

Disciples in Mission
Pastoral Plan Saint Catherine of Siena Parish



“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

- St. Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
547 Washington Street
Norwood, MA 02062

The Parish Vision Statement

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish will boldly proclaim our faith in Christ as joyful witnesses to the Gospel. We will strive to engage all to encounter and grow in relationship with Jesus through participation in the sacramental life

His Eminence Sean Cardinal O' Malley
Archbishop of Boston
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

Your Eminence,

Motivated by the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Boston, we look forward to a spirit of new evangelization in our parish.

Clergy, staff, and parishioners have joined together in committee meeting over the past year to develop our parish pastoral plan. We set our initial parish goals and milestones for the period from July 2019 through June 2022.

We have organized a plan writing team to reflect, discern, discuss, and draft a pastoral plan inspired by faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to deepen, strengthen, and share, our discipleship in the Lord. This plan is the result of a collaborative mindset and process which built a cohesive leadership team that sought to discern and envision the work of Christ in our parish. The fruit of all of this is summarized in our parish vision statement.

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The enclosed goals and milestones are the first fruits of our efforts to live and share this vision.

With prayerful regards, I am sincerely in Christ,

Father Stephen S. Donohoe
Pastor Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
Norwood, Massachusetts

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.’ (Matthew 9:37)

Goal I: Vocations

To foster and support vocations to the diocesan priesthood through prayer and preaching; beginning in September 2019.

Primary Oversight: The Pastor

Primary Point Person: The Parochial Vicar assisted by the Vocations Committee

1. By September 30, 2019
 - A Vocations Committee will be formed by the Parochial Vicar and the Pastor.
2. Milestone by December 31, 2019
 - To ensure preaching and prayer for vocations are being met.
 - The Parochial Vicar will develop a petition to be included in the weekly Prayer of the Faithful and our parish bulletin.
 - Vocation prayer cards will be developed and available in the church.
 - Clergy will decide when vocations should be the subject of homilies.
3. By May 30, 2020
 - The Vocations Committee will have held a Vocations Fair.
 - St. Catherine School Staff and Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation will be involved in development, organization, and running the Fair.
4. Annually
 - Saint Andrew’s Dinner
 - The Pastor and Parochial Vicar will invite attendees to the Dinner.

The estimated cost to achieve this goal is \$1500

“Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

Goal II: Education

To continue to build upon and expand the already existing educational offerings for faith formation with a specific focus on families in 2020, young adults in 2021, and those who are away from the Church in 2022; providing 3 programs per each group.

Primary Oversight: The Pastor

Primary Point Person: The Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation

1. By September 30, 2019
 - The Education Committee will be formed
 - Identifying and selecting members by Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation and Pastor
 - Assigning Team Leaders from each target group; intergenerational, parents, people seeking sacramental care.
 - Creating calendar list of dates and meetings
2. By January 31, 2020
 - Proposal and selection of programs and projects by Education Committee
 - Establish focus on 3 specific target groups
 - Divide Education Committee into the 3 smaller target groups
 - Each target group will research and propose 1-2 project ideas to Committee.
 - The Committee will select a program from each category.
3. By March 1, 2020
 - Communication of programs and proposals
4. By September 30, 2020
 - Implementation of approved programs
5. By December 31, 2020
 - The implemented programs will be evaluated and assessed.

The estimated costs to achieve this goal will be \$5000 - \$7500

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Goal III: Spiritual

To establish among the faithful of the parish, a Spiritual Inventory of gifts, charisms, and desires for service and sharing by January 2022.

Primary Oversight: The Pastor
Primary Point Person: The Pastoral Associate assisted by the Spiritual Life Committee.

1. By February 28, 2021
 - The Spiritual Life Committee will be formed and complete the workshop *Called and Gifted* by the Siena Institute
2. By December 31, 2021
 - The Spiritual Inventory *Called and Gifted*, will be offered to a larger group
 - Assess and evaluate results
 - Organize and facilitate other workshops
3. By January 31, 2022
 - Create an inventory of people, their gifts, charisms, and willingness to serve.
 - Invite participants into ministry
 - Evaluate the desire for ongoing offering of the Program

The estimated cost to achieve this program will be \$6000 - \$7500

Prayer to Saint Catherine of Siena

O Saint Catherine of Siena, God our Father enkindled the flame of holy love in your heart as you meditated on the Passion of Jesus His Son. Moved by His grace, you devoted your life to the poor and the sick, as well as to the peace and unity of the Church. Through your intercession, may we also come to know the love of Jesus, bring His compassion to all, and work for the unity of His Church. We ask this in Jesus Name and for His sake.

Amen.

Prayer for Discipleship

Lord God, help us to remember that we are a Church, not only of brick and mortar, but living stones, Your holy people, a family of faith, hope and love. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may have the wisdom and insight, courage and strength to know and follow Your holy will and grow together in Christ. We ask Your blessing on all those who have loved and supported Saint Catherine of Siena Parish over the many years. May we be one in mind and heart as we gather in Saint Catherine of Siena Church to give You glory and praise for generations to come.

Amen.