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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.

Holiday Masses: 9 a.m. (8 a.m. if there is a town parade)

Rosary: Daily at 6:20 a.m.

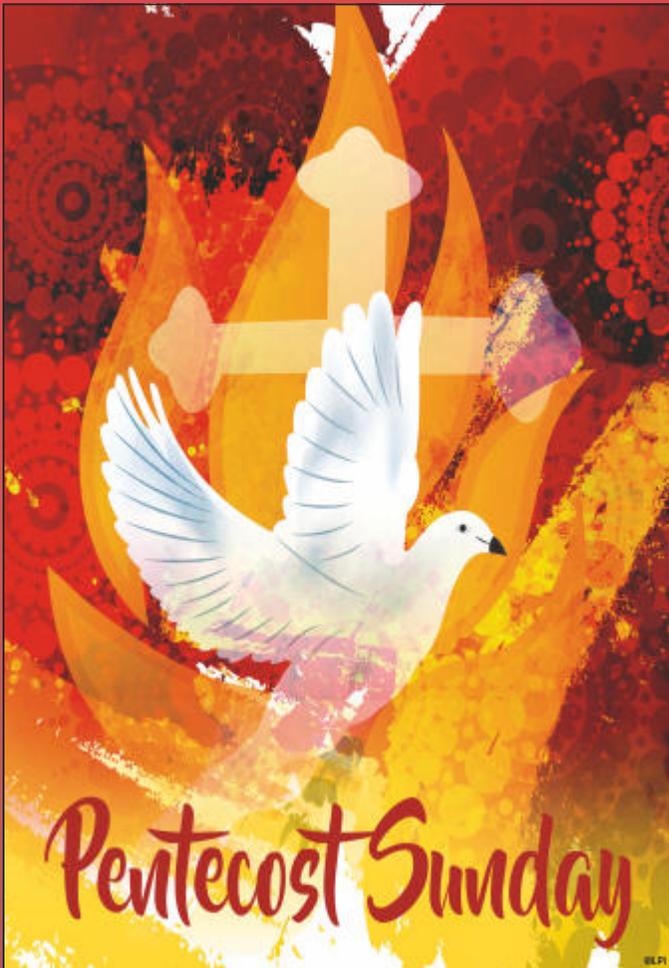
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 First Friday/Saturday 6 p.m. - 6:25 a.m. in church

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
 Rev. Stephen Donohoe, Pastor
 Rev. Anthony Medeiros, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Thomas Sullivan, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mr. Frank Tremblay, Deacon
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 Mrs. Leah Ramsdell
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 781-769-5354 x233
 Mr. Joseph Scolastico, Director of Music/Organist x126
 Mrs. Stephanie Beatrice-Gonzalez
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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

MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the Church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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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 pews in the church.
- Please maintain social distance between members of different households.
- For the Rite of Holy Communion, we will return to our pre-COVID posture by forming two lines coming up the center aisle, each line staying closest to the bench. You may remove your mask to receive Holy Communion, consume the Host, and then return by the side aisles.
- 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](https://www.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 22

7:00 a.m. Jack Garrity
4:00 p.m. Foca and Barbara Conidi

Sunday, May 23

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Grace Lyons
11:00 a.m. Paul Barry (4th Anniversary)

Monday, May 24

6:45 a.m. Claire Hickey

Tuesday, May 25

6:45 a.m. Francis X. McDonald (15th Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 26

6:45 a.m. Joseph Liam Kelly

Thursday, May 27

6:45 a.m. Jack Garrity and the Folan and Garrity Families

Friday, May 28

6:45 a.m. Zofia Filipek

Saturday, May 29

7:00 a.m. Cheri Anne (Ellis) DeBorba
4:00 p.m. Patrick Joseph Finn

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

A Note from Joe Scolastico, Music Director



Besides organ and choral music, one of my favorite types of music is Bossa Nova, the Latin Jazz music that came out of Brazil in the 1960s. Some of you may know some of these songs such as "The Girl from Ipanema," "Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars," and "One-Note Samba." One of my favorite Bossa Novas is a song (in English called) "It's Time to Sing." Well, *It's Time to Sing!*

I wrote about guidance about singing just the Mass parts and that we are waiting to hear when we can return to full singing. Starting this weekend, Pentecost, we may go back to full congregational singing! This includes not only the Mass parts, but the Responsorial Psalm and hymns as well! This is very welcome news indeed, as we continue to get back to normal. And, what an appropriate day, the Birthday of the Church! One can easily see this as providential. However, at this time, we cannot have missals and hymnals, so for the time being, we will be using music handouts. They will be available as you come into the church, both on the front tables and near the handicapped entrance. Because they cannot be recycled from Mass to Mass, it is very important that you take the handout with you. This is also important for the general cleanliness of the church. That all being said...*It's Time to Sing!*

PARISH OFFICE AND MASS CARDS

Staff members are working regular hours and are happy to assist you either over the phone, via email, or at the parish office. If you need a Mass card or want to schedule a Mass intention, please call 781-762-6080 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.

