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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

AUGUST 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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*Save the Date*



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL  
29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

8:30 AM REGISTRATION  
9:30 AM SHOTGUN START

BROOKMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB

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 31

- 7:00 a.m. Mila, Jason and Jeenifer Guinto and the Hsu Family (Living)  
4:00 p.m. Maureen T. Reynolds (13th Anniversary)

Sunday, August 1

- 7:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. For the homeless and those struggling with addiction

11:00 a.m. John Irwin

Monday, August 2

- 6:45 a.m. Cynthia Martinmianikas (For healing)

Tuesday, August 3

- 6:45 a.m. Richard M. Stasium

Wednesday, August 4

- 6:45 a.m. Alexander Allan

Thursday, August 5

- 6:45 a.m. Rev. Thomas W. Moriarty  
(14th Anniversary)

Friday, August 6

- 6:45 a.m. Deceased Enrollments

Saturday, August 7

- 7:00 a.m. In reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
4:00 p.m. Mary and Martin McDonagh

Mass intention requests are accepted up to three months in advance. As of August 1, requests are being accepted through November 2021. Please email [parish@stcatherinenorwood.org](mailto:parish@stcatherinenorwood.org) or call 781-762-6080.



### 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!



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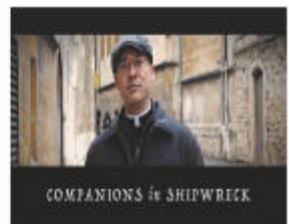
## PICK OF THE WEEK

August 1, 2021

### WATCH

#### COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."



COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

### LEARN

#### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: THE TRANSFIGURATION



This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, the mountaintop manifestation of Christ's glory that we read about in the Gospel. As we recall this wondrous event, however, many questions might come to mind. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? Why did Jesus only bring Peter, James, and John? Hear the answers to these questions and more in this episode of

### LISTEN

#### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Transfiguration is part of the Luminous Mysteries, which were introduced to the Church in 2002 by St. John Paul II. These mysteries recall events that demonstrate the light of Christ during his public ministry. On this feast day, let us ponder this miraculous episode of Jesus' life by praying along with this recording of the Rosary.



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### 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!

## 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

### **God's Plan for Love: Humanae Vitae, Sex and Authentic Freedom by Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila --**

In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Archbishop Aquila explains how Blessed Pope Paul VI's teaching still serves as a great light amidst a world that is deeply confused about sexual intimacy. He provides valuable insights about how God imbued our sexuality with truths that are reflective of his own divine love. He challenges Catholics to share the liberating truth of God's plan for sex within marriage and witness this reality as the way of lasting happiness. *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.*

### **Confidential Help for Crisis Pregnancies:**

Pregnancy Help-617-782-5151

Your Options Medical-  
781-284-8747

### **Confidential Help After Abortion:**

Project Rachel- 508-651-3100  
Surrendering the Secret-  
508-397-7280

## 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 benefitting children who need help.





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

Here is a detailed breakdown of what Religious Education will look like at Saint Catherine's this year:

**Grades 1 and 2** will meet in person with a catechist twice a month (generally the first and second Sunday or Tuesday of a month). Participation in grade 1 is necessary for a student to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/1<sup>st</sup> Communion as a second grader. Families will be asked to reinforce the concepts and materials students are learning in class at home. We will need catechists for our first and second grade students so if you would like to teach or co-teach a class, please contact me at [ymindirector@gmail.com](mailto:ymindirector@gmail.com). All supplies are provided for you.

**Grades 3-8** will participate in our new "Family Catechesis" program. Students in these grades will attend a large group session **WITH** a parent/grownup on the first Sunday of the month. These sessions will cover different topics and teachings so that families are able to continue the lessons at home with their children. Student text books and family pages will be provided. Students will be asked to complete and submit (via email) chapter review sessions. In essence, this is a hybrid model with one in person session a month, followed up by learning at home. We are working to make these large group sessions available online and via recording in the event that a Sunday morning class does not fit your family's schedule.

We will also be offering multiple family events for children and their grownups to participate in throughout the year! These programs will include an All Saints Day party at the end of October, our Epiphany pageant in early January, Family Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and other events as well!

While we will not need catechists for grades 3-8, we will need volunteers to assist at the large group sessions on Sunday mornings AND to help at the various family events and activities throughout the year. These would be great opportunities for students in our Confirmation program to assist with!

**Grades 9 and 10** will participate in a one day intensive class of their choosing. Students must attend the ENTIRE session from start to finish in order for it to be considered full participation. There will be NO exceptions. There are weekend and weekday options available and we hope to be able to offer additional sessions during the summer of 2022. For now, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948ADA92CA1FE3-confirmation> to register for a session. Each session must have a minimum of 15 participants in order to take place. Students in grade 10 who will be confirmed in late January/early February will be given priority for the sessions in August-January. Students in grade 10 MUST have completed an intensive class prior to Confirmation. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to return for a retreat in the early fall of 2022 with Confirmation to take place in the late fall of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students in BOTH grades 9 and 10 will be asked to work on and complete some additional at home assignments AND to complete community service.

To clarify:

**Grade 10 in the fall of 2021**

\*Attend ONE intensive class prior to Confirmation in late January/early February 2022

**Grade 9 in the fall of 2021**

\*Attend ONE intensive class offered during the 2021-2022 school year (with possible summer sessions to be offered in 2022).

\*Attend a fall retreat in September/October 2022 (Date TBD)

\*Confirmation in late fall 2022 (Date TBD)

**All ninth grade students, regardless of whether they attend public school or Catholic school will need to attend ONE intensive session prior to the retreat next fall. Failure to attend an intensive session before the fall retreat will mean that a student needs to hold off on Confirmation until the fall of his/her junior year if they wish to be confirmed at St. Catherine's.**

Please note that this is a change from prior years where Catholic school students only needed to attend as 10th graders. Now, with Confirmation happening in the fall of 10th grade, all ninth graders need to complete the intensive class during their freshman year regardless of what school they attend.

**Finally, in order to enroll in our Confirmation program for students in grades 9 and 10 you MUST meet ONE of the following criteria; been previously enrolled in the St. Catherine's Religious Education program, be a registered member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish (meaning your family must be listed in our parish database), OR your student needs to have attended St. Catherine of Siena Middle School.**

While we will not need catechists who meet with students regularly for 8-9 sessions over the course of the year, we will need adults who are willing to help facilitate the intensive sessions as small group leaders. If you are interested in assisting at one of the intensive classes, please email me at [ymindirector@gmail.com](mailto:ymindirector@gmail.com). You DO NOT need to volunteer for every session.

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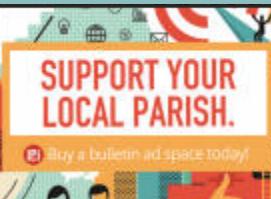
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