



## The First Sunday of Advent

### December 1, 2024

**Rev. William F. Platt, *Pastor***

**Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, *Parochial Vicar***

**Rev. Miguel Bernal, *Priest in Residence***

*Director of Greenwich Hispanic Ministry*

**Deacon Renato Berzolla**

**Deacon Robert Henrey, *Retired***

**Deacon John Linsenmeyer**

**Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues**

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

##### Sunday

**7:30 AM – Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

**9:00 AM – Family Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

**10:30 AM – Traditional Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

**5:00 PM – Teen Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

##### **MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES**

###### St. Catherine's Church

**6:30 PM – Spanish Mass**

###### St. Agnes Chapel

**11:00 AM – French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month**

**– Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month**

##### Saturday

**3:00 — 4:00 PM – Confessions** at St. Catherine's Church

*(Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.)*

**5:00 PM – Vigil Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

##### Daily

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

**7:00 AM – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church**

**5:15 PM – Daily Mass, St. Agnes Chapel**

##### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesdays – 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM,**

**St. Catherine's Church**

##### Rosary

**Tuesdays – 6:00 PM in St. Agnes Chapel**

All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed.

**VIEW THE LIVESTREAM at St. Catherine's HERE:** <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>

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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Please call the Parish Office to schedule dates for

**Baptisms, Weddings and Sacrament of Reconciliation**

(1st Saturday of every month or by appointment)

### This week's READINGS

**Pentecost Sunday** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 or, for the extended

**Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5;

Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday** Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday** Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

**First Friday** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

**First Saturday** Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

## Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

### Saturday, November 30

**3:00 – 4:00 PM No Confessions**

**5:00 PM Intention:** Rose Capparelle  
**Celebrant:** Fr. William F. Platt

### Sunday, December 1

**7:30 AM Intention:** Annunziata & Lorenzo Nania,  
Rose & Frank Bombace  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

**9:00 AM Intention:** Thomas Grasselli Fowler  
**Celebrant:** Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

**10:30 AM Intention:** Mary Romeo  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

**5:00 PM Intention:** STC-STA Parishioners  
**Celebrant:** Fr. William F. Platt

**6:30 PM Intention:** Gabriel Vasquez  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

### Monday, December 2

**7:00 AM Intention:** GG Lemus (living)  
**5:15 PM Intention:** Caroline Meskers

### Tuesday, December 3

**7:00 AM Intention:** Yamel Elias (living)  
**5:15 PM Intention:** Daniel Gallagher

### Thursday, December 5

**9:00 AM Intention:** Luis Vericat  
**5:15 PM Intention:** Kathleen Altomaro (living)

### Friday, December 6

**7:00 AM Intention:** Caryl S. Van Keuren  
**5:15 PM Intention:** Anton Murljadic

### Saturday, December 7

**3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. William F. Platt  
**5:00 PM Intention:** Deceased Members of Campisi,  
Mangini & Sirbono Families  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

### Sunday, December 8

**7:30 AM Intention:** Ida & Amerigo Nania  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Miguel A. Bernal  
**9:00 AM Intention:** Patrick Donovan  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Christopher J. Perrella  
**10:30 AM Intention:** Mary Lalor  
**Celebrant:** Fr. William F. Platt

**11:00 AM French Mass**  
**Intention:** Parishioners of STC-STA  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Gilbert D'Souza

**5:00 PM Intention:** Gregory J. Harbilas  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

**6:30 PM Intention:** Ana Maria Ayala  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

\*Schedule subject to change

## PARISH NEWS

*Please pray for the sick members of our parish, especially for:*

Wilmar Acevedo Joan Bartilucci John Bambino Claudia Bouchard John Hickey  
 Stephen Cheung Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Jay Bartomioli Tom Maigret  
 Scion Estrella Faustino Garcia Morales Olga Iacobazzo Lorraine Mallen Leslie Nash  
 Cecilia Robin Maravilla Barbara Weltz Vinnie Yax Monica Patino Hugo Bernal  
 Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues Please also pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially  
 for: Margaret Theresa Kovac, James Francis Kovac Daniel L. Puffer & Caryl S. Van Keuren



### PARISH SUPPORT

*Thank you for supporting your Parish.*

**Sunday, November 17, 2024:** \$8,442

**Online Giving for the week:** \$4,335

**Total Offertory:** \$12,777

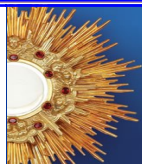
**Last Year:** \$17,237

\*Please note due to the Thanksgiving holiday this bulletin was submitted prior to 11/24/24 Offertory collection. Totals will be updated in the next edition.

