# Welcome

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**TUESDAYS**: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### **Daily Mass:**

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 7:30am FIRST FRIDAY: 9:00am FIRST SATURDAY: 8:00am CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 9:00am Everyone Welcome!

#### **Rosary:**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 8:00am Everyone Welcome!

#### Sunday Mass:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00pm, 7:15pm SUNDAY MASS: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am Livestreamed at 4:00pm Saturday.

**New Parishioners:** We warmly welcome you, and invite you to register in our parish community. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 101

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

**SUNDAY: 1:00pm**, by appointment. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for first-time parents. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 101

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

MON-THURS: 9:00am - 4:30pm FRIDAY: Closed

Location: In Historic Nichols 220 Shelton Road Trumbull, CT 06611 (203) 377-3133 www.stcathtrumbull.com office@stcatherinetrumbull.com



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# THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO PRAYER FOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOV. 19, 2023

Father Joseph A. Marcello, Pastor Father Joseph O. Ocran, In Residence Deacon Patrick Toole, Deacon of the Parish

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Atty. Joseph R. Tristine:	Chair, Pastoral Advisory Council
Kenneth M. Martin, Jr.:	Lay Member of the Parish Corporation
Atty. Marian E. Whiteman:	Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



#### **MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE** FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Monday, Nov. 20: 7:30AM <sup>‡</sup> Edward Spillane THE PRESENTATION OF THE Tuesday, Nov. 21: **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 7:30AM ⊕ Deceased Members of the Pelle Family 7:00PM Parish Mass of Thanksgiving 6:00PM-8:00PM NO Confession Wednesday, Nov. 22: St. Cecilia 7:30AM 🕆 Linda DeLaurentis THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, Nov. 23: St. Clement I 9:00AM ⊕ The Lambert & Colello Families Friday, Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions Saturday, Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE [Anticipated] 4:00PM <sup>⊕</sup> Rose Marie Jeffery 7:15PM 🕆 The Diercksen & McAllister Families Sunday, Nov. 26: **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,** KING OF THE UNIVERSE 7:30AM Our Parishioners 9:00AM <sup>⊕</sup> Peggy Craw 11:00AM 🕆 John & Elizabeth Coughlin

## **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

## **Patricia Foley**

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp, which indicates and honors the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, burns this week in memory of

Michael Mackno

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the family of

**Beatrice Krafcik** 

our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.



Please join us for this favorite annual celebration of our thanks for God's many blessings. ADORATION & **CONFESSION** will NOT take place on Tue, Nov 21, due to the Parish Mass of Thanksgiving.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

To allow our Parish Staff time to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with their families, the Parish Office will be CLOSED Wed, Nov 22 through Fri, Nov 24. The office will reopen on Mon, Nov 27, at 9am. Daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day will take place at 9am. Mass will not be celebrated on Fri, Nov 24.

THE PARISH OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WARMLY WELCOMES anyone who is new to our area, anyone who is searching for the truth, or anyone who is looking for a spiritual home. We are joyfully and faithfully Roman Catholic in belief and practice - a community of faith, worship, service, and formation and with open hearts we invite all our brothers and sisters into a living and saving friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the communion of His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.



*Please remember in your daily prayers all the sick* of our Parish and their caregivers, especially:

Marlene Roberts, Ernestine Gaudio, Lee Ellen Romano, Ivan Capella, and Sigrid Rogowski.

To add a name, contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (203) 377-3133, ext. 104.

## BAPTISM

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena warmly congratulates the families of

Cayla Josephine Southard and Riley Ann Roche



who were Baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the grace of this Sacrament will bear abundant fruit in their lives and in the lives of their families.



# STEWARDSHIP: What is it? Why does it matter? How does it help?

#### Dear Friends,

This weekend is our fourth annual **Stewardship Weekend**, *the one and only weekend of the year* we will devote to discussing *giving where we worship*, *as an act of worship* – in other words, giving back to the Lord, here at our parish, as a concrete expression of our faith.

The main idea is this: giving back to the Lord should not be a decision that's made weekly, at the spur of the moment. It should be a purposeful decision that each family *makes once a year*, for the whole, coming year – very intentionally.

