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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.

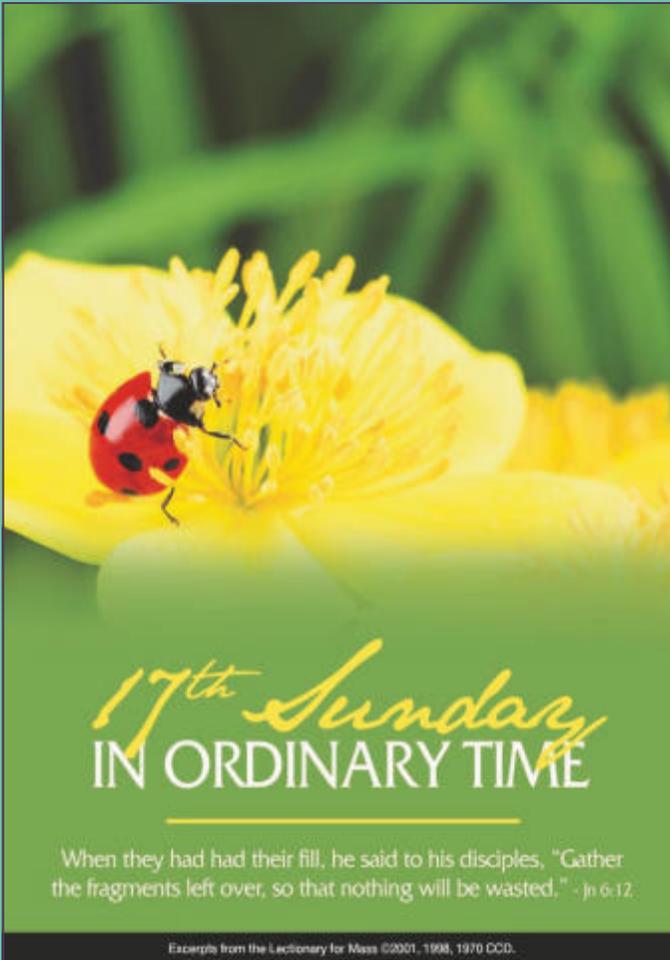
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursdays 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 First Friday/Saturday 6 p.m. - 6:25 a.m. in church

**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**  
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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

**JULY 25, 2021**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ’s Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

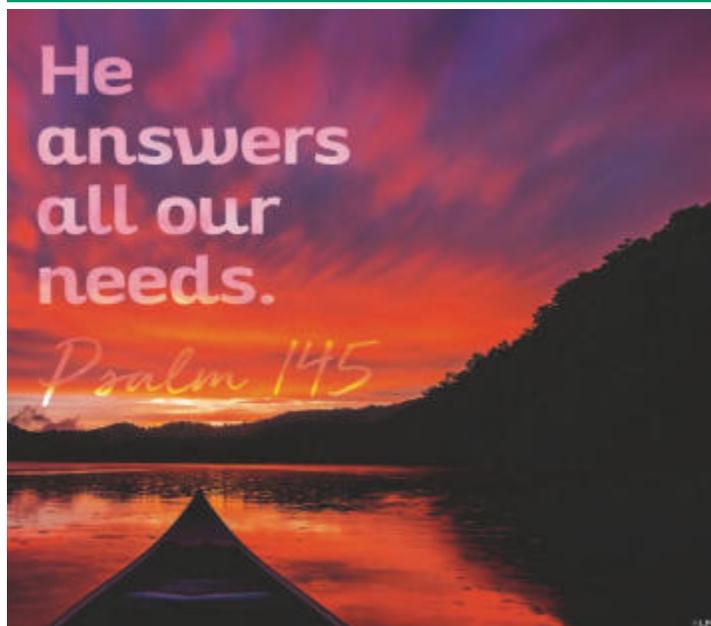
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Cardinal Seán O’Malley has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation. This does not apply to people who are feeling ill, those who have been exposed to COVID, or those with other health considerations.

- 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 24

7:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Rocco Magliozzi (15th Anniversary)

Sunday, July 25

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Sullivan and  
Michael and Elizabeth McGrail

11:00 a.m. Catarina and Carmelo Fruci

Monday, July 26

6:45 a.m. Francis E. Stasium (2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 27

6:45 a.m. J. Joseph Breen and family

Wednesday, July 28

6:45 a.m. Rita Coakley (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, July 29

6:45 a.m. Thomas Concannon

Friday, July 30

6:45 a.m. Frank J. Fitzpatrick

Saturday, July 31

7:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for Mila, Jason and  
Jennifer Guinto and the Hsu family (Living)

4:00 p.m. Maureen T. Reynolds (13th Anniversary)

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



*Happy Birthday to  
Msgr. Ryan, who turned 90  
years-old this week!*



### Are you registered with us?

Registering is easy. Visit our parish website at

[www.stcatherinenorwood.org](http://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](http://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!



