



# *The Parish of St. Agatha*

*Milton ~ Quincy, MA*

*October 4–5, 2025*

## ST. AGATHA RECTORY

### *Office Hours*

**Monday – Friday** 9am–4pm

432 Adams Street  
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## ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

440 Adams Street  
Milton, MA 02186

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Masses:**

**Monday -**

**Saturday:** 9:00 am \*

### **Sunday Masses:**

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm \*

**Sunday:** 7:30 am

9:30 am \*

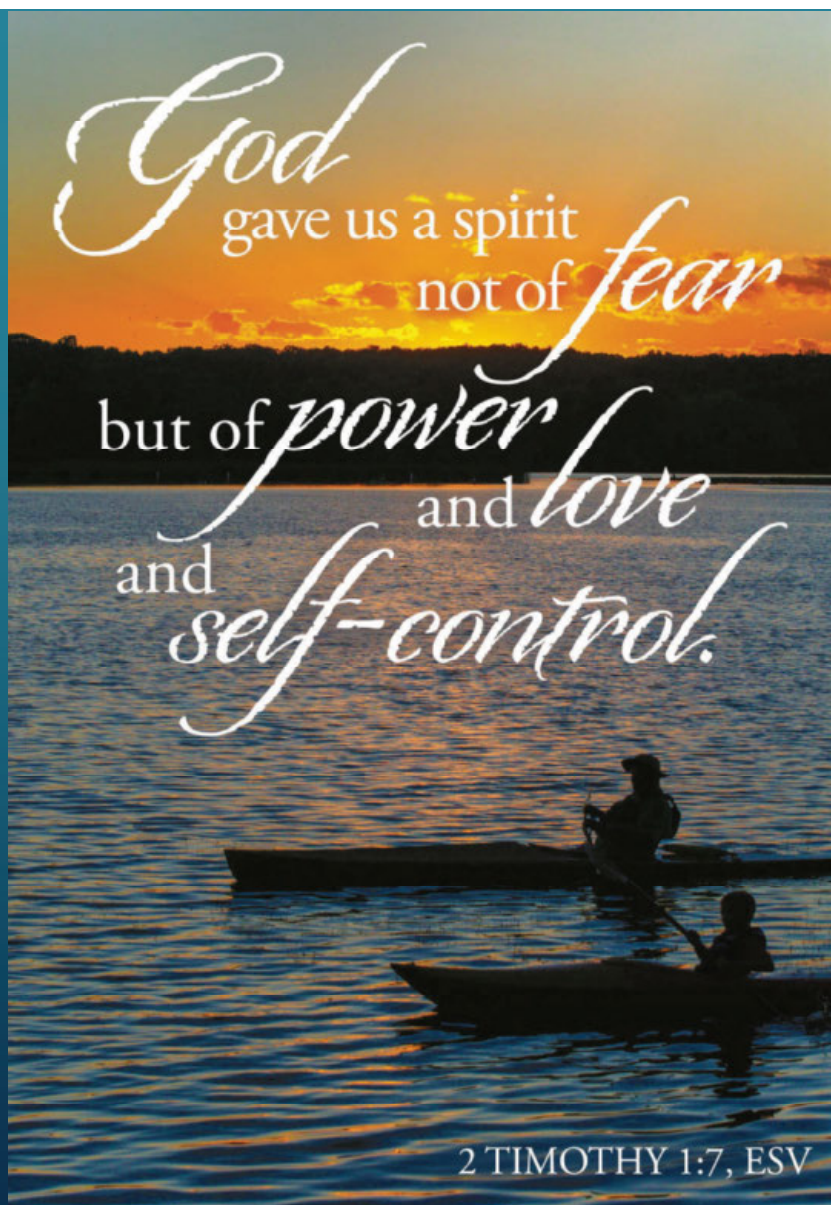
11:30 am

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.
- Gluten allergies? Please speak to a priest 15 mins. before Mass for a low-gluten host or to receive the Precious Blood at the altar.



