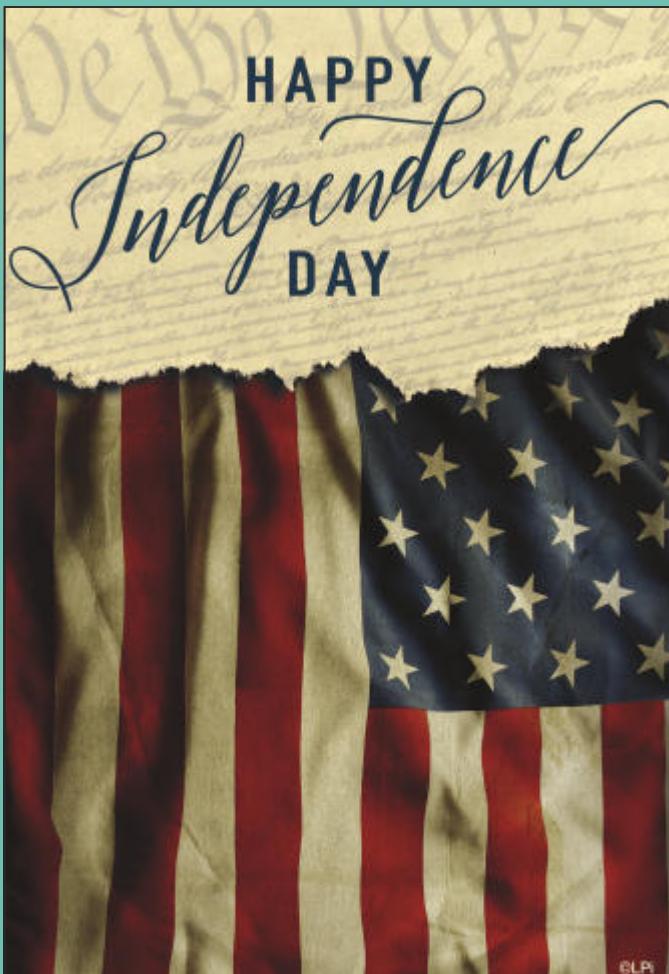




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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

JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION-- It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either. ©LPI



**On Monday, July 5th, we will have
one holiday Mass in honor of
Independence Day.
It will be at 9:00 a.m.**

The parish office will be closed.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation. This does not apply to people who are feeling ill, those who have been exposed to COVID, or those with other health considerations.

- 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 3

7:00 a.m. In Reparation for the Offenses Committed
Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:00 p.m. Lillian Lovecchio (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, July 4

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Barbara and Maura Costello
11:00 a.m. Leonard Ridini, Mary Ridini, and Kathleen
Ridini

Monday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Independence Day Holiday Mass

Tuesday, July 6

6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen

Wednesday, July 7

6:45 a.m. Lila O'Donoghue and Lucinda Daley

Thursday, July 8

6:45 a.m. Porcina Gomes

Friday, July 9

6:45 a.m. Dorothy Praino Mikutel
(Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Gregory Costa (Birthday Remembrance)
4:00 p.m. Jacqueline Lee Vitale

Mass intention requests are accepted up to three months in advance. Requests are now being accepted through October 2021. Please email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-762-6080.

Wedding Banns

Bann 3: *Rory T. Skowron and
Michelle T. Boilard*



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!

For the week of June 27th

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Bernard McGrath.

The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are offered in memory of Bernard McGrath.

For the week of July 4th

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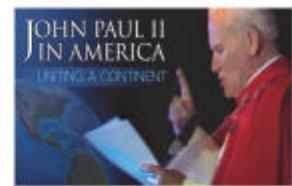
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July 4, 2021

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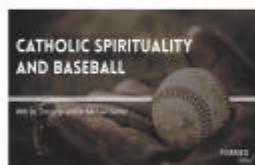
JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



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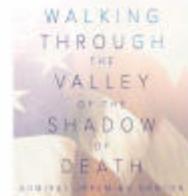
What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of

July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

LISTEN

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH
BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony in this talk!



