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Mother
 her children rise up and praise her
 PROVERBS 31:28

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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.

The Ascension of the Lord: 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.

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

MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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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.*
- 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.
- 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 8

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

Sunday, May 9

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Maria Cordo (1st Anniversary)
11:00 a.m. For All Members of Blessed Virgin Sodality and Especially for Helen Donovan, Devoted Treasurer for Many Years

Monday, May 10

6:45 a.m. Alfred Breen and Alice Allan

Tuesday, May 11

6:45 a.m. Francis and Mary Whitty and Deceased Members of the Whitty Family

Wednesday, May 12

6:45 a.m. Cecilia Murgia

Thursday, May 13

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Mass at 6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

6:45 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Rose

Saturday, May 15

7:00 a.m. For the Homeless and Those Struggling with Addiction
4:00 p.m. Michael Fernandes

We are now 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!



"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

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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!



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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Why Almsgiving by Dr. Michael Patrick Barber --

Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christmas, is a penitential season. One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the "inner logic" of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ. -- *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.*



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What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist, also called the Blessed Sacrament. During Mass, the priest consecrates bread and wine which really and truly becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord. During Eucharistic Adoration, a consecrated host is exposed in a large, gold vessel called a monstrance. During this time, we may come before Jesus to adore Him and pray to Him. While it's true that we can pray to God at any time and in any place, it can be especially powerful to do so in Eucharistic Adoration, where Jesus is physically present with us.

What should I do during Eucharistic Adoration?

As parents, life is busy and noisy, Adoration is a great way to set aside time for the silence we all need. There are many ways to pray during Eucharistic Adoration. Reading scripture or another other spiritual reading book, praying the rosary, having a personal conversation with the Lord, or just being quiet and still in His presence are all great ways to spend time during Adoration. Even when, or perhaps especially when, our minds and hearts are full of worries and checklists, time before the Eucharist allows us to bring each of our children, our spouse, our work, joys and struggles to the Lord and lay them at His feet. Many find Eucharistic Adoration to be a great source of interior strength and peace.

Why should I sign up for Eucharistic Adoration?

While anyone is welcome to stop in for a short or long visit at any time during Adoration, it is helpful if people can commit to a specific time slot. Out of reverence and respect, someone must always be present in the church with the Eucharist while it is exposed in the monstrance. When we have a continuous schedule of people willing to commit to 30 or 60 minutes, it enables Eucharistic Adoration to occur for everyone, those committed to a slot and the many people who drop in throughout the day as they are able, as well as our students in the school. It can also be helpful, personally, to plan and commit to a time. By putting it in your schedule, you ensure that 30 minutes of quiet prayer time, which otherwise might get lost in the normal shuffle of family life.

What are my responsibilities if I sign up?

Your only responsibility is to be present in the Church during your selected time. Nothing else is required.

How Do I sign up?

To sign up for a 30/60 minute slot, you can either copy the link below or go to the parish homepage and click the adoration sign up link:
www.stcatherinenorwood.org
<https://signup.com/go/xNLjLpw>



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



Congratulations to the students from Saint Catherine of Siena School and our Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion last weekend and this weekend.

Welcome to the table of our Lord! God Bless!

<i>Vivian Armando</i>	<i>Brynn Hart</i>	<i>Abigail O'Malley</i>
<i>Guenette Ashley</i>	<i>Nathan Hern</i>	<i>Seamus O'Neil</i>
<i>Emily Bedard</i>	<i>Aria JeanLouis</i>	<i>Anabella O'Toole</i>
<i>Keiva Brigante</i>	<i>Michael Kelly</i>	<i>Lily Petrillo</i>
<i>Clara Bronhard</i>	<i>Erin Kelly</i>	<i>Jacob Phifer</i>
<i>Jackson Burke</i>	<i>Joey Kowalski</i>	<i>Nicholas Puopolo</i>
<i>Sarah Grace Callender</i>	<i>Addison Kuhn</i>	<i>Owen Randall</i>
<i>Evan Caressimo</i>	<i>John Langan</i>	<i>Samuel Ranieri</i>
<i>Mason Carreiro</i>	<i>Gavin Londergan</i>	<i>Michael Rowen</i>
<i>Allie Cavolowsky</i>	<i>Sofia Lopes</i>	<i>Sean Ryan</i>
<i>Brenna Clark</i>	<i>Audrey Lowe</i>	<i>Isla Sbalbi</i>
<i>Jack Cotter</i>	<i>Eddie Lynch</i>	<i>Kevin Shaker</i>
<i>Chloe Cunningham</i>	<i>Max Mariano</i>	<i>Matthew Signoretti</i>
<i>Owen Dawson</i>	<i>Gabriella Martins</i>	<i>Brendan Spillane</i>
<i>Sophia DiPierro</i>	<i>Galloway</i>	<i>Aiden Susi</i>
<i>Dominic Disario</i>	<i>Joey McLaughlin</i>	<i>Gemma Tenore</i>
<i>Destiny Dufresne</i>	<i>James Medeiros</i>	<i>Daniel Thynne</i>
<i>Luke Erhard</i>	<i>Riley Moquin</i>	<i>Elyse Tlapa</i>
<i>Kennedy Floyd</i>	<i>Dominic Mourad</i>	<i>Luke Unsworth</i>
<i>Gavin Flynn</i>	<i>Daniel Mulroy</i>	<i>Thomas Walenten</i>
<i>Eleanor Foehl</i>	<i>Elizabeth Musculus</i>	<i>Libby West</i>
<i>Sarah Gillespie</i>	<i>Gozie Ngwu</i>	<i>Noah Williams</i>
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FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations and God Bless the 29 students from Saint Catherine of Siena School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Thank you to Mrs. Ramsdell, Mrs. Matthews and Miss Gay for working with students to prepare them to receive this beautiful sacrament.

