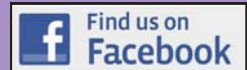




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**4th**

**Sunday  
of Advent**



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:23



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

4 P.M.\* AND 6 P.M.

\* *Two locations: church and cafeteria*

### MIDNIGHT MASS

*Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.*

### CHRISTMAS MORNING:

7 A.M., 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M.

*Please note: There will be no 7 a.m.  
Mass or Confessions on Christmas Eve.*

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**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 18, 2022**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### A Testimonial from Senior Priest Fr. John Mulloy

Since the day of my ordination more than 50 years ago, I have been grateful that God called me to the priesthood. Being committed to serving others' needs as a living sacrament of God's presence is a distinct privilege. However, it often leaves very little time for self-care. For myself and the more than 500 other active and senior diocesan priests, self-care is made easier and has become more natural thanks to the support of the Clergy Trust.

This support was made very clear to me years ago when, while skiing out of state, I had a heart event. All the care I received was covered by the Clergy Trust. What a relief! Now, as an aging senior priest facing increasing health challenges, I have moved into the Regina Cleri Residence in Boston. This community has given me more joy and provided me with more peace of mind than I ever could have imagined.

Operating Regina Cleri is just one of the three programs that the Clergy Trust provides to priests in good standing. The Dedicated Care Team is available anytime for healthcare or wellness guidance and support, and the Intentional Living Program provides resources, seminars, and communications to help us maintain our health.

From ordination to the moment we are called home to God, the Clergy Trust cares for us. Your generosity to the parish collection this Christmas will allow the Clergy Trust to continue carrying out its mission so that we can continue carrying out our mission to serve Christ and you. On behalf of my brothers in Christ, thank you. May God bless your generous hearts. Please have a blessed Christmas.



Your support helps Clergy Trust care for our priests in good standing so they can continue building stronger communities for all.



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17  
7:00 a.m. Sr. Maureen Lyons and Bridget Folan  
4:00 p.m. Caterina Fruci  
Sunday, December 18  
7:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Jerry and Theresa Keady  
11:00 a.m. Jimmy Cremins and Joan Cremins  
Monday, December 19  
6:45 a.m. Kathy Leonard Mitchell  
Tuesday, December 20  
6:45 a.m. John Patrick Carroll  
Wednesday, December 21  
6:45 a.m. Tommy Folan  
Thursday, December 22  
6:45 a.m. Una and Jim Keane  
Friday, December 23  
6:45 a.m. Patrick Garrity  
Saturday, December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
No 7 a.m. Mass on Christmas Eve

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](mailto:parish@stcatherinenorwood.org).



### December 8th—December 14th

Please remember our beloved deceased, especially John Bernazzani and Dora Aprea whose funerals were celebrated this week.

**Please Note:** On Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd, we will follow a holiday Mass schedule and morning Mass will be at 9 a.m., not 6:45 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed.

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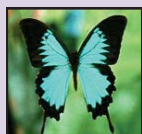


**Music Notes:** Starting at the Christmas Midnight Mass, we will begin singing the Gloria in Latin at the 4 p.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. The setting we are using is from Gregorian Mass VIII "De Angelis." Many of you may be familiar with it already, with its beautiful, soaring, lyrical melody. It might be a common misunderstanding that singing in Latin and Gregorian Chant is "not in the Spirit of Vatican II" or "regressive." But that is not the case! In fact, the Council Fathers wanted Latin and chant to be preserved. From Musicam Sacram, the directive on Sacred Music from Vatican II: "47. According to the Constitution on the Liturgy, 'the use of the Latin language, with due respect to particular law, is to be preserved in the Latin rites.... the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them' and 'Gregorian chant, as proper to the Roman liturgy, should be given pride of place, other things being equal.'" But perhaps my favorite explanation is from *Sing to the Lord*, the most recent directive by the USCCB on music in the American Catholic Church: "Gregorian chant is uniquely the Church's own music. Chant is a living connection with our forebears in the faith, the traditional music of the Roman rite, a sign of communion with the universal Church, a bond of unity across cultures, a means for diverse communities to participate together in song, and a summons to contemplative participation in the Liturgy." That to me, sums up perfectly why chant belongs in the modern church. The Gloria belongs to the Ordinary of the Mass; that is, the parts of the Mass that do not change from week to week. The Ordinary is considered, before the hymns and propers, the first and foremost music for the people to sing. I do want to stress that this does not mean the end of English in the Liturgy! This is an addition, and does not mean other things will be subtracted. Singing the Gloria in Latin will engage us in something that is ever ancient, but ever new. I invite you to go to the music page on our parish website and listen and follow along with this beautiful chant, along with other seasonal music.

Joe Scolastico, Director of Music and Organist

**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.

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This Sunday, December 18th, we will bring the Vatican tradition of blessing Baby Jesus figurines to our parish. This tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and has continued each year. It is known as Bambinelli Sunday (Bambinelli is the Italian name for the figurines). Join us after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses and bring your Nativity Scene Baby Jesus for a special blessing, and start a new tradition for your family!

