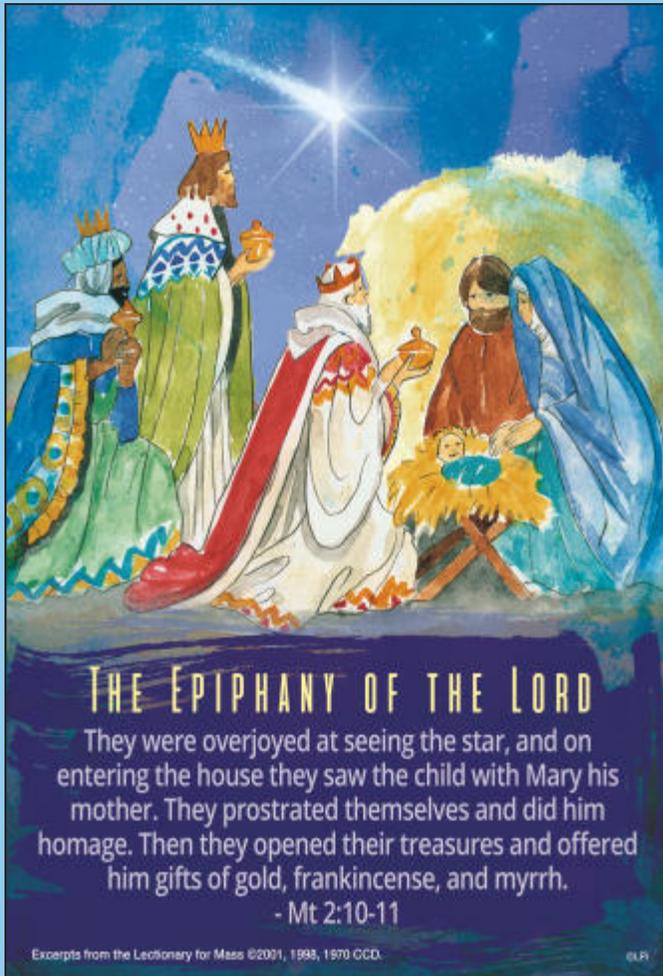




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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.
 - Mt 2:10-11

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 4 p.m.
 Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 6:45 a.m.
 Saturday: 7 a.m.

Holy Days: 4 p.m. Vigil day before the Holy Day. On the Holy Day, 6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Masses: 9 a.m. (8 a.m. if there is a town parade)

Rosary: Daily at 6:20 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 First Friday/Saturday 6 p.m. - 6:25 a.m. in church

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 3-4 p.m. in chapel. Please enter through main church sacristy door and follow directions.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Parent Pre-Baptism class is held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please call 781-769-5354 ext. 273.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Engaged couples must contact one of the parish priests at least 8 months prior to making other wedding plans.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact one of our parish priests.

Our Mission: St. Catherine of Siena Parish is a Roman Catholic community established in Norwood, MA in 1890. Responding to our baptismal call to holiness, we seek to live the teachings of Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition through worship, education, service and evangelization.

All are welcome in Christ! "...To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints with all who are invoking the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place... Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God continuously for you because of the grace of God that has been given to you in Christ Jesus. By that grace, in all things, you have become wealthy in him... He too will strengthen you, even until the end, without guilt..." Introduction of First Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians

JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION: “Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“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.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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Please honor all safety protocols while in church:

- Masks are required.*
- Please do not remove safety rope marking off pews.
- Maintain social distance of at least six feet between members of different households.
- Approach the Holy Communion stations in a **SINGLE FILE** line using the arrows on the floor as guides.
- If you are feeling ill or are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, please do not come to church. (See below)

* Children two and under are exempt. For children ages 3-5, masks are at the discretion of the parents.

If you have any of the following symptoms, *no matter how mild*, please do not come to church:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Muscle aches
- Nausea/diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion not related to allergies

Please also stay home if any of the following apply:

- **You have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.**
- **You have been told by a doctor you need a COVID-19 test.**
- **You have been tested for COVID-19, but you have not received your results.**
- **You have travelled outside of Massachusetts within the past 14 days and are subject to the state’s travel order (see Mass.gov for details).**

PARISH OFFICE AND MASS CARDS

The Parish Office remains closed to outside visitors, but our staff members are working regular hours and are happy to assist you either over the phone or via email. If you need a Mass card, please call 781-762-6080 ext.110 or email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org. Cards will be prepared for you and left in the black file box outside the front door of the rectory. Cards are usually available for pick up same day during the week. We apologize for the inconvenience, but cards are not available for in-person purchase.

Meetings with the priests are by appointment only. Please call 781-762-6080 ext. 112 for Fr. Donohoe, ext. 115 for Fr. Medeiros or ext. 127 for Fr. Sullivan.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2
7 a.m. In Reparation for the Offenses Committed
Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4 p.m. Rosa Branco Neves and Joe Neves
Sunday, January 3
7 a.m. Pro Populo
9 a.m. Deceased Members of the McNulty Family
11 a.m. Alice Allan
Monday, January 4
6:45 a.m. Gaetano and Catherine Ruggiero and
Robert Ruggiero
Tuesday, January 5
6:45 a.m. All Deceased Members of the Barbieri
Family
Wednesday, January 6
6:45 a.m. Larry and Mary Ficca
Thursday, January 7
6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen
Friday, January 8
7 a.m. Deceased Enrollments

We are now accepting Mass intentions through April 2021. Please email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-762-6080 ext. 110.

Grand Annual Appeal

There is still time to make a tax deductible donation to our Grand Annual collection if you have not already done so. Donations received by Friday, January 8, will be posted to 2020. To date, we have received \$133,300 from 503 donors. Our goals are \$170,000 and 520 donors. All gifts, no matter the amount, are gratefully accepted and appreciated. We hope that all households that are able will participate. Donations may be placed in any offertory basket, dropped off at the rectory using the mail slot in the front door, or can be made online using the QR code below. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

GIVING

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our parish during this difficult time. We are grateful for your generosity.

