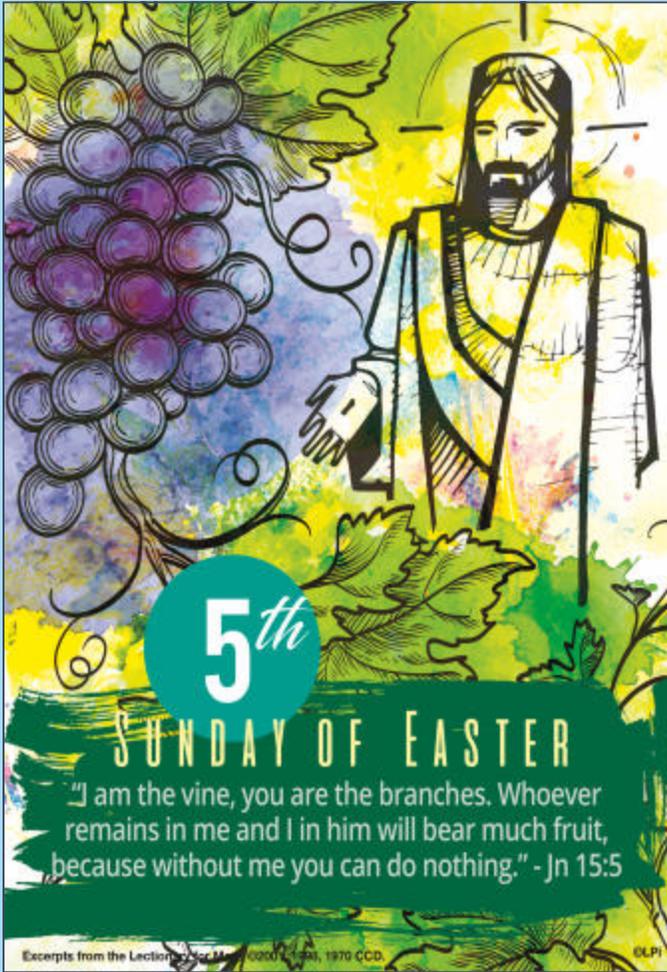




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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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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

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Reflection – Deacon Frank Tremblay

In the last article I wrote, I noted that here in the Archdiocese of Boston we are celebrating both a Year of the Eucharist, established by Cardinal O'Malley, and simultaneously, a Year of Saint Joseph, declared by Pope Francis. As we journey through the Easter season, I have been considering how to recognize both during this holy season. The result is a memory I have of a somewhat humorous experience I had with my sons.

When my sons were boys, we lived in an old, old house that always seemed to be in need of repair. My boys saw me fix leaky pipes, strip wallpaper, lay a tile floor, etc. (the list is endless). With that said, the point that I want to emphasize is that my sons spent time with me doing these things. They helped fetch tools, they saw how certain jobs were done, and now as men, they are able to do them. This fact led me to reflect upon the role Saint Joseph played in the life of Jesus. By spending time with Joseph, Jesus learned about carpentry. Jesus, I am sure, knew how to use a saw and a carpenter's square.

Just as Jesus learned from Joseph, I think, in time, Joseph learned from Jesus. I am certain, for example, that after finding Jesus in the temple, Joseph and Jesus talked about Jesus saying "Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house?" Joseph, I am certain, came to a new understanding about many spiritual things living with Jesus, just as Jesus learned carpentry living with Joseph.

Anyway, back to my story. There was a time when we were going to paint the living room walls. We were prepping the walls, cleaning them, putting Spackle in all the little dents and holes that had accumulated over time. I came to one part of the wall and there, in a perfect circle, was a patch I did not remember. Against the off white wall it was hardly noticeable, but now, looking for defects, there it was, a perfect circle that had been repaired with Spackle years before. I said out loud, "What on earth is this, a perfectly round circle, right next to the sofa?"

