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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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

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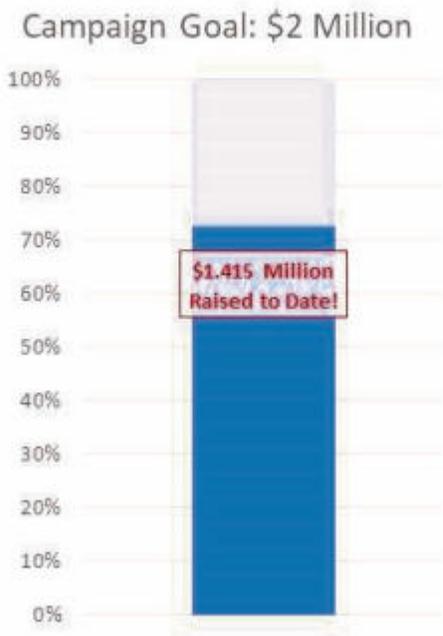
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In two weeks, our Inspiring Hope campaign will hold its Commitment Weekend. We hope all families will consider making their pledges prior to or on the weekend of October 16th and 17th. Through this \$2 million campaign, Saint Catherine of Siena will be able to:

- Resurface, redesign, and perhaps build a dedicated play area in the parking lot
- Repair the church tower and roofs
- Install new flooring in the church and re-align the pews
- Clean and repaint the church's interior walls
- Add a ramp to the north side church entrance
- Build a technology fund for the school
- Upgrade the preschool classrooms
- Replace the middle school roof
- Upgrade the gymnasium HVAC system

As a reminder, your commitments to the campaign will include support of the 2021 Grand Annual. Thank you in advance for your generous support - and thank you to all families who have already made your pledges.

Please join us after the 11:00 Mass this weekend for a question and answer session about the campaign. Fr. Donohoe will be available at 12:30 in the cafeteria to discuss any questions you might have about this effort.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -- Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2
7:00 a.m. In reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:00 p.m. Peter J., Barbara T., and Richard A. Flaherty (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, October 3
7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Sr. Margaret Nally, SNDdeN (1st Anniversary)
11:00 a.m. Frank and Sarah and Ann Brazzo

Monday, October 4
6:45 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Cullen

Tuesday, October 5
6:45 a.m. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 6
6:45 a.m. Mary Helen Pepin

Thursday, October 7
6:45 a.m. For an end to abortion and the success of the 40 Days for Life campaign

Friday, October 8
6:45 a.m. Margaret Folan (4th Anniversary)

Saturday, October 9
7:00 a.m. Mary K. Greene (3rd Anniversary)
4:00 p.m. John J. Weiss, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)

Mass intention requests are accepted up to three months in advance. We are now accepting requests through January 2022. Please call 781-762-6080 or email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org.

Week of October 3rd

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Frank, Sarah and Ann Brazzo.

The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are lit in memory of Frank, Sarah and Ann Brazzo.

PARISH SUPPORT

September 19, 2021: \$8,794

September 26, 2021: \$10,815

Clergy Trust: \$9,182

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!

Wedding Banns

Bann 3: *Michael Maloney and Abigail Castro*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD **Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide**

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled, "*An Act relative to end of life options.*"

*"The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death."*¹

Here are some facts to consider before you take action:

1. The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. **NOTE** -- That diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6 month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months with family and friends.
2. No Real Safeguards -- A vulnerable individual (who could be depressed or fears being a "burden") may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
3. The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying -- particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.
- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Public Health who will be considering these bills.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

¹ Boston Pilot -- Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)

CYO BASKETBALL

Registration is now open for the 2021-22 CYO Basketball season, which begins the end of November. Teams will begin forming in October and will include a high school boys team grades 9-10, a high school boys team grades 11-12, and a high school girls team grades 9-12. Cost to play is \$145 per player. Players MUST live within the parish boundaries of Saint Catherine's or Saint Timothy's, or be able to show they belong to one of the parishes.

Online sign up link: <https://form.jotform.com/212468257285160>. The link will be active until October 7th.

Please contact Rick Roche at r1435@mac.com with any questions. Please also contact if you are interested in coaching this season. Two to three coaches for the boys' teams are needed.



Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Thanks to all who attended this month's gathering. It was a joy to gather and get to know one another better, not just by face but by also by name! Our next gathering will be held Wednesday, October 20 at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Doris at dhal-lee@stcatherinenorwood.org or 781-769-5354 ext. 273 by October 11th.

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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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.

American University Women for Life present **Inspiring Faith with Young Adults through** **A Message of Hope**

Thursday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m.

with Monet Souza

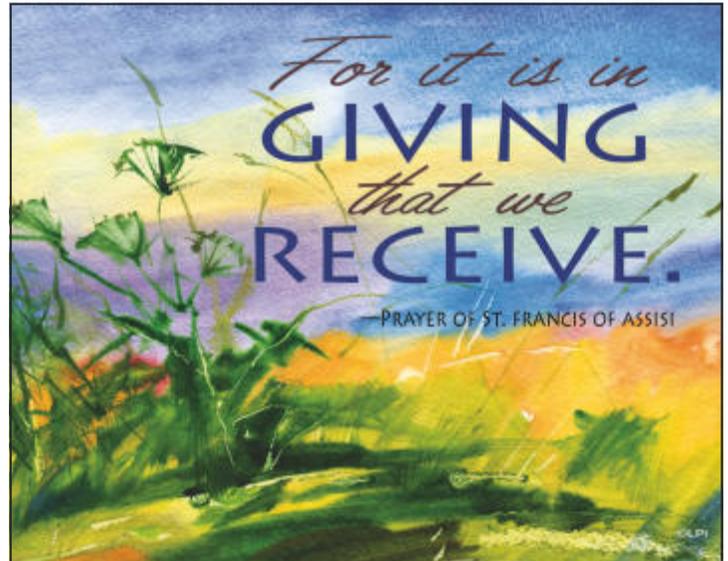
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Please RSVP to Lorraine at

Ima4171@gmail.com or 617-763-4093 by

Tuesday, October 5th.



Augustine Institute

Why Almsgiving? by Dr. Michael Barber -- Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christmas, is a penitential season. One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the "inner logic" of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ. -- *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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 ...in the body of Christ
 ...in Faith Formation

Important Dates for Religious Education

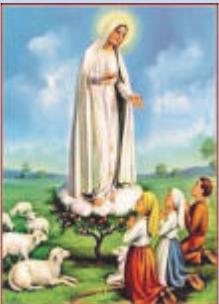
Sunday, October 3rd, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
1st Class for Grades 1-2

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, 4-5 p.m.
1st Class for Grades 1-2 (SCS Cafe)

Parish Family Rosary Mission

“The family that prays together, stays together.”
(Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton)



Beginning Sunday, October 3rd, the Parish Family Rosary will resume each Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena Church. All are invited to join in this Rosary at home on livestream or in person in the church.

If you would like to sign up to lead the Rosary with a group of friends or your family, please contact:

Lorraine Allan -- lma4171@gmail.com
 Judi Scherban -- Judith.scherban@gmail.com
 or Leah Ramsdell -- ymindirector@gmail.com

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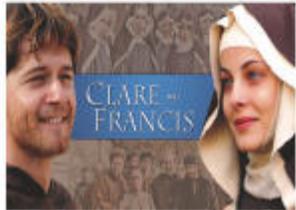
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.



LEARN

MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA

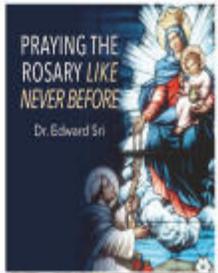


Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church.

LISTEN

PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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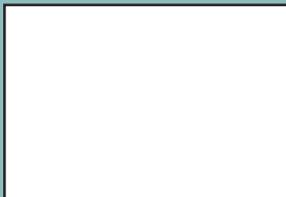
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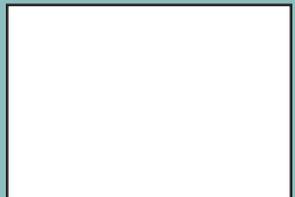
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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan joined our middle school students on Friday, September 24 for a day of prayer and reflection. Students spent the morning participating in team building exercises and ended the day with a Mass celebrated by Father Donohoe.



SCS PILOTS AMERICAN READING CORE LITERACY PROGRAM

Students in Miss G's kindergarten class work with their new reading program.

