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

Location:

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

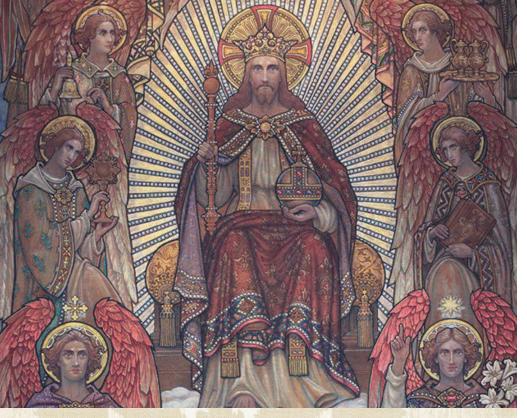




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The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: NOV 24, 2024

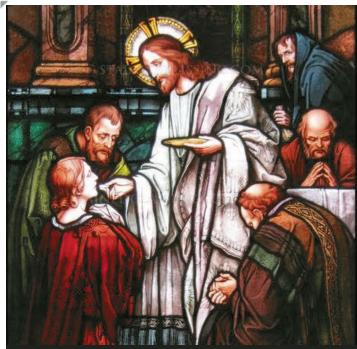
> Father Joseph A. Marcello, Pastor Father Joseph O. Ocran, In Residence Deacon Patrick Toole, Deacon of the Parish

Robert J. Cavallero: Director of Parish Operations, Ext. 102 Zac Schurman: Director of Sacred Music & Organist, Ext. 105 Leah DeVito: Director of Religious Education, Ext. 106 Mary Ellen Kovacs: Director of Pastoral Care, Ext. 104 Kate Gombos: Director of Communications and Digital Media, Ext. 107 Ellen Moran: Parish Office Manager, Ext. 101 Marianne Stook: Administrative Assistant, Ext. 112 Rita Buchetto: Parish Office Assistant, Ext. 109 Eric Vogel: Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach Raymond Kingsbury: Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Denise Huertas: Safe Environment Coordinator

Michelle Powrie: Principal, St. Catherine of Siena School (203) 375-1947 John W. Diercksen: Chair, Parish Finance Council Atty. Joseph R. Tristine: Chair, Pastoral Advisory Council Ross Bacarella: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation Jeff Wright: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Mon, Nov. 25: 7:30am

St. Catherine of Alexandria ✤ Ann M. Kinnally

Tue, Nov. 26: 7:30AM 🕆 Joseph Arlio 7:00PM Parish Mass of Thanksgiving 6:00PM-8:00PM NO Confession or Adoration

Wed, Nov. 27:

7:30am ⊕ Ethel Simone

Thu, Nov. 28: THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00AM ✤ Rose Jeffery

Fri, Nov. 29:

9:00AM 🕆 All the Faithful Departed

Sat, Nov. 30:	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Anticipated)
	✤ Joseph Figmic, Jr.✤ Duane Howell

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sun, Dec. 1: ✤ Michael Mackno 7:30AM 9:00am **Our** Parishioners 11:00am ✤ Ellen Ivanovich

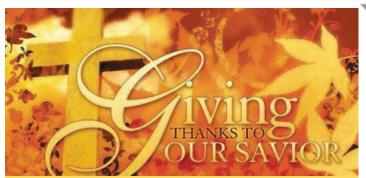
RESPECT LIFE

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 Thanksgiving for blessings received

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 Lawrence Gill





PARISH MASS OF THANKSGIVING Tue, Nov 26 at 7pm 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 26, 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 27 through Fri, Nov 29. The office will reopen on Mon, Dec 2, at 9am. Daily Mass on Nov 27 will take place at 7:30am. Mass on Nov 28 & 29 will take place at 9am.

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, Sigrid Rogowski, Michael Fernandes, Rose Autuori, Jack Godo, Elaine Annick.

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



Elisabeth Barbara Suriani Madden and **Carter Bodin Masiewicz**

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.



Exciting News!!

Coming Soon: Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays

Beginning in December, 2024

Sign-ups in the Church Lobby the weekend before or with Sign Up Genius, the link is on our parish website.

