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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.

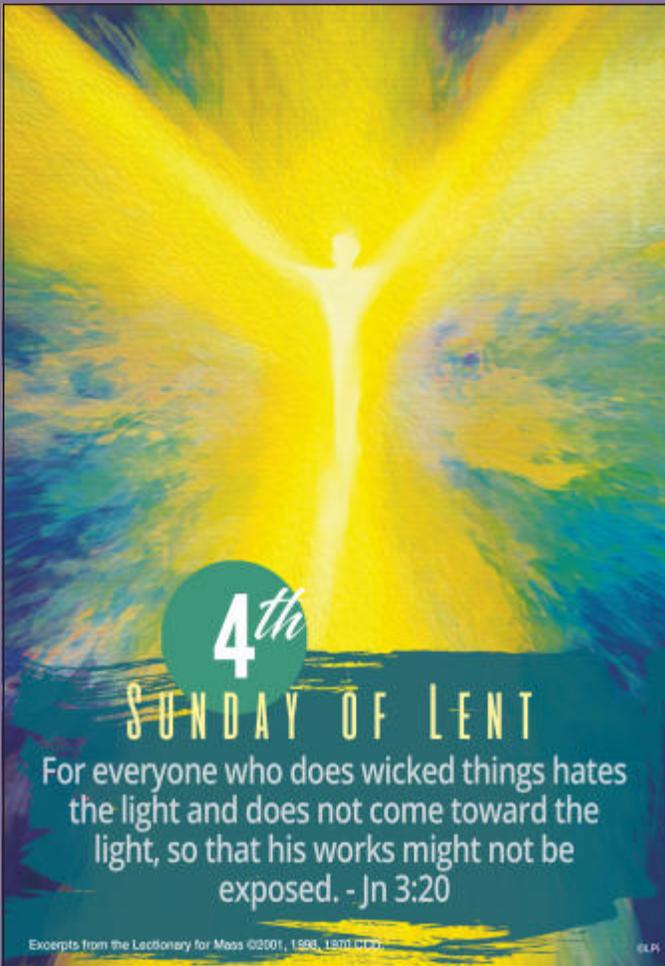
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 First Friday/Saturday 6 p.m. - 6:25 a.m. in church

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.



Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 781-762-6080
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 Rev. Thomas Sullivan, Parochial Vicar
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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

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL MEDITATION 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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 or want to schedule a Mass intention, please call 781-762-6080 (ext.110 if the recording picks up) or email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org. Mass 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, March 13
7 a.m. Guiseppe Mazzotta (1st Anniversary)
4 p.m. Matthew Faherty
Sunday, March 14
7 a.m. Pro Populo
9 a.m. The Mones and Poblete Families
11 a.m. Mary Schager Becker (5th Anniversary)
Monday, March 15
6:45 a.m. Frank and Matt Foley
Tuesday, March 16
6:45 a.m. Arlene Tenney
Wednesday, March 17
6:45 a.m. John Hickey, Jr. (2nd Anniversary)
Thursday, March 18
6:45 a.m. Patricia Heavey
Friday, March 19
6:45 a.m. For an End to Abortion and the Success of the 40 Days for Life Campaign

We are accepting Mass intention requests through June 2021. Please email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-762-6080.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at **3:30 (please note the change in time)**. Attendees are asked to remain in their pews as Deacon John Croghan leads the prayers. Stations can also be heard remotely through livestream and those who tune in are invited to pray while meditating on the cross in the sanctuary or following along with the photos of our stations that are available on our website.

Sock Drive: Brand new men's and women's socks will be collected from February 27th thru Palm Sunday to benefit the homeless at Saint Francis House in Boston. The Lenten box will be set up in the usual spot in the right front corner of the church. Socks may also be donated contact-free in the schoolyard on Sunday, March 21st, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Food Drive: There will be a van in the schoolyard (Railroad Ave entrance) collecting donations for the Norwood Food Pantry on Sunday, March 21st, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Parishioners are also welcome to drop off donations at the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry, rear of 150 Chapel St., on Thursday, March 25th, from 9-11 a.m. Items needed include: hash, beef stew, tea bags, small jars of decaf coffee, canned fruit, Ensure, Boost, size 6 diapers, Ritz crackers and Raisin Bran cereal. Thank you for your generosity.

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PICK OF THE WEEK
March 14, 2021

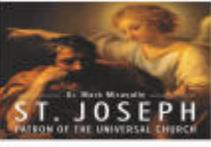
WATCH JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST
With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



LEARN BELOVED - SESSION 4: THE TOTAL GIFT OF SELF
As foster father of Christ and virginal husband of Mary, St. Joseph fully gives himself to both his family and to God. Explore how we can emulate this gift of self in this episode of our Beloved series!



