## Welcome!

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

TUE: 6pm - 8pm

**Daily Mass:** 

MON-THU: 7:30am
FRI: 9am; FIRST SAT: 8am
CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 9am
Everyone Welcome!

**Rosary:** 

**MON-THU:** 8am *Everyone Welcome!* 

**Sunday Mass:** 

**SAT VIGIL:** 

4pm, 7:15pm

SUN MASS:

7:30am, 9am, 11am *Livestreamed at 4pm Sat.* 

New Parishioners: We warmly welcome new members.
Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 101

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 

**Sun:** 1pm, 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-THU**: 9am - 4:30pm

Fri: Closed

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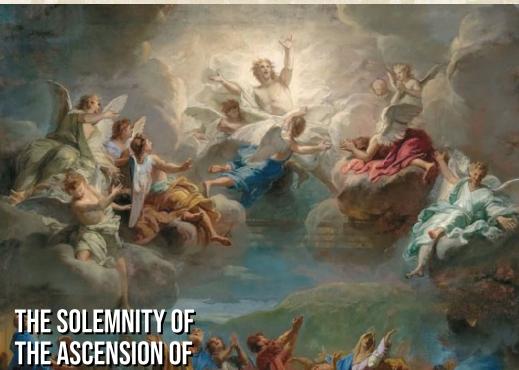




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# The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 5, 2024

THE LORD: MAY 9

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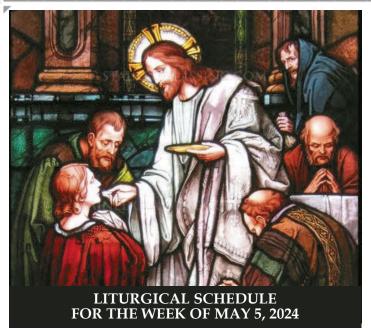
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Ross Bacarella: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation

**Jeff Wright:** Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



Mon, May 6: **Easter Weekday** 

7:30AM † Mary Therese Helfrich

Tue, May 7: Easter Weekday

7:30am ♣ Joseph Figmic, Jr. 6:00PM-8:00PM Confession and Adoration

Wed, May 8: **Easter Weekday** 7:30AM † Joanna M. Leone

Thu, May 9: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30AM Our Parishioners

9:00AM † Christopher E. Laskowski

12:10PM † Charles D. "Charlie" Mauro, Jr.

7:00PM † Evelyn Iannone Garofalo

Fri, May 10: Easter Weekday /

St. Damien of Molokai

9:00AM † William C. MacDonald

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **Sat, May 11:** 

(Anticipated)

4:00PMOur Parishioners

7:15<sub>PM</sub> ↑ The Montagnino Family

Sun, May 12: MOTHER'S DAY

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM † Joseph Meehan Sr. 9:00AM Helen Molochko and

Genevieve Marcello

☆ Kathleen Howard 11:00AM

#### 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 for

Margaret Queenan

#### 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 Margaret Queenan





-Mark 16:6

THE PARISH OF LLELUIA! OF SIENA WARMLY ST. CATHERINE 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, Sigrid Rogowski, Jack D'Angelo. Contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (203) 377-3133, ext. 104.

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

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 J. Thompson III, U.S. Army

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Peter Sandri, U.S. Army We pray for peace & for all serving in the military.

## IN MEMORIAM

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



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

### **BAPTISM**

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

## **Parker James Nistico**

who was 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 his life and in the life of his family.

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena prays for Madeline Daly and Tully Horne (Bann II) as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.









Dear Friends,

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Caggiano was here to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to seventy 8<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Catherine of Siena School and our Religious Education program. We warmly congratulate these fine young people, and wish them the best of God's blessings during this very special time for them and their families.

The CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH explains so beautifully that: "It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (n. 1302, 1303).

But let's also talk about the elephant in the room.

Here at St. Catherine's, we invest a lot of time and energy into making sure that the candidates for Confirmation receive as sound and thorough a formation for this sacrament as we can give them. The day of their Confirmation is beautiful and joyful, and the Bishop and I encourage all of them to begin to practice their faith consistently and confidently.

And then.... sadly, we never see many of them again.