*The Music Ministry invites all who are attending the Midnight Mass for Christmas to come early at 11:30 p.m. for a short program of Choral and Instrumental Music and Congregational Carols.*



### **PARISH SUPPORT**

December 11, 2022: \$8,820

*Next weekend's collection is for Clergy Trust.*

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](http://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. 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!

## 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 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the sacristy for priests vesting area.

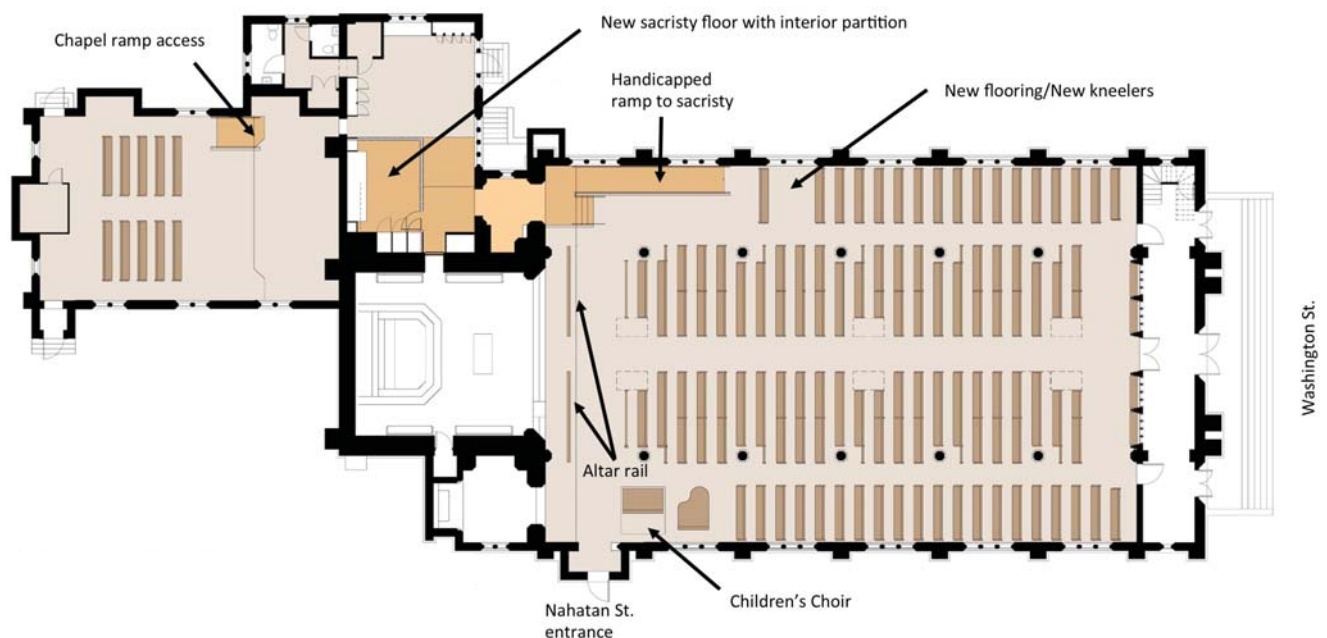
Specifications were drawn by the architect and bids were made by contractors approved by the Archdiocese of Boston Facilities Office. Citywide Contracting won the bid and was awarded the contract. The work is scheduled to begin in January. (Please see floor plan diagram below.)

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





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### **Upcoming Classes**

Grades 1-2, Sunday, 1/8/23, 10:15-11:15a  
Grades 1-2, Tuesday, 1/10/23, 4-5p

### **Family Catechesis Sessions (Grades 3-8)**

Sunday, 1/8/23, 10:15-11:15a

If you have any questions regarding the Religious Education program, please contact Mrs. Leah Ramsdell at [ymindirector@gmail.com](mailto:ymindirector@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:frmaxwell@stcatherinenorwood.org).

### **Little Flowers Girls' Club (girls ages 5-12)**

Come and join the Little Flower Girls' Club each month for a short talk, discussion, lesson on the monthly virtue with corresponding Saint, craft, games, and time for socializing. It is a wonderful opportunity for girls to grow in virtue and friendship! Girls can join at any point in the year. Please contact Mary Ellen Puopolo at [mepuopolo@gmail.com](mailto:mepuopolo@gmail.com) for more information. Remaining meeting dates for the year are Dec 20, 2022, Jan 17, 2023, Feb 21, 2023, March 21, 2023, April 18, 2023, May 16, 2023

### **Sunday Coffee and Donuts:**

Our parish plans to start up Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 AM Sunday Masses as soon as the church renovations are complete. If you'd like to help, please email Father Hynes at [fatherhynes@gmail.com](mailto:fatherhynes@gmail.com).

We're looking forward to sharing a coffee and donut with you!



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On Wednesday, December 14, students in 6th grade participated in the Christmas pageant during our Christmas Concert. It was truly a joy to see the students shine Gods light so brightly as they shared the story of Jesus' birth with our school community! Special thanks to Mrs. Ramsdell, pageant director, for all of her hard work preparing this joyful event!

