

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
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Parish Office Hours:
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FRI: Closed

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NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



**ROSARY WALK IN
NICHOLS VILLAGE CEMETERY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 11AM MASS**

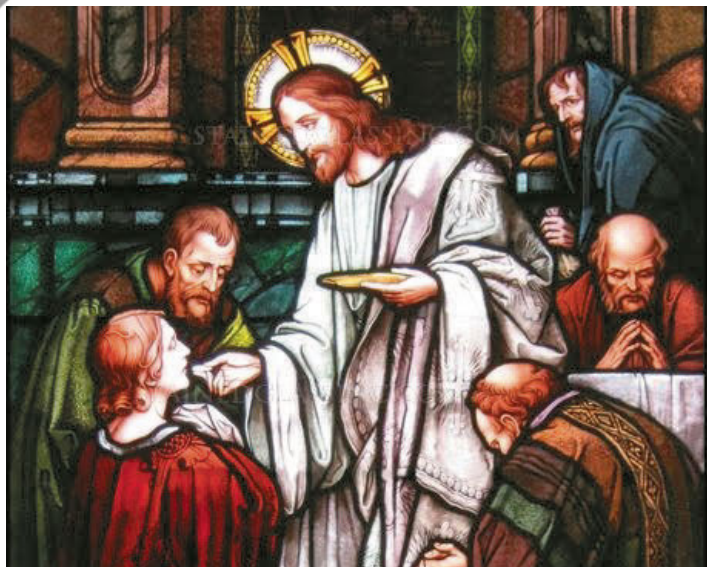
THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOV 3, 2024

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Father Joseph O. Ocran, In Residence
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Ross Bacarella: *Lay Member of the Parish Corporation*
Jeff Wright: *Lay Member of the Parish Corporation*



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

- Mon, Nov. 4:** **St. Charles Borromeo**
7:30AM † Michael Mackno
- Tue, Nov. 5:**
7:30AM † Cynthia LeMay
6:00PM-8:00PM † *Confession and Adoration*
- Wed, Nov. 6:**
7:30AM † All the Faithful Departed
- Thu, Nov. 7:**
7:30AM † All the Faithful Departed
- Fri, Nov. 8:**
9:00AM † All the Faithful Departed
- Sat, Nov. 9:** **THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME** (*Anticipated*)
4:00PM Our Parishioners
7:15PM † The Diercksen &
McAllister Families
- Sun, Nov. 10:** **THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
7:30AM † Austin Noll, Jr.
9:00AM † Michael DeFelice
11:00AM † Richard Gavlick

BAPTISM

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

Patrick Joseph Adams, Isabella Capri Mansfield, Roman Michael Tortora

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.



IN MEMORIAM

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the families of **Cheryl Weiss and Dion Roach** our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.



**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, Ivan Capella, Sigrig Rogowski, Michael Fernandes, Rose Autuori, Jack Godo, Elaine Annick.

PASTORAL CARE: Please contact the Parish Office to let us know if you have a family member in the hospital. Due to confidentiality regulations, we are not consistently notified by hospitals, and are often unaware of hospitalizations unless we are notified by the family. *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:

- ETV1(SS) 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**
- 2nd Lt Peter Sandri, U.S. Army**



We pray for peace & for all serving in the military.

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 **David Long**



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**



✠ A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ✠

THIS MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF"

Dear Friends,

During this month of the Faithful Departed, we are reprinting a reflection by Dr. John Grondelski, a former Associate Dean of the School of Theology at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

God bless you!

John Marcello

The familiar phrase "This Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of X" is so common that many Catholics probably don't even bother to think about what it is saying. I'd even venture to suggest that no small number of people in the pews couldn't explain what it's saying, at least not beyond "we're praying for X." And while that's true, there's more to the story than an earlier generation of Catholics might have articulated but many today, I fear, just can't. Why do we pray for X? We pray for X because he's dead and so can't help himself. Now that doesn't mean that the dead just lie there, utterly passive. We invoke the saints in heaven and ask for their prayers. They're dead. Yet we're confident they can help us. So, why are we praying for X? Because he can't help himself.

Older theologians might have written something like "in the mystery of God's economy of salvation, the deceased are able to assist others by their prayers but not themselves." That explanation, however, seems to reduce God to some arbitrary rule maker who "forces" people to be charitable towards others by preventing them from helping themselves. The problem is: that's just not true. We can help others because it's a form of charity - in the full theological sense, not merely giving to some good cause. But to change ourselves requires us fully to be ourselves and, after death, we are not completely ourselves. Human beings are bodily *and* spiritual beings. My soul may be in Purgatory, but my body is in St. Michael's Cemetery. That is why "we believe in the resurrection of the body," not just "the eternal life of the soul." The whole person - my body and soul - made me good or bad. The whole person - my body and soul - must share together my eternal destiny. So, the soul lacks agency vis-à-vis itself, arguably because it takes a whole person - body and soul - to act, which (in death) it cannot. We, however, who are full persons in this world and can act in charity, can help our beloved deceased.