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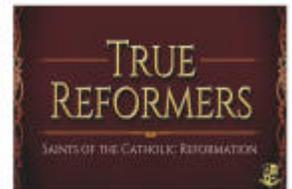
PICK OF THE WEEK

July 25, 2021

## WATCH

### SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

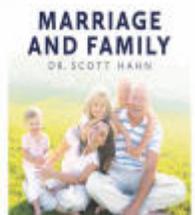


As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

## LISTEN

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



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## Adorers Needed. Can you help?



### Can You Watch with Me for 1 Hour

**(Jesus to the Apostles-Matthew 26:40)**

Signup for Eucharistic Adoration hours is easy on the St. Catherine's website. However, if you do not use the online Adoration signup and would like to sign up for Adoration hours, there is now a weekly signup sheet available in the vestibule of the church. Out of reverence and respect for the Blessed Sacrament, it's important there always be an adorer present. Please prayerfully consider a time that you can spend with Our Lord.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

**Adoration hours are every Thursday,  
7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
and First Friday/Saturday All Night Vigil-  
6 p.m.-6:30 a.m.**

## Augustine Institute

**Abba or Allah by Dr. Scott Hahn** -- In this informative talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explores some of the most important beliefs that distinguish Christianity from Islam. He explains that while both religions trace themselves back to Abraham, the differences, including our understanding of God as Father, are not insignificant. With charity, balance, and candor, Dr. Hahn shows us how Islam presents the most formidable challenge to Christianity in the Third millennium. *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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## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

For more information and resources on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly please visit:  
<http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/>

## Norwood Knights of Columbus BINGO is back!

Norwood Council #252 is thrilled to announce the return of their weekly Bingo game beginning on Thursday, August 5th. The Norwood Knights of Columbus hosts weekly Bingo at the Council Building, 572 Nichols St., every Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Profits are donated to organizations serving disabled children. Come out for an enjoyable evening with fun people while benefiting children who need help.



## Your Family belongs

...in this parish

...in this community of faith

...in the body of Christ

...in Faith Formation

“I am with you always,” are the final words Jesus speaks to his disciples at the conclusion of Matthew’s gospel. They are also the words that Pope Francis has chosen as the theme of the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which we celebrate this Sunday, July 25th. This special day, proclaimed by the Pope in late January, will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July because of its proximity to the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, Jesus’ grandparents. As the Pope noted in the Sunday Angelus address he gave when establishing this day, “They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young.”

I know that I would not do the work I do had it not been for the example and witness of my own grandparents. Devout and devoted Catholics, they attended Mass every Sunday, raised eight children with little more than faith and a heap of love, and had the joy of watching their 16 grandchildren grow and expand that love to include 11 great-grandchildren. Growing up we spent nearly every Sunday at my grandparents’ home, gathered together for large family dinners followed by America’s Funniest Home Videos and Life Goes On. I think the reason why I always seem to be externally calm while dealing with lots of kids and questions and activity is because I learned how to manage the chaos of a large, loud, crazy family as the eldest of 16 grandkids.

Highly involved in their parish community, they were weekly communicants, participants in parish events and activities, and my grandfather was a lector for a time. They were at every baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. On my wedding day it was my grandfather who gave the blessing at our reception. Every moment of their lives was lived in service to one another, to their family, and to their larger community. It has always been one of the great joys of my life when someone says, “Oh you’re John and Fran’s granddaughter!” I learned about my faith, about prayer and going to Mass, about caring for others and giving back because of their example.

The night before I left for college, we went to dinner and as my grandparents said goodbye my grandmother told me to “make sure I joined the Newman Club.” I had no idea what she was talking about until my father and I sat in move-in day traffic on St. Stephen’s Street and I looked to my right to see the Catholic Church and then to my left where a sign said “Newman Club: Meetings on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.” I’d spend all four years of college deeply involved in the parish and the Newman Club and ultimately decide to pursue a graduate degree in ministry as a result of my experiences in college. She could not have known it on that night in September 1998, but my grandmother had just given my life a direction I had never imagined. When she passed away in November 2014 it was the faith that she had given to me that sustained me as I grieved.

My proudly Irish grandfather passed away on St. Patrick’s Day 2019. He was the final grandparent I had left and I miss him and my grandmother more than words can say. When my sons brought up the gifts at his funeral Mass, I could feel his pride as surely as though he was beside me.

I am fortunate to have had the amount of time with my grandparents that I did. I am fortunate that they imparted so much wisdom and love and faith into my own life. When I struggle or question or have a hard day, I look to them for answers and they are always the same, “Keep loving, keep praying, keep going to God.” I see their legacy reflected in my children; the fierce love of family that burns so brightly in my oldest, in the quiet, gentle, steadfastness of my middle son, in the impish kindness of my youngest. And even though the ache of missing them never really goes away, I also know that they’re with me always.

May we always cherish and hold close the wisdom, experience, and faith of our grandparents and elderly today and every day.

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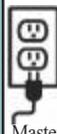
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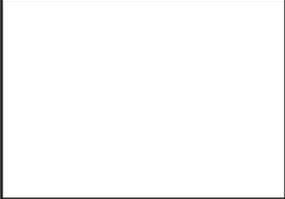
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