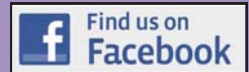




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PARISH SCHEDULE

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.

Traditional Latin Mass: Monday: 7 p.m.

Holiday Masses: 9 a.m.
 (8 a.m. on Memorial Day and Veterans Day)

Rosary: Daily at 6:20 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: In the chapel on
 Thursdays 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mondays 6-6:50
 p.m. and First Friday/Saturday 6 p.m. - 6:45
 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays
 from 3-4 p.m. and Mondays 6-6:50 p.m. in the
 chapel or by appointment by contacting one of
 the priests.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1 p.m. on the 2nd
 and 4th Sunday of each month. Please call
 781-769-5354 ext. 273 for more details.

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

DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Church Renovations: Over the years, we have been looking at the possibility of replacing the heavy kneelers with a lighter, safer version. Upgrading the kneelers meant giving consideration to upgrading the floor. We also wanted to consider the possible relocation of the bathrooms for better accessibility. In consultation with the Archdiocese of Boston, we hired an architect to evaluate these needs and make suitable recommendations and proposed designs. The new design provides for new flooring and kneelers throughout the church. This will entail the lifting and re-setting of the original pews in such fashion as to allow more room and easier access, while also complying with the current building code. We will also be restoring the original architectural design of the church altar rail, to be located across the first step of the sanctuary currently where the green carpet is.

Unfortunately, moving the bathrooms to the front vestibule was not practical. The utilities for the church all come in through the sacristy and there is no underground basement in the church. Therefore, running water and sewer pipes from the sacristy to the vestibule would have entailed formidable work and prohibitive expense. The new design will construct a ramp into the sacristy allowing greater accessibility to the bathrooms as well as the chapel (and confessional). This design also levels the sacristy floor and partitions 1/3rd of the sacristy for priests vesting area.

Specifications were drawn by the architect and bids were made by contractors approved by the Archdiocese of Boston Facilities Office. Citywide Contracting won the bid and was awarded the contract. The work is scheduled to begin in January. (Please see floor plan diagram p.5)

In order to complete this renovation in a timely manner, we will be closing the church for the month of January with a planned reopening the first weekend of February. Sunday Masses for the month of January will be held in the school cafeteria and daily Mass will be moved to the chapel. Saint Timothy Parish is graciously working with us to facilitate funerals at Saint Timothy Church for January. Saint Catherine priests and music ministry and servers will still minister our parishioners' funerals, albeit at Saint Timothy for the month of January.

We understand the strong bond many have for Saint Catherine Church and regret the necessary but temporary imposition. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we undergo this important work to help maintain and improve our beautiful church.

I am grateful to our staff whose assistance has been to initiate and complete the many vital projects throughout the parish. Special thanks to all our generous parishioners who make the continued care and improvements of the church and school possible.

God bless you.
Father Donohoe

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. on the 8th. There will also be a school Mass at 9 a.m. on the 8th that is open to all who wish to attend. *Please note: there will be no Vigil Mass held on December 7th.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

7:00 a.m. In reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m. Barbara Doherty

Sunday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Scott Davenport (1st Anniversary)

11:00 a.m. John Folan (Birthday Remembrance) and Margaret M. Folan (Month's Mind)

Monday, December 5

6:45 a.m. Mary (Molly) Mulligan (6th Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 6

6:45 a.m. In thanksgiving for our priests: Fr. Donohoe, Fr. Hynes and Fr. Maxwell

Wednesday, December 7

6:45 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 9

6:45 a.m. Mr. Duffy

Saturday, December 10

7:00 a.m. John Patrick Carroll

4:00 p.m. Roger P. Chevers

Mass Intentions are booked up to three months in advance. We are now accepting intention requests through March 2023. Please call 781-762-6080 or email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org.

Week of December 4th

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered in memory of John Folan and Margaret Folan. The Sanctuary Candles in the church and chapel are lit in memory of John Folan and Margaret Folan.

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Parish Calendars

Parish calendars for 2023 are now available at the church doors. In order to make sure everyone who wants a calendar is able to get one, we ask that you please only take one calendar per household. If there are calendars remaining after the New Year, you are welcome to take additional calendars if needed. Thank you to our sponsors Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home and Gillooly Funeral Home.