LISTEN ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE
St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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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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Please email your resume or interest to the school secretary, jlozano@scsnorwood.org.

See Christ in Others. Be Christ for Others

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.



*Hmm...What to do for Lent this
Year?....*

Check These Out!

- **FORMED-** go to <https://signup.formed.org> for a free Catholic subscription filled with options for great movies, programs, inspiring talks, books, and resources for children and parents.
- <https://www.wordonfire.org> Bishop Robert Barron's Sunday Sermons
- <https://www.usccb.org> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily Mass readings, audio, and video commentaries
- <https://media.ascensionpress.com> Click on 'The Ascension Lenten Companion'
- <https://StPaulCenter.com> Scott Hahn's Scripture studies & talks
- <https://Spiritualdirection.com> Articles, podcasts, videos on Catholic spirituality
- <https://www.catholic.com> Various media options with teachings on church doctrine, tradition, teachings and beliefs
- <https://www.EWTN.com> Archives of past shows or watch live
- <https://www.sacredspace.ie> Daily meditation and commentary
- <https://Contemplativeoutreach.org> Great and various faith related videos
- <https://Pray-as-you-go.org> Beautiful guided daily prayer: includes opening song, Scripture reading, and guided reflection questions.
- <https://TheSacredPage.com> A blog with bible studies, theology/reflection on Sunday readings
- <https://www.catholicmom.com> Sunday Gospel activities, lesson plans, coloring pages & more
- <https://catholicproductions.com> Mass readings explained. Subscription fee applies.
- <https://www.thedivinemercy.org> Videos and articles on the faith
- <https://www.discerninghearts.com> Catholic prayers, The Examen Prayer, Videos, Posts, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, Spiritual Classics, Spiritual Formation Library and more!
- <https://www.glastonburyabbey.org> Retreat Programs available
- <https://www.campioncenter.org> Retreat Programs available

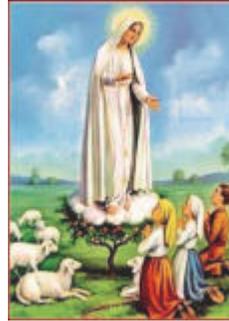
Augustine Institute

Birth of the Catholic Church by Steve Ray -- Starting with John's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, Steve Ray highlights early doctrines as the Church is being born. He discusses Jesus' prayer for unity, the primacy of Peter, the importance of Mary, the significance of Pentecost, the institution of deacons, the First Church Council, and more. He then ends with a stirring prophetic interpretation of the end of John's Gospel. *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

Sundays at 4 p.m.

Our Blessed Mother's message from God to the children of Fatima and to all children



"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace in the world."

Here at Saint Catherine's at 4 p.m. each Sunday afternoon, one of our parish families leads us in praying the Most Holy Rosary for peace in our families, in our country and in our world.

We invite you to join us either here in the church or at home on livestream (stcatherinenorwood.org).

To sign up to lead the Rosary with a group of friends or your family, please contact:

Lorraine Allan: lma4171@gmail.com

Judi Scherban: Judith.scherban@gmail.com

40 Days for Life:

40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion. From February 17 to March 28, we will be praying on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, where over 6,000 children are aborted every year. It is the largest abortion facility in New England. Since 2007, this campaign has spread to over 1,000 cities and 63 countries. Over 18,000 babies have been confirmed saved because people were outside praying and offering help to women in crisis pregnancies. Abortion workers are leaving the industry and abortion centers are closing after 40 Days for Life Campaigns. America has some of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. It has never been more important to stand up for life. You are invited to join us in prayer and witness and be part of the solution. For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.com or contact Rita Russo at 781-762-4391 or 40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com.



Confidential Help for Crisis Pregnancies:

Pregnancy Help-617-782-5151

Your Options Medical-781-284-8747

Confidential Help After Abortion:

Project Rachel- 508-651-3100

Surrendering the Secret- 508-397-7280

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Looking for a great way to pray together as a family and learn more about the season of Lent?

Why not try out this fantastic resource from Illustrated Ministry!

