

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

January 5-6, 2019

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

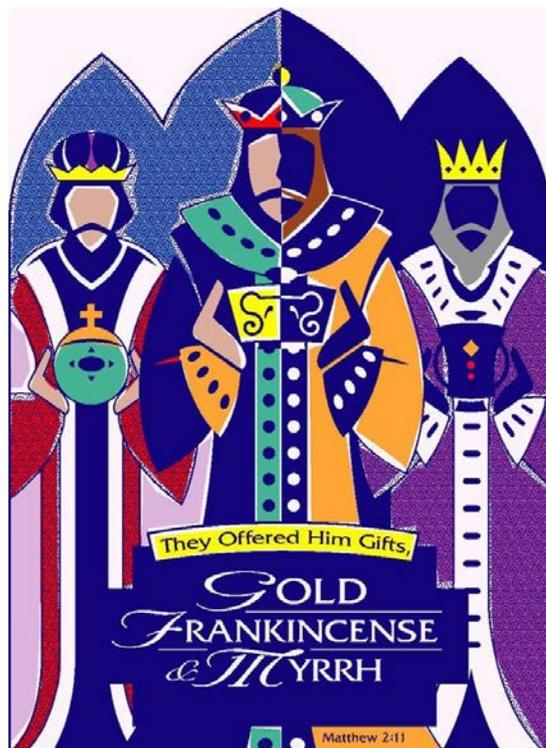
10:30 am

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.



Upcoming Activities

January 8: Nocturnal Adoration

January 9: Creativity & Spirituality

January 13: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, light refreshments following the 9am Mass to celebrate Baptism families

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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Clergy

Rev. William B. Palardy, Pastor

Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

Deacon Seraphim Wirth, fbp, Seminarian Intern

Pastoral Associate

Dr. Lisa M. Gulino

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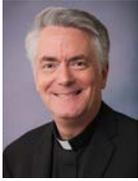
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Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator



A Note from Our Pastor,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany where we recall how Jesus was revealed or manifested to the world. The Christian Church in the east commemorates 3 key events in Jesus' life on this feast. First, the one which we in the west associate with Epiphany is the adoration of the magi who lived far away from the land of Israel, when Jesus is recognized as God's gift to all the nations. Second is the Baptism of the Lord Jesus which we will celebrate next Sunday January 13th. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism marks the end of the Christmas Season, so it will be clean-up time in our churches and homes, storing away all our Christmas decorations and figures until next year. In celebrating the Lord's Baptism we are inviting all families who have had a child baptized in the past year to join us for the 9am Family Mass and the reception following in the Gathering Space. I hope many will come to help these folks experience the warmth and hospitality of our parish. The third event in Christ's life that is associated with Epiphany is the miracle at the wedding at Cana when Jesus changed water into wine at the urging of His Mother Mary. Two weeks from now our Sunday Gospel will be that very text from Chapter 2 of St. John's Gospel. And so, each of these next three weeks we'll have the opportunity to reflect on these three key epiphanies or manifestations of Christ's divine nature.

This Sunday January 6th our High School Youth Group will meet for all sorts of fun activities in the "Winter Kick-Off." I have no doubt that our Youth Minister Helen Bornhorst and her core team will have all sorts of memorable and enjoyable events planned.

This Tuesday from 7 until 8pm will be our monthly Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the communal praying of the Holy Rosary. How fitting that right after we have just celebrated the adoration given to the newborn Christ by the Magi we have the opportunity to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not by offering gold, frankincense and myrrh as the magi did, but by offering Him our hearts in love and in praise.

I hope the New Year of 2019 is off to a good start for everyone. As we begin this New Year, I want to recall for you the fact that since last year at this time we have 5 new members of our parish pastoral staff, and actually 6 if we include our transitional deacon, Deacon Seraphim Wirth. Last May Dr. Lisa Gulino our Pastoral Associate began her ministry with

us. In July Mrs. Nancy Carr commenced her tenure here as our School Principal. Also in July our new Faith Formation Director for grades 1–6 took the reins, Mrs. Beth Peterson. In August our new Youth Minister and Faith Formation Director for grades 7–10 Ms. Helen Bornhorst joined our parish staff. And this past Friday on the occasion of the First Friday Mass with our School community, Mrs. Julie Fay had her official debut as our parish's new Music Director and Organist (although Julie did help us earlier by playing the organ at the 10:30am and Noon Masses on Christmas Day). The Lord has truly blessed us with these five talented, competent, engaging, and faith-filled women.