Which means we need to appreciate the absolute importance of human embodiment and its relevance to life in this world and the world to come. Contrary to all the "identity" ideologies that depreciate the body or believe it can be changed at mere wish, the body is significant. (This, of course, raises a whole series of questions about other contemporary funeral practices, from widespread acceptance of cremation to the deliberate destruction - "composting" - of the body in order to make topsoil out of Uncle Jim. But that's the subject for another essay). So, we understand why we should pray for the dead. But why offer a Mass? Is it because "where two or three are gathered in His name" - and we are a "community?" Or perhaps because some people think communal prayer multiplies efficacy. Maybe to remember our old parishioner who used to come to 9:30 Mass and sat back there?

No. We offer "Mass for the repose of the soul of X" because the Eucharist is a sacrifice, a re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, an offering of the Most Precious Gift that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, offered in and with His Real Body and Blood which is really made present here and now in this sacrament and really part of His one great offering of Himself "for us and for our salvation."

Understand that last paragraph presupposes an understanding of the Eucharist as sacrifice and in terms of Real Presence. A 2019 Pew survey showed that 69 percent of American Catholics today think the Eucharist is only a symbol. Had the Pew researchers asked, my bet is that they would have found equal theological illiteracy about the Mass as a sacrifice.

If we do not understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice in which Jesus Christ is again made present, here and now, body and blood, soul and divinity, then we also cannot understand the idea of suffrages for the dead, of how and why celebration of the Mass is *efficacious* "for the repose of the soul of X." If the Eucharist is but a communal meal that "symbolically" unites us and reminds us of Jesus as well as our beloved dead, then we are functional Protestants. The Catholic idea of the real value of prayer - especially the Mass - may then serve as a pious thought, but it's not anything real. It doesn't make sense.

This lack of a Catholic understanding of the value of the Eucharist as a sacrificial offering for the dead is why, not really knowing why we are at a funeral or at Mass, we want to turn them into "memorial services" for "the living as much as the dead," the mere recollection of warm memories and sentimental remarks about "a better place" without those words really having deep meaning. The need for those memories is often driven now by the absence of a traditional wake, or when bodies are replaced by pictures at post-cremation funerals.

The American bishops have undertaken a Eucharistic Revival in response to the scandal that over two-thirds of Catholics don't understand the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. They also don't understand the Eucharist as Real Presence offered in sacrifice and how that serves "the repose of the soul of X." Until the fullness of Eucharistic theology is recovered and widely taught, whole swaths of Catholic understanding will remain "mysteries," not in the proper sense of the suprarational dimensions of the divine, but of religious illiteracy. Including why "this Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of X."

Gingerbread BASH

Mark your calendar and join us for St. Catherine's 3rd 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 **Sunday, December 8** immediately following the 9am Mass \$20/family includes one nativity kit & breakfast. Additional nativity kits are \$10/each.

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



Capacity limited. Registration closes at capacity or by Nov 15.



Invite your Grandchildren to: **GRANDPARENT DAY** Sunday, Nov 10 at the 9am Mass



Join us in celebrating all Grandparents!

Grandparents and Grandchildren will receive a special blessing from Father Marcello during the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 10.

Then! Everyone is welcome to the Family Center for a brief reception...**Plus a Photo Station!**

MUSIC CONCERT:
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mezzo-soprano
Zac Schurman, *organ*



SEARCHING?

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
...or just ask questions?
Join us for a relaxed conversation in a casual setting.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAINT AND SEEK: November brings somebody new to our *Saint and Seek* fun! This month is **St. André Bessette**. Come *seek* his window in the Church and get a little gift from us!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We especially encourage and invite our Confirmation Prep kids to participate in the Parish's Rosary Walk in Nichols Village Cemetery THIS Sunday, November 3. *Attend the 11am Mass and join for the walk, and you'll get 2 hours of Community Service.*

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

- **GRANDPARENT SUNDAY:** Nov 10, 9am Mass
- **GINGERBREAD BASH:** Sun, Dec 8, follows 9am Mass
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:** Sat, Dec 14, after 4pm Mass

ALL CLASSES ON THIS WEEK: Sun, 11/ 3; Wed 11/6. No Classes 11/5, Election Day.

LEAH DEVITO, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



Have you (or someone you know) been asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, but needed to decline? Have you been Baptized, made First Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IS OFFERING A CLASS FOR JUST THIS CIRCUMSTANCE!

DID YOU MISS THE INFO SESSION? IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

DEACON PATRICK TOOLE will be leading our OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) prepares candidates to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

Potential candidates are often found among family members or friends of our Parish community.