*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 4–5—Year C*

This Week's Readings can be found at  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100525.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 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.

## **~ HELP WANTED ~**

### **Maintenance/Facilities**

St. Agatha School is looking for a dedicated full-time Maintenance/Facilities team member to help care for our school and parish buildings and grounds.

If you or someone you know is interested, please send a resume or a brief summary of experience to  
[operations@stagathaparish.org](mailto:operations@stagathaparish.org).

**Saint Agatha Parish****Phone:** 617-698-2439**Email:** [Rectory@StAgathaParish.org](mailto:Rectory@StAgathaParish.org)**Parish Website:** [StAgathaParish.org](http://StAgathaParish.org)**Clergy**Rev. Brian McHugh, *Pastor*Rev. William F. Murphy, *Parochial Vicar*

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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 or by calling the rectory to schedule an appointment with one of our priests.

**Marriage:** Please use the **Set Up a Meeting** form under the **Sacraments** tab on our website. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE**

I hope you are all enjoying the first days of the fall season. Both the school and parish have been full of energy as the new school year begins. Already, we have celebrated the Parish Annual Feast, hosted Parent Back-to-School Night, and shared our first School Mass with the children. There are many more events planned in the coming months, so please stay tuned and engaged.

Meanwhile, construction of the Milton East Fire Department is progressing well. The foundation was poured last week, in preparation for the steel structure to be erected. Materials are scheduled to arrive on October 15<sup>th</sup>, allowing the building to be enclosed before the New England winter sets in. Significant progress is expected over the next month, keeping the project on track with the agreed timeline.

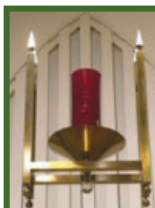
As work continues, I will keep parishioners and school families informed of any impacts the construction may have. In the meantime, I hope you all have the chance to enjoy the beauty of the New England autumn.

**Bob Ringuette**

*The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Milton East Fire Station took place on Friday, September 26 with Fr. Brian, members of the Fire Station Building Committee, the Project Team, Town of Milton Administration, elected officials and Milton Fire Department in attendance.*



*Building foundation was poured the week of September 26.*



For the two week period of October 5–18, the Vigil Candle above the Tabernacle was lit in memory of Charles & Margaret Rawson's wedding anniversary, donated by Mary Lou Rawson. May the light of God's love surround you.



## FEATURED WEEKLY READING

**Read Reflect Respond**

**THEME:** Faith is the anchor and force of life.

As you hear the words of St. Paul proclaimed in this reading, what strikes you most? What word or phrase caught your ear?

**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14

Beloved:

I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

### Pastoral Planning

**October 5 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us of our responsibility as disciples saying, "Stir into a flame the gift of God that you have..." We may feel inadequate or ill equipped to speak to another person about our faith or its importance in our lives, but St. Paul encourages us further with these words, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love..." Even when Jesus' own disciples were worried about their ability to carry out his mission, they turned to him asking for an increase of faith. How about us? Are we willing to share with courage the importance of our relationship with God?

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION: For the Holy Father and Missionary Efforts

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

For information on these Collections, go to:

1. [www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence)
2. [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu)
3. [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org)

### Eucharistic Ministry for the Homebound

Are you or a family member or friend unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to receive Holy Communion? If so, please call the Rectory (at 617-698-2439) and someone will contact you!

**If you are bringing communion to someone, please let the celebrant know prior to Mass. When you receive communion from the celebrant, bring your pyx so they may place communion in the minister's pyx for you.**

