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@stcat<u>herinetrumbull.com</u>





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TheParishofStCatherineofSiena



Bishop's Rouse

359 Washington Abenne Bridgeport 4, Connecticut Feb. 11, 1955

THIS IS THE DOCUMENT WITH WHICH BISHOP SHEEHAN ESTABLISHED OUR PARISH.

Reverend and dear Father:

In order to care better for the spiritual needs of the parishioners of Saint Charles Parish in Bridgeport, Connecticut, who in recent years have greatly increased in numbers, I have decided with the advice of the Parish Planning Committee and after conferring with the Diocesan Consultors and the Pastor concerned, to divide this parish and from part of its territory to form a new parish. By means of this letter, therefore, I erect according to the Code of Canon Law the Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena, in Nichols, Connecticut, granting it the status and attributes of a paroecia amovibilis.

In the attached document I establish the boundaries of the new parish. Its endowment as a parish and a benefice is to be the property it will eventually possess, along with the rights to voluntary offerings of its Faithful and to Stole Fees as those rights are defined by Diocesan regulation and custom.

The right of naming the pastors of this parish I reserve to myself and to my successors. I hereby appoint you to be the first pastor of Saint Catherine's Parish with all the rights and duties of a pastor according to Canon Law.

Begging God's blessing on you and your flock, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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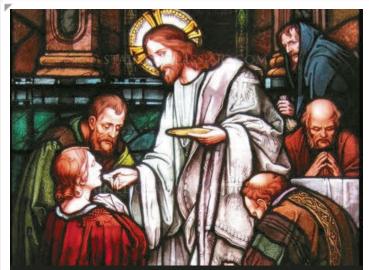
Most Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan, D.D. Bishop of Bridgeport

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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

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David Quigley:	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
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 FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Mon, Feb. 10: St. Scholastica 7:30AM [‡] David Ivanovich

- Tue, Feb. 11:Our Lady of Lourdes7:30AM♥ Francis Boyle, Jr.6:00-8:00PMAdoration and Confession
- 7:30AM & Lois Jeanne Briere Franco
- Fri, Feb. 14:Ss. Cyril & Methodius9:00AM† Faith Buchino
- Sat, Feb. 15:THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (Anticipated)4:00PMOur Parishioners
7:15PM7:15PM♥ Pamela Andreucci
- Sun, Feb. 16:THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME7:30AM☆ Anges Minniti9:00AM☆ Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Shea
11:00AM11:00AM☆ Salvatore Parrino

PRESIDENT'S DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Feb 17, in observance of President's Day. We will reopen on Tue, Feb 18, at 9am. Daily Mass on Feb 17 will take place at 9am.

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

Vincenza and Vincent Cavallero

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 **Helen D. Molochko & Paula Palmieri**



