

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

December 29-30, 2018

StAgathaParish.org

ST. AGATHA RECTORY

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4pm

432 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

440 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday:

7:00am & 9:00am

Saturday & Holidays: 8:00am

Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm
on Saturdays. Any other time
by appointment

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:00 am

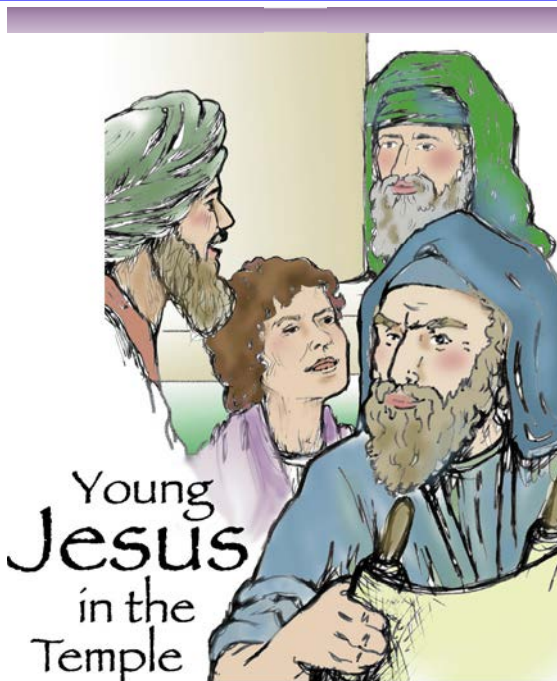
10:30 am

12:00 noon

5:00 pm

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.



Masses for New Year's Day are
Monday, December 31st at 4:00pm
and Tuesday January 1st at
8:00am and 11:00am.

January 2nd Coffee & Conversation
after the 7am and 9am Masses.
There is **no Nocturnal Adoration** this month
due to the holiday. It will return in February.

The rosary is recited every morning
before the 9am Mass. Please join us.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday after the 9am Mass in the Chapel until reposition at 1pm.

Legion of Mary

meets every Wednesday
after the 9am Mass.



Please call Lisa Gulino, our Pastoral Associate at 617-698-2439 X 209 and she will arrange for a minister of communion to bring Eucharist to you.

St. Agatha Parish

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Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

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A Note from Our Pastor,

Because of the Christmas Break that our bulletin publishing company has at this time, our material for this bulletin had to be submitted the Thursday before Christmas! So, let me mention what I expect did happen here at Christmas. Our Art and Environment Committee did a magnificent job in decorating the upper church, the chapel, and the Parish Center. Our many musicians—instrumentalists, soloists, cantors, and choir members—helped us all raise our voices, minds, hearts, and souls in praise of God. In this interim period before our new Music Director begins her tenure, many people stepped forward—organists, other instrumentalists, cantors, soloists, choir members, and a music teacher—to enable us to worship God worthily and beautifully in song. Our greeters provided a warm welcome to the many folks who came to celebrate the birthday of our Savior, and managed to distribute massive numbers of books and candy canes, as well as coordinating the distribution and filling out of questionnaires for our Parish Outreach Committee. Our liturgical ministers and ushers fulfilled their roles very well too, in serving the large number of people who came to worship here those days. The children who sang in the choir at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass and the children who participated in the Pageant were fantastic, and really were a tribute, first of all to our Savior Jesus Christ, but also to their parents and families, and to the excellent guidance and leadership they received from Catherine Mann and Lily Curley, and last year's director Maggie Reardon. Now, if I am wrong, and things didn't progress so smoothly, well, that will have made this Christmas that much more memorable, as well as to contribute to our growth in humility!

Please note our Mass schedule for New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary as Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be on Monday December 31st at 4pm, and on Tuesday January 1st at 8 and 11am. It is a great way to start the New Year off on a bright note, honoring the one person without whom there would be no birthday of our Savior for us to celebrate. As we are adopted sisters and brothers of Christ thanks to our baptism, Mary who is Christ's Mother is also the Mother of each one of us too. So, come spend some time with Christ as we honor Mary, His and our Blessed Mother this New Year's Eve and Day.

For upcoming events this week: on Wednesday January 2nd we'll have our monthly coffee, doughnuts, and conversation after the 7 and 9am Masses. Next Sunday January 6th our High School Youth Group will meet for all sorts of fun activities in the "Winter Kick-Off." I'm sure Helen Bornhorst and her core team will have all sorts of memorable events planned.

