grade 3: We Belong to the Body of Christ

Grade 4: God Makes a Promise
Grade 5: We Come to Jesus

The First BELIEVE Night will be held this Wednesday, September 20 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space. The theme of the evening will be "Franks and Forgiveness". Join other Faith Formation Families for 'Franks' (hotdogs) and activities surrounding the Gospel Message on Forgiveness. Preregistration is required to attend the BELIEVE Night. Faith Formation Families received an email on Tuesday, September 5 with the link to register for the BELIEVE Night.

Please help support our September Faith Formation Service Project for Fr. Bill's Homeless Shelter. We are collecting: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Brown Paper Lunch Bags, and Ziploc Type Plastic Sandwich Bags. Collection bins are available in the Gathering Space and outside the Faith Formation Office located at the back of the rectory on the lower level. We will be accepting donations until Thursday, September 28.

Join us for the annual **Blessing of the Pets on Wednesday, October 4** at Barn 432. The blessing will take place **promptly at 4:30 PM**. Please come a little before 4:30 with your pet or a picture of your pet for the blessing,

Our next Bottle and Can Drive is Wednesday, October 18. Drop your donations off to Barn 432 (the white garages) any time from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. All proceeds will go towards the BELIEVE and ENCOUNTER FAMILY DINNERS. Thank you for your continued support of our bottle and can drives!

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.

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).





Benefit Dance for the SMA Fathers, Dedham September 30, 2023 ● 7 pm to 11 pm

Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury, MA

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

SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

It has been a very busy (and hot!) first week of school here at Saint Agatha School. The students have been happy and cheerful in spite of the warm weather. They have gotten to know or renewed acquaintances with their classmates and teachers, did a Pringles Challenge in Science, attended School Mass, and even found time for a popsicle on Friday! Here's to continued growth and learning





An Invitation

Dear Friends in Christ, A new music ministry season is beginning, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Have you sung in a choir in the past? Welcome! Have you never sung anywhere, but would like to try? We'd love to have you!

Would you like to learn how to play hand chimes? Come ring with us!

Our music ministry is open to all. You don't even need to be able to read music! All you need is a willingness to share your talents and enthusiasm with our parish.

There is a place for you in Music Ministry:

- Cherub Choir: children in grades 1 and 2
- Youth Choir: children in grades 3 and up
- Young Voices: middle and high school students
- Adult Choir: high school through adult singers
- Hand Chime Chorale
- Instrumentalists

Won't you join us? Check out our web page at stagathaparish.org/music-ministry, email me at musicdirector@stagathaparish.org, or come say hello after Mass sometime. We would love to welcome you into the music ministry at St. Agatha's! God bless,

Julie Fay

Music Director and Organist

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00am	September 16 5th Anniversary	Jose Fileme Barbosa
4:30pm	20th Anniversary & 34th Anniversary	Helen & Paul Williams
Sunday	September 17	
7:30am	Anniversary	Dotty Klier & Bobby Ware
9:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
11:30am	7th Anniversary	Olavo & Adelaide Macedo
5:00pm	1st Anniversary	Dr. Mitchell Carroll & Mrs. Dorothy Carroll
Monday 9:00am	September 18 Birth. Memorial	David E. Clasby
Tuesday 9:00am	September 19 Memorial	John J. McNamara
Wednesday 9:00am	September 20 Special Intention	Successful Surgery
Thursday 9:00am	September 21 Wedding Anniversary	John & Elizabeth Ryan
Friday 9:00am	September 22 Memorial	Chris Neamtu
Saturday	September 23	
9:00am	3rd Anniversary	Jean Mara
4:30pm	Birth. Memorial	Donald Murray
Sunday	September 24	
7:30am	For the	Parishioners of St. Agatha
9:30am	20th Anniversary	Mary E. Cunningham
11:30am	Birth. Memorial	George Douse
5:00pm	Memorial	Angelo & Helen Piazzola and Roberta Piazzola

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.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm

There is NO meeting this Wednesday, September 20th.

The weekly meetings have resumed. For more information please contact the rectory, rectory@stagathaparish.org or 617-698-2439.

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