At this, all my boys fell to the ground laughing. My oldest son eventually stopped laughing and said, "I don't believe it took so long for anyone to see that." All three boys confessed that, one night when my wife and I were away, they were having a Star Wars Sabre fight. For sabers they used the long metal vacuum cleaner tubes. As one of them swung his "Sabre," the little button that held the two sections of the metal tube together gave way. One section of the tube flew across the living room and stuck into the wall. All three of them, wide-eyed with shock, were also afraid of what Dad would do when he came home and saw this. Well, all that prior experience working on the house kicked in. They slowly worked the tube out of the wall, then went down cellar and found the Spackle. Then they filled in the circular scar in the wall, cleaned it as best they could, put everything away and went to bed. Now, two years later, I finally discover the deed and all I could do was congratulate them on a job well done.

Spending time with me, my sons learned many things. Spending time with Joseph, Jesus learned many things. Today, in our Church, we can still spend time with Jesus. Just as Jesus was physically present with Joseph, He is physically present in the Blessed Sacrament. As I sit before the tabernacle, Jesus is physically present with me. As He spoke to Joseph, He speaks to me.

Prayer is an interesting phenomenon. I speak, I praise, I plead, I intercede, I thank – and I listen. For my time with Jesus to be fruitful, I can't be the only one doing all the talking, so I need to take time and be quiet and listen. Listening, I am certain Joseph learned spiritual truths he had never considered. As we journey through Easter, spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. I promise it will be just as beneficial as my spending time with my sons, teaching them how to Spackle a wall – but much more fruitful.

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, 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)

Sunday, May 2
7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Gene Federico (1st Anniversary)
11:00 a.m. Rosemary, Louis, Michael and Stephen DeForge

Monday, May 3
6:45 a.m. Thomas Carroll

Tuesday, May 4
6:45 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 5
6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen

Thursday, May 6
6:45 a.m. The Deceased Members of the Drummey and Turner Families

Friday, May 7
6:45 a.m. Deceased Enrollments

Saturday, May 8
7:00 a.m. Jim Cremins
4:00 p.m. Robert Marks (2nd Anniversary)

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

Dear Friends at Saint Catherine's Parish,

I apologize for the quick exit, but I had to return to Colorado unexpectedly, ending my time of service with you. I will soon be ordained to the priesthood and serve in the parishes of northern Colorado. I am excited to be finally getting into the ministry, and plan to come back to visit next month.

I would like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity to serve here at Saint Catherine's Parish this last year. I have had a wonderful experience and have made many new friends. I would also like to sincerely thank you for all the prayers you have offered for me and for my family.

If you would like to see my ordination it will be live-streamed on May 15th at 12:00 PM Eastern Time at <https://archden.org/livestream/>. I would like to stay in contact, so if you would like to reach me I will be stationed at Holy Family parish in Meeker, Colorado. (<https://nwtriparish.com>).

Thank you again for everything, and please be assured you will be in my prayers as this new chapter in my ministry begins.

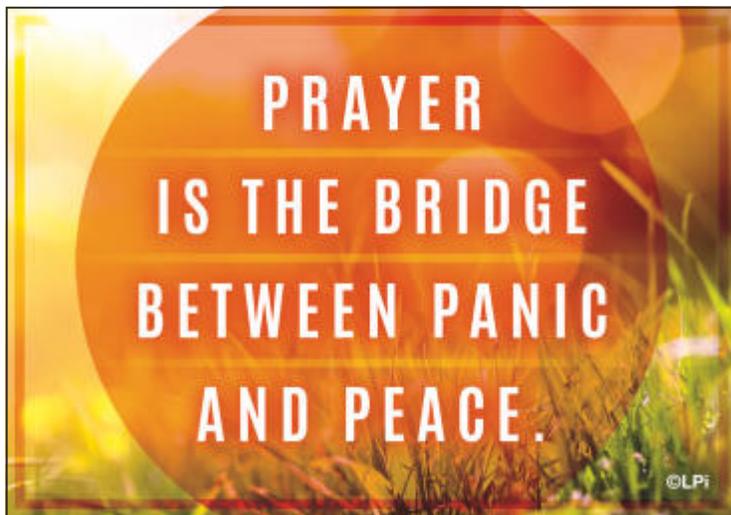
-Dcn. John

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!



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!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Saint Timothy's is hosting a Bereavement Support Group on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Ruocco Center. Masks must be worn and CDC guidelines will be followed. The six-week program began on April 28th, but newcomers are welcome to join. Please contact Janet or Anne at 781-769-2522 if interested.