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.

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: lma4171@gmail.com

Judi Scherban: Judith.scherban@gmail.com

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 continues to support our parish. While we encourage you to continue your stewardship to our parish through online giving, for your convenience, we will begin passing the basket again at Mass.

Other ways to give 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.



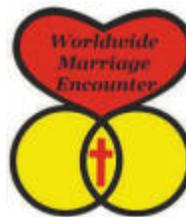
2. If online giving is not an option for you, you can mail your envelopes or drop them off at the rectory using the mail slot in the front door. For security reasons, we ask you to not leave envelopes in the external mailbox. Thank you!

Special Collection Next Weekend May 29/30

There is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in these countries working to support local hospitals and programs that are being overwhelmed and have reached a breaking point.

The size and scope of the crisis is enormous. In India, more than 24 million cases have been reported with deaths surpassing 260,000. In Brazil, cases have surpassed 15 million while more than 428,000 deaths have been reported.

To support CRS efforts in India and Brazil, our parish, and those throughout the Archdiocese, will be taking up a special collection next weekend, May 29th and 30th. To support the collection, please make checks payable to Saint Catherine's and include "India and Brazil Relief" in the memo line or put your donation in an envelope marked "India and Brazil Relief." Thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of solidarity with those suffering.



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will

explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER, SJ -- Why would an all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world? As Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explains, unsatisfying answers to this important question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as with scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity. -- *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.*

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." Invite God into your marriage on the next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

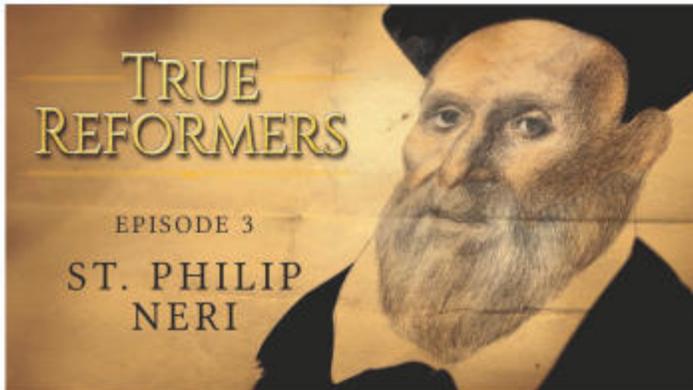
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If you have an abortion in your past, know that you are deeply loved by God and so is your baby! There is a way to find help and healing for your wounded heart. Please contact Abundant Hope in Attleboro at 508-455-0425 or Director@ahprc.org. Learn about Surrendering the Secret, a post-abortion healing group Bible Study. This closed group experience will lead you to God's peace and forgiveness. You will also leave the group with a spiritual connection to your baby that you never thought possible!



Confidential Help for Crisis Pregnancies:
Pregnancy Help-617-782-5151
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TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 3 ST. PHILIP NERI

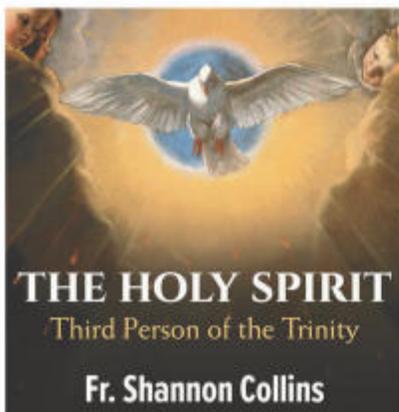
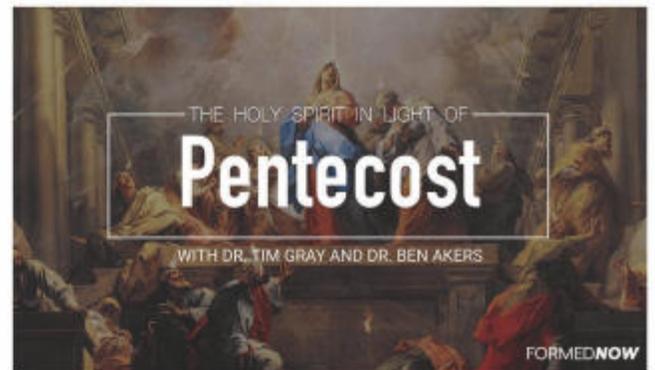
This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

WATCH

LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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