**Please remember,** per Canon Law, Eucharistic Ministers are to take the Blessed Sacrament directly from the church, in a pyx or small ciborium, to the person who is to receive Communion. The Sacrament must never be taken home overnight to be distributed the next day. The extraordinary minister should consume consecrated hosts that cannot be distributed that same day.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>MON</b>	<b>Oct 6</b>	JON 1:1–2:1–2, 11 / LK 10:25–37
<b>TUE</b>	<b>Oct 7</b>	JON 3:1–10 / LK 10:38–42
<b>WED</b>	<b>Oct 8</b>	JON 4:1–11 / LK 11:1–4
<b>THUR</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>	MAL 3:13–20b / LK 11:5–13
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	JOEL 1:13–15, 2:1–2 / LK 11:15–26
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	JOEL 4:12–21 / LK 11:27–28



walking with purpose

### A Catholic Bible Study for Women

**Walking with Purpose sessions, "Touching the Divine", just started last week.** 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 days/times, starting dates, purchasing books and Registration Forms is now available on the St. Agatha Parish website under Ministries.** For more information, please contact us at [WWP@StAgathaParish.org](mailto:WWP@StAgathaParish.org).



**Please join us downstairs in the Gathering Space THIS weekend, October 5 for Family Coffee Hour after the Sunday 9:30AM Mass.**



## St. Agatha Parish Basketball Registration Opens October 7<sup>th</sup>

Boys and girls of all ages are invited to register for St. Agatha Parish Basketball! Sign-ups for both the **In-House League** and **Travel League** are available **online only** through the parish website link. Registration will remain open until capacity is reached. Visit the parish homepage at [www.stagathaparish.org](http://www.stagathaparish.org) or, if you're reading this bulletin online, simply click the link provided above.

### In-House League

The In-House program is open to all parishioners and St. Agatha School students. Teams are divided into age groups from **Grades K-2 (Pee-Wee)** through **Grade 8**. Games are held **all day on Saturdays**.

- **Fee:** \$125 per child (maximum \$250 per family)
- **Includes:** New team t-shirt

**Season:** November 2025 – February 2026

### Travel League

The Travel League is open to students in **Grades 3-12**. Tryouts will be held in **late October/November**.

- **Fee:** \$250 per player (uniform not included, but can be purchased during registration)

**Season:** November 2025 – February 2026

### Program Goals

Our mission is to teach basketball skills in a **fun, safe environment**, encouraging teamwork and good sportsmanship. The program has been very popular in past years, and some divisions have filled quickly, so please register early to secure your spot.

### Volunteers Needed

With over **500 athletes** participating each year, this program is only possible thanks to the support of our volunteers. We are looking for coaches and coordinators for both In-House and Travel teams. Parents interested in volunteering can indicate this on the online registration form, and a member of our Sports Advisory Board will follow up.

- **Volunteer CORI/Training Meeting:** Date to be determined in October, in the Parish Gathering Space in the Lower Church

**Travel Coaches Meeting:** Date to be determined in October in Parish Gathering Space in the Lower Church



**Marriage Illuminated Date Night Series** for married and engaged couples of all ages. Please join us for October 24<sup>th</sup> Date Night, from 6pm—9pm, and offered monthly on Fridays at **The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., N. Easton**. Attend any or all

sessions; childcare offered. Free series. Registration will remain open throughout the series. **FamilyRosary.org/marriage-series**. Questions or for more info, email us: Mission@HCFM.org or call 508-238-4095.

## Knights of Columbus

Endorsed by Fr. Brian and Fr. Murphy, all men in the parish over 18 are invited to join a new Council at St. Agatha. The Knights bring men together for socialization, faith formation, and service to the parish.



All parish men are invited to a one-hour information session in the Gathering Space on **Sunday, October 19** after the 5 PM Mass (6 PM). If you have questions or are interested but can't make that meeting, let Fr. Murphy know ([frbillmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:frbillmurphy@gmail.com)) or 617-834-9178. Come, join us.



## Adoration at St. Agatha Parish

There is Adoration in the Chapel on Fridays following the 9:00am Mass, from approximately 9:30am–1:00pm and on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00pm.



## ST. AGATHA PARISH YOUTH CHOIR *Calling all singers in Grades 3-8!*

Come sing with us!