Looking further ahead, on Sunday January 13th the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, at the 9am Family Mass we are inviting all families who had a child baptized this past year to join us, for their children to be recognized, and then to have time to meet one another downstairs over coffee and munchkins!

Last, but certainly not least, I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new Director of Music and Parish Organist. Mrs. Julie Fay is a Milton resident who since 2012 has been Music Director at St. Jerome's Parish in Weymouth, and since 2017 has, in addition, been the Music Director of Immaculate Conception Parish in Weymouth. Some parishioners know Julie because she has taught music lessons in piano and voice to members of their families. I am grateful to Julie for accepting the position of Music Director and Organist here at St. Agatha's, and I look forward to her work with our various choirs, cantors, soloists, instrumentalists, and all of us in the extremely important ministry that music is in our worship as Catholics. I am also very appreciative of the labors and insight that the 5 members of our interview team provided me in this decision. Members of our 2 adult choirs and the members of the choir from St. Agatha School experienced the choir direction of Julie and one other applicant and provided very important input in the selection process. I am certain that we will all offer Julie a very warm welcome, and that some of our parishioners might be inclined to become new choir members under Julie's leadership. One of the best ways you can help Julie feel right at home here at St. Agatha's is to sing out loudly and fervently here at Mass. Remember the oft-quoted phrase from St. Augustine, "The one who sings, prays twice!"

Have a blessed week and a wonderful New Year of 2019!

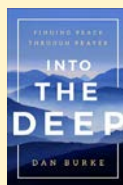
Fr. Palardy

Come to the Book Study of *Into the Deep* by Dan Burke

We will host a book study of the book given away at our parish this year. There will be a study sheet and reflection questions. We will gather for three weeks to discuss this book together. Sessions are one-hour long.

Monday—immediately following 9:00am Mass on **January 14th, 21st and 28th.**

Tuesday—don't stay out in the cold while your child is in Faith Formation—join us **January 22nd, 29th and February 5th** from 3:45 – 4:45pm.



Wednesday—during Faith Formation classes. **January 23rd, 30th, and February 6th** from 3:45 – 4:45pm.

Tuesday PM—**April 23rd, 30th, and May 7th.**

Traveling this Winter or just too cold to get out—don't let that stop you. We will host a **Book Study on-line**. Sign on each week (time and day of your choosing) for a short video and powerpoint about the book and an opportunity to post your reflections. Classes will run the weeks of **January 14th–28th.** Check the website and Facebook page on **January 5th** for link to sign up for class.

FEATURED WEEKLY READING

Read Reflect Respond

THEME: Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Gospel : Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Pastoral Planning

December 30 ~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Every parent of a teenager can relate to this Gospel. The 12-year-old Jesus is a bit surprised about his parents' concern. Upon returning to Nazareth, he "was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor." Those years were a time of growth for the Holy Family. We know the vocation of parent is not always easy. Pray in a special way today for all parents, grandparents, and guardians.



Please join us after the 7am and 9am Masses on: **Wednesday, January 2** for **Coffee & Conversation**. Come visit with long time friends or reach out and make new friends.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

The Christmas Season and the liturgical celebrations that accompany it are always beautiful here at St. Agatha's and reflect the hard work of many, many people. Year in and year out, the Art & Environment Committee does a fantastic job of decorating and preparing the Church for each season, but at Christmas and Easter they have the added responsibility of transforming the Parish Center from a gymnasium to a dignified place to worship. They are amazing! This is not an easy task and is made even more challenging when the 4th Sunday of Advent falls so close to Christmas. The Choirs and cantors always do a great job leading us in the joyful songs of Christmas. We also had a number of volunteer greeters who presented each family with a small gift from the parish—a book entitled "*Into the Deep—Finding Peace through Prayer*". By the way, if you did not receive a copy and would like one we may have some extras which our Pastoral Associate Lisa Gulino will have in her office and we would be happy to make arrangements for you to pick one up. Lisa can be reached at 617-698-2439, extension 209.

Because of the holiday Bulletin schedule, the print deadline for this week's Bulletin occurred before the current Weekly Offertory numbers were available. So the amounts below reflect the totals for the 3rd Sunday of Advent which was the weekend of December 15–16. The totals for the weekends of December 22–23 and December 29–30 will be in next week's Bulletin. Also in next weekend's Bulletin will be the total contributed to the Christmas Collection, which as you know goes entirely to the Health & Retirement Fund for priests. The Grand Annual is moving slowly toward our target of \$170,000. As of December 19th a total of 361 households had contributed \$123,146 to this very important appeal. An update on this collection will be in next week's Bulletin as well.

Happy New Year!