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up and still has doves available to take. If you take a dove, **please return all gifts unwrapped to the tree by no later than next Sunday, December 11th.** Gift cards should be placed in the locked Giving Box near the tree or returned to the rectory using the mail slot in the front door. Please attach the dove to the gift or gift card so it will reach the right child. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed to the school children, families, and seniors of Norwood, Mass Coalition for the Homeless, and Saint Mary's Center for Women and Children the week of the 12th, so it is important for gifts to be returned to Saint Catherine's by December 11th. Thank you!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." (Matthew 19:14). The Altar Server Ministry is a very special group of young people in our parish who have answered God's call to ministry.

As an Altar Server, you are one of the liturgical ministers with an important role during the Mass or other liturgical services. It is a privilege to help minister as an altar server at Mass. Altar Servers assist the priest at the altar and help the church community worship in the best possible way. We invite you to share this special privilege of becoming an active altar server in our parish. As Altar server, you are responding to the call of God in your heart to serve the community as ministers.

Our Parish needs young people who are between the ages of 9 and 20 to serve the Holy Mass. If interested, please contact Fr. Maxwell Chukwudiebere at 781-762-6080 Ext. 118 or frmaxwell@stcatherinenorwood.org.

Advent Holy Hour and Guided Meditation: Tuesdays of Advent @ 7:00 PM

Advent is a special time for us to walk with Joseph and Mary as they prepare to receive the Savior of the World into their arms and into their family. As an aid to help us enter more deeply into the spirit of the season, Fr. Hynes will be leading the parish in a weekly Holy Hour and Guided Meditation on the remaining Tuesdays of Advent: Dec 6, Dec 13, & Dec 20 @ 7:00 PM in the church.

This weekend's second collection supports Parish Sharing. The Parish Sharing fund allows Saint Catherine's to support local non-profit, religious and educational organizations in need. Past beneficiaries of your generosity include the Norwood Food Pantry, the SMA Fathers, Norwood Fire and Police, Saint Francis House, Norwood 150th Anniversary, the Sisters of Saint Joseph and many others. Thank you for your support.

PARISH SUPPORT

November 20, 2022: \$10,391

November 27, 2022: \$8,186

Retired Religious Sisters: \$5,864

Thanksgiving: \$1,676

This weekend's second collection is for Parish Sharing.

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish. There are a number of options when it comes to stewardship:



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. We have seen a significant increase in the number of families selecting online giving, and we are grateful for the stability this provides our parish finances.
2. Parish Envelopes — If you are not enrolled in online giving and you regularly contribute to offertory at Mass, we encourage you to receive envelopes so we can credit you with your donations. Contact the parish office, and we can assist you.
3. If online giving is not an option for you, and you are not able to attend Mass, you can mail your donation or drop it 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!

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

To save on postage and resources, we will not be sending out annual contribution statements to every donor this year. However, we are happy to provide one to anyone who wants/needs one. More details on how to make that request will be published at a later date. As we head into the final month of the year, any donations you want to count toward the 2022 tax year need to be dated by December 31, 2022 and received by no later than January 6, 2023. Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 6-6:50 p.m.

Thursdays after 6:45 a.m. Mass - 5 p.m.

First Friday/Saturday All Night Vigil



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Advent Preface

Sunday Coffee and Donuts:

Fr. Hynes is looking for volunteers who can help us start and coordinate Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. As a way to encourage attendance he's promised to read a children's book for the first four weeks if we can find enough volunteers to continue offering Coffee and Donuts each week. Please email him at fatherhynes@gmail.com if you're willing to help.