If you are in grades 3-8 and like to sing, there is a place for you in the **St. Agatha Parish Youth Choir!**

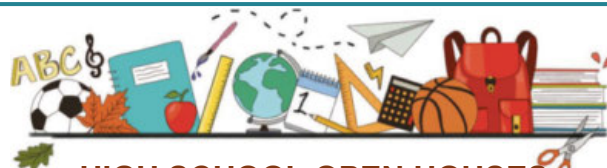
Youth Choir sings at the 9:30am Sunday Family Mass.

We practice after school from 4:00-5:00 on Thursday afternoons in the church.

Rehearsals are starting soon.

Won't you join us?

Scan the QR code for more information & come sing with us!



## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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| <b>Thurs, Oct 9</b>  | 5:30 PM | <b>St. Sebastian's School</b><br><a href="http://www.stsebs.org/visit">www.stsebs.org/visit</a>                            |
| <b>Thurs, Oct 16</b> | 6:00 PM | <b>Fontbonne</b><br><a href="http://www.fontbonneboston.org/admissions/visit">www.fontbonneboston.org/admissions/visit</a> |
| <b>Sun, Oct 19</b>   | 1:00 PM | <b>Montrose School</b><br><a href="https://www.montroseschool.org">https://www.montroseschool.org</a>                      |
| <b>Thurs, Oct 23</b> | 6:00 PM | <b>Cardinal Spellman High School</b><br><a href="http://www.spellman.com/openhouse">www.spellman.com/openhouse</a>         |
| <b>Sun, Oct 26</b>   | 9:00 AM | <b>Xaverian Brothers High School</b><br><a href="http://www.xbhs.com/visit">www.xbhs.com/visit</a>                         |

## FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Office Email: FaithFormation@StAgathaParish.org

Office Phone: 617-696-1388



**Welcome to Week 4!**  
**of the 2025–2026 Faith Formation Year**  
**Grades 1–5**

**ALL** children in the program should be logged into the online learning curriculum and complete **Chapter 4 this week.**

**Grade 1:** We Care for God's Creatures**Grade 2:** We Celebrate and Care for All Creation**Grade 3:** We Care for the Earth**Grade 4:** We Promise to Care for the Earth and Our Lady of the Rosary—Liturgical Lesson Grade 4 Only**Grade 5:** We Protect the Environment**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

For October, we will once again support Quincy Interfaith Services by collecting **jars of peanut butter and jelly**. Donation bins are located in the Gathering Space and outside the Faith Formation Office on the lower level of the rectory. Contributions will be accepted through **Saturday, November 1**. Thank you for helping us share God's love with our neighbors in need!

**Parent Meetings for children receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2026** will be on Tuesday, October 7, at 1:00 & 6:00 PM and Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 PM in the Church. **This meeting is for parents only. Please attend the meeting most convenient for you.**

**Wednesday, October 15—Bottle and Can Drive** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations can be dropped off at Barn 432 (the white garages) at any time during those hours. Please place your bottles and cans on or under the tables provided. If you're unable to drop off during the scheduled hours, you're **welcome to leave your donations the night before (Tuesday evening)**. Please place them outside the far-left garage bay. **Kindly note:** No wine bottles, Gatorade bottles, Snapple bottles, or regular water bottles. **Only MA returnable bottles and cans, please!** All proceeds support Faith Formation family dinners. Thank you for your generous support!

**Wednesday, October 22—Come to our FAMILY BELIEVE Night** in the Gathering Space from 5:00–6:30

## FAITH FORMATION UPPER GRADES

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



*St. Agatha Faith Formation Grades 6 to 8*  
*~ Teacher Recruitment ~*

A new Faith Formation year is starting! I am VERY grateful to the teachers who have already agreed to help out BUT we do need some more. Please contact Matt Chick at [mchick@stagathaparish.org](mailto:mchick@stagathaparish.org) for more details.

**Faith Formation begins:**

- **Grade 6:** Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM to 6:15 PM
- **Grade 7:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM to 6:15 PM
- **Grade 8:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM to 8 PM



*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.*

**O.C.I.A.** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly, *Rite* of Christian...RCIA) is the Catholic Church's process for bringing together adults who are interested in being part of the Catholic Church and receiving sacraments. In a comfortable, conversational setting, weekly discussion and presentations aim to help participants draw closer to God, learn about Scripture, prayer, and the life and teachings of the Catholic faith.

