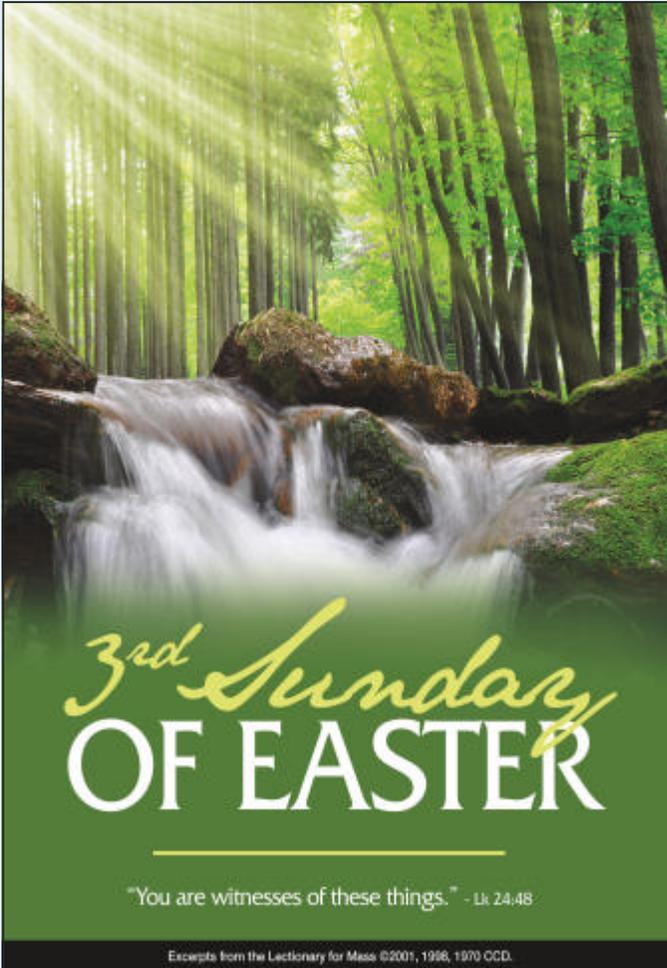




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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

APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else -- peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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- 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**

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- **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, April 17

7:00 a.m. Mary McInerney (1st Anniversary)
4:00 p.m. Michael Trevisone (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Victor Aguiar
11:00 a.m. MaryAnn Vignaux and Mary Mulkern and John Mulkern

Monday, April 19

PATRIOTS DAY -- Mass at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20

6:45 a.m. Catherine Schaffer (For Healing)

Wednesday, April 21

6:45 a.m. Anna Tobin, Margaret Donovan and Helen Donovan

Thursday, April 22

6:45 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, April 23

6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen

Saturday, April 24

7:00 a.m. For the Homeless and Those Struggling with Addiction
4:00 p.m. Robert F. Broderick and Anne Clark and the Deceased Members of the Broderick and Clark Families

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



This year's Paschal Candle is lit in memory of

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and
Gloria
Gonsalves*

Family Rosary Mission

Sundays at 4 p.m.

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

Wedding Banns

Bann 3: *Sean Olivo and
Brittany Calafrese*

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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April 18, 2021

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

LEARN

LISTEN

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.

**Seven Deadly Sins
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and end on Thursday, April 29 at 12:00 PM.

Winner will be announced on Friday, April 30 at 12:00
PM on Facebook Live!

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.*

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.

Are you registered with us? Registering is easy. Visit our parish website at www.stcatherinenorwood.org and fill out the form under Register or call the parish office at 781-762-6080 and we are happy to assist you. Welcome!



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A Note from Joe Scolastico, Music Director



I first want to take this time to wish all of you a Happy Easter! May the joy of Christ's Resurrection bring you peace and blessings! I have some good news to report on regarding congregational singing.

Until now, we have not been able to have congregational singing due to the production of aerosols which are more heavily dispersed when singing and talking loudly. These aerosols are where the virus lives. However, new guidance has come down from the Archdiocese that some limited congregational singing can resume (provided masks are still worn). For now, the congregation may sing the Mass Parts which include: the Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy), the Gloria (Glory to God), Alleluia, Sanctus (Holy, Holy), Mystery of Faith, Amen, and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) as well as the responses to the priest, etc. I assume the reason more cannot be done at this time is there may be still questions over how much aerosol may be produced and remain in the air. While that might seem limited, these are actually, according to the liturgical tradition and teaching of the Church, the most important parts of the Mass to be sung. Why? They are text of the Mass *itself*. It is no surprise these were chosen as the first for us to sing. In regards to the dialogues between the priest and people, *Sing to the Lord*, the USCCB's statement on sacred music says. "The dialogues of the Liturgy are fundamental because they are not simply outward signs of communal celebration but foster and bring about communion between priest and people." It goes on to say regarding the acclamations: "The acclamations of the Eucharistic Liturgy and other rites arise from the whole gathered assembly as assents to God's Word and action." While we hope soon we can more fully participate in the sung portions of the liturgy, this is indeed a welcome and necessary first step.



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St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Religious Education and Faith Formation News

First Communion 2021

First Communions will be celebrated this May and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our young people to the Lord's table. In order to comply with COVID restrictions, 1st Communions will be celebrated separately from parish Masses.

Saturday, May 1st at 1 p.m.
Saturday, May 8th at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



First Communion Dates and Times

Saturday, May 1st SCS Grade 2 Students
1:00 p.m.

Miss Gay
Miss Matthews

Rehearsal: Wed., April 28th, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

A parent/adult must attend the rehearsal with their student

Saturday, May 8th Religious Ed Students
10:00 a.m.

Students with last names beginning with A-K
Rehearsal: Wed., May 5th, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

A parent/adult must attend the rehearsal with their student

Saturday, May 8th Religious Ed Students
1:00 p.m.

Students with last names beginning with L-W
Rehearsal: Wed., May 5th, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

A parent/adult must attend the rehearsal with their student



Adopt a 1st Communion Student

On Saturday May 1st and May 8th we will be celebrating 1st Communion with our young people. As a way to assist them on this journey we are asking for individuals or families to "adopt" a student to pray for.

What Do I Need to Do?

We ask that you pray for your student in the weeks leading up to 1st Communion.

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 special heart cut out for you to display in your home and a prayer for students preparing to receive 1st Communion. We have 62 students preparing for this sacrament and would love to have families and individuals praying for ALL of them!

SAINT OF THE MONTH



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ymindirector@gmail.com
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