Between now and the beginning of Advent, (December 2 & 3), please think about, pray about, and talk about this question:

# What return can I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (PSALM 116:12)

I am asking every family in our parish to discuss what portion of their family's budget can be allocated, during 2024, as an offering back to the Lord, through the financial support of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, thinking of the "3 P's":

- giving that is **planned**,
- giving that a **priority** in a family's budget, and
- giving that is a percentage of a family's income or budget (whatever the percentage).

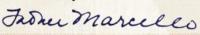
The first weekend of Advent (December 2 & 3) is the beginning of the new liturgical year, and it is the time when we can all update our weekly financial commitment to the parish for the next 12 months, implementing what we have thought about and prayed about during these weeks. We hope to reach a level of stewardship which would enable us to eliminate the Annual Parish Appeal!

While we're thinking of stewardship, I'd like to reiterate that, during the past few years, in addition to utilities, salaries, medical expenses, and ordinary maintenance, we've put your gifts to the parish to work by:

- We have completely replaced the church roof, stripping off the 3 existing roofs from the '50s, the '70s, and the '90s, getting down to the bare decking, and installing a new roof, which should last for at least 30 years;
- We have repaired a crack in the foundation of the church and sealed it to resolve a leakage issue into the Church Hall;
- We've performed very necessary maintenance work on the McClinch Family Center and the Halloran Pastoral Center, by replacing rotted exterior wood, and painting, and sealing.
- We've needed to replace the air conditioning system in the Halloran Pastoral Center which failed last summer. Believe it or not, the Halloran Center, the parish office building, is now 21 years old!
- We've needed to repair the chimney of both the Church and the Rectory by replacing the interior flue which had deteriorated, replacing missing bricks & repointing the required sections.
- People tell us they're proud of our church when the drive by that's in part because we've been able to keep our campus looking like a park with landscaping and maintenance which is just as it should be, because our campus is the place of the Blessed Sacrament, and where Jesus is should look its best. Also I should mention that we've trimmed the lower branches of the trees in the parking lot so no one gets poked in the eye!

Stewardship is not extraneous to our mission, it is an integral part of our mission, and a concrete expression of our faith. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish!

God bless you!



# **A GRAND CELEBRATION!**

Special thanks to everyone who came out for our first annual Grandparent Day! It was heartwarming to see so many families there – children, parents and grandparents – at Mass.

Then, at the Family Center, all enjoyed a walk down memory lane with music from the 50s & 60s,

solved word searches together, and a fun game of Name That Tune!

View Photos:











LAST CALL!! St. Catherine's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gingerbread Bash – a special day for the whole family!

Build a gingerbread nativity while celebrating the birth of Jesus. You'll hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing songs, play games, and discover the good news of Jesus through candy canes. It's a truly sweet way for your family to prepare for the birth of Jesus!

Join us for the Gingerbread Bash on Sun, Dec 3 immediately following the 9am Mass \$20/family includes one nativity kit & breakfast. Additional nativity kits are \$10/each.



BEING A DISCIPLE MEANS BEING

CONSTANTLY READY TO BRING THE LOVE

OF JESUS TO OTHERS. THIS CAN HAPPEN

UNEXPECTEDLY AND IN ANY PLACE: ON

THE STREET, IN A CITY SQUARE, DURING

WORK, ON A JOURNEY.

You're absolutely not going to want to miss it! Scan this QR code to register.

**JUST A FEW SPOTS LEFT! REGISTER NOW!** 

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CLASS THIS WEEK:** Sun, Nov 19 & Tue, Nov 21. No Class on Weds, Nov 22. Wishing all of our Rel Ed families a joyful celebration of God's many blessings.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION:

- First Holy Communion Registration is due Dec
  Forms were emailed to families.
- Registration for Confirmation was due 11/15. If you haven't submitted, please do so ASAP.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATES for these fun family events this fall at St. Catherine's!

- **GINGERBREAD BASH:** Sun, Dec 3, follows the 9am Mass
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: Dec 9, follows the 4pm Mass LINDSAY TRISTINE, DRE reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com

# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: THANK YOU



Once again, our parishioners demonstrated their wonderful spirit of generosity and charity during the Annual Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. Six cars packed to the hilt — were delivered to Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Mary Church, the Convent of Mary Immaculate and the Trumbull Food Pantry. Plus we were even able to help a family on the day of the drive that had an immediate need!