**OCIA is for:** a) someone who was never baptized, or b) someone who was baptized in another faith and now wants to learn about, and become part of, the Catholic Church, or c) someone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist (First Communion)

If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about OCIA, please contact Deacon Kevin to arrange a brief informational meeting. Kevin can be reached at [kmartin@stagathaparish.org](mailto:kmartin@stagathaparish.org). Formation classes will be starting mid-October.

**~ Save the Date ~**  
**BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**  
**Wednesday • October 15**

PM. The theme for the evening will be "Pizza and Prayer." Families will share a pizza dinner and enjoy activities centered on the Gospel message of prayer. **Pre-registration is required** (we are unable to accept walk-ins). The registration link will be emailed on **Monday, October 13**, and will close on **Monday, October 20, at noon.**



## SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL



# WEEKLY GLIMPSE

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## Upcoming Events at Saint Agatha School Join Us!

As a proud member of our parish community, Saint Agatha School invites you to two exciting October events. We hope you'll help us spread the word to families in the Milton, Quincy, and surrounding areas.

### High School Fair

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Msgr. Gallagher Parish Center / School Gym**

Families of 8th graders: Come explore private high school options with representatives from excellent schools across the region. Learn about academics, extracurriculars, and financial aid. All in one place!

<https://www.stagatha.org/high-school-fair>



### Open House

**Thursday, October 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Come discover what makes Saint Agatha School a beautiful place for students to learn and grow. We offer a faith-based, academically strong, and nurturing environment from Early Childhood through Grade 8. Prospective families will have the chance to meet our dedicated staff, explore our classrooms, and tour our campus. All are welcome!

<https://www.stagatha.org/open-houses>



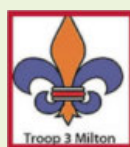
### Final Weekend to Pledge for the Fun Run!

Don't forget - this is the final weekend to pledge a student for our annual Fun Run, happening on Monday, October 7! Your support helps raise vital funds for our school programs. <https://give.mybooster.com/st-agatha-school-1>

**Thank you for supporting Saint Agatha School!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 4</b>	
9:00am	Memorial	Anthony T. King
4:30pm	5th Anniversary	Katelyn O'Sullivan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 5</b>	
7:30am	Memorial	Joseph & Mary Duggan and deceased family members
9:30am	Memorial	Leo & Marguerite Coyne and Dan & Ann Flynn
11:30am	For All	Parishioners
5:00pm	12th Anniversary	Cecelia McCarthy
	1st Anniversary	Patricia "Patsy" Sullivan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 6</b>	
9:00am	Special Intention	Mary Odenweller & Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 7</b>	
9:00am	Memorial	Pearl & Roy McLeod
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	
9:00am	Birth. Memorial	Jack Donahue
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 9</b>	
9:00am	34th Anniversary	Patricia Connolly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 10</b>	
9:00am	Birth. Memorial	Kayur Shah
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 11</b>	
9:00am	Memorial	Mr. & Mrs. Edward McHugh
4:30pm	35th Anniversary	Anthony F. Spinelli
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 12</b>	
7:30am	For All	Parishioners
9:30am	1st Anniversary	Janice Fahy
11:30am	Birth. Memorial	Cornelio A. Undag
5:00pm	Memorial	Kevin J. Lynch



Looking to grow your son's circle of friends, seeking adventure beyond the video games? How do bike trips, camping, and hiking sound? Check out **Troop3Milton.com**, Camping locally in Milton at Camp Sayer, Cape Cod, Western Massachusetts and the White Mountains. It is this interaction with the outdoors that allows the Scouts to push their boundaries and challenge themselves to overcome whatever stands in their way.

**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.



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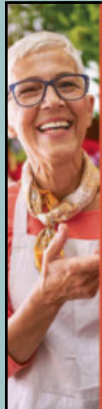
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