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St. Catherine's Families Join in Praying the Family Rosary

The **FAMILY ROSARY MISSION** was initiated on the first Sunday in Advent, 2020 and continued through Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30th. Each Sunday at 4 pm, one of our parish families led us in praying the Most Holy Rosary for peace in our families, our country and in the world. The Rosary was livestreamed for those at home while others joined in person at the church. Thank-you to the parents and their children who participated in leading the Family Rosary: Margaret Corcoran, Maureen Cronin, Matt and Kathy Flaherty, Melissa Henry, Kurt and Mary Hofmann, Heather Kreisberg, Michelle McCarthy and Mike and Ellie Bergeron, Ryan and Maria Miranda-O'Toole, Tom and Jen Nee, Jacinta Okeke, Dan and Mary Olohan, Victoria Rios and Jack Revelese, Bill and Judi Scherban and Elizabeth Shinzawa, Brad and Jen Thornton, and Ted and Rachel Woodard.



If you are interested in leading the Rosary in the fall please contact: Lorraine Allan-
Lma4171@gmail.com or Judi Scherban-judith.scherban@gmail.com

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Totally His: Living in the Love of the Father -- Our weaknesses and our wounds can often make us feel inadequate. But as Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V. illustrates with her insightful humor and profoundly memorable stories, bringing these weaknesses and wounds to God the Father can allow us to become strong with the Father's strength, and to be healed by the Healer. "The Father Himself loves you... He wants to be with you, at every moment; in every suffering, every pain, every desire and longing." -- *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.*

Virtual Retreats and Midweek Reflections

For grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago

Losing a child under any circumstances is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

EMMAUS ONE-HOUR MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS: Join us for an hour of spiritual nourishment offered by an Emmaus Spiritual Leader, followed by a short discussion with other grieving parents who know somewhat of your pain. **August 25, 8 -9 p.m. with Fr. Jordan Zajac, O.P.** See www.emfgp.org for more information and to register.

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EMMAUS FIVE HOUR VIRTUAL RETREATS:
Give yourself the gift of getting away from the rest of the world for an extended period of time to focus on your spiritual journey after the death of your child. Visit www.emfgp.org for more information and to register, live on Zoom.





Your Family belongs
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...in this community of faith
...in the body of Christ
...in Faith Formation

Dear Families,

It is with great joy and hopeful optimism that our lives have begun to resume their normal rhythm and routines again. Cardinal O’Malley has lifted the Sunday Mass dispensation beginning on June 19th and all those who are able to do so safely are welcome to join together for the Eucharistic Celebration once more! You may have been wondering what the return to Mass and in person learning means for our religious education program here at St. Catherine’s. As with every part of our lives, the past year has provided us with an opportunity to examine our programs and the way in which those programs are provided to families. In fact, if there is anything this past year has taught us it is just how important our families are. Maybe you were already aware that Pope Francis has designated 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, whose life of faith and strong familial and paternal devotion is one we can all look to for inspiration. You might even know that from March of 2021 to March of 2022, the Pope has called for the observance of the Year of the Family. It should come as no surprise that these two periods of celebration and reflection should overlap. In many of the emails and a great deal of the feedback I received this year, so many of you commented on how much you appreciated the opportunity to partner with your child as they learned about our faith. Many of you noted how much your own knowledge had grown as a result. Even more of you expressed joy at having a chance to talk about different topics and issues with your child that may not have happened in a “normal” year.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, ““Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years...Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.”(CCC 2226) Knowing that the Church teaches that parents are meant to be the primary educators of their children in the faith, based on the feedback we received this past year, and conscious of the many demands on families’ time, we are re-imagining the religious education program. **A detailed breakdown of what religious education will look for each grade level was sent in the mail and via email to all families who have been registered in our program. The information, along with registration forms, can also be found on our website, www.stcatherinenorwood.org, under the Education tab.**

The expectation is that **all families regardless of your child's age** will attend Sunday Mass. There is no better way to learn about our faith than through weekly participation in the liturgy and Eucharist which we know is the source and summit of our faith. Families will be provided with a small booklet which will ask for some basic information to be filled in (ex: what color was the priest wearing at Mass) as well as provide some questions for discussion among families. Pages from the booklet will be collected periodically and entered into a drawing to win some cool prizes!

Please know that all of this is a work in progress and while we intend to hold in person programming this year, plans may need to be changed or modified should anything happen in the late summer or fall in terms of COVID and/or guidelines from the Archdiocese, Norwood Department of Public Health, etc. While we know this program is very different from years past, we also know that many parishes are beginning to move towards a family centered model of religious education in order to help create opportunities for families to talk about, reflect upon, and celebrate our beautiful Catholic faith. We hope you will join us as we begin this new, exciting, faith filled adventure here at St. Catherine’s!

Happy summer,

Leah C. Ramsdell, Director of Religious Education and Youth Faith Formation

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