Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confession
TUESDAYS: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
SATURDAYS: 3:00pm - 3:45pm
or anytime upon request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
TUESDAYS: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Daily Mass:
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:30am
6:00pm
CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 9:00am

Sunday Mass: *10:30am
* Solemn Mass with Choir
SATURDAY VIGIL:
4:00pm, 7:15pm
SUNDAY MASS:
7:30am, 9:00am
*10:30am, 12:00noon

Holy Days of Obligation:
VIGIL MASS: 5:30pm;
HOLY DAY: 7:30am, *9:00am,
Festive Mass with Choir: 7:00pm
*when St. Catherine of Siena
School is in session

New Parishioners: We warmly welcome you, and invite you to register in our parish community. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 10, or stop in!

Sacrament of Baptism:
SUNDAY: 1:30pm, by appointment.
Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for first-time parents. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 10.

Parish Office Hours:
MON-THURS: 9:00am - 4:30pm
FRIDAY: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena

Easter Sunday ♡ The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 21, 2019

Father Joseph A. Marcello, Pastor
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Father Philip G. Bochanski, In Residence
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Salvatore Spadaccino: Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach

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Kenneth M. Martin, Jr.: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation
Atty. Marian E. Whiteman: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation
RESPECT LIFE

The white rose at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us all to pray for an increased respect for the gift of human life. This week, it is offered in memory of Robert J. Kovacs.

If you would like to offer a rose, please call Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care, at (203) 377-3133, ext. 19.
Dear Friends,

On this Easter Sunday, in the joy of the Risen Christ, it is my pleasure to extend to you the warmest of welcomes to the beautiful Masses of this day!

As food for thought and prayer today and during the Easter Season, I would like to draw your attention to the large candle which has been placed near the ambo [pulpit], the Paschal Candle.

The Paschal Candle glows with the light of the Risen Christ, and is filled with beautiful symbolism which helps us to better understand our Easter-centered faith. I’d like to share with you an especially beautiful reflection on the meaning of this Candle -- and, by extension, of this day -- by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

On Easter night, the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal Candle. This is a light that lives from sacrifice. The candle shines inasmuch as it is burnt up. It gives light, inasmuch as it gives itself. Thus the Church presents most beautifully the Paschal Mystery of Christ, who gives himself and so bestows this great light.

Secondly, we should remember that the light of the candle is a fire. Fire is the power that shapes the world, the force of transformation. And fire gives warmth. Here too the mystery of Christ is made newly visible. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. “Whoever is close to me is close to the fire,” as Jesus is reported by Origen to have said. And this fire is both heat and light: not a cold light, but one through which God’s warmth and goodness reach down to us.

The great hymn of the Exsultet, which the deacon sings at the beginning of the Easter liturgy, points us quite gently towards a further aspect. It reminds us that this object, the candle, has its origin in the work of bees. So the whole of creation plays its part. In the candle, creation becomes a bearer of light. But in the mind of the Fathers of the Church, the candle also in some sense contains a silent reference to the Church. The cooperation of the living community of believers in the Church in some way resembles the activity of bees. It builds up the community of light. So the candle serves as a summons to us to become involved in the community of the Church, whose raison d’être is to let the light of Christ shine upon the world.

Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ’s radiant face may enter our world. Amen.

A blessed Easter to everyone!

God bless you!

Father Marcello
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday is the very special Sunday each year when the floodgates of God’s mercy are wide-opened, and Jesus offers the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion on that day.

Join us! Everyone Welcome!
Confessions: 1:30-2:30pm  Holy Hour: 3:00pm

ADORATION & CONFESSION

Are you intimidated by confession? Don’t be, Pope Francis says. “He [Jesus] does not threaten” but instead prompts his children with “kindness, gentleness, giving us confidence,” Pope Francis said. “The act of going to confession is like God inviting you to coffee, he continued. “This is how the Lord calls us: ‘Come on, let’s have a coffee together. Let’s talk this over, let’s discuss it. Don’t be afraid.'”

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions are Available
Every Tuesday beginning at 7pm.

Next Sunday’s Gospel
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next weekend’s Sunday Gospel reading is provided here, so that we can think and pray about it, and be ready to receive it into our minds and hearts when it is proclaimed at Mass.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19-31

Our Parish Church is God’s dwelling place on earth.
St. Catherine’s is OPEN: Mon-Fri, 7am-2pm

You are most welcome to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and/or spend some time of personal prayer in our church any time we are open.

You are welcome here!
Religious Education:

BE THE GOOD: Our inaugural Be The Good Lent Even was a huge success! Each week, students reported to their catechists about the acts of kindness they performed during the week, and our cross was overflowing with the hearts which carried our love for each other back to the heart of Jesus. In all, we performed more than 2,000 acts of kindness in our homes, our schools, and in the Trumbull community. The ripples from these acts will surely continue for weeks to come! It is the small, everyday acts of kindness that make a big difference. Thank you for your support with this fun event.