At this time, we are not going to be passing the offertory basket at Mass. Baskets are placed at the exits at the end of Mass, and you are welcome to leave your donation in one of them. Other options include:

1. Online Giving -- For those who are able, online giving is a great way to regularly support our parish whether you are able to attend Mass or not. Just visit our website at: www.stcatherinenorwood.org and click on Online Giving or scan the code shown here to get started.



2. If online giving is not an option for you, you can mail your envelopes or drop them off

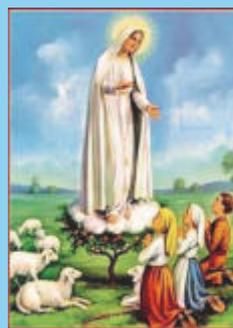
at the rectory using the mail slot in the front door. For security reasons, we ask you to not leave envelopes in the external mailbox. Thank you!

Parish Calendars for 2021 -- Parish calendars for 2021 are still available on the tables at the church entrances. Calendars are free. Thank you to our sponsors, Gillooly Funeral Home and Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. We appreciate your support.

Cardinal Seán's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Everyone is encouraged to consider their own health and personal circumstances in making the decision about whether to return to Mass at this time. Saint Catherine's will continue to livestream all Masses -- Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and daily at 6:45 a.m. Daily Mass is at 7 a.m. on Saturday.



FAMILY ROSARY MISSION



Family Rosary Mission is a new initiative inviting families to pray the Rosary. Each Sunday, one of our parish families will lead the Rosary at Saint Catherine Church at 4 p.m. All families are invited to pray with them either at home through live streaming (available through the parish website) or in person in the church.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to lead the Rosary with a group of friends or your family, please contact one of our parishioners listed:

Lorraine Allan: Lma4171@gmail.com

Judi Scherban: Judith.scherban@gmail.com

Leah Ramsdell: ymindirector@gmail.com

American University Women For Life
invites you to a

Virtual Meeting
Thursday, January 7th at 7 p.m.

A Lion Leads to Roses
with
Catherine Jenkins

Join Catherine Jenkins, a pro-life activist and mother of four, for a reflection on the Memorial for the Unborn Boston that took place in response to legislators push to legalize infanticide. Catherine will describe how she was inspired to lead this peaceful pro-life prayer rally against abortion and suggest how we can all take action in fighting for the unborn and their mothers.

To register for this Virtual Zoom Meeting, please send your full name and phone number to Lorraine at lma4171@gmail.com (617-763-4093) by noon on January 5th. You will receive a meeting ID and Password on the morning of January 7th.

Augustine Institute

Who Am I to Judge? by Dr. Edward Sri – How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? When we're bombarded with messages of "Be tolerant!" "Don't judge!" and "Coexist!" many good people feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore.

This book gives us an important key to responding to relativism effectively—a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

Ideal for men's and women's groups, adult faith formation, and young adult ministry, this book gives Catholics greater confidence in God's moral law, greater clarity in how to explain it effectively to our secular friends, and greater compassion for those with whom we disagree. *This item and others are available at the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk located at the front of the church. If you have any questions, comments or want to request any LCM items, please call Tim at 781-762-4451.*



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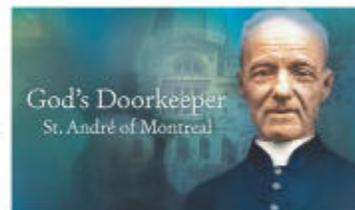
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This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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What is the Epiphany?

Learn more about this feast day traditionally celebrated on January 6th.

Join Mrs. Ramsdell on Sunday, January 4th, at 11 a.m. on Facebook Live for a story about Epiphany and to learn about the blessing of the house, an Epiphany tradition!



Join us on Thursday, January 28th, at 4 p.m. on Facebook Live for our next episode of God on the Go!

This month, we will be exploring the tradition of Candlemas, which takes place on February 2nd.

We will be making our own Candlemas Candles to celebrate, so you will need the following supplies:

- An image of the Holy Family of your choosing.
- A glass prayer candle (available on Amazon or the Dollar Tree store) or a glass holder with a candle inside.
- Modge Podge and a paintbrush.



Saint Story of the Month



Join us on Thursday, January 21st, at 4 p.m. on Facebook Live for a story about Saint John Bosco, whose Feast Day we celebrate on January 31st!

Adopt a Confirmation Student



On February 6th we hope to be able to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our 10th graders.

As a way to assist our students on their journey, we are asking individuals or families to “adopt” a Confirmandi.

What do I need to do?

We ask that you pray for your adopted student throughout the weeks leading up to their Confirmation.

How do I sign up?

If you are interested, please email Mrs. Ramsdell at ymindirector@gmail.com and provide your mailing address. You will be assigned a student at random, given their first name, a red candle to display in your home, and a prayer for students preparing to be Confirmed.

We have 78 students preparing to be Confirmed and would love to have families and individuals praying for ALL of them!



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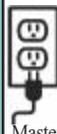
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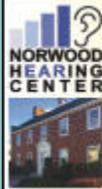
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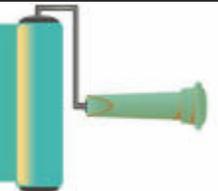
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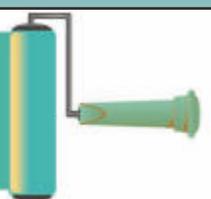
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LIVING NATIVITY

Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the collaborative Living Nativity prayer service at Saint Tim's on December 23rd. It was a beautiful evening of song and reflection on the true meaning of the season.



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