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

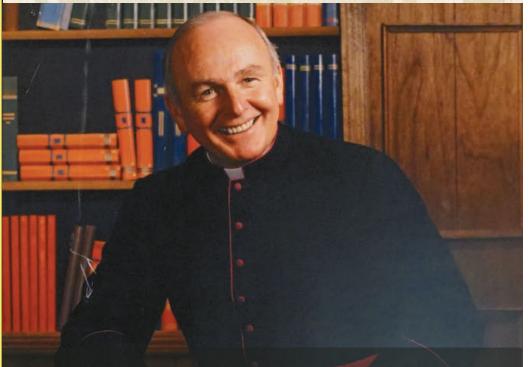




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REVEREND MONSIGNOR RICHARD J. SHEA (1936-2025) FOURTH PASTOR OF THE PARISH OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: JANUARY FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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

| L | David Quigley: | Director of Parish Operations, Ext. 102 |
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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 |
| | Kate Gombos: | Director of Communications and Digital Media, Ext. 107 |
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| | THE MARK STREET | Charitable Outreach |
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| bull | John W. Diercksen: | Chair, Parish Finance Council |
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| Siena | Ross Bacarella: | Lay Member of the Parish Corporation |

Jeff Wright: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Mon, Feb. 3: 7:30 AM

b. 3: St. Blaise 7:30AM [⊕] Lloyd Stauder

Tue, Feb. 4: 7:30AM ♥ James Francis Burns 6:00-8:00PM Adoration and Confession

Wed, Feb. 5: St. Agatha 7:30AM [‡] William A. Figlar

- Thu, Feb. 6:St. Paul Miki and Companions7:30AM& Fausto Testani
- Fri, Feb. 7:FIRST FRIDAY9:00AM₽ Paula Palmieri
- Sat, Feb. 8:St. Josephine Bakhita
THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (Anticipated)1:00PMAnointing of the Sick
\$\$ Richard A. Bria
7:15PM7:15PM\$\$ Joseph A. Sica &
Nina Sica CollinsSun, Feb. 9:THE FIFTH SUNDAY

| | IN ORDINARY TIME | |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| 7:30am | Our Parishioners | |
| 9:00am | 🕆 Helen D. Molochko | |
| 11:00am | 🕆 The Cavallero Family | |
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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 **Helen Molochko and Paula Palmieri**



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



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.

Prayerministry

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 **Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Shea** our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.



BAPTISM

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



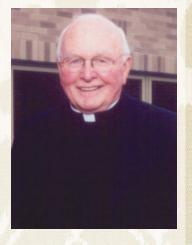
Lucy Hayden Teixeira and Mia Luisa Furnari

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

An excerpt from the homily of Father Marcello at the Funeral Mass of Msgr. Richard J. Shea:

The vocation of Richard Joseph Shea began, as every priestly vocation began, in the heart of the Lord Jesus, in the Upper Room, on the evening of Holy Thursday. And the grace of that sacred Thursday began to mature in the young Richard Shea, who grew up in the part of Brooklyn called Rego Park. He had been thinking of a career in the FBI, but the Vincentian priests he met at St. John's University awakened something in his heart, and the thought of being a priest grew stronger and stronger within him. So he said to himself – as he once told me – "I'll enter the seminary for a year. And if it doesn't work out, at least I'll know I gave God the first shot at my life. And then I'll move on to whatever's next."



He could have done almost anything in life. He was a natural leader. He walked with a powerful stride. He had a commanding presence. He knew how to take charge and get things done. He could see talents and abilities in people that they could not yet see in themselves. He would have been successful in business, or finance, or law. But "It was not you who chose me," Jesus said to his Apostles, and to every priest, "but I who chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

Nearly 50 years of his 63-year priesthood were spent living and laboring here in Trumbull, at St. Joseph High School and at St. Catherine's. During his 23 years as pastor of this parish, Msgr. baptized over 400 people: mostly babies, but some adults as well. He received dozens of people into the Catholic Church. At least once, he received a whole family into the Church: the Lomnitzers, at the Easter Vigil in 2005. When Colin was ordained to the priesthood, Msgr. said that, when he died, he wanted his chalice to go to Father Lomnitzer, and so Msgr.'s chalice has indeed been passed on to this young priest, whose Catholic life began through the ministry of Msgr. Shea.

When Msgr. was pastor here, he joined in marriage nearly 300 couples, and he buried over 700 people in the hope of eternal life. Only the Lord knows how many people he absolved from sin, but we can safely take it that the number is well into the thousands, maybe the tens of thousands. And just in his years as pastor here, he celebrated nearly 10,000 Masses, not counting weddings and funerals. And even though for many years people called him "Monsignor," he never forgot what it really meant to be "Father."

