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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of St. Agatha
Milton ~ Quincy, MA
July 18-19, 2020
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
As We Re-Open

Public Daily Masses:
effective July 6:
Daily: 9:00 am
Also livestreamed on our website

Public Sunday Masses
effective May 30:
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Sunday: 8:00 am
           11:00 am
           5:00 pm
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A Note from Our Pastor,

We are so happy now to be able to celebrate some of the Sacraments that had to be postponed earlier this year because of the pandemic. This past weekend we had several children receive their First Holy Communion at the 11am and 5pm Masses on Sunday. This weekend we have 20 children receiving First Communion at a Mass at 1:30pm on Saturday and 4 more at our Sunday 11am Mass. These First Holy Communion Masses will continue into mid-August. We’re also looking forward to having Fr. Robert Connors the Episcopal Vicar for our South Region celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 4 ceremonies here at St. Agatha’s, the first two of which will be on Wednesday evening July 29th. I am very grateful to Beth Peterson, Jenn Caputo, and Helen Waring and all those working with them whose efforts are making and will make these Sacramental celebrations sacred, blessed, and memorable moments in the lives of these young people and their families, even in the rather peculiar times in which we are living right now.

Additional good news is what was announced at our Masses last weekend. Deacon Kevin Martin will be joining Deacon Dan Sullivan as a member of our parish staff here at St. Agatha’s. Deacon Kevin was ordained a deacon in 2013 and has completed his service as deacon in St. Mary of the Hills and St. Elizabeth Parishes. Cardinal O’Malley has assigned Deacon Kevin Martin to our parish beginning this month. We joyfully welcome Deacon Kevin and his wife Lisa and their family to our parish. I look forward to meeting with the Martin family and discussing with them how to match Deacon Kevin’s many gifts for ministry with the current needs and future possibilities of our parish.

This weekend before and after the Saturday 4:30 Mass and the 3 Sunday Masses our Youth Ministry is holding a Bottle and Can Drive at the garages behind the rectory. The proceeds will help fund the upcoming Youth Ministry service project—this year occurring locally. In this regard, our Youth Minister Helen Waring has been working with William Rein the Youth Minister at St. Mary of the Hills and St. Elizabeth Parishes to plan and carry out a week of service involving high school youth from all three parishes. While the restrictions in place to help minimize the possibility of contracting COVID-19 have prevented our Youth Group from doing the customary service project in Appalachia this year, anyone who knows Helen will not be surprised that even this pandemic cannot keep Helen down! In drawing our teens to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve, Helen and William have found ways to engage our teens in service projects in our own area. You’ll note in this week’s bulletin, for example, a donation drive involving all three of our Milton Catholic parishes conducted by our Teens. Please peruse the list of items requested, and if you are able to make a donation of some of these items, the drop-off location will be at St. Elizabeth Parish on Saturday July 25th from 10am until 3pm.

As a final thought, I want to express my deep gratitude to you for enabling us to meet our weekly offertory budgeted amount the past couple of weeks. In these challenging times your support of our parish and our various ministries is a great source of consolation and hope. I am very blessed to serve as your pastor with a team of exceptional individuals who bring great competence, care, dedication, and faith to their ministries here. I interpret your generosity as a sign of your appreciation for what our parish staff provides on a daily basis. I want to give a special plug to Deacon Dan Sullivan who is at the livestreaming controls day in and day out since the pandemic hit. When Dan first proposed to me the value of doing livestreaming of our Mass each day, my initial response was, “Well, folks can watch the Mass on CatholicTV.” Dan’s response was, “Well, do you want them to donate to CatholicTV or to St. Agatha Parish?” Dan’s response, Dan’s question to me indicates his wisdom, and not only did he propose the livestreaming option but he has been so dedicated and unselfish in bringing the Mass into the homes of so many folks who, for one reason or another, are unable to come to Church for Mass, but remain so deeply connected to their parish through Dan’s tireless efforts. I know that many of you who have participated in Mass here thanks to the livestreaming have been very generous in expressing your appreciation through your financial support, and I respectfully ask others who have taken advantage of the livestreaming option but have not yet contributed and have the means to do so, to consider making a donation to our parish.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Palardy

For the week of July 19-25, a special donation of altar Bread & Wine has been made by Mr. & Mrs. John S. Fleming in memory of their daughter, Heather Anne Fleming.
THE WEEKLY UPDATE

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Weekly Offertory Report

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MASS INTENTIONS UPDATE

You may notice a difference in how we are listing the Mass Intentions in the bulletin starting this weekend. Since mid-March, the Mass Intentions have shown the names and times as they are recorded in the Mass Book in the rectory. Since many Masses are scheduled months in advance, we kept the intentions as originally listed. With the adjustments to the Mass schedule during the pandemic, we announced all the intentions for that day and remembered them in prayer at the livestreamed Masses.

Now with the addition of public Masses to the livestream Masses, the listing in the bulletin with the original Mass Intention times proved to be confusing. So to clarify, the Mass Intentions will now reflect the current public Mass times and if there are any intentions for Masses originally scheduled at other times, they will be included as well.

Thank you for your understanding.

Welcome Home to St. Agatha Parish

- Wear a mask at all times
- Maintain 6 ft of physical distance
- Follow arrows for traffic flow
- No congregational singing

Please allow extra time when arriving for Mass. The doors will open 20 minutes before Mass begins. Due to capacity constraints, the doors will close 5 minutes before Mass. Thank you for your patience. Public Mass times are: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm and daily public Mass at 9:00am.

THEME: The reign of God is like...

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Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

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All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

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We ask anyone in attendance at Sunday Masses to fill out an online form so that we can have accurate contact information in case the need to contact attendees arises. You only need to fill out the form and leave your information one time.

