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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 92001, 1998, 1973 CCD

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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 10, 2021**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**A Reflection on Eucharistic Presence  
by Deacon Frank Tremblay**

As we continue through 'The Year of the Eucharist' we move through the Christmas season with the Word of God having taken flesh, and pass from the womb of Mary into our lives as the person named Jesus. We know the story, we have heard of what took place in Bethlehem and know the reality of God becoming man.

The joy of Christmas is a reality that humanity celebrates year after year after year, but what we tend to forget amid all the excitement of the Christmas season is WHY the Word of God became flesh in the first place. The reason Christmas is so important is Easter! Without Easter Jesus would be recognized as another prophet, but not our Savior, our Redeemer, the source of our Salvation. Because of Easter we know our God saves (which is the actual meaning of the name Jesus).

Prior to Easter however, Jesus ate the Passover with His Apostles. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying "This is my body, do this in memory of me" (LK 22:19). Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, born of the Virgin on Christmas, then gives His body to us. He physically passes on His presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament. He fully intended to be with us physically, even after His death, His resurrection, and His ascension.

On Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth, He is physically present in Mary's womb. He is physically present as a babe in a manger. He is physically present as our savior on the cross. He is physically present after rising from the dead on Easter. Today, in obedience to His command, "do this in memory of me", He becomes physically present on our altar. Our priests raise the Blessed Sacrament for us all to see and proclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world". He can say that because he is elevating the very Body of Christ. He is just as physically present in that moment as He was in the womb of Mary, in the manger, on the cross and in the upper room where the risen Christ appeared to His disciples.

This is not enough for our God. In addition to Jesus being physically present from the Annunciation to the Ascension – and then continuing to be present because of what Jesus did at the Last Supper, we then get to take Jesus within ourselves – physically. The Jesus of Christmas, the Jesus of Easter, is offered to us in communion. The host is held out to us, individually, and is personally presented to us with the words, "Body of Christ", and we acknowledge that reality with the response, "Amen". In essence we are saying, "Yes, Amen, I agree, this is the Body of Christ". As we take Him into ourselves we actually have the physical presence of Jesus within us, thus the Blessed Sacrament is referred to as the Real Presence, for that is what it is. The same physical presence of Jesus with the womb of Mary, is now within MY body. What a thought! Merry Christmas.

**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](mailto: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 9  
7 a.m. For the Homeless  
4 p.m. John J. Weiss, Sr.  
Sunday, January 10  
7 a.m. Pro Populo  
9 a.m. Andy Gillis  
11 a.m. Claire Gay  
Monday, January 11  
6:45 a.m. Bill and Gloria Scheib  
Tuesday, January 12  
6:45 a.m. Regina Scott  
Wednesday, January 13  
6:45 a.m. All Deceased Members of the Burns Family  
Thursday, January 14  
6:45 a.m. Casey Marie Marsh (1st Anniversary)  
Friday, January 15  
7 a.m. Nancy O'Brien

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

## Week of January 10th

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered in memory of John J. Weiss, Sr.

The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are lit in memory of John J. Weiss, Sr.

## Grand Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Grand Annual collection. 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.

## 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](http://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

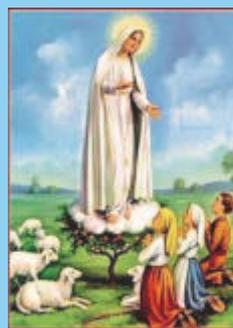
at the rectory using the mail slot in the front door. For security reasons, we ask you to not leave envelopes in the external mailbox. Thank you!

**THANK YOU!** The priests and staff of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish wish to thank everyone for the generous outpouring of cards, gifts and sweets this Christmas. Our hearts and bellies are full!

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.

**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.

## 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](mailto:Lma4171@gmail.com)

Judi Scherban: [Judith.scherban@gmail.com](mailto:Judith.scherban@gmail.com)

Leah Ramsdell: [ymindirector@gmail.com](mailto:ymindirector@gmail.com)

# Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

after 6:45 a.m. Mass - 5 p.m.

First Friday/Saturday

All Night Vigil

Adoration is held in the church.



The future starts today, not tomorrow.

St. John Paul II



## Augustine Institute

**Aborting America: The Story of an Ex-Abortinist and Ex-Atheist** -- Bernard Nathanson was an American medical doctor from New York who helped to found the National Abortion Rights Action League, but then later became an acclaimed pro-life activist. He gained national attention by becoming one of the founding members of the National Abortion Rights Action League, now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. He worked with Betty Friedan and others for the legalization of abortion in the United States. He was also for a time the director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health New York's largest abortion clinic. Nathanson has written that he was responsible for more than 75,000 abortions throughout his pro-choice career. *This item and others are available at the Light-house 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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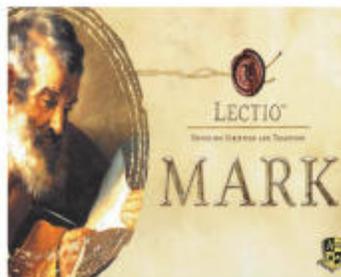
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January 10, 2021

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### REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



### LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

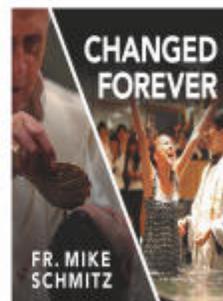
Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist -- the man who would baptize Jesus.

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### CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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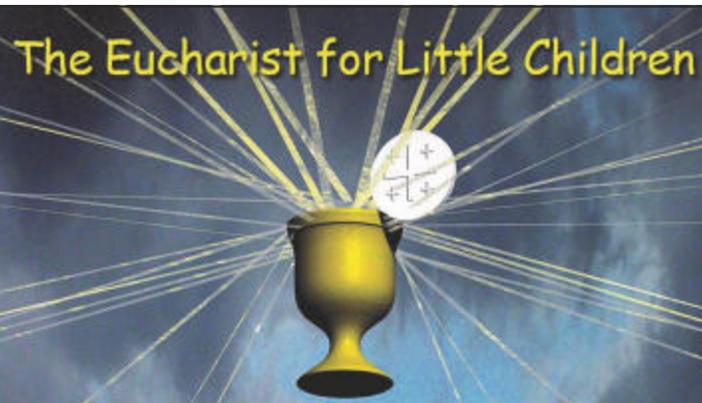


Join us on Thursday, January 28th, at 4 p.m. on Facebook Live for our next episode of God on the Go!

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.



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## 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](mailto: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!

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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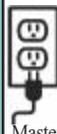
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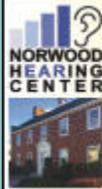
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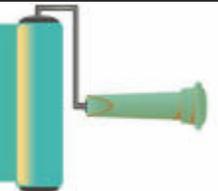
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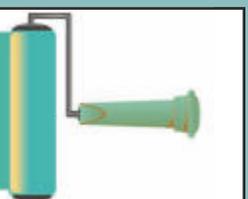
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