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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.



**Labor Day is Monday, September 6th.  
 Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.**

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 781-762-6080  
 Rev. Stephen Donohoe, Pastor  
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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

## September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** -- From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Over the past few years, it has been a great privilege to serve the Saint Catherine of Siena community and to get to know so many of you. Your participation in events, programs and ministries – even during the pandemic – has been truly inspiring.

The parish and school's commitment to welcoming and serving is not only reflected in our many programs and activities, but in the many improvements we've made in enhancing and preserving our physical spaces. As we look to the years ahead and toward growing and engaging our faith community, we must be diligent in upgrading and maintaining our facilities to better support the continued engagement of families and enhancing spiritual life.

We are embarking on a major fundraising effort aimed addressing urgent capital needs in our church and school buildings as well as critical ministries that will strengthen the Catholic Education in and beyond the Saint Catherine's community. Over the coming weeks, you will have the chance to learn more about this important effort, and I ask that you receive our message with an open and hopeful heart.

This is a time of great opportunity for our community, and we feel confident that with the support of the entire faithful Saint Catherine of Siena family, we will sustain our mission for decades to come.

Blessings,  
Fr. Donohoe



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## Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4  
7:00 a.m. In reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
4:00 p.m. Tommy Folan  
Sunday, September 5  
7:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Evelyn McNeil Babinski Flynn  
11:00 a.m. Jame Watson, Jr. (4th Anniversary)  
Monday, September 6  
9:00 a.m. LABOR DAY  
Tuesday, September 7  
6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen  
Wednesday, September 8  
6:45 a.m. Jack Garrity  
Thursday, September 9  
6:45 a.m. The Soul of Glenda Embree  
Friday, September 10  
6:45 a.m. John Curtis McCarthy, Jr.  
Saturday, September 11  
7:00 a.m. Patricia Heavey  
4:00 p.m. Arthur C. Henry (10th Anniversary) and Martha J. Henry (13th Anniversary)

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

**Note on Thursday Adoration:** During the school year, Adoration will be held in the main church, not the chapel, on Thursdays beginning with Exposition after the 6:45 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. If a Thursday funeral is scheduled, Adoration will pause at 10:00 a.m. and resume at 12:30 p.m.

## PARISH SUPPORT

August 29, 2021: \$10,987  
Haiti Relief: \$5,410

Thank you for your continued support!

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!



## Pastoral Ministries

**Bible-In-A-Year** with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Can't attend programs on site? How about learning from home? This daily bible-study will take you through the entire bible in one year and is organized according to the twelve periods of Salvation History. Pray and study at your own pace! Go to: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes> where you can watch the video and get your reading plan today!

**A Biblical Walk through the Mass:** Back by popular demand! To be held: October 6, 13, 20, 27 & November 3 from 7-8:30 PM in St. Catherine School cafeteria. This is a 5-session series by Ascension Press that "explores the extraordinary roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist."

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FIRM:** Please register by **September 22**. The cost of materials is \$15.99 for the workbook ONLY or \$26.95, which includes the book, workbook, online video access and online workbook access. To register: call 781-762-6080 or email [dhallee@stcatherinenorwood.org](mailto:dhallee@stcatherinenorwood.org).

## **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound**

Thank you those who participated in our August luncheon. Discussions about the urgent need for EMHCs to those in nursing homes and at home surfaced along with a recap of current precautions and protocols to follow when bringing Holy Communion to our parishioners. Our next gathering will be held Wednesday, September 15 at 11:30 am. Details on location to follow. Please RSVP by calling 781-769-5354 Ext. 273 or email [dhallee@stcatherinenorwood.org](mailto:dhallee@stcatherinenorwood.org).

**Attention ALL VOLUNTEERS: Annual CORI Forms Due** All parish volunteers, new or returning, are required to complete the FY22 CORI form. Forms can be found at each of the church entrances and on the website:

[www.stcatherinenorwood.org](http://www.stcatherinenorwood.org). Please verify your license number with one of our staff members. They will sign your form before you turn it into the rectory.



**Welcome back Father Kevin Miller from the  
Diocese of Scranton Pennsylvania,  
September 13 - 17.**

Father Miller served as a deacon in our parish during the outbreak of COVID-19. He went on to be ordained for the diocese of Scranton, PA and has recently been assigned as Pastor of Saint Bridget's Parish in Friendsville, PA.

Father Miller's ordination celebrations were very limited due to the COVID conditions and his desire for a return visit to Saint Catherine's was put off indefinitely. However, I am now pleased to announce that Father Kevin Miller will be making a return visit to Saint Catherine Parish during the week of September 13 – 17. He will be offering the Wednesday morning Mass on September 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Sorrows. Father Miller would love to reconnect with any parishioners who are able to greet him after the morning Mass. Unfortunately, his schedule will not allow him to be here for any weekend Masses.

**40 Days for Life  
Powerful Pro-Life Prayer Launch  
Saturday, September 18th**

**6:00 p.m. Mass with Fr. Michael McNamara**  
Saint Catherine of Siena Church

**7:00 p.m. Speaker**  
**Steve Karlen**

**North American Campaign Director and author of  
"This Is When We Begin to Fight"**  
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Coffee will follow.  
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# I THIRST

If you or a family member are dealing with an addiction of any sort including: substance abuse, gambling, excessive internet usage/video gaming, etc. the *I Thirst Spiritual Companions* Program recently initiated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley is available to help those impacted by addiction.