If we were to discover that someone at any given Mass tests positive for COVID-19 in the following weeks, we want to be able to inform all of you so that, in consultation with your physician, you can take the appropriate steps. Please note that any notice will not include the name of the person who tested positive, which will be kept confidential, but only the Mass (date and time) which they attended and any other relevant non-personal information.

Even if you do not choose to leave your name and contact information, please know that we will make any announcement of a positive test on the parish website as well, so please check the website on a regular basis. Please visit www.stagathaparish.org to complete the form or click here if reading online.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

**Baptism:** 2:00pm on the 2nd/ 4th Sundays of each month. 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:** Starting July 1, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the Meeting Room adjacent to the Gathering Space in the lower church. **Masks required.** Also available by appointment with one of our priests.

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

**At Risk of Losing Your Home Due to COVID-19?**

For individuals and families at risk of being displaced or forced to leave their homes due to COVID-19 employment loss, there are programs that can help.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT), and Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) are two programs that can provide eligible households up to $4,000 that can be used to help keep their housing, obtain new housing, or otherwise avoid becoming homeless, regardless of source of income, or lack of income. Citizenship or immigration status is not an issue for most of this funding.

For more information about programs available, please visit: metrohousingboston.org. If you think you might be eligible for RAFT or ERMA, go to bit.ly/RAFT_ERMA to apply online. If you do not qualify, contact Metro Housing’s Housing Hub at ResourceLine@MetroHousingBoston.org.

Next week, 35+ dynamic priests and nuns, including Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., of Holy Cross Family Ministries, will present the **Catholics INFormation Conference.** You can go to any conference for information—but what do you do with it once you’ve got it? Catholics need FORMATION: the experience to take the information about our faith and form it into practical, actionable steps that will help draw you and your family into closer communion with God and with each other. And don’t miss Father Willy’s talk on: **Hollywood, Ground Zero in the Struggle for Truth.**

We invite you to attend the Virtual Catholics INFormation Conference **July 24–26**—Visit platinggrace.com/cic and sign up—use referral code FRWilly.

90-Days Now—For Your Parish is an online supplemental offertory giving program started by the laity to help support parishes during the pandemic

- Phase 1 raised $450,000 for 236 parishes.
- Phase 2 offers a match gift from a generous anonymous benefactor when the overall campaign reaches $700,000

Should you choose to join in this effort, or give again to help reach the match, the Archdiocese has created an easy-to-use link to donate at www.BostonCatholic.org/donate.

**ALL FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR PARISH.** Thank you for your continued support. God bless!

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**School Office Summer Hours are**

Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:00am until 1:00pm
Several members of our choirs participated in our third virtual choir project. This time the selection was “Sing of the Lord’s Goodness,” dedicated to longtime contemporary choir bass player Bill Carlson, who passed away last month. Many thanks to Ken Carberry and John McHugh and their amazing audio engineering skills for helping put all the individual recordings together. Thanks also to the singers and instrumentalists who took part: Ginny Bergin, Kathy Bertrand, Patty Bulman, Maureen Carr, Palma Cortese, Jim Coyle, Nancy Crehan, Abby Fay, Earl Fay, Julie Fay, John McHugh, Steven Plefka, Donna Regan, Noel Schaub and Mary Sullivan. Listen for this latest virtual choir recording after our daily 9am livestreamed Masses.

In Christ,

Julie Fay, Music Director and Organist

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FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

We are so happy our First Holy Communion Masses have begun to be celebrated and will continue throughout the summer. Congratulations to the children and their families, please keep the children in your prayers that they will continue to receive the Eucharist with joy in their hearts!

Registration and plans for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation Year will be sent to families later this summer.

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CONFIRMATION & YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY

Please check out Youth Ministry resources on Email, Instagram (@staggiesmilton) and Facebook (St. Agatha Youth Ministry).

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Interfaith Social Services’ Backpack Drive deadline to donate is Friday, July 24.

We need your help! Please consider a monetary donation to support this effort or a NEW backpack assembled with school supplies from our wish list.

Fill a backpack with these supplies. Backpacks should be generic and gender-neutral, if possible.

- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 composition notebooks
- #2 pencils
- 3 pocket folders
- colored pencils
- washable markers
- crayons
- glue stick
- pens (black or blue)
- 2 highlighters

All donations need to be dropped off at our office (105 Adams St., Quincy) by Friday, July 24. Our office hours are 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we are open until 7pm. For more info, email Emily Ryan at eryan@interfaithsocialservices.org.

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IT’S HERE! THE BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE IS THIS WEEKEND!

Youth Ministry is holding a Bottle & Can Drive this weekend (July 18–19) to support their Repair & Replenish Service Trip. Drop off times are on Saturday, 4-5:30pm, Sunday, 8am-12:30pm and 4:30-6pm by the garages. Thank you for your support!

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Milton Parish Teens are hosting a DONATION DRIVE for St. Agatha’s, St. Elizabeth’s & St. Mary’s next weekend, Saturday, July 25th from 10-3 pm. Drop off at St. Elizabeth’s. The following items (both new & used were applicable) can be donated:

- Food
- Clothing
- Books
- Sports Equipment
- Shoes
- School Supplies

The following food items are requested:

- Canned Vegetables
- Beans
- Rice
- Baby Food
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Raisins
- Dairy Products (i.e. dry, evaporated, and/or boxed shelf-stable milk)
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Whole Grain Crackers
- Canned Fruits
- Soup
- Stew or Chili
- Juice
- Pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Fish
- Canned Chicken
- Corned Beef
- Spam
SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL

**Our Teachers & Staff are Awesome! Part 2**

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