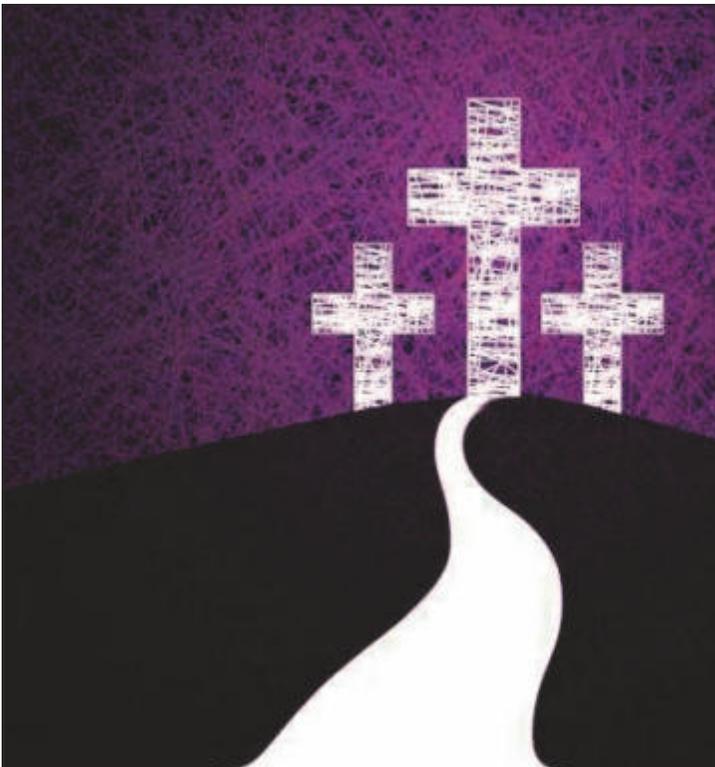
An Illustrated Lent for Families: Reflections on the Heart

An Illustrated Lent for Families includes:

- Seven Family Devotions: Seven weeks of family devotions that are simple, but meaningful. The seven devotions focus on scripture passages for our theme, and each week includes a brief reflection, discussion questions, an activity, and a prayer.
- Special Ash Wednesday Labyrinth Meditation: We also include a special meditation using a labyrinth for Ash Wednesday.
- Coloring Pages: There are seven coloring pages that connect with the weekly scripture.

File is available here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/64ed2059101/9ed66b37-db4d-411b-a88f-15cb050c6ff2.pdf>



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Join Mrs. Ramsdell on FB Live on the 4th and 6th Sunday of Lent at 11 a.m. for a special children's message!

That's March 14th, and March 28th.

Activity Pages for each of those Sundays along with an added set of Easter Sunday pages are available at this link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/64ed2059101/7b99b122-bd7b-4262-b9bf-8000f1b60dc4.pdf>

GREAT RESOURCES FOR LENT

What's with the Ashes?: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/ash-wednesday/whats-with-the-ashes/>

Lent at Home from Loyola Press: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/activities-and-resources/len-at-home/>

40 Simple Lenten Traditions for Families: <https://www.catholicicing.com/simple-lenten-traditions-for-families-with-little-to-no-prep-work/>

Stations of the Cross for Children: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/stations-of-the-cross/multimedia-stations-of-the-cross-for-children/>

Lent with the Saints: <https://files.constantcontact.com/64ed2059101/6294d12c-996f-42a8-8e65-d578bb6acd86.pdf>

Lenten Trivia: <https://teachingcatholickids.com/how-much-do-you-know-about-lent/>

Lenten Promise Card: <https://faithandfabricdesign.com/2014/03/activity-lent-promise-card-for-families.html>

Lent Ideas for 40 Days: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2020/02/len-ideas-for-40-days.html>

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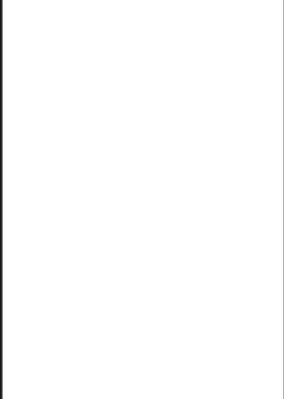
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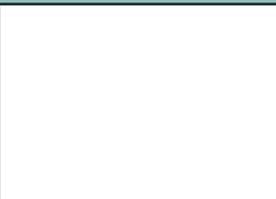


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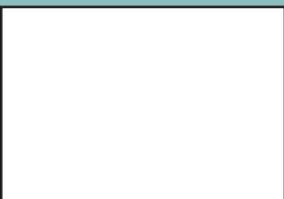
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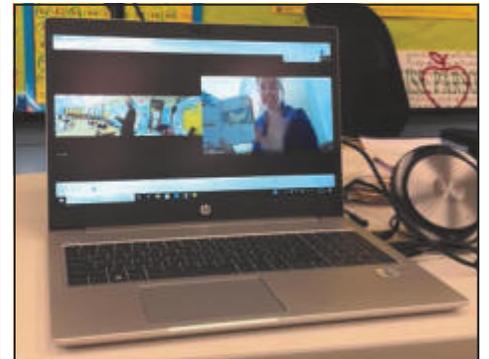




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AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Last week students at SCS celebrated Read Across America Day with mystery readers in our classrooms! Thank you to Mrs. Campbell, SCS alumni Rob Way and Jen (Parsons) Linehan for sharing your favorite books with our students!



We also celebrated our 101st day of school on Monday, March 1!