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report					
Weekly Budget	Dec. 15-16 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Dec. 15-16 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$10,127	\$2,944	\$13,071	-\$164	-\$32,202

Thank You to all
for your Christmas Flower donations.
The following donations were made in
Honor or Memory of loved ones.

More names to follow in next week's Bulletin.



In Honor of:

All parishioners who gave
donations for the Christmas flowers.

John P. McLaughlin
Mary F. Weir

In Memory of:

Leonardo Ferrante
Gemma Ferrante
Anthony Dell'Arciprete
David Dell'Arciprete
Walter McCarthy
McCarthy Family
Casey Family
Helen & Leo Barry
Barbara & Joseph McMurrough
Melissa Anne Barry
Jonathan Young
Stephen Barry
Mary & Joseph Duseau
Jeanne, Bertha & George Sullivan
McIsaac Family
Patrick O'Donnell
William & Josephine Hayes
Albert & Connie Robichaud
Robert Vuilleumier
Capt. William P. Doyle BFD
LT. Francis X Doyle Sr. USMC
Mr. & Mrs. William P. Doyle, Sr.
Arthur & Rita Doyle
Dick & Marie Mac Swain
Bud & Peg Lenane
Charles & Margaret Duffy
Edward Baccari
Lillian Karam
Alexander Ferraro
The Condon Family
Joseph & Louise Cahill
Arthur Cahill
Marjorie & Howard Camden
Eleanor & Joseph Shea
Jack Shea

Paul & Dorothy Camden
Mary Murphy
Hickey/Attardi Families
Lawrence & Anna Barron
Justin A. Sullivan
Mary P. & William E. Trecker
The McGowan-Queally Families
Comer & Fitzpatrick Family
Charles & Dorothy Scully
Charles & Jacqueline Scully
Elizabeth Spooner
Delia, Joseph & Richard Malvesti
John & Cecilia Reardon
James & Eleanor Gildea
Eleanor Clougherty
Joseph Clougherty
Denise E. Fitzgibbon
Helen A. Fitzgibbon
Joan E. Muldoon
Paul R. Fitzgibbon
Helena & Marian Kazmierczak
Janina & Mieczyslaw Szapiel
Roman Szapiel
Francis & Elizabeth Whitney
Joseph T. McMann, Jr.
Mary (Sutzie) Eldridge
David Dalrymple
Astrid & Rodger Scott
The Flaherty Family
Kathy Owens
John E. Toland
Frederick F. Hill, Jr.
John & Lena Dunphy
Monica & Danny Diggins
The Spatola & Bogel Families
Annie P. Moody
Martin J. DeMatteo, Jr.
Doucette Family
Domurat Family
Stasiukiewicz Family
Jelski Family
Maloney Family
Bowes Family

Bill Swanson
John A. Haughn
Joseph & Mary Gallant
Mary Connors
Esther Gunning
Edward & Elizabeth Lynch
John & Alice Mullen
Thomas M. Mullen
Marcia Mullen Robinson
Dave Mullen
John McSeveney
Leona McSeveney
Jack McSeveney
O'Connor, Blanche, Hartnett Family
Purtell, Fahey Family
Balboni, Salvi Family
Elizabeth Tarpey
Kay Tarpey
The Fleming & Grueter Families
Rev. Robert Lynch, OFM
Dorothy Appleton
Canny, O'Sullivan &
McKinney Families
Leo & Dorothy LeBlanc
The Haley Family
Daniel Coughlin
Mary Coughlin
The Monahan & Dunn Family
Ralph & Rose DuMoulin
William & Rita Graham
The DuMoulin Family
The Shanney Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Flaherty
McDonough/Swanson Families
Barbara & Joseph Cunniff
Albert & Margaret Cronin
Kay Higgins
John J. Sawyer
John & Alice Sawyer
Norman & Loretta Denault
William R. McDonough
Andrew & Mary Phillips
Lee & Mary Kennedy

Please forgive any misspellings or omissions. We tried to include everyone.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



Wishing all our Faith Formation Families peace and blessings in the New Year!

Faith Formation Sessions will resume on January 8-9-10.

Grade 2 students in Group 1 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 am in the Church and the students in Group 2 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 26 at 11:00 am in the Church.

Grade 4 Faith Formation Students will host Family Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 20. The students will have the opportunity to be greeters, lectors, and gift bearers at Mass. Refreshments will follow in the Gathering Space. Sign-ups will take place during sessions the week of January 8-9-10 or please contact the Faith Formation Office.

The annual Safety Training Sessions for grades 4-5 will take place during sessions the week of January 22-23-24. The Safety Training Sessions for grades 1-3 will take place during sessions the week of January 29-30-31.

