

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND ST. AGNES



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - FEBTUATY 16, 2025

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor

Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, Parochial Vicar

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, St. Agnes Chapel

All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are livestreamed.

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM: 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

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

Saturday, February 15

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

Fr. William F. Platt Celebrant:

5:00 PM Intention: Frank Pulick

> Fr. Christopher F. Perrella Celebrant:

Sunday, February 16

7:30 AM Intention: Annunziata & Lorenzo Nania,

Rose & Frank Bombace

Fr. William F. Platt Celebrant:

9:00 AM Intention: Glenn Gomez

> Fr. William F. Platt Celebrant:

10:30 AM Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA

> Celebrant: Fr. Michael A. Boccaccio

11:00 AM Intention: Antonio Lisio

> Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

5:00 PM Intention: Marica Kalaw

> Fr. Christopher F. Perrella Celebrant:

6:30 PM Intention: Josephina Martinez Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

Monday, February 17

7:00 AM Intention: Gracia Winget 5:15 PM Intention: NO MASS

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 AM Intention: Patricia M. Blessington

5:15 PM Intention: The Comeau & Thibault Family

Thursday, February 20

7:00 AM Intention: Thomas Smeriglio

5:15 PM Intention: Evelyn Schmidt & Jean Daniels

Friday, February 21

7:00 AM Intention: Ralph & Nilda Yoakum

5:15 PM Intention: Michael Evers

Saturday, February 22

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

Fr. William F. Platt Celebrant:

5:00 PM Intention: Eleanor Szmula

> Celebrant: Msgr. Laurence R. Bronkiewicz

Sunday, February 23

7:30 AM Intention: Lillian Castronovo

> Celebrant: Fr. Lionel Pacheco

9:00 AM Intention: Leka Palushaj

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt 10:30 AM Intention: Brandon Ray Thomas

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Intention: Evelyn & Fred Arroyo

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

6:30 PM Intention: Bravo & Nieves Family Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

*Schedule subject to change

PARISH NEWS

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



Scion Estrella Wilmar Acevedo Joan Bartilucci Claudia Bouchard John Hickey
Stephen Cheung Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Barbara Weltz Jay Bartomioli
Tom Maigret Faustino Garcia Morales Vinnie Yax Leslie Nash Olga Iacobazzo
Lorraine Mallen Cecilia Maravilla Monica Patino Hugo Bernal Maria Cano
Catherine Colangelo Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues

Please also pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially for: Gracia Winget

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday February 9, 2025: \$6,177

Online Giving for the week: \$10,108.66

Total Offertory: \$16,285.66

Last Year: \$16,415

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

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

- 2) Text **203-633-7524: GIVE** & Simply follow the prompt instructions to complete your text transactions!
- 3) Scan our QR code:





On Sunday February 23 at 10:30am, our Traditional Choir will be celebrating Black History Month with a program of Gospel music: a Spiritual "Jesus in the Morning," "Lead Me, Guide Me" by Doris Akers, "The Lord is My Light" by Lillian Bouknight, and Moses Hogan's arrangement of "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" for the Anthem. The choir will be accompanied by our own Ron Petrides jazz trio.





In observance of President's day Parish Offices will be closed on Monday February 17th. Our regularly scheduled Daily Mass will be held at 7:00 AM In-Person and Livestreamed from St. Catherine's Church.

Prayer for Black History Month:

Lord God, we thank You for the gifts and contributions of Black Catholics throughout history. Help us to see Your image in every person and to work tirelessly for justice and peace. May we follow the example of holy men and women who lived out their faith with courage and love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH NEWS



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 lefthandside 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green. In the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still bears fruit...When Jesus came down the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch...then raising his eyes to his disciples, he said: 'Blest are you poor...who hunger...are weeping for life, strength and the power...when they shall hate you.'"

Saint Luke offers us the 'sermon on the plain' while we are also familiar with Matthew's 'sermon on the mount.' The beatitudes of both, varying slightly, offer us a plan for our lives as disciples, relating what confronts us, our opportunities for growth, and the promised rewards.

The image of the strong tree of Jeremiah portrays all of us, trusting in the Lord, resisting the many evils which confront us.

We cannot do it alone, but draw our strength from a life of prayer, celebration of the sacraments and being 'people of the beatitudes.'