We all "get" it that life for high school students and their families is packed with sports and activities and obligations and a thousand other things. But the time right after Confirmation is just when our newly-confirmed young people, and their families, need God, the Church, the sacraments, and the life of grace, the most! So let's not just sit by and look the other way, because that doesn't help anyone.

As one parishioner recently said to me, "The more you go, the more you go. And the more you don't go, the more you don't go." Truly, I wish everyone could see that active engagement in the life of the Church really is a "game changer." For everyone. It matters! And it makes a difference not just in time, but also in eternity: both in this world, and in the world to come.

When families drift away, everyone loses out. We miss them, and we don't want them to be swept away by the tide that carries everyone downstream, away from God, and away from the peace that only He can give. So don't be afraid to pass this column along to someone you think should see it.

It's very much addressed to and meant for our newly-confirmed students and their families. It is a warm invitation to let the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation start to really work in the souls of those who have just received the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The formula for that is simple: daily prayer, Mass every weekend, and regular confession. People who have been away from the regular practice of the Faith are just one good confession from returning. We're always here for you. Our doors, and our hearts, are open to you. There's no time like the present. And it makes all the difference in the world.

God bless you!

Farm marceles



# THIS THURSDAY THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A Holy Day of Obligation Thursday, May 9 Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm

(7:00pm is the Main Parish Mass)



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS:

- **First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** Fri, May 10 at 5:30pm or 6:30pm.
- First Holy Communion: Sat, May 11 at 10am or 12:30pm.
- May Crowning: All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to attend the 11am Mass on Sunday, May 12 and participate in the May Crowning. Wear your Communion suit or dress.

CLASSES: Registration for next year opens early June. Look for information by email from Mrs. Tristine.

LINDSAY TRISTINE, DRE: reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com

## Join us for our parish's

## **MAY CROWNING**

NEXT Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) at the 11am Mass

Our First Holy Communion Children will offer roses to our Mother Mary, as May is the Month of Mary.



## **CONFIRMATION 2024**

Together with the entire parish, we congratulate the 70 young men & women of our parish who were confirmed in the Faith of the Church.





Each Confirmand is anointed with Sacred Chrism, accompanied by words expressing clearly the effects of the Holy Spirit. Signed with the perfumed oil, the baptized person receives the everlasting seal of the Lord, together with the Gift of the Holy Spirit which conforms the person more closely to Christ and gives them the grace of witnessing to the Lord's presence in the world.



In Gratitude to the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Father Marcello, Father Ocran, Deacon Toole, and our dedicated Catechists and Assistants for helping to prepare the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Lindsay Tristine, DRE; Michelle Powrie, Principal, SCSS; Raymond Kingsbury, Religion Teacher, SCSS; Matthew Montanez, Associate DRE. Kate Gombos, DRE Assistant; Sandy Chang, Aileen Delaney, Eileen Jocis-Pilkington, Angela Mantero, Madelyn Meagher, Nancy Milewski, Catechists, and Hannah Ahle, Piper Andersen, Josie Angon, Florence Boursiquot, Christine Bucci, Melissa Durden, Dawn Greco, Christine Gutwein, Victoria Sinnicki, Catechist Aides. Special thanks to Katrina Keat, Director of Sacred Music & Organist, and our musicians of the parish and Liturgical Masters of Ceremonies for contributing to this wonderful day.



Spend time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament to honor the 40 hours between Christ's burial in the Holy Sepulcher and His Resurrection.

- **MONDAY, MAY 20:** Exposition at 8am (after the 7:30am Mass). Adoration continues until 5pm.
- TUESDAY, MAY 21: Exposition at 8am. Adoration continues until 8pm (*Note: Confessions will be heard from 6-8pm*).
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 22: Exposition at 8am. Adoration continues until 5pm.
- THURSDAY MAY 23: Exposition at 8am. Adoration continues until 7pm. Solemn Closing with Guest Homilist & Benediction at 7pm.

## NEXT WEEKEND: PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER: MAY 11 & 12

St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council #5806 is collecting baby supplies for our Parish's 6th Annual Pro-Life **Baby Shower**. What a beautiful way to celebrate the Gift of Motherhood – especially on Mother's Day Weekend!