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

Parents, Grandparents, and Godparents, are invited to attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 13th—The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will have a light coffee and donuts immediately following Mass in the Gathering Space to mingle and meet the newest members of St. Agatha Parish and their families.

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

FOLLOW THE YOUTH GROUP St. Agatha Youth Ministry page or @staggiesmilton



The Sacred Pause

Lisa M. Gulino—Pastoral Associate

This week’s liturgical celebrations mark two important feast days. The Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. The Church celebrates the new solar year by pointing to Mary, the Mother of God. The Church, in her wisdom, celebrates Mary’s Motherhood to highlight that the Incarnation is “not an abstract idea but a mystery and an historic event: Jesus Christ, a divine Person, is born.” The Gospel reveals a key to Mary’s life as a faithful disciple of her Son—“*Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.*”

We mark the beginning of a new year with resolutions signaling our hopes and dreams. What spiritual fruit might be ours if we **ponder in our hearts** the words of Scripture or a spiritual book? What health benefits might we reap through a daily “sacred pause” **inviting God’s healing presence into our life**? What untold blessings might be poured forth if we **resolve to pray for our loved ones as we drive to work**? Might we resolve to **decompress on the commute home** by listening to a spiritual CD of the Rosary, the Chaplet of Mercy, Chant Music, Praise music, the Bible, or to simply count our blessings. If newly retired, what about adding a weekday Mass to enrich your new found freedom.

Such resolutions, simple as they are, allow Christian hope to take us by the hand and lead us on the path of life. Today, the Church signals her hope and prayer for our families and our world by praying Psalm 67:

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

May 2019 be full of blessings.



SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Our Grade 3, 4 and 5 students recently came together to create Christmas cards & letters of comfort & support for a vibrant 12 year old Weymouth girl recently diagnosed with cancer. The very special messages and cards were sent to Carly at Boston Children's Hospital.

Kindergarten students enjoyed Pajama Day. Extended Day students celebrated the Christmas spirit by making ornaments.



School starts on Wednesday, January 2. Hope everyone had a enjoyable break!



WINTER WINDFALL CALENDAR

**\$5 per calendar • 31 chances to win
Great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers
100% of the profits benefit Saint Agatha School**

Calendars are currently on sale.
Please call 617-696-3548 if you have any questions.

Service Opportunity for Young Adults!

Are you a young professional looking to incorporate service into your life or a college student back home for winter break? Want to serve the homeless with young adults from our parish? Catherine Vu, from the Outreach Committee, is heading up an initiative to participate with the Y2Y Harvard Square Organization. Y2Y Harvard Square is a student-run overnight shelter, providing a safe and affirming environment for young adults experiencing homelessness. Y2Y provides opportunities for both guests and volunteers to become the next generation's leading advocates for youth-driven solutions to homelessness. For more information and to plan a service opportunity, please email Catherine Vu, catherinemtvu@gmail.com. Please respond by January 3, 2019.



**Every Monday • Doors Open @ 4:45pm
BINGO begins at 6:40pm**

Come and Play

School Parents, your help is needed. Thank You Volunteers!!!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	December 29 Month's Mind 1st Anniversary	Paul D. Coughlin Margaret O'Sullivan
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	December 30 For the Memorial Memorial 1st Anniversary Memorial	Parishioners of St. Agatha Maggy & Rita Leonard Anna MacDonald Robert Fitzgerald, Jr. Mitchell Carroll
Monday 7:00am 9:00am 4:00pm	December 31 Memorial Memorial Month's Mind Memorial	Harold, Daniel & Sara MacKinnon Thomas Francis Downes Edward Hardiman & Theresa Lydon
Tuesday 8:00am 11:00am	January 1 Memorial Memorial	New Year's Day Herbert & Dorothy Blanchard Edna & Harry McDonnell
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	January 2 Healing Memorial	Christine Williams Adele Walsh
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	January 3 5th Anniversary	Julia A. Dempsey
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	January 4 Health & Healing School Mass	Nora & John McErlean
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	January 5 1st Anniversary 4th Anniversary	Monica Solimando Helen Lawton
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	January 6 For the 12th Anniversary 1st Anniversary 18th Anniversary 3rd Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Kevin Rosado, Sr. Helen Meehan Gunning Margaret "Peg" Welch Brian Carlson

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism: 2:00pm on the 2nd/4th Sundays of each month. Please call the Rectory to arrange/ask questions regarding other arrangements.

Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm on Saturdays Any other time by appointment

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