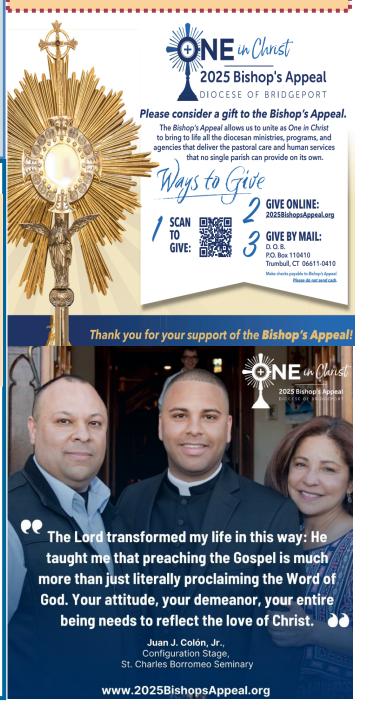
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GIVING MADE SIMPLE: SCAN AND SUPPORT We're introducing a convenient way to give right from your seat. Use the QR code on the card in your pew to make a secure donation to our church. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of faith, service, and community outreach.

Thank you for being part of our ministry!



Faith in Our Community





Emmaus Retreat

The weekend retreat provides a safe, non-judgmental environment to reignite and deepen one's faith through prayer, discussion, and meals. Through presentations, small group discussions and other activities, the Emmaus retreat provides opportunities to share feelings, experiences, and challenges as we strive to live a faith-based life and help guide our families and our communities on the right path.

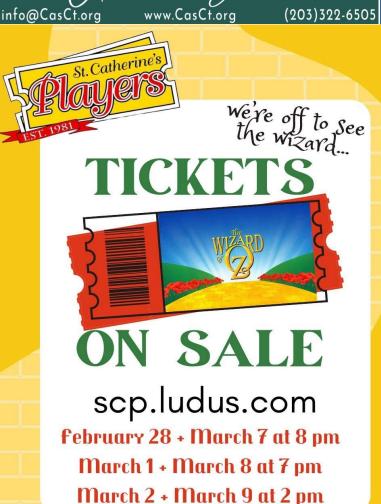
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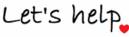
TO REGISTER: https://

www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/mens-emmaus



Nothing says you care like underwear!





The Social Justice Ministry of
ST.CATHERINE OF SIENA & St. AGNES
announces UNDIE SUNDAY
February 23, 2025

Donate new underwear for men, women and children in need to help improve their lives.

NEW bras ◆ NEW women's panties ◆

NEW men's boxers and briefs NEW children's underwear
 All sizes and ages. No infant wear.

All items donated will be distributed to local area organizations that help those in need. Drop off donations in boxes in the Narthex and lower vestibule.

Underwear is the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-esteem. The Undies Project Inc. was started to fulfill this need.

To make a purchase via Amazon go to the website: http://www.theundiesproject.org/, scroll down, and donate with a few clicks.

The Undies Project Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

PARISH NEWS



Young Catholic Professionals Fairfield County. a group of Catholic young adults dedicated to serving Catholics aged 21-39 through faith-based networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities. **Upcoming Events:**

Al and the Soul: Faith-Centered Strategies for Technology in Daily Life

Date: February 21, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM Networking | 7:20 PM Talk **Location:** The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk

Description: Explore the rise of artificial intelligence and how Catholics can thoughtfully respond to and use these technologies in their lives.

You Inc. - Unlocking the Power of Your Personal Brand

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM Networking | 7:20 PM Talk

Location: The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk

Description: Discover how to shape your unique identity, elevate your influence, and create a brand that drives lasting success. Those interested can visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/fairfield-county or follow us on social media at @YCPFairfieldCounty

Remember- Weekly Food and Essentials collection, every Tuesday morning, 9-11am in the parking area

next to the O'Malley Center to drop off your donations.

www.ntngreenwich.org

Or leave in vestibule at your convenience. Thank you.



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION NOW

Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:30am March 5 - April 30 Parish of St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes, Riverside, CT

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment. God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing. Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at: Parish of St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes 4 Riverside Avenue Riverside, CT 06878 **Meetings are led by trained bereavement** facilitators. There is no charge. Please submit a Program Inquiry Form on the following website: Ctcemeteries.org/newday or contact Jeannemarie at 203-637-3661 - ext. 375 at the **Parish Partners Ministry**



Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Com-

Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. Many of them are unable to attend Sunday Mass or receive Holy Communion in person. But you can help by offering your time to either:

- Visit homebound parishioners to bring them the Holy Eucharist
- Provide rides to Saturday or Sunday Mass for those who need transport If you have a few hours to spare each month and would love to serve others in this rewarding ministry of outreach, we would be deeply grateful. Whether you're able to drive someone to church or visit them at home, your generosity will be a true blessing.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity to share Christ's love with our fellow parishioners!