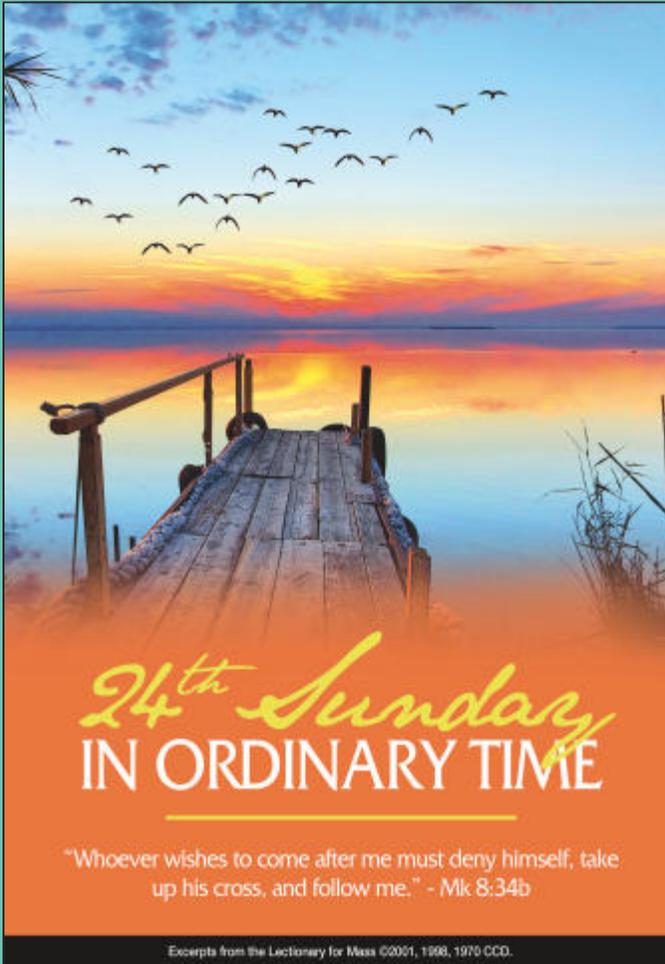




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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.

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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 12, 2021 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION -- We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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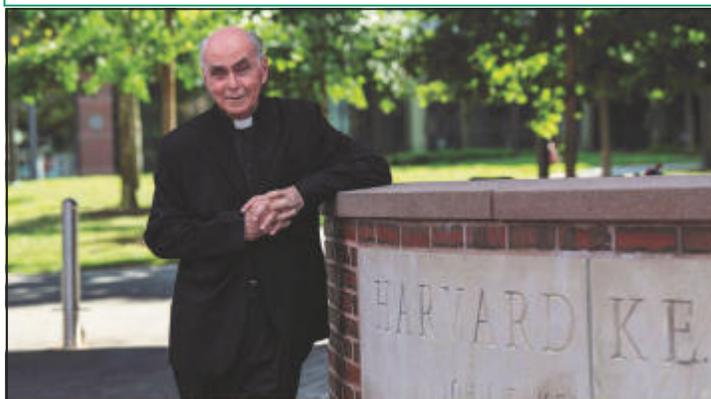
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Can You Watch with Me for 1 Hour
(Jesus to the Apostles-Matthew 26:40)

Every Thursday, 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Saint Catherine of Siena Church
First Friday/Saturday
All Night Vigil- 6 p.m.- 6:30 a.m.
Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

If you would like to sign up, go online to Saint Catherine's website or on the weekly signup sheets located in the vestibule of the church.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Saint Catherine's parishioner and volunteer Bruce Connolly, one of 26 recipients of the 2021 Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards. Bruce was recognized for his 32 years of outstanding and dedicated volunteer work at the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. The Food Pantry received a \$10,000 grant from the Patriots Foundation in honor of Bruce's service.