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).

Contact:

Lorraine Allan: Ima4171@gmail.com

Judi Scherban: Judith.scherban@gmail.com

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.

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Vatican II, Mercy and You by Fr. Michael Gaitley

-- In this illuminating talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley recounts how Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, later Pope St. John Paul II, used the teachings of the Second Vatican Council with great success to help Catholics in his diocese live their faith to the full. Learn how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy. *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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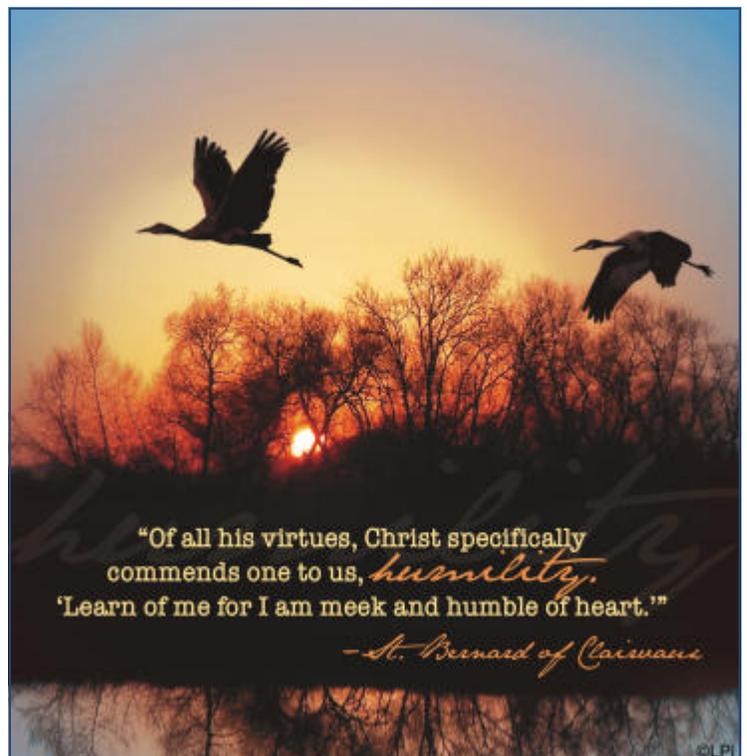


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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN FOR LIFE
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Human Sex Trafficking --
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with Grace Williams,
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Grace will discuss how the truth, beauty and goodness of her Catholic faith opened her eyes to the underlying fundamentals that have exacerbated trafficking and what she and her team are doing in San Diego, CA to help restore all things in Christ for the victims of trafficking.

To register for this Virtual Zoom Meeting, please send your full name and phone number to Lorraine at Ima4171@gmail.com (617-763-4093) by noon on May 4th. You will receive a meeting ID and Password on the morning of May 13th.



"Of all his virtues, Christ specifically
commends one to us, *humility*.
'Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart.'"

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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Religious Education and Faith Formation News

First Communion Dates and Times

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.

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Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

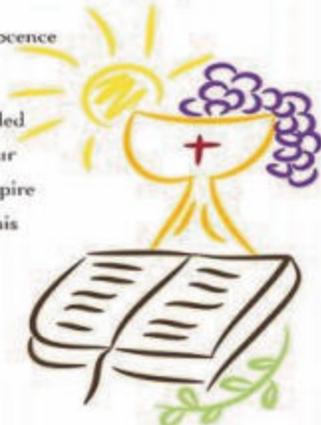
Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

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May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



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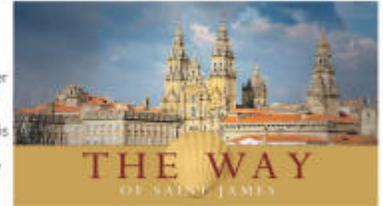
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THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

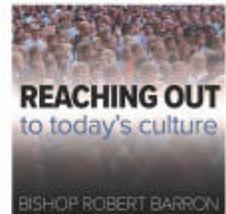
The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

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REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

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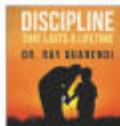
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