CONFIRMATION:

Retreat: Saturday, May 18, 9am–1pm; Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 28, 5:30-6:30pm (2pm Mass Candidates); Rehearsal Thursday, May 30, 5:30-6:30pm (5pm Mass Candidates), Confirmation Sunday, June 2, 2pm & 5pm. Retreat and rehearsal are mandatory. NOTE: Your child’s sponsor attends the Confirmation Rehearsal. If the sponsor can’t attend, another adult can stand in for the sponsor.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Workshop: Thursday, May 2, 5:30-6:45pm; Rehearsal Thursday, May 9, 5:30-6:30pm (10am Mass Candidates) and 6:30-7:30pm (12pm Mass Candidates), First Holy Communion Saturday, May 11, 10am & 12pm. Workshop & rehearsal are mandatory. NOTE: that a parent(s) needs to attend the workshop with their child.

LINDSAY TRISTINE, Director of Religious Education
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A HEART UNTouched BY TIME

On April 29 & 30, the relic of the heart of Saint John Vianney, Curé of Ars and patron saint of priests, will be visiting St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Here is the schedule:

Monday, April 29
7:00 p.m.
Holy Mass in the presence of the Heart of St. John Vianney
The Most Reverend Daniel A. Cronin, Archbishop Emeritus of Hartford, will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist for this Mass, which will take place on our patronal feast, the Solemnity of Saint Catherine of Siena.

8:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
All-night vigil of prayer in the presence of the Heart of St. John Vianney
Excerpts from the homilies of the Curé of Ars will be read every hour, on the hour. Prayers for priestly vocations, especially in the Diocese of Bridgeport, will be offered. Participants are welcome for any duration of time.

Tuesday, April 30
9:00 a.m.
Holy Mass for local elementary school students.
Father Joseph Marcello, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Parishioners and friends of the parish are also welcome.

Information: https://www.kofc.org/en/events/vianney.html

Music Ministry

Contact: DR. BILL ATWOOD,
Director of Music and Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
(203) 377-3133 x24 or WilliamAtwood@stcatherinetrumbull.com
**Offertory. Thank you!**

The Publication Deadline for our Bulletin was shortened for Easter. We will report Offertory for the weekend of April 13-14 next weekend. Thank You!

**S.O.M.E.: So Others May Eat**

Our food collection box is located in the church vestibule. Thank you for all of your generosity. Please continue to support us as we support those most in need. All non-perishable food items are accepted! And thank you for checking expiration dates.

**EUCHARISTICADORATION PRAYER INITIATIVE:**

Our 1st two Prayer Initiatives praying for the intentions of our parishioners have been very well received. We prayed for dozens of specific requests, treating each one with dignity and devotion. Please consider joining us from 3-4pm on May 7. You may submit a prayer request by email, or pick up a flyer in the Church Lobby.

Contact SALVATORE SPADACCINO, Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

**St. Catherine of Siena School**

Please join us for our: 14th Annual Golf Classic and Dinner supporting St. Catherine of Siena School on Friday, May 17, Whitney Farms Golf Course, Monroe. Support us in any of the following ways:

1. **Sponsors:** The best way to support the SCSS Golf Tournament and Catholic education is a sponsorship. Many different levels of support available.
2. **Golf:** Register a foursome for a fun day on the links, or sign up as an individual and we will pair you up.
3. **Dinner:** Don't golf, that's okay! Signup for dinner and cocktail hour. It includes a silent auction and fun night with the St. Catherine of Siena community.

Please email us at scssgolf@gmail.com to make a donation to our silent auction or for information about the event. Thank you for supporting St. Catherine of Siena School celebrating more than 50 years of Catholic Education!

SCSS is now accepting enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year for Preschool through Grade 8. Call the school office at 203-375-1947 to schedule a tour of the campus and learn more about the program. Come and see for yourself what makes SCSS a special place for students to be educated and why we are named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! For more information visit our website at http://www.stcatherinesienatrumbull.org/

**Paper Shredding Fundraiser Event**

Saturday, June 8
9am-12 Noon, rain or shine!

Are your confidential papers piling up with no time to shred them? Shredding will be: done on-site, while you wait, by a professional shredding truck! Individuals & businesses welcome! In the Parish parking lot. $10/box or $25/3 boxes (standard paper box). Cash or check, payable to St. Catherine of Siena.

Info: 203-377-3133. No appointment necessary!

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**
Sunday, April 28
Holy Hour, 3pm

**Visit of the Heart of Saint John Vianney**
April 29-30

**First Communion**
Saturday, May 11

**May Crowning**
Sunday, May 12, 10:30am

**Ascension of the Lord**
Thursday, May 30, 7pm

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Confirmation**
Sunday, June 2

**Pentecost**
Sunday, June 9, 10:30am

**The Feast of Corpus Christi with Eucharistic Procession**
Sunday, June 23, 10:30am

**Calendar of Events**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
Meeting: Sunday, Apr 21: No Meeting
Contact: FrSuarez@diobpt.org

**ROSARY MAKERS:**
Meeting: Tuesday, Apr 23, 2:00pm
Location: McClinch Family Center
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