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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. Anthony Medeiros, Parochial Vicar
 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

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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Please honor all safety protocols while in church:

- Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is required to wear a mask while in church.*
- In order to provide additional seating in our church, some benches are marked for those who are fully vaccinated. Safety ropes have been removed, and it is not necessary to maintain social distance in these pews.
- Please do not remove safety ropes from any other pews in the church.
- Maintain social distance of at least six feet between members of different households unless sitting in the one designated area.
- Approach the Holy Communion stations in a **SINGLE FILE** line using the arrows on the floor as guides.
- When receiving, remove your mask briefly, receive in your hand, consume the host and then replace your mask.
- If you are feeling ill or are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, please do not come to church.

* 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).**

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.

Mass Intentions

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 Deceased Members of the Broderick and Clark Families

Sunday, April 25

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Joao, Maria and Antero Brancos and the Neves and Rocha Families
11:00 a.m. Edward and Delite Sweeney

Monday, April 26

6:45 a.m. Richard Steele

Tuesday, April 27

6:45 a.m. William G. Flaherty (4th Anniversary)

Wednesday, April 28

6:45 a.m. Thomas Gover

Thursday, April 29

6:45 a.m. Janet Daly (1st Anniversary)

Friday, April 30

6:45 a.m. Mary and Jack Donelan

Saturday, May 1

7:00 a.m. In Reparation for the Offenses Committed Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:00 p.m. William J. Maginnis (27th Anniversary)

Beginning May 1, we will be accepting Mass intention requests through August 2021. Please email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-762-6080.



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
FEAST DAY APRIL 29th

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!

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!

Heavenly Father, your glory is in your saints. We praise your glory in the life of the admirable St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church. Her whole life was a noble sacrifice inspired by an ardent love of Jesus, your unblemished Lamb. In troubled times, she strenuously upheld the rights of His beloved spouse, the Church.

Father, honor her merits and hear her prayers for each of us, and for our whole parish family dedicated to her. Help us to pass unscathed through the corruption of this world, and to remain unshakably faithful to the church in word, deed, and example. Help us always to see in the Vicar of Christ an anchor in the storms of life, and a beacon of light to the harbor of your Love, in this dark night of our times and men's souls.

Grant also to each of us our special petition...
(State your need here...)

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena,
Pray for us.



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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

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 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.

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).

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Lorraine Allan: Ima4171@gmail.com

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A Note from Joe Scolastico, Music Director



What is the Regina Caeli?

During the Easter season, we have been singing the Regina Caeli, usually at the end of Communion or after the final blessing. The Regina Caeli is one of the four Marian antiphons that are sung or recited after Compline (Night Prayer) in the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours. It can also be used after other celebrations including Evening Prayer (Vespers) or the Mass itself. You may be familiar with another one of the Marian Antiphons, the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy..). Its original Latin and translation is:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

This stands in stark, joyful contrast to the Sorrowful Mother, the one who wept at her son's cross and his tomb. The Sorrowful Mother is now exorted to "Rejoice" because "He is risen as he said." While we sing the simple Gregorian chant setting, the text has been set by many composers throughout the centuries in a variety of ways. In a few short weeks, the month of May will be upon us. As May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary (and usually falls mostly within the Easter Season), it is a powerful prayer commemorating both celebrations.

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.



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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Leah Ramsdell
ymindirector@gmail.com
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