If you prefer to make your donations online, please consider using one of the following:

1. Online Giving (OLG) allows you to make your Sunday Offertory and all other donations by credit card or bank check. Visit

[www.stc-sta.org/stewardship/online-giving](http://www.stc-sta.org/stewardship/online-giving)



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**2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 11/22/24**

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$278,000
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Total Pledged:	\$207,435 ( 74.62%)
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Donors to Date:	259 Donors
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Thank you for being part of our ministry!



*St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes  
congratulates and welcomes*

*Harold Wilson,*

*William Anthony DeSalvo, &*

*Emilia Beatriz Sanchez*

*Baptized into God's family on  
November 23rd & 24th 2024*



# SACRED WORSHIP

## Exploring and Understanding the Mass

A Talk by Fr. Perrella



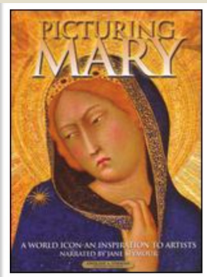
- ✧ Get more out of Mass
- ✧ Learn about the prayers and parts of the Mass and what they mean
- ✧ Learn how to pray at Mass beyond merely "saying your lines"
- ✧ Based on the book A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Edward Sri

**Wed, Dec 11**

**10:30am  
or 7pm**

**Lucey  
Parish Hall**

*A documentary on the images of Mary throughout the ages, followed by a discussion with Bill Baker, the film producer.*



**Thursday, December 5th**  
**St Paul's Episcopal Church, 200  
Riverside Ave**

**A light supper will be served at  
6pm. Program will begin at 6:30.**

**RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup> at  
[ann.post@stpaulsriverside.org](mailto:ann.post@stpaulsriverside.org)**



**FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: Sunday, December 1st - 6pm**

**Join us on the Parish Lawn outside Chapel for  
caroling in English & Spanish and HOT COCOA!!**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### An Important Note About Accessible Parking and Entry Doors:

With our exterior church renovation complete, we now have a total of eight (8) parking spaces in proximity to the church for our parishioners with mobility issues. During weekend and weekday mass times there will be four (4) spaces reserved for handicapped parking in front of the rectory and an additional four (4) spaces in the lower parking lot adjacent to the parish hall side entrance. From there, you can use the elevator up to the church. Please note that two of the spaces in front of the rectory will be marked for accessible parking at all times, along with all four of the spaces in the lower lot.

At the main entrance in the front of the church, the left-hand-side door remains an assisted entrance with an automated door that is controlled by an exterior and an interior button. The lower-level parish hall entrance also has an automated door that can be opened from both the outside and inside.

If you are visiting the new parish offices at the O'Malley Center located at 13 Riverside Avenue, please know that there are two (2) parking spaces next to that building designated as handicapped. Should you have any questions about our inclusive church access, kindly contact Evelyn Wilson, Senior Director of Facilities & Administration, [evelyn.wilson@stc-sta.org](mailto:evelyn.wilson@stc-sta.org) or 203-637-3661 x107.



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## FAITH in our Community

Please join us for our **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**, which will be performed during the 9:00 AM family mass on December 15, 2024. To sign your children up, please reach out to [ErinTeske@stc-sta.org](mailto:ErinTeske@stc-sta.org) no later than December 6th. Christmas treats, hot coco, & holiday merriment to follow the pageant, in the gymnasium of the Japanese School, hosted by the Family Fellowship Committee.



### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR SPECIALTY ITEM REQUEST:

Please Help make a Child's Birthday Party Special by donating:

Cake Mixes  
Brownie Mixes  
Cookie Mixes  
Frosting  
Cake Candles  
Napkins, Plates, Hats, Balloons, etc.

Items can be dropped off as part of our Weekly Tuesday Collection or Items may be left in the lower vestibule or brought to religious education classes.

Thank You for your Generosity!



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A HOLY BILINGUAL  
MASS IN HONOR OF

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Date: 12/12/2024 Place: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Time: 5:15PM

The Mariachi Mexico International will serenade Our Lady during the Mass.  
Mexican Food Refreshments after mass

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 01, 2024

### 30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



### 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



### Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!



### Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

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