Please consider donating the below items to help those in need at Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary Church, St. Charles Borromeo Church and the Convent of Mary Immaculate.

ANY AND ALL BABY ITEMS, INCLUDING: Baby Illness: baby Tylenol, nursing bottles; baby OraGel; pedialyte; baby thermometers; medicine droppers; nasal aspirator; Bedding: crib or toddler bedding & blankets; baby towels & washcloths; Cleaning supplies: baby laundry detergent; baby shampoo/ soap; Food: Baby Formula/Food/Cereal; Diapers/Wipes/ **Clothing:** Diapers of all sizes (including size 7 diapers); baby wipes; diaper creams; baby clothing of all sizes (new or gently used) Thank you for considering the dignity of these moms & babies while considering what to donate.

#### **WAYS TO DONATE:**

- Contact Free Drive Through: Sat, May 11, 10am-12pm, & Sun, May 12, 11am-12pm.
- At All Masses on May 11/12.
- **Financial Donations:** Checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena. Write "Baby Shower" in the memo. Or use Online Giving with the QR code:



Please contact us if you know any mothers in need or would like to get involved. Most importantly, please pray for those most in need and for an increased respect in our culture for the gift of every human life, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

> The 2024 Pro-Life Baby Shower is coordinated by Knights of Columbus Council #5806.

#### JOIN THE KNIGHTS AT kofc.org/join

MIKE MACARI, mmacari@sbcglobal.net Grand Knight, St. Catherine of Siena Čouncil #5806

## SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

Any adult (age 18+) wishing to volunteer at the Parish - in any capacity, even if they're not

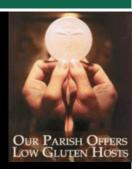


working with children - must attend a Diocesan mandated Virtus: Protecting God's Children for Adults class and submit to a Background Check. *Register for a class at virtus.org* If you are unsure if you are in full compliance, contact: Denise Huertas, Safe Environments Coordinator: 203-377-3133 or

dhuertas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

## **LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:**

Celiac disease affects many people. Those suffering from Celiac cannot ingest gluten. If you or a family member would benefit from a low gluten host or from the Precious



Blood at the celebration of the Eucharist, please see a Priest or Deacon in the <u>Sacristy</u> before Mass.

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.

## YOUR WORD IS TRUTH. AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." John 17:11b-19

**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! The schedule for the Sacrament of Penance at parishes in the area is:

MON: Christ the King, 7–8pm; cancelled on Holy Days & Civic Holidays;

**TUE:** St. Catherine's, 6–8pm; with Adoration; **WED:** St. Pius X, Fairfield, 7–8pm; **THU:** St. Theresa, 7–8:30pm; **FRI:** St. Theresa, 7:30–8am & 4:30–5:30pm; **SAT:** St. Lawrence, Shelton, 4–4:45pm; 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

"BE ASHAMED

WHEN YOU SIN:

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THANK YOU! THE WEEKEND OF APR 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup>

Weekly: \$3,781 Monthly: \$360 Online: \$6,975 Total: \$11,116

BOB CAVALLERO, Director of Parish Operations RobertCavallero@stcatherinetrumbull.com

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**This Sunday, May 5:** It's a Cinco de Mayo Party! Pinata + Mexican Cuisine. Musical Chairs, etc.

Do you know a high schooler who loves to hang with friends, have fun & enjoys a yummy treat? Tell them to join us on Sundays, 6-8pm, throughout the year for fun events such as Nerf Wars, Glow in the Dark Ultimate Frisbee, cooking challenges, holiday events, and more!

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The 2024 Annual Bishop's Appeal provides works of charity, formation in faith, education & catechesis.

"One in Christ" is the theme of the 2024 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Bishop Caggiano believes this message is more important than ever as we work towards unity in our Church and society.

He asks all of us to consider the many ways the Appeal unites the diocese in service, compassion and faith. We ask each of our families to help our Parish in reaching its goal by supporting the Appeal as generously as your means will allow.

THANK YOU!
As of April 25,
We have received
\$105,884 from 221 donors
(78% of our \$136,300 goal).



Please donate with the QR Code:

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