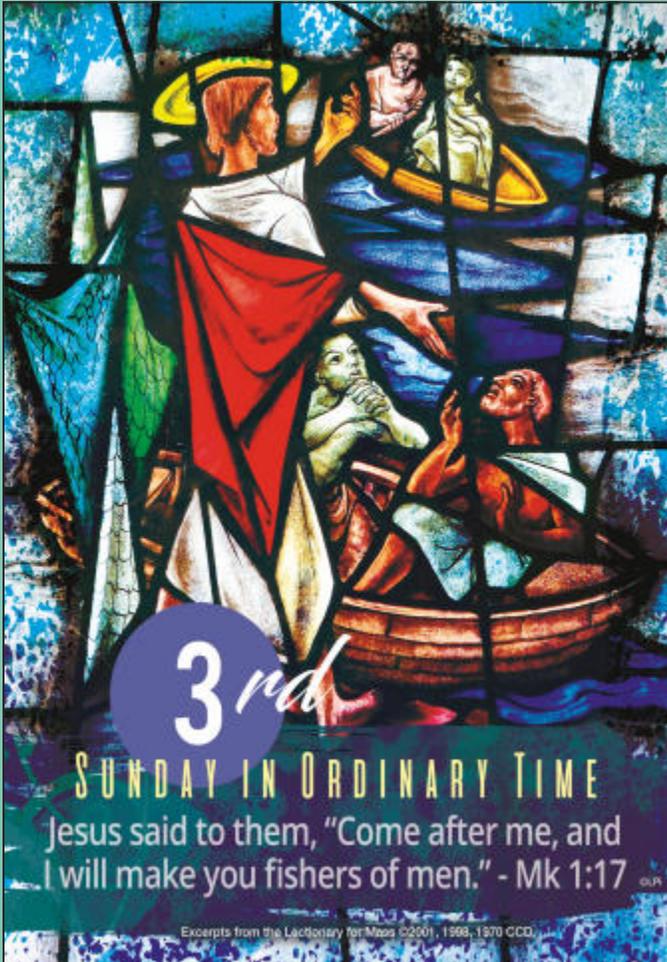




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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.

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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 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
GOSPEL MEDITATION

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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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 23
7 a.m. Philip and Bridget Folan
4 p.m. Duncan MacEachern
Sunday, January 24
7 a.m. Pro Populo
9 a.m. Sean Patrick Kane
11 a.m. Stephen and Ursula Carbone and Ursula Meade
Monday, January 25
6:45 a.m. All Deceased Members of the Turpen Family
Tuesday, January 26
6:45 a.m. Bridget Folan and Sr. Maureen Lyons
Wednesday, January 27
6:45 a.m. Alexander Allan
Thursday, January 28
6:45 a.m. June and Walter Casey
Friday, January 29
7 a.m. Maria, Jose and Antero Brancos and the Sousa and Alves Families

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

Week of January 24th

The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are lit in memory of Sean Patrick Kane.

Grand Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Grand Annual collection. To date, we have received \$138,778 from 514 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 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!

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*Holy Hour for Life and Family Rosary
Saint Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, January 24th, at 4:00 p.m.*



A **Holy Hour for Life** will be held on Sunday, January 24th, at 4 p.m. in the church as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. Led by Deacon John Croghan, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those facing death, and for holiness in the Church. The Holy Hour for life is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.

We will also have the Family Rosary during the Holy Hour for Life and all are invited to pray at home through livestreaming or in person at the church. Please join us, all are welcome.

2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life

Watch & Pray with Cardinal Seán on CatholicTV: Sunday, January 24

- Culture of Life Mass at 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:30 pm; will also air on WLVI-TV at 8:00 am

Friday, January 29

- Holy Hour for Life from 7:00-8:00 am (leading into Closing Mass for the National Prayer Vigil for Life from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC)
- Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life will air at 11:00 am and rebroadcast at 8:30 pm

Join at the National Vigil for Life via CatholicTV: Thursday, January 28

- Rosary at 8:00 pm
- Opening Mass at 8:30 pm
- Holy Hour at 10:00 pm

Friday, January 29

- Holy Hour for Life from 7:00-8:00 am with seminarians from St. John Seminary
- Closing Mass at 8:00 am

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Suffering and the Love of God by Fr. Robert Spitzer -- Why would an all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world? As Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explains, unsatisfying answers to this important question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as with scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity. *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.*

FAMILY ROSARY MISSION

Each Sunday at 4 p.m.

Each Sunday at 4 p.m., one of our parish families leads us in praying the Rosary. You are welcome to join us in the church or at home via livestream. All are welcome.

If you would like to participate in this very special Family Rosary Mission of praying for peace in our families, our country and our world please contact one of the following:

Judi Scherban-

judith.scherban@gmail.com

Lorraine Allan- Lma4171@gmail.com

Leah Ramsdell-ymindirector@gmail.com

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.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

With Thanks

Thanks to everyone who adopted a Confirmandi to pray for during the weeks leading up to Confirmation! We are so appreciative of your prayers and support!

Confirmation Rehearsals:

Sunday, January 31st, 12:15-1p (for the 10 a.m. Confirmation ceremony)

Sunday, January 31st, 1:15-2p (for the 11:30 a.m. Confirmation ceremony)

Sunday, January 31st, 2:15-3p (for the 1 p.m. Confirmation ceremony)

Students should attend the rehearsal that corresponds to the time of their Confirmation ceremony on February 6th. The student's sponsor or a parent **MUST** attend the rehearsal with their student.

Confirmation Dress Code:

Young men are expected to wear dress pants, a dress shirt, a tie, and dress shoes (**NO** sneakers). Jackets are optional though many choose to wear them.

Young ladies are expected to wear skirts or dresses that hit at the knee because you will be bowing before the altar when you enter. Spaghetti straps or strapless tops **MUST** be covered by a sweater. We encourage young ladies to wear shoes with a low/lower heel to prevent tripping or slipping as you will be walking down the aisle and getting up several times during the course of Confirmation.



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

This month we'll be exploring the tradition of Candlemas which takes place on February 2nd. We'll be making our own Candlemas Candles to celebrate so you'll need the following supplies:

- *A print out of the Holy Family
- *A glass prayer candle or a glass holder with a candle
- *Modge Podge and Paintbrush

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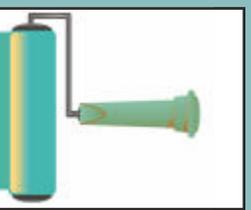
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