A huge thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers without whom this drive would not be possible: SCOTT SMANIOTTO, GLORIA BENDER, BOB & JEANNIE CAVALLERO, GARRETT, MICAH, NATALIA & VENESSA COVINO, HELEN CROCCO, ERIN DALY, CHRIS HAYES, MARK HURLEY, RAY JAKABCIN, RICH & CHRISTA JOHN-SON, TED KEIFER, JACK LETT, MIKE, NAOMI, ALYSA & ILAINA MACARI, KATIE & SHANNON MILLER, ZACH RANGHAN, DICK & CAROL SPENCER, JERRY SPILLANE, DICK TUNSTALL, ERIC & PAT VOGEL. And a very special thank you to St. Catherine's Rel Ed families and SCSS community for helping to supply donations. We couldn't do any of this without you!

Lastly, thanks go out to our Knights of Columbus Council #5806 for all of their efforts with organizing and conducting this vital drive!

SCOTT SMANIOTTO Director of Community Programs Knights of Columbus Council #5806

ERIC VOGEL, Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach: Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

If you or someone you know is in need of help this Advent and Christmas Season, please let us know.



## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 17 7:00pm

All are invited to attend LESSONS AND CAROLS on Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas Eve. Originally a British tradition (and associated with King's College), it dates back to the late nineteenth century. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ is told in nine short texts from Holy Scripture, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir anthems.

Katrina Keat, *Director of Music* kkeat@stcatherinetrumbull.com

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: The solemnity of our lord jesus Christ, king of the universe

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.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he



will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:31-46

# **ANNUAL PARISH GIVING TREE**



**Sign up to sponsor a family or an individual at St. Charles Borromeo Parish:** Use the QR code to the left to sign up. Specific gifts have been requested so you know your gift will be right! Deliver wrapped & labeled gifts (*with family number & recipient's name securely taped to the gift*) at the drive through on Dec 9, or to the Giving Tree by Dec 10.

# ----- The Giving Tree -----

- **Blessed Sacrament Parish:** Parishioners are especially requesting hats and gloves. Look for a *yellow bulb* on the Giving Tree. Deliver gifts unwrapped with the ornament securely attached to the gift at the drive through on Dec 10, or to the Giving Tree by Dec 10.
- **St. Mary Parish:** St. Mary Parish gives a gift to their Rel Ed students. Look for a *red ornament* on the Giving Tree. Deliver gifts unwrapped with the ornament securely attached to the gift at the drive through on Dec 10, or to the Giving Tree by Dec 10.
- **Convent of Mary Immaculate:** The Convent gives a gift to their preK and First Holy Communion children. Look for a *brown gingerbread man* on the Giving Tree Deliver gifts unwrapped with the ornament securely attached to the gift at the drive through on Dec 10, or to the Giving Tree by Dec 10.
- **The McGivney Center:** The center hosts an annual "McGivney Christmas Store" where kids can "purchase" gifts for their family & friends. Kids earn "bucks" to spend at the sale through good report cards, helping others, and good deeds. Look for a *blue angel* on the Giving Tree. Deliver gifts unwrapped with the ornament securely attached to the gift at the drive through on Dec 10, or to the Giving Tree by Dec 10.



WAYS TO DONATE: Drive Through: Sat, Dec 9, 10am-12pm. At All Masses: through Dec 10. See above. Financial Donations: Use online giving with the QR code here. Or mail a check to the Parish Office, payable to St. Catherine of Siena. Write "Giving Tree" in the memo line. Surplus funds will be directed to the organizations listed above.

Questions: Christmas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

*If you or someone you know is in need of help this Advent and Christmas Season, please let us know.* 

## 2023 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

...is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> week. Thanks to your generosity in previous years, we were able to raise more than \$150,000 through this campaign, which enabled us to meet the ongoing, fixed costs of maintaining our beautiful par-



ish campus and facilities, and to stay current with our other obligations.