What is important for our consideration is how these five very important positions in our parish were filled. This speaks to the caliber and generosity of those who form our St. Agatha parish and school communities. In each case I was blessed to invite members from those communities to serve on our interview teams for these five ministries. These folks brought competence and experience in these ministerial positions themselves and showed great generosity in the time-commitment required to read resumes, interview candidates, and deliberate about whom they believed to be the best candidate for the position in question. And in some cases we solicited input from beyond the interview team. Our most recently filled position (music director/organist) is a case in point. After our interview team had narrowed down the field of applicants to two, we then invited the members of our adult choirs to come to a rehearsal led by each of our two finalists. We also asked the choir members to provide written input about their assessment of the two candidates, input that was very valuable to our interview team in making its recommendation to me. Furthermore, we also had the two finalists rehearse and lead members of the children's choir of St. Agatha School, so that the interview team could observe how the finalists interacted with and led and guided the children in the choir.

As parishioners of St. Agatha Parish and/or members of the St. Agatha School community, you should be very proud of the fact that we have such competent and generous individuals who are willing to give of their time and collaborate closely with others to enable our parish to have staff members of the caliber of Lisa, Nancy, Beth, Helen, and Julie. This is just one of the many reasons why I feel privileged, humbled, grateful, and blessed to serve as your pastor.

Have a blessed week!

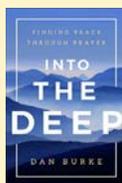
Fr. Palardy

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: The mystery of the incarnation—Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



Pastoral Planning

January 6 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Today’s readings give us beautiful imagery along with the familiar story of the Magi. A line in the gospel that could be easily missed comes at the end of the Gospel: “they departed for their country by another way.” We might assume that because of their encounter with Christ, they realized that they needed to take another way, follow a new path forward. Do we need to take another path, *today*, to grow closer to the Lord? A trip is always better with a good travelling companion—is there someone you can invite to walk with you “another way”, the way of sacraments and prayer.

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

This is the final week of the early deadline restrictions for the publication of the weekly Bulletin. It’s always a bit interesting trying to write something of current interest when the Bulletin is actually written much earlier. For instance this note is being written on December 26th! But I do hope your Christmas season—which still has another week to go—has been a joyful and restful one and that the New Year will be fulfilling and healthy for you and your family.

Because of this final early holiday Bulletin schedule, the print deadline for this week’s Bulletin occurred before the Weekly Offertory numbers for December 29–30 were available. So the amounts below reflect the totals for the 4th Sunday of Advent which was the weekend of December 22–23. The total is very encouraging, but is due partly to several large annual Offertory contributions received that week. The total for the weekend of December 29–30 and January 5–6 will be in next week’s Bulletin. The Christmas Collection, which goes entirely towards the health and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese, was \$25,912. Each year that number goes up a bit during the weeks after Christmas as parishioners who were travelling over the Christmas period send in their contribution to this important collection. So a final total will be shared next week. Finally, the Grand Annual is within striking distance of our budget target of \$170,000. As of December 26th a total of 378 households had contributed \$138,921 to this very important appeal. There is still a bit more time left if you are able to help the parish meet its goal.

Jack Riley

Weekly Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	Dec. 22-23 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Dec. 22-23 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$13,235	\$12,037	\$2,944	\$14,981	\$1,746	-\$30,456



Thank You to all for your
Christmas Flower donations.

The following donations
were made in Honor or Memory of
loved ones.

In Memory of:

Patrick, Mary & Lorraine McCue
Richard G. Wells
Killalea & Lyons Families
Marion & Oz Fein
John & Mary Riordan
William K. McLaughlin
Joseph & Marion Brooks
John & Alice McLaughlin
John & Mary Miller
Thomas Keohane & Family
The Zubricki/Sbuttoni Family
Catherine M. Griffin
O'Rourke Family
Walter Carr
Charles Carr
Mary Lawlor
Walsh & Leary Families
Al Seghezzi
Emil & Judith Seghezzi
Ellen & William Bruce
Bob & Marie Bruce
Arthur & Lill Bruce
Frank & Josephine Bruce
Colleen & Ellen Bruce
Kathleen Ciampaglio
Frances A. DeSantis
Christopher William Ciampaglio
Donald & Mary Timmins
Thomas "Rock-O" Mantville
Elizabeth "Beth" Sayers
Helen Meehan Gunning
Agnes, Mary, Tommy &
Jean McHugh