Next week, we will have a second collection to benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all our active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 11
7:00 a.m. Patricia Heavey
4:00 p.m. Arthur C. Henry (10th Anniversary) and
Martha J. Henry (13th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 12
7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Louise Connors
11:00 a.m. Coleman O'Toole (9th Anniversary)

Monday, September 13
6:45 a.m. Sarah F. Greene (7th Anniversary)

Tuesday, September 14
6:45 a.m. Ellen Desmond

Wednesday, September 15
6:45 a.m. Jerome C. Brassil

Thursday, September 16
6:45 a.m. Casimir and Ancelet Joseph
(24th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, September 17
6:45 a.m. Barbara Murphy (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday, September 18
7:00 a.m. Barbara Hourihan Reidy
4:00 p.m. Anthony "Tony" Breen (1st 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.

Week of September 12th



The Sanctuary Candle in the church is lit in memory of Douglas and Mary Ross.

PARISH SUPPORT

September 5, 2021: \$10,277
August Online Giving: \$16,239

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 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

To register for the following programs, please contact Doris at dhallee@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-769-5354 Ext. 273.

A Biblical Walk through the Mass:

To be held: October 6, 13, 20, 27 & November 3 from 7-8:30 PM in St. Catherine School cafeteria. Light refreshments will be provided.

You are invited to attend a 5-session series by Ascension Press which "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: All registrants, please register by September 22. To contact Doris, see above.

COST: Please note: Participant costs vary. You may join for \$5.00 (no purchase of materials), \$15.99 (includes workbook), \$26.95 (includes book, workbook and online video & workbook). To register, contact Doris (see above). Please indicate which materials you've decided to have ordered, if any.

PONDER the Sunday Readings: A Daytime Bible Study

Join us for one, two or three seasons of rich explorations into the Sunday Gospels. We will be using the book called *PONDER: Contemplative Study for Year C*. PONDER provides each Sunday's liturgical readings, a concise biblical commentary, and a Ponder "box" with engaging reflections which challenge us to apply the prayerful insights to everyday living. Supplemental learning materials and spiritual tools will be provided. No prior bible study experience is necessary. The book costs \$17.99.

Save the Dates!

- 1st Session: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, and 15 at 1PM in the chapel
- 2nd Session: Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31, and Feb. 7 at 1 PM in the chapel
- 3rd Session: Mar. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 1 PM in the chapel

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: for Session #1: September 24, 2021. To register, see above.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound



Reminder: Our next gathering will be held Wednesday, September 15 at 11:30 am in room C101 in St. Catherine Middle School. Please RSVP by contacting Doris.

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!

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**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"**
Saint Catherine of Siena School Cafeteria

Coffee will follow.
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www.40daysforlife.com/boston

40 Days for Life -- Sept. 22nd - Oct. 31st

The 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin again on September 22nd through October 31st. We will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, from 7 am to 7 pm every day. We invite you to join us. We have clergy led prayer vigils 5 days a week. You can find our schedule at www.40daysforlife.com/boston or check the church bulletin boards. If you cannot come to the vigil site, please pray from your home or church. Prayer is powerful. For more information, call Rita Russo at 781-762-4391 or email 40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Reverend Jean M. Parisot Foundation Annual Dinner Dance will be held on October 2nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St., Norwood from 7-10 p.m. Please join us for dinner, music, raffle baskets and fun to support the school in Jacmel, Haiti. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. There will also be a raffle with prizes of \$400 in gift cards for local restaurants and \$350 cash. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The winners will be drawn at the dinner. More details on how to purchase tickets to the dinner and raffle tickets will be forthcoming.

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 18th 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 by September 11th to secure your place at the retreat.

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 Light-house 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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Important Dates for Religious Education

Sunday, September 19th, 10:15-12p-Materials Pickup for Grades 1-10 in the SCS Cafe. This is an opportunity to come and get your students' book(s) and a folder of information including the calendar. Families of students in ninth and tenth grade should also plan to attend this session as there is material your student will need to be working on at home regardless of when their one day class intensive is held. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

Sunday, October 3rd, 10:15-11:15a- 1st Class for Grades 1-2, 1st Session of Family Catechesis for grades 3-8 (Please remember that **Family Catechesis is NOT a drop off event and that a parent must attend with their student.** This will be held in the SCS cafe.

Tuesday, October 12th, 4-5p-1st Class for Grades 1-2 (SCS Cafe)



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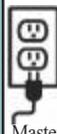
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