This year's goal remains at \$150,000, which will help us to meet these same goals. Our mission of faith, worship, and service here at St. Catherine's is a rock of stability for our parishioners and our larger community during these ongoing and challenging times.

# As of Fri, Nov. 10, we have received pledges from 149 families totaling \$58,270 (39% of goal).

Together with our Parish Finance Council & Trustees, we ask for everyone's active participation in this year's Appeal.



#### DONATE ONLINE with the QR code or on the parish website: stcathtrumbull.com

All of us make up St. Catherine's. Every gift counts. We are so grateful that you are a part of our Parish Community. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support.



*We are very grateful* to everyone who is using our Online Giving platform. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running through these challenging times. Please use this QR code to make your weekly offertory gift to the parish. Thank you!



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# THANK YOU For Your Offertory

For the weekend of November  $11^{\text{th}} - 12^{\text{th}}$ 

WEEKLY	
\$3,220	

MONTHLY ONLINE \$501 \$8,340

TOTAL: \$12,061

**LEAVE A LEGACY:** Remember St. Catherine's in your Will! Doing so is a meaningful and tangible way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations of Catholics in our community.

Info: BOB CAVALLERO, Director of Parish Operations (203) 377-3133 or <u>RobertCavallero@stcatherinetrumbull.com</u>

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, Nov 19, from 6-8pm Join us for a super fun Community Night!

**Coming Soon: NOV 26:** <u>No</u> Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving; **DEC 3:** Christmas Jeopardy; **DEC 10:** Chopped Christmas Deserts Edition; **DEC 17:** Christmas Karaoke + Party.

Do you know a high schooler who loves to hang with friends, have fun, & enjoys a yummy treat too? Tell them about St. Catherine's Youth Group! We meet Sun, 6-8pm.

MR. KINGSBURY: <u>RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com</u>

# THE PARISH NURSES:

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING:** Sat, Nov 19, *after the 4pm Mass &* Nov 20, *after all Mass-es.* Next screening: Dec 17 & 18.

The **Parish Nurses** conduct blood pressure screenings after Mass once a month and maintain a health-related bulletin board.

INFO: CHERYL BASZTURA 203-261-5851

# **CONFESSION TIMES**

Confession can sometimes seem daunting or difficult. There might be many reasons we can think of to not go. **But regular Confession isn't scary**. It is life-changing and lifegiving! We are happy to provide the schedule for the Sacrament of Penance at parishes in the area:



- MON: Christ the King, 7:00-8:00pm
- **TUE:** St. Catherine's, 6:00–8:00pm With adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- WED: St. Pius X, Fairfield, 7:00–8:00pm
- THU: St. Theresa, 7:00-8:30pm
- **FRI:** St. Theresa, 7:30–8am & 4:30–5:30pm
- SAT: St. Lawrence, Shelton, 4:00–4:45pm St. Mark, Stratford, 3:30–4:30pm St. Stephen, 3:30–4:30pm Christ the King, 4:00–4:45pm St. Pius X, Fairfield, 4:00–5:00pm St. Theresa, 3:30–4:30pm
- SUN: St. Lawrence, Shelton, 11-11:30am St. Theresa, 7-7:30am, 8:30-9am, 10-10:30am, 11:30am-12:00pm

**HAS IT BEEN A WHILE?** Resources for adults, teens & kids are at <u>stcathtrumbull.com</u> to help you prepare.



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# SCHOOL TOURS



St. Catherine of Siena School offers tours on Wednesdays. For more information, please scan the

more information, please scan the QR code above or call the office at, 203-375-1947.

*Please remember in your prayers the family & friends of our Parish serving active duty in the military, especially:* 

Eli Bair, USN LCDR Robert C. Ballard Jr., USN Major Gregg Zavadsky, U.S. Army SPC Zachary Kaesmann, ARNG CPL Adam DePasacreta, USMC Riley Payne, Airman Recruit, USN Robert Joseph Thompson III, U.S. Army 2nd Lt Peter Sandri, U.S. Army



We pray for peace and for all serving in the military. We would like to list your family and friends currently serving active duty in our armed forces in the bulletin. Kindly email the name/s of your active duty family and friends to <u>support@stcatherinetrumbull.com</u>.



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