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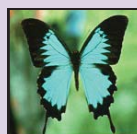
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Grades 1-2, Tuesday, 12/6, 4-5p

Grades 1-2, Sunday, 12/11, 10:15-11:15a

Grades 1-2, Tuesday, 12/13, 4-5p

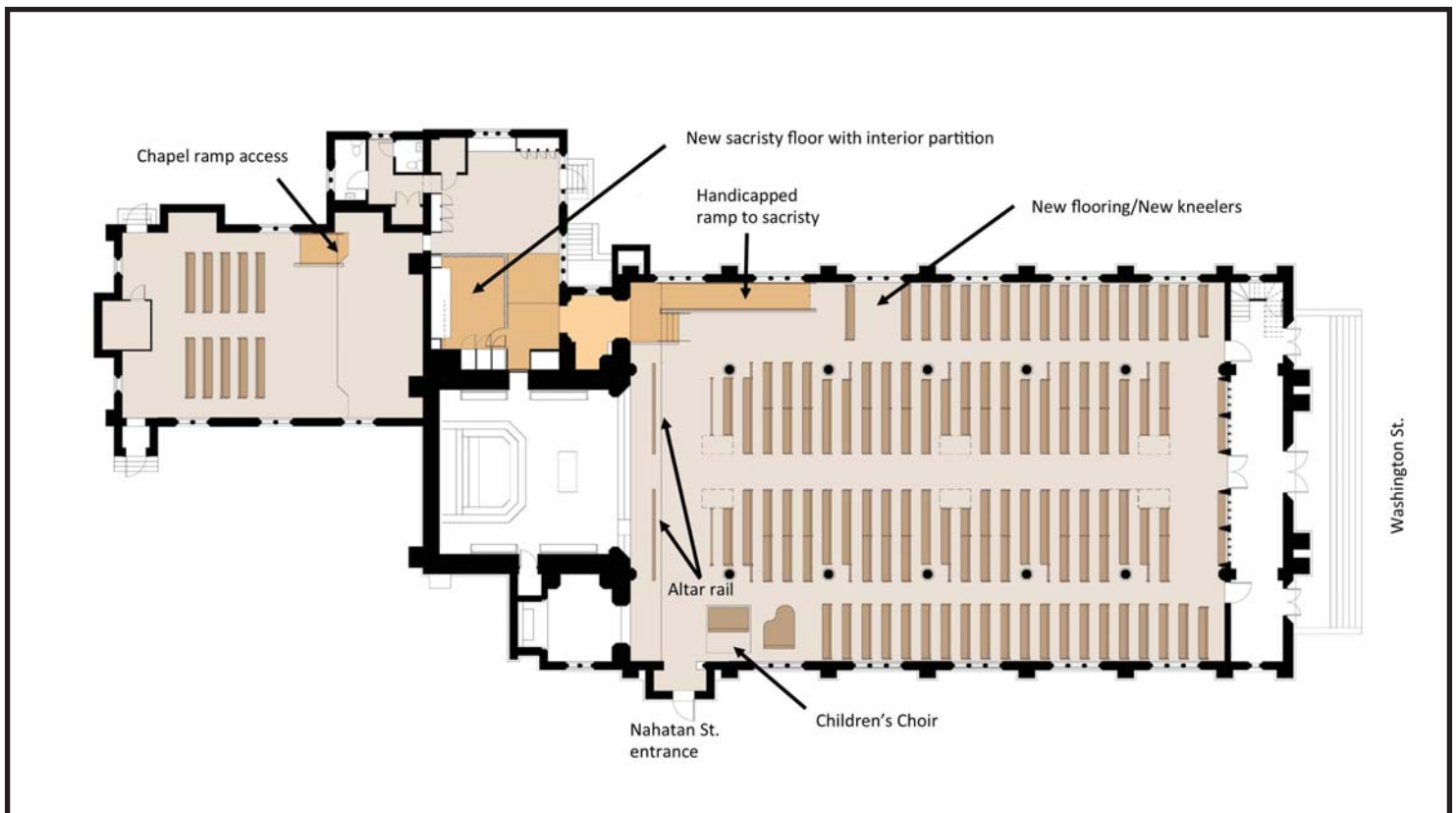
Family Catechesis Sessions (Grades 3-8)

Sunday, 12/4, 10:15-11:15a

If you have any questions regarding the Religious Education program, please contact Mrs. Leah Ramsdell at ymindirector@gmail.com

Design of Renovations Planned for Saint Catherine of Siena Church

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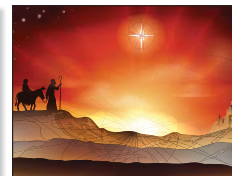
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