

# 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

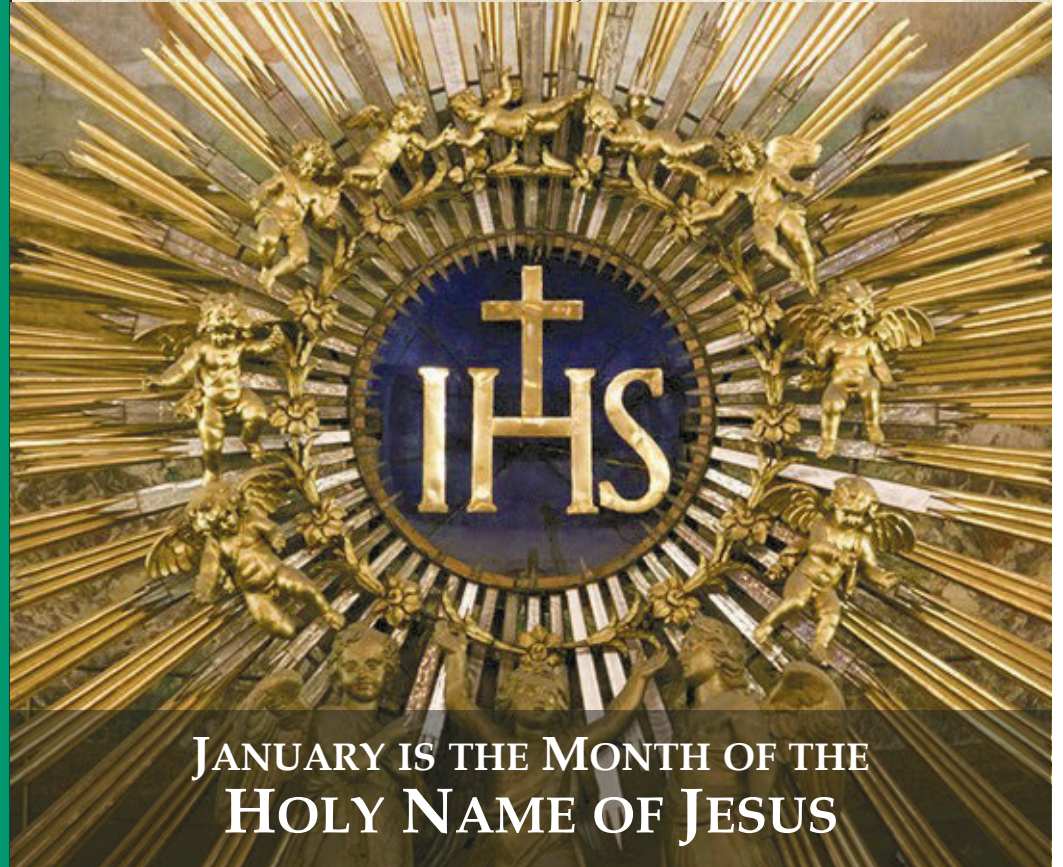
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## The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena



### JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 19, 2025**

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

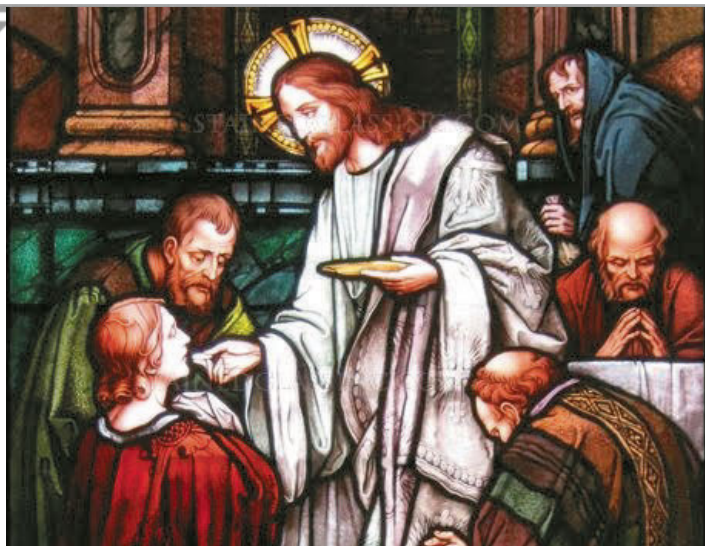
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**Zac Schurman:** *Director of Sacred Music & Organist, Ext. 105*  
**Leah DeVito:** *Director of Religious Education, Ext. 106*  
**Mary Ellen Kovacs:** *Director of Pastoral Care, Ext. 104*  
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**Marianne 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*  
**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 JANUARY 19, 2025**

- Mon, Jan. 20:** [MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY]  
St. Fabian, St. Sebastian  
9:00AM † Geraldine M. Giardini
- Tue, Jan. 21:** St. Agnes  
7:30AM † Mary A. Christiano  
6:00-8:00PM Adoration and Confession
- Wed, Jan. 22:** Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children  
7:30AM For an End to Abortion in the USA  
7:00PM Pro-Life Holy Hour
- Thu, Jan. 23:** St. Vincent  
7:30AM † Denise Cappello
- Fri, Jan. 24:** St. Francis de Sales  
9:00AM † Ken Nappi
- Sat, Jan. 25:** SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME (Anticipated)  
4:00PM † Anne Frances Gallo  
7:15PM † Philip Lanna
- Sun, Jan. 26:** SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
7:30AM † Shirley & Sammy Dizenzo  
9:00AM Our Parishioners  
11:00AM † Annabel "Ann" Gallo

**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 **Carmella & Edward Bounty**



**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 the **Annabel "Ann" Gallo**



**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.

**Prayer**MINISTRY

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, Daniel Gray.  
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. 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
- 1st Lt Peter Sandri, U.S. Army



**IN MEMORIAM**

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the family of **Annabel "Ann" Gallo** our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.



**BAPTISM**

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

**Luke John Minardi and  
Lucas Builes DeFreitas**

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.





# ✧ A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ✧

Dear Friends,

In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII decreed the first-ever Holy Year, or Jubilee Year. In the seven centuries which have passed since that time, the Church has observed Jubilee Years with regularity: at first it was every 100 years, and then every 50 years, and now it is every 25 years.

So the last “ordinary” Holy Year was in 2000, opened by Pope St. John Paul II, and the next one will be in 2050, and so on. Sometimes there are “extraordinary” Jubilee Years too, such as 2016, which was the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, decreed by Pope Francis.

Each of the four major basilicas in Rome (St. Peter’s, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls) has a Holy Door which is opened only during a year of jubilee, and is bricked up at all other times.

Pictured here is the Jubilee Door of St. Peter’s Basilica, which was opened by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve, 2024. It was my privilege to walk through this Jubilee Door earlier this month, and as I did so I carried with me everyone here at St. Catherine’s.

So, what exactly is a Jubilee Year, why does it matter, and how can each of us enter into it, deriving spiritual benefit and renewal from it?

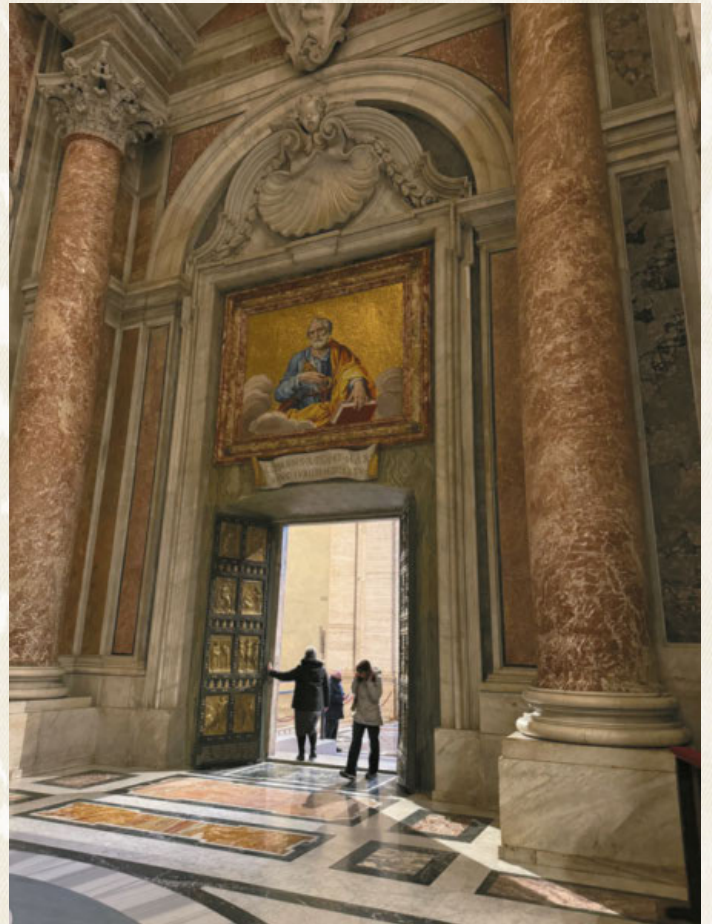
A Jubilee Year is a privileged opportunity for all the faithful to have an intensified experience of God’s grace — God’s divine life — at work within us and all around us.

Of course, it is up to each of us to enter into this opportunity for ourselves, and not let this privileged opportunity pass by without capitalizing on it.

The theme of Jubilee 2025 is “Peregrinantes in Spem” or “Pilgrims in Hope.” Hope is something we could all use more of, especially given the dangerous and worrisome state of the world these days.

Hope must be distinguished from mere optimism. Optimism is the tendency to “look on the bright side” of things, presuming that everything will inevitably get better and better.

Hope, rather, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, is: “the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. ... The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement;



ment; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity. (CCC, 1817-1818).

One of the most beautiful reflections on hope ever written is Pope Benedict XVI’s masterful encyclical letter “Spe Salvi” or “Saved in Hope.”

I would suggest that a beautiful way of entering into this Jubilee Year whose theme is hope is to read “Spe Salvi” carefully, and bring it to your prayer. Speaking personally, it has been my practice to re-read “Spe Salvi” every year since it was published in 2007. I am always deeply nourished and strengthened by it, and with each re-reading I am always struck by something new.

It is available for free online, and this QR will take you directly to it:

May Jubilee 2025 be a time of grace — and of deepened hope — for all of us!



God bless you!

*Jadru Marcello*



## Social Justice and Charitable Outreach

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR: BABY ITEMS & TOILETRIES DRIVE: FEB 1 & 2

We all know how a hot shower makes us feel renewed and refreshed. Our brothers and sisters most in need require the basics to be healthy, clean and comfortable. Please consider helping them feel that same sense of renewal by donating toiletries.... And baby supplies this winter in a special drive we're calling



### *Love Thy Neighbor.*

**BENEFITS:** St. Charles Borromeo Church; Blessed Sacrament Church; St. Mary Church; The Thomas Merton Center; The Convent of Mary Immaculate.

**Baby Related Items, Including: Diapers (Tops on the list of requested items)/Wipes:** Diapers of all sizes (including size 7 diapers); baby wipes; diaper creams; **Clothing:** baby clothing of all sizes (*new or gently used*); **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

*What a beautiful way to celebrate the Gift of Motherhood! Thank you for considering the dignity of these moms & babies while considering what to donate.*

**Toiletry Items Requested: Oral Care:** toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash; **Soap & Cleansers:** bar soap, liquid soap, body wash, facial cleansers, cleansing wipes, baby wipes; **Hair Products:** shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, comb; **Lotions:** hand and body lotion, hand sanitizer, sunscreen; **Shaving Supplies:** disposable razors, shaving cream; **Deodorant; Feminine products:** Pads, tampons, feminine wash; **Nail Care:** nail files, nail clippers, tweezers; **Paper Products:** paper towels, toilet paper, diapers 4-5-6.

**Note:** trial/travel or regular size items welcome and appreciated. The Merton Center could use travel-sized shaving cream.

### Ways To Donate:

- **Drive Through:** Sat, Feb 1, 10am-12pm, & Sun, Feb 2, 11am-12pm.
- **At All Masses** on Feb 1/2.
- **Financial Donations:** Checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena. Write "Baby Shower" in the memo. Or use our Online Giving Platform. Link on our Parish Website.

### *Every little bit helps and makes a difference!*

*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.*

**ERIC VOGEL**, Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach: [Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



**March for Life with  
ST. CATHERINE  
OF SIENA**

**Can't make it to  
Washington DC**

**for the annual**

**MARCH FOR LIFE on Jan 24?**

**Please join us at St. Catherine's for a**

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

**Wednesday, January 22, 6:30-7:30pm  
(in person or by Livestream)**

*An hour of Eucharistic Adoration and a Pro-Life Scriptural Rosary! We will pray for a deepened respect in our culture for the precious and unrepeatable gift of every human life. Concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Everyone is welcome.*

### **Faith in Action: Novena for Life**

In the nine days, from Jan 16-24, before the ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE, we invite you to pray this Novena for Life.



9 DAYS FOR LIFE is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions. Follow along on our Parish's Facebook page or Instagram feed, or read more at [RespectLife.org/9-days-for-life](http://RespectLife.org/9-days-for-life).

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*

At the start of the year, many of us are feeling wiped out. To offer you a boost, here are quotes to offer strength. Take a moment to reflect on these words of God — heavenly help for the new year ahead.

☞ *"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

- PHILIPPIANS 4:19

☞ *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* - MATTHEW 11:28

☞ *"Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you."* - PETER 5:7

Keep these in your home for daily encouragement in the year ahead!

## THE DAY TO BAPTIZE YOUR CHILD

Sat, Mar 29, 2025

*If your child was not baptized as a baby, St. Catherine's wants to help!*

St. Catherine's is offering a Baptism Day event especially for parents or guardians with a child (or children) age 1-7 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents or guardians will gather for an informal presentation on the Sacrament, some formation, and we'll answer all of your questions. Both parents must attend. *Continental breakfast provided.*

Godparents, family & friends are welcome to come to the church at 11:15am, when the children will be Baptized.

### SCHEDULE OF THE DAY:

Formation: 9:00am-10:30am. Baptism: 11:15am  
\* 11:15am Baptism limited to the first 24 children.  
Cost: FREE. Reserve by Mar 14 with the QR code or at [stcathtrumbull.com](http://stcathtrumbull.com).

### FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

*If your child is under the age of 1 or over the age of 7, if Godparents can't attend, or if your family cannot provide Godparents, please call the Parish Office for info. We'll be happy to help!*

You do not have to be a St. Catherine's parishioner.  
*Everyone is Welcome!*

Info: [office@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:office@stcatherinetrumbull.com) or 203-377-3133



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAINT AND SEEK:  
January

is for St. John Bosco. Come *SEEK* the window for **St. John Bosco** & *GET* a little gift from us!



**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 building 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.

**SACRAMENT PREP:** Info is on the parish website.

- All Confirmation Prep students should be working on their community service hours.
- Confirmation Sponsor forms are now past due. If you haven't submitted yours, do so ASAP.
- Meeting with the Bishop for all Confirmation Prep parents: Jan 22, 7pm.
- *Gr 2:* Reconciliation Workshop is Jan 30, 5:30-7pm. Mandatory for student and one parent.

**CLASSES THIS WEEK:** No Class Sun, *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*. Regular classes on Jan 21-22. Wed Confirmation Prep students will participate in the Holy Hour for Life, from 6:30-7:30pm.

LEAH DEVITO, DRE,  
[reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Sat, Feb 8, 1:00pm

We will celebrate a special Liturgy of the Word for anyone who is seriously ill, together with their family and/or caregivers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who are ill, and there will be a blessing of caregivers as well. Everyone is welcome to this special Liturgy of healing, strength, and hope.

**Who Should Attend?** Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Those soon to have surgery which will include the use of general anesthesia. Elderly people who have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present. Seriously ill children who have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by the sacrament.



## 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 Sun, 6-8pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Jan 19: No Meeting, MLK Jr. Weekend; Jan 26: Homemade Pizza & Trivia Night

INFO: [RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



## 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](http://stcathtrumbull.com) to help you prepare.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL



# OPEN HOUSE

Preschool to Grade 8

**SUNDAY JAN. 26**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY JAN. 29**

**8:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

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## THE PARISH NURSES:

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:

This Weekend: Jan 18/19. Looking ahead: Feb 15/16, Mar 15/16. *After the 4pm Mass on Sat after all Masses on Sun.* The **Parish Nurses** conduct monthly blood pressure screenings and maintain a health-related bulletin board. **CHERYL BASZTURA 203-261-5851**



## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Come learn more about the meaning & message of the upcoming weekend's readings. **DEACON PATRICK TOOLE** leads an in-depth look at the readings for the coming weekend with explanation, prayer, & discussion. *Study materials provided. FREE. No sign-up required.* **Weds 6:30pm-8pm in the Church Hall**

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

## 2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL



...is now in its 14<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 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 Jan. 8, we have received \$145,815 in pledges from 298 families (97% 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](http://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.*



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY!**

THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>  
WEEKLY: \$4,742 MONTHLY: \$756 ONLINE: \$8,199  
TOTAL: \$13,697

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be mailed to all parishioners who have contributed \$250 or more to the parish in 2024. Statements will be mailed by Jan 31, 2025. If you do not receive a statement, contact the parish office at (203) 377-3133 and a copy will be provided for you.

**DAVE QUIGLEY, Director of Parish Operations**  
[DavidMQuigley@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:DavidMQuigley@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Mon, Jan 20, 2025 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen on Tue, Jan 21, at 9am. Daily Mass on Mon, Jan 20, will be at 9:00am.

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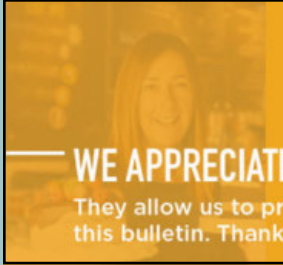
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