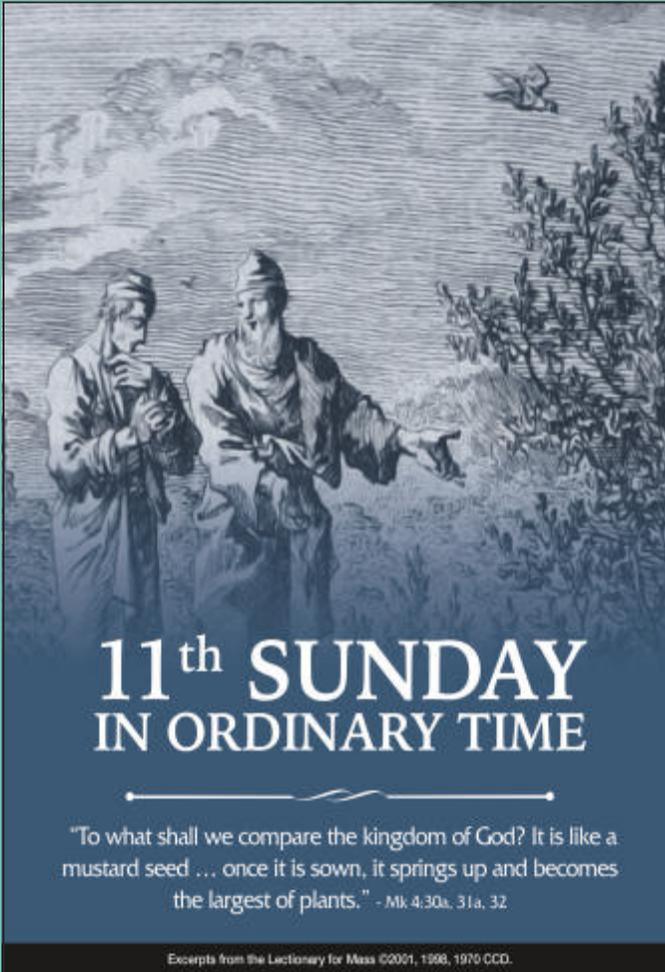




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11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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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.

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

JUNE 13, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 7, 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “*Sine dominico non possumus!*” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.
Cardinal Seán

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12

7:00 a.m. Deceased Intentions of the Saint Mary's Young Adult Group and the Forsaken Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 p.m. John Martin (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, June 13

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Yvette Cormier (1st Anniversary)

11:00 a.m. Edward Praino

Monday, June 14

6:45 a.m. Mary Ellen Dervan

Tuesday, June 15

6:45 a.m. Antero and Jose and Maria Brancos and the Alves and Sousa Family

Wednesday, June 16

6:45 a.m. Leoncio and Felisa Mones

Thursday, June 17

6:45 a.m. For the Homeless and Those Struggling with Addiction

Friday, June 18

6:45 a.m. Arlene Carroll (3rd Anniversary)

Saturday, June 19

7:00 a.m. Charles Bart, Sr. (5th Anniversary)

4:00 p.m. John Folan

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

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered in memory of John Folan.

The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are lit in memory of John Folan.

Wedding Banns

Bann 3: *Michael F. O'Rourke and Casey E. Ducharme*

Music guides with lyrics to this weekend's hymns and the Responsorial Psalm are available on the tables near the doors of the church.

Please help us keep our church clean by taking any items you bring into the church back out of the church when you leave. This includes music guides and bulletins.

Mission Appeal Weekend of June 20th

As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, Maureen Crowley Heil will speak at all our Masses next weekend about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Maureen will share stories of her experiences of the mission Church in Zambia, where missionaries are planting the seeds of our Catholic faith in remote areas. Maureen will help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from our own.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church supporting missionaries in the fields of evangelization, education, healthcare, and more. Special envelopes will be available, or checks may be made payable to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. All proceeds from the appeal will support the work of missionaries in over 1,100 mission territories worldwide.

May our hearts and minds be opened by the Holy Spirit to prayerfully support our brothers and sisters in the missions.

There will be a second collection next weekend to support this Mission Appeal.



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 are now passing the basket 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!

A Letter from Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Allow me to ask for your assistance with a matter of the highest priority concerning the protection of unborn children.. As Pope Francis has shared with us, every child is "a gift that changes the history of a family...and this child need to be welcomed, loved and cared for."

For 45 years, annual passage of the "Hyde Amendment" in federal appropriations bills, by a bipartisan coalition of members of Congress, has ensured that federal tax dollars are not spent on abortions. It is estimated that the "Hyde Amendment" has saved more than 2.4 million unborn children since 1976. However, this year, the passage of the "Hyde Amendment" is seriously at risk.

In order that we do all that is possible to protect unborn children, it is critically important for Catholics to send a *strong and united* message on behalf of the children and to do so before Congress moves forward to authorize taxpayer-funded abortion.

Please join our Archdiocesan response to the USCCB's nationwide effort during the month of June, when Congress will begin the legislative process. **Our goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.**

With appreciation for your continued support for our efforts to build a culture of life, I remain,

Devotedly Yours in Christ,
Cardinal Seán O'Malley
Archbishop of Boston

More information regarding the Hyde Amendment can be found at: respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion.

- Vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance in our church, as per guidelines issued by the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.
- It is understood that people may continue wearing masks for a variety of reasons. These decisions will be respected.
- The parish and pastor will not be policing the population. Every parishioner and family is expected to make a sound, reasonable decision.

Car Wash

BSA Scout Troop 49 Norwood will be having a car wash on Saturday, June 12th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Civic. The money raised will help defray the costs of trips. Please support Troop 49 Norwood.

Augustine Institute

The Spirituality of Marriage by Dr. Tim Gray -- Throughout the Church's history there has been crisis and confusion over Church teaching. Today, there is crisis and confusion surrounding the Sacrament of Marriage. As Augustine Institute President and Professor Dr. Tim Gray explains, this crisis presents an immense opportunity, as it encourages us to explore and discover the depth of this mystery, described by Pope Benedict XVI as "a Gospel in itself". When lived faithfully and well, marriage serves as a bold witness to the love and saving power of God. *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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June 13, 2021

WATCH

LIGHT OF LOVE

When most of us think about religious life, we might imagine kneeling in a convent or assisting the poor on the streets. While both of these scenes are essential to life as a sister, Light of Love takes a deeper look into understanding the call... the "why" of religious life.



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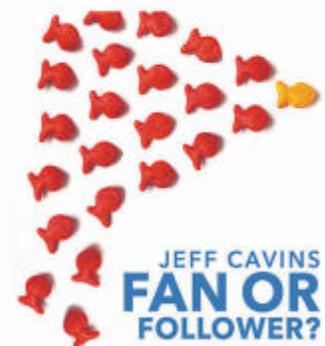


In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Scott Hefelfinger to discuss something that many of us face on a daily basis: boredom. In this conversation, these two teachers reveal how to remedy boredom with wonder.

LISTEN

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



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