

# Milton Catholic Collaborative News

*Working in Faith ... Toward a Shared Future*

St. Agatha Parish

St. Elizabeth Parish

St. Mary of the Hills Parish

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## Who Are We?

You already know us. The Milton Catholic Collaborative (MCC) is composed of the three parishes: St Elizabeth, St Mary of the Hills and St Agatha that serve the needs of people in Quincy and Milton. Fr Peter Casey, pastor of St. Agatha, is the convener of our collaborative. What you may not know is that we are already meeting, praying and working together.

### *Planning and Hope*

In June, the pastors and staff from the three parishes had their first meeting. This was a chance to get to know each other better and to review the highlights of the 2007 Pastoral Planning Committee Report. (To read this report in full, visit the Archdiocesan website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/PastoralPlanning.aspx> or call your rectory for a copy.) Under Cardinal O'Malley's leadership, a spirit of collaboration has been strongly encouraged as the Archdiocese of Boston embraces a culture of planning and hope for the future. This meeting ended with the formation of a sub-committee – two members from each parish staff.

### *It's Not about Closing Parishes*

The sub-committee's first effort resulted in a September MCC meeting to which parish staff, pastoral council and finance council members were invited. Fr David Couturier, newly appointed Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning for the Archdiocese of Boston, gave a presentation that evening in which he stressed that planning is to be aimed at mission. In other words, the reason we plan is to together identify the needs of the people we serve (as well as those we hope to serve) for the purpose of creatively and collaboratively meeting those needs. It is NOT about closing parishes. Collaboration is about opportunity, creativity, life and hope.

MCC Sub-committee members are committed to follow-through on the energy and hope that was initiated at the September meeting and do not want to ignore the potential for real progress. Parishioners have been invited to join the committee. They are listed on the back of this page.

## We Are Already Collaborating

At the September meeting of parish staff, pastoral council and finance committee members, attendees were asked to compare the mission statements of the three parishes. They were strikingly similar. Of course, we are all doing the Lord's work! And, we noted some areas of the Catholic faith life in Milton where collaboration is already happening. Here are a few:

- Seasonal Penance Services
- Bereavement ministry
- Men's early bird special – third Saturday of each month in St. Mary's lower church
- WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)
- MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)
- 60+ Coffee Socials – second Monday of each month in St. Mary's lower church
- Youth Ministry
- Respect Life of Milton

*"Pastoral planning is the process of praying and thinking together about the actions of the Body of Christ in a particular time and place...it is the process of being clear about the present, projecting a future that seems desirable, and specifying the steps necessary to arrive at that future."* Dr. William L. Pickett

### *If you worshipped here, you'd be home now*

We are all one church – with three different physical spaces. Let's all try to become more familiar and comfortable in each of these spaces, so we may feel welcome and at home wherever we worship. On the back side of this page is information on all three parishes. Please hang on to it for future reference.

### *Stay Informed and Be an Active Participant*

Read parish bulletins, mailings and websites. Pastoral planning involves change, change made for the sake of growth that will strengthen us as we continue our work in mission, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. And it requires the efforts of laity and clergy together to carry out Christ's work on earth.



**St. Elizabeth Parish**  
 350 Reedsdale Road  
 617.696.6688  
[www.stelizabethmilton.org](http://www.stelizabethmilton.org)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
 Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

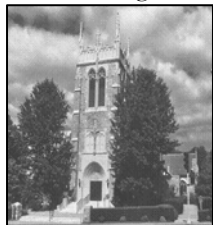
**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:15-3:45 PM

**Pastor:** Rev. Aidan J. Walsh  
**Administrative Assistant:** Susan Tuzzo  
**Business Manager:** Mary Shea DiCenzo  
**Receptionist:** Barbara Lydon

**Religious Education: 617.698.5763**  
**Director:** Sr. Mary K. Walsh, C.S.J.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Donna Mitchell  
**Coordinators:** Sr. Mary K. Walsh (K-6) Clare Joyce (7-10)

**MCC Representatives:** Maria Hill and  
 Barbara Fitzgerald: [Barbara.S.Fitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.S.Fitzgerald@gmail.com)



**St. Agatha Parish**  
 432 Adams Street  
 617.698.2439  
[www.stagathaparish.org](http://www.stagathaparish.org)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 7:30,  
 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon and 5:00 PM

**Daily Masses:** Monday-Saturday, 7:00 and 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30-4:15 PM

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Casey  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Robert Poitras  
**Deacon:** Daniel Sullivan  
**Pastoral Associate:** Mary Q. Gallagher  
**Operations Manager:** Jack Riley

**Faith Formation: 617.696.1388**  
**Director:** Sr. Susan Czaplicki, SSND

**School: 617.696.3548**  
 440 Adams Street  
**Principal:** Maureen Simmons

**Young Church Ministry: 617.696.8978**  
**Pastoral Associate:** Mary Sheedy

**MCC Representatives:** Dan Sullivan, Joe Reardon, Mary  
 Gallagher, **Newsletter Committee:**  
 Patty Bulman: [patricia.bulman@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bulman@gmail.com) and  
 Christine Regan: [cregan78@gmail.com](mailto:cregan78@gmail.com)



**St. Mary of the Hills**  
 29 St. Mary's Road  
 617.696.0120  
[www.saintmaryofthehills.org](http://www.saintmaryofthehills.org)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:00 PM  
 Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM and 12:00 NN

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00-3:45 PM

**Pastor:** Rev. Arthur F. Wright  
**Pastoral Associate:** Harold Feldmann  
**Administrative Assistant:** Margaret Brennan  
**Business Manager:** Janice Powell  
**Communications:** Paula Murphy

**Religious Education: 617.696.6117**  
**Director:** Joan Regan  
**Assistant:** Kathy Whitehouse

**Youth Minister:** Frank Connell: 617.696.0120

**School (Pre-k through 8): 617.698.2464**  
 250 Brook Road  
**Principals:** Pam Vasta and Lisa Fasano

**MCC Representatives:** Joan Regan, Frank Connell  
**Newsletter Committee:** Paula Murphy:  
[smhrectory@aol.com](mailto:smhrectory@aol.com)

## For Lent, 2010

Lenten Enrichment in all three parishes: *ARISE: Together in Christ, Season 4: New Heart, New Spirit*

### Masses on Ash Wednesday February 17

St. Agatha: 7:00 and 9:00 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM

(*Special collection for St. Rock Haiti Foundation*)

St. Elizabeth: 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

St. Mary: 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

### Friday Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth: after 9:00 AM Mass, St. Agatha: 7:00 PM

### The Light Is On for You

All parishes Reconciliation available on Wednesday evenings during Lent: February 24-March 31, 6:30-8:00 PM

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays at St. Agatha following 9:00 AM Mass until Stations at 7:00 PM, Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth, 6:30 PM and Wednesdays at St. Mary 6:30-8:00 PM

### Lenten Supper and Speaker Series

St. Mary of the Hills lower church – Friday evenings beginning at 6:00 PM - Please call or visit our website for more information

### Evening of Reflection

St. Elizabeth, March 24 beginning at 6:30 PM with Fr. David Nicgorski, OMV