To learn more about the *I Thirst Spiritual Companions* program we invite you to join us at a Retreat on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at St. Jude Parish in Norfolk MA. The goal of the retreat is for participants to recognize the distractions and disordered attachments so prevalent in our lives and society. Keaton Douglas, the Executive Director of the I Thirst Initiative of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity will be leading the Retreat.

All are welcome to attend this FREE event. Please RSVP to Beth Budny at 774-277-5191 or [bbudny@ejcatholic.org](mailto:bbudny@ejcatholic.org) by September 11<sup>th</sup> to secure your place at the retreat.

American University Women for Life  
invite you to

***Assuring Medical Care for  
All Babies Born Alive***

with

**Thomas Harvey, Esq.**

Tom will discuss the upcoming fall signature campaign for a ballot initiative to attempt to assure medical care for all babies born alive.

**Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus Hall  
1211 Highland Ave. Needham

*An RSVP to Lorraine at [lma4171@gmail.com](mailto:lma4171@gmail.com) or 617-763-4093 is appreciated by September 7th.*

## Augustine Institute

**Why the Church Still Matters: Set All Afire --**  
This one-of-a-kind presentation includes seven segments, approximately 10 minutes each, covering some of the most important topics and questions in the Church today. Taken from seven of our most powerful and popular talks, these segments are sure to stir the soul and inspire you to set all afire for love of Christ and His Church. -- *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.*



Your Family belongs  
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Dear Families of incoming 9th and 10th grade students,

I wanted to take a moment to clarify the process for registering your student for the Confirmation program as well as the format as I have received some questions. I am hoping this information will be helpful to you.

**First, and most importantly, every student MUST be registered for the program. That means we must have the attached registration form on file for your student prior to their attending a one day intensive class. Simply signing up for a one day class DOES NOT register your student.** We are required to have registration paperwork on file for ALL students regardless of grade and whether or not they have participated in the program in the past. Registration does not "roll over" from one year to the next. If you have signed up for a one day intensive through the Sign Up Genius link but have not yet submitted a registration form (attached), you must do so ASAP otherwise your student will not be considered to be enrolled in the program. If you are waiting to have your student attend a one day intensive class until November or after, that is fine but we ask that you please send in their registration paperwork NOW so we have an accurate idea of the number of students who will be confirmed.

Secondly, if you need to sign up for a one day intensive class, the Sign Up Genius Link is below. If the date you need is at the 30 person capacity, please reach out to me and let me know. We will be able to accommodate additional students on each date if needed.

Finally, the requirements for each grade level along with specific information about when students will be Confirmed is included below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948ADA92CA1FE3-confirmation>

**If you have a student entering 10th grade in the fall of 2021**

1. Your student will be expected to attend a ONE DAY intensive class between August and January 2022.
2. Your student will be expected to complete additional course requirements at home using the materials we will provide. \*Please be aware that we will ask students to attend Confession during the 3-4 weeks prior to Confirmation.\*
3. Your tenth grader will be Confirmed on FEBRUARY 5th at either 10a or 1p. More information to follow. **ONLY STUDENTS IN GRADE 10 WILL MAKE THEIR CONFIRMATIONS IN FEBRUARY 2022.**

**If you have a student entering 9th grade in the fall of 2021:**

1. Your student will be expected to attend a ONE DAY intensive class between August 2021 and August 2022.
2. Your student will be expected to attend a short 3-4 hour retreat in the fall of 2022 (likely October), this will include an opportunity to attend Confession.
3. Your students will be expected to complete additional course requirements at home using the materials we will provide.
4. Your ninth grader will be Confirmed in late October/early November. **Students in NINTH GRADE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE CONFIRMED IN FEBRUARY 2022 REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY ATTEND THEIR ONE DAY INTENSIVE CLASS OR BECAUSE OF OLDER SIBLINGS MAKING THEIR CONFIRMATIONS IN FEBRUARY.**

## Teachers Needed!

Even though the program looks different this year, we still need volunteers!

Teachers needed for grades 1-2  
We are in need of 3 1st grade teachers on Sunday  
3 1st grade teachers on Tuesday  
1-2 teachers for grade 2 on Tuesdays

Volunteers to assist with Sunday morning sessions for grades 3-8  
Volunteer for all or some of the monthly sessions!

A great option for students in grades 9-12 looking for volunteer hours!

Adults to serve as small group leaders on our 1 day Confirmation intensive classes. Sessions meet on different days/times so choose what works for your schedule!



If you are interested in teaching first or second grade, volunteering to assist at Sunday morning sessions for grades 3-8, or serving as a small group leader for the one day Confirmation intensives or you would like more information, please contact Leah at:

[ymindirector@gmail.com](mailto:ymindirector@gmail.com)

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SCS welcomed Mother Olga for a retreat on Tuesday, August 31, as faculty and staff prepared for the start of the new school year.