Information:
office@stcatherinetrumbull.com
or 203-377-3133

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: NOV 16 & 17

BENEFITS:

Trumbull Food Pantry, St. Mary Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Convent of Mary Immaculate, St. Catherine's Parishioners

ITEMS REQUESTED:

- **Thanksgiving Favorites:** Instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables (*ex: corn, green beans*), stuffing.
- **Staple Foods:** Rice & beans (*red, black, white*) of all sizes, including small packages, are highly desired, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, canned food (*ex: chef Boyardee*), peanut butter, jelly, apple sauce, crackers, children's cereal, *chunky* soup, pancake mix.
- **Desserts:** Canned fruit, Jell-O, pudding, cake & brownie mixes, icing, etc.
- Medium size contributions appreciated. Plastic & metal containers are preferred over glass. All food (except fresh items) appreciated. *Kindly bring your contributions in recyclable grocery bags or boxes.*

WAYS TO DONATE:

1. **Drive Through:** Sat, Nov 16, from 10am-12pm, & Sun, Nov 17, from 11am-12pm, *Church Hall.*
2. **At All Masses** on Nov 16 & 17, *Church Lobby.*
3. **Financial Donations Welcome:** Use Online Giving with the link on our parish website. Or mail a check to the Parish Office. Write "Thanksgiving Outreach" in the memo line.

Special Thanks to Knights of Columbus Council #5806 for coordinating our Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Info: Scott Smaniotto: smani11@sbcglobal.net



THIS SUNDAY! *The Month of November is especially dedicated to prayer for and remembrance of all the Faithful Departed*

Please Join Us:
Sunday, November 3
follows the 11am Mass.

We will pray for all of the faithful departed in a special walk through Nichols Village Cemetery. Fr. Marcello will lead us in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. *If inclement weather, the Rosary will be prayed in the church.*

CONFESSION

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 life-giving!

We are happy to provide the schedule for the Sacrament of Penance at parishes in the area:

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

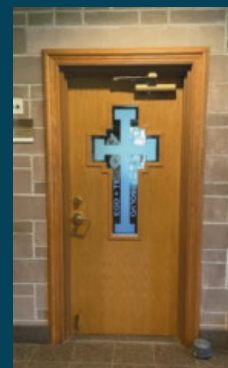
SAT:

- 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

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



Welcome! New families who joined St. Catherine's June-October:

Marielle Dalton; Barbara Lucas; Jennifer Lucas; Kristina Lucas & their son Tucker; Michael & Kasey Piscatelli & their children Mila & Luca; Armando & Jennifer Goncalves; Michael Del Re; Jeffrey & Amanda Wagner & their children Payton & Avery; Brent Medeiros; Brendan & Jennifer Prutting & their son Rowan; Thomas & Michele Croteau; Patrick Vetter; Radu & Cristina Vlas & their daughter Margaret; William & Caroline Panapada; Nicholas & Natalie Kaszei; David & Margaret Rios & their children Nicholas & Alexander; William & Denise D'Amore; John & Kristal Sivak; Patrick & Alaina Whalen; Georgia Kay



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 Sacristy before Mass.

OPEN HOUSE

TUE, NOV 12

8:30-10:30am

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Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 3

Daylight savings time ends on Sun, Nov 3. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Come learn more about the meaning & message of the upcoming weekend's readings! DEACON PATRICK TOOLE will be leading an in-depth look at the readings for the coming weekend with explanation, prayer, & discussion. *Study materials provided. FREE. No sign-ups. Weds now through Dec 4 (except 11/13 & 11/27) 6:30pm-8pm in the Church Hall*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Next weekend's 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 sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." *Mark 12:41-44*

2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL IS NOW UNDERWAY!



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 challenging times.

Together with our Parish Finance Council and Trustees, we are now reaching out to everyone in our Parish, asking everyone's active participation in this year's Appeal.

The 2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL goal is \$150,000. This Appeal enables us to meet the ongoing, fixed costs of maintaining our beautiful campus, and help to stay current with fixed operating costs.

DONATE ONLINE with our Online Giving Platform. There's a link on the parish website homepage at 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.

VETERANS DAY: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on that day. Our office will reopen on Tuesday, November 12, at 9am. *We pray for all of our parish's veterans and for peace in our world.*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Do you know a high school student who loves to hang with friends, have fun, and enjoys a yummy treat too?

Tell them about Youth Group — every Sunday, from 6-8pm

UP NEXT: NOV 3: All Saints/ All Souls Rosary & Cemetery Walk, plus Day of Service. NOV 10: Bowling. NOV 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary. NOV 24: Thanksgiving Feast

INFO: RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com



Giving Back to God

OFFERTORY: *We are very grateful* to everyone who is using our Online Giving platform. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running. Use this QR code to make your weekly offertory gift to the parish. Thank you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY!

THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 26TH — 27TH
WEEKLY: \$3,700 MONTHLY: \$160 ONLINE: \$7,480
TOTAL: \$11,340

LEAVE A LEGACY: Remember St. Catherine of Siena Parish 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.

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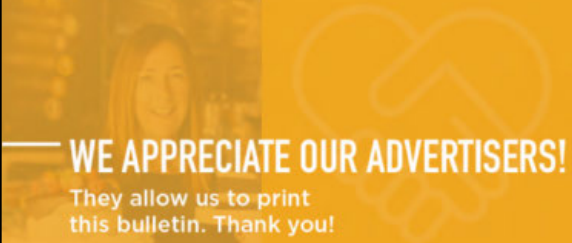
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