Kevin J. Ryan
Miriam & Fraser McInnes
Harriet & Neil Sullivan
Mary & Murtagh McGrath
Catherine & Roy Henderson
Gerry McCarthy
The Arico Family
Winnie & Hank Graham
Paul & Mary Clasby
The Foster Family
Winifred & William J. Monahan
The Monahan & Gilmore Family
Jeanne E. Burke
Dr. Kenneth Quigley
Vincent Quigley
The Grindley Family
Joe & Josephine Lind
Eugene & Mary McLaughlin
The Griffin Girls
William & Mary Duffy
The Malone Family
Donald T. Malone
The O'Halloran Family
The McCarthy Family
The Wernig Family
Mulhern & Seminatore Families
Robert A. Scannell
Marian Murray
Helen L. Porzio
James P. Kennedy
Marie E. McArdle
Mary Kennedy Glynn
Douglas Bognanno
Nick Trifone III
Reardon & Reynolds Families
Friends & Family of the
Venezia's & Spinale's
Elizabeth & Kay Tarpey
Patrick F. Tevenan
Ellen Realini

Marjorie Mahanor
Richard Mahanor
Francis, Vivian & Pamela Kepple
Rob Howley
Thomas & Aili Doyle
Joseph & Marion Murphy
Jeri Murphy Behan
David E. Clasby
Kathleen Haley Murphy
Francis & Ruth Turnbull
Anne Phelan
Jane Jacobsen
Joe Turnbull
Jack Bacon
Jack Faherty
Jane & John Lomax
Helen Riley
Stephen Kelly
Kevin Sullivan
Motta Family
Margaret & Daniel Deane
& Daniel John

Deceased Members of:

The Carney & Weddleton Family
The Ryan Family
The Roper Family
The Kelley & Cronin Family



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 next 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.



St. Agatha Parish recently received a letter of appreciation for our recent donation from Bishop Robert P. Reed, President of The CatholicTV Network . “Like so many people and institutions, CatholicTV has daily financial struggles. However, by your generous assistance we will be able to continue to make all the days of our lives holy and filled with the presence of that same Jesus whose birth we honor on Christmas morning. More than ever we need your help for without it, the TV screen and website will eventually go dark. Thanks so much for your Christmas gift to The CatholicTV Network!”

CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

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



Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place on *Tuesday evening, January 8th* Adoration and Rosary from 7:00-8:00pm All are welcome!



CREATIVITY & SPIRITUALITY

The next session is Wednesday, **January 9** The morning session is from 9:30-11am in the Gathering Space (lower church). There will be No evening session. Bring an old project or start a new one. All are welcome!



SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



Saint Agatha School
Milton ~ Quincy
 Currently accepting applications
 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Pre-school ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten-Gr 8

Celebrate Christian Values • Excel in Education

Saint Agatha School is an exceptional school for boys and girls Pre-K through grade 8. It is a special place offering a faith-based education, teaching that stimulates vibrant learning and academic excellence, a strong community where the whole family is embraced and every child is prepared to be his or her best self in today's world.

It all begins in our Early Childhood Program, part of the renowned Lynch Foundation Early Childhood Project. Our holistic, integrated approach helps develop language, literacy and social skills with engaging, hands-on activities. We continue successfully supporting our students through 8th grade offering a rigorous academic program that includes Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Spanish, Latin (Grs. 6-8) and a robust religion curriculum.

Come see for yourself why our young graduates leave poised for success in the next school of choice with an academic confidence and thirst for learning.

For a tour or more information, call (617) 696-3548 or email: ncarr@stagathaparish.org.



Massachusetts Citizens for Life
Annual Assembly for Life
Sunday, January 20, 2019, 2:00 pm
Faneuil Hall, Boston

Featured speaker: Stephen Mosher of *The Population Institute*, will speak on the abortion situation around the world, especially the new developments in Ireland & China.

The 1973 *Roe v Wade* abortion decisions made the U.S. one of the seven most pro-abortion countries in the world.

Come out and join the movement to restore respect for every human being, especially our unborn.



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	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 M. "Peg" Welch Brian Carlson
Monday 7:00am 9:00am	January 7 Anniversary 1st Anniversary	Charles Lawler Mary K. Bosco
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	January 8 Anniversary Memorial	James & Sara Dargon Mary Clemis
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	January 9 Anniversary Memorial	Richard Stanley McCabe Mary T. Mahoney & Veronica T. Mahoney
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	January 10 Memorial	Joanne Donovan
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	January 11 Memorial	Joseph T. McMann, Jr.
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	January 12 Anniversary 1st Anniversary	Paul Motta Fred Lamott
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	January 13 For the 7th Anniversary Memorial Memorial 11th Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Agatha Martin Kane John "Jack" Coffey Kay Tarpey & Dowd Family Catherine Higgins

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.