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth!" SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



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NOTHING COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO COME TO MASS TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!

WEEKEND MASS TIMES Sat at 4:00pm & 7:15pm ; Sun at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am DAILY MASS: Monday – Thursday: 7:30am, Friday: 9:00am



ADVENT ADORATION & CONFESSION

During one of the most hectic times of the year, we're happy to provide this oasis of peace and quiet, in the presence of Our Lord Himself, in the Blessed Sacrament.

> *Tue, Dec 3*: Adoration 8am-9pm. Confession 5-9pm

FIRST FRIDAY, Dec 6: Adoration 10am-3pm

Tue, Dec 10 & 17: Adoration & Confession 6-9pm



ADVENT MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA Details TBA

Olivia Ericsson*, mezzo-soprano* Zac Schurman, *organ*

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass: Mon, Dec 9, 7:30am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm

Our Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the USA. Our celebrations will honor Our Lady & ask her protection on our country, our families, & our parish.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, CAROLS & COCOA! Sat, Dec 14, 4:00 pm Join us for a special tradition at St. Catherine's. Following the 4pm Mass on Sat, Dec 14, we'll go to the front lawn for our Ninth Annual Tree Lighting! Hot Chocolate & Cookies to follow!



CHRISTMAS OPŁATKI

Available in the Sacristy after Mass or at the Parish Office. \$2 per package.



ANNUAL PARISH GIVING TREE

St. Charles Borromeo Parish: Look for a Green Tree on the Giving Tree.

Blessed Sacrament Parish: Parishioners are especially requesting hats and gloves. Look for a Yellow Bulb on the Giving Tree.

St. Mary Parish gives a gift to their Rel Ed students. Look for a Red Ornament on the Giving Tree.

Convent of Mary Immaculate gives a gift to their preK and First Holy Communion children. Look for a Brown Gingerbread Man on the Giving Tree.

The McGivney 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.

WAYS TO DONATE:

Deliver unwrapped gifts with the ornament securely attached to the gift.

Drive Through Donations: Sat, Dec 14, 10am-12pm. *Saturday only*.

At All Masses: through Dec 15.

Financial Donations: Use online giving (link on parish website). 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.

THANK YOU

We are thrilled to report that this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive was our most successful to date!! Once again, our parishioners demonstrated their wonderful spirit of generosity and <u>charity. TEN cars</u> – 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. Our 35 volunteers provided more than 70 hours of service.

A huge thank you to all of

our dedicated volunteers without whom this drive would not be possible: GLORIA BENDER, ANNA BENDIKSEN, BOB & JEANNIE CAVALLERO, GARRETT COVINO TOGETHER WITH TALIA, HELEN CROCCO, JACK & STEPHANIE EDWARDS, TOGETHER WITH MIA AND GABBY, AUNDREA EICHMAN, ELISABETE ESTEVES, NANCY GLOV-INSKI, KIM HOWELL, MARK HURLEY, RAY & SHARON JAKABCIN, TINA KELLY, JACK & JANET LETT, NAOMI MACARI, EDNA & BRYAN PRESS, MIKE SHEA, SCOTT & SUZANNE SMANIOTTO, DICK & CAROL SPENCER, JERRY SPILLANE, MARY STEPHENSON, DICK TUNSTALL, ELIZA-BETH VANTINE, 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**



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 on Sun, Dec 8, following the 9am Mass \$20/family includes one nativity kit & breakfast. Additional nativity kits are \$10/each.

Scan this QR code to register. <u>Capacity</u> <u>limited. Registration closes at capacity</u> <u>or by Nov 25.</u>





CONFESSION

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HELP WANTED! Rel Ed is hiring a Head Catechist to oversee the Rel Ed program during class time. Responsibilities include: coordination of catechists, management of the build-



ing during class time, attendance management, communication with families, curriculum development, ensuring that the teachings of the Catholic Church are effectively communicated to students. Approx 10hrs/week, paid. Contact Leah DeVito for information.

SAINT AND SEEK: There are still two more weekends to come seek the November Saint of the Month! Come *SEEK* the window for **St. André Bessette** & *GET* a little gift from us!

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION:

- First Reconciliation Registration is due Dec 9. Forms were emailed to families.
- First Holy Communion Registration is due Dec 6. Forms were emailed to families.
- Registration for Confirmation was due Nov 13. If you haven't submitted, please do so ASAP.

CLASSES THIS WEEK: Sun, 11/24 – class on. No Class on Nov 26 & 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

LEAH DEVITO, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL:

SCSS Students & Families delivered in spades for our Thanksgiving Food Drive!



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NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Deacon Toole's Scripture Study will take a break over Thanksgiving and during Advent. Sessions will resume on Jan 15. Please join us then!



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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 said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

...is now in its 4th week. Thanks to your generosity in previous years, we were able to raise more than \$150,000 through this campaign, which enabled us



\$150,000 through this campaign, which enabled us to meet the ongoing, fixed costs of maintaining our beautiful parish 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 Nov. 16, we have received \$79,905 in pledges (53% of goal).

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

DONATE ONLINE 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.

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 24: Thanksgiving Feast. DEC 1: *No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving*. DEC 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass followed by breakfast and Christmas Jeopardy. **INFO:** <u>**RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com**</u>



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!



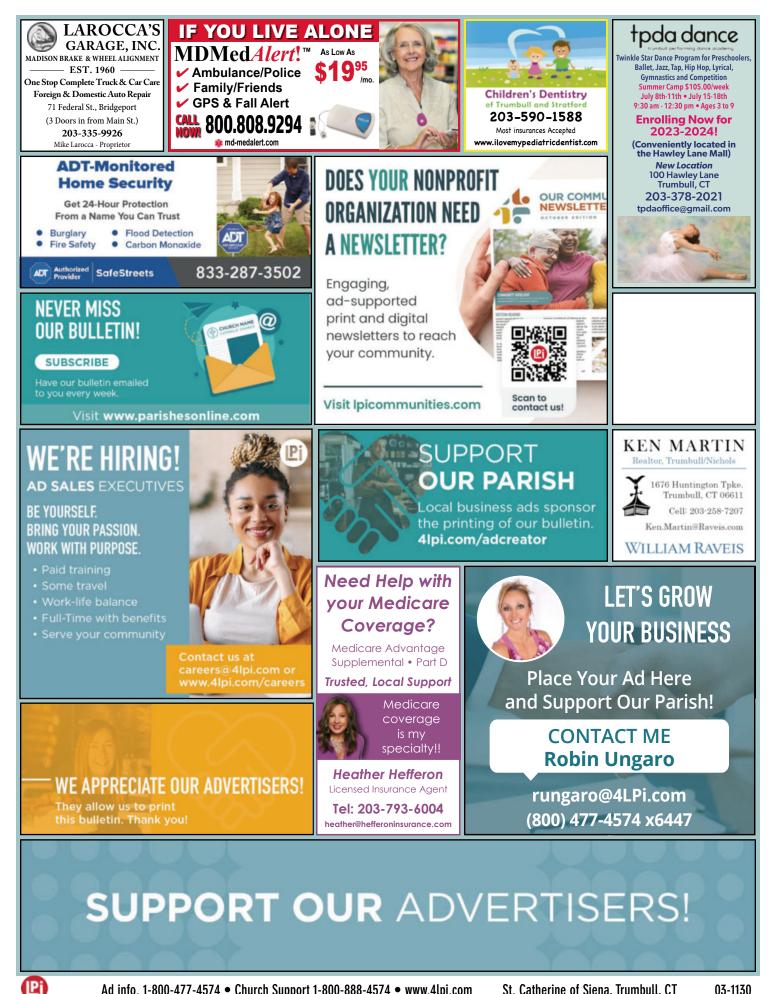
THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY! THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 16th – 17th WEEKLY: \$3,258 MONTHLY: \$60 ONLINE: \$9,528 TOTAL: \$12,846

BOB CAVALLERO, *Director of Parish Operations* **<u>RobertCavallero@stcatherinetrumbull.com</u>**

Please remember in your prayers the family & friends of our Parish serving in the military. We pray for peace & for all 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







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