The fact is that a priest has hundreds of children, thousands. And the older he gets, he can see in his mind and in his heart the faces of all the children he held at the baptismal font; he sees the faces of young couples coming up the aisle to be married; he sees the faces of young men he has known, now with the hands of a Bishop laid upon their head, and anointing them, and placing a chalice into their hands, as they become new priests. He sees the faces with eyes slowly closing in death, whom he has prepared for the supreme moment of encounter with Christ the Lord. And he also hears the voices of people whose faces he cannot see, saying "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned."

The names of all those he has baptized and married and prepared for eternity are recorded in the parish sacramental books, but to the priest they are more than just names, because he is their Father.

In Msgr. Shea, all of us saw the truth of the words of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, whose statue stands in our sanctuary, and in whose little church in France Msgr. and I prayed on that snowy February morning, all those years ago:

"The priest is not a priest for himself: he does not give himself absolution, he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. The priest is not a priest for himself; he is a priest for you."

Msgr. Shea always talked about having an outdoor statue of St. Catherine made, to place somewhere on our parish grounds. He never wanted to buy one out of a catalogue, though; when he selected the statue of the Blessed Mother which is now in our Marian Prayer Garden, he did so because he'd seen a similar statue at the novitiate of a religious community, saw the face, and said, "Finally ... that's it!"

As a memorial to Msgr. Shea, we will fulfill his wish for an outdoor statue of our patroness, St. Catherine of Siena. When it is complete, it will be dedicated in his memory.

Cody Swanson, who sculpted the beautiful bronze statue of the Risen Christ in the St. Catherine of Siena Mausoleum at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Trumbull, is one of the most talented sacred artists in the world today.



An American, he lives and works in Florence, Italy. Some of his recent work can be found at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul, MN, the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls, SD, Tampa Jesuit High School in Florida, and various churches and cathedrals in Italy.

We have asked Cody to create a custom statue of St. Catherine for our parish campus, and we envision placing it near the entrance to the campus, welcoming everyone who comes onto our beautiful grounds. To make a gift toward this memorial to Msgr. Shea click the link below.



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 guardi-

ans 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 in 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. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE Cost: FREE. Reserve by Mar 14 with the QR code or at stcathtrumbull.com.



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 or 203-377-3133

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 <u>stcathtrumbull.com</u> to help you prepare.



"A SOUL IN A STATE OF GRACE HAS NOTHING To fear of demons who are cowards."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Saint and Seek!

SAINT AND

SEEK: New

Month, New

Saint!! February is for St.

Therese of Li-



"IF EVERY TINY FLOWER WANTED TO BE A ROSE.

SPRING WOULD LOSE

sieux. Come *SEEK* the window for **St. Therese** & *GET* a little gift from us!

CONFIRMATION: Info is on the parish website.

- Confirmation Retreat (Mandatory) is Tuesday Feb 4, 6:00-9:15pm. *Sponsor or parent required to attend with child.* All Year 2 kids must attend the retreat. Wednesday classes will not take place for Year 2 kids. All Year 1 kids will meet as normal.
- Chastity Talk is March 25 & 26. The Chastity Talk is required in either Year 1 or Year 2.
- All Confirmation Prep students should be working on their community service hours.
- Confirmation **Sponsor forms** and **Registration forms** are now past due. If you haven't submitted yours, do so ASAP.

FIRST RECONCILIATION is March 18 & 19.

ALL CLASSES ARE ON THIS WEEK: Feb 2, 4, 5.

LEAH DEVITO, DRE, 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.



Saturday, March 1, 2025 6:00-10:00pm

Dinner, Drinks, Dancing, Table Games & Prizes

Parishioners, Family & Friends Welcome.

\$75 / person Register at **StCathTrumbull.com**

Pre-Registration is required by February 23, 2025

CHILDREN'S Liturgy of The Word: Sundays at 9AM



Our 9am Sunday Mass focuses on

helping our youngest parishioners develop a love for & understanding of Christ, His Word, & the Mass. Children ages 5-10 join friends in the Church Hall following the opening prayers. They work with a catechist to understand the readings at an age-appropriate level. This is a formal worship experience adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of children. *Children return to Mass for the Consecration.* **The Playground is open after Mass!** Come play with friends on our school's beautiful playground. LEAH DEVITO: <u>leahcdevito@gmail.com</u>

THIS WEEKEND! 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 (<u>Tops on the</u> <u>list of requested items</u>)/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.

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**



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LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:

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.

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 FIFTH SUNDAY I ORDINARY TIME:

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:1-11

2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

...is now in its 14th 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. 17, we have received \$159,225 in pledges from 336 families (106% 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 Sun, 6-8pm. NEXT MEETING: FEB 2: Faith & Fitness – Football Style. You won't want to miss this pre-Superbowl party!!

INFO: RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com



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 25th – 26th Weekly: \$3,353 Monthly: \$275 Online: \$7,765 Total: \$11,393

DAVE QUIGLEY, *Director of Parish Operations* **DavidMQuigley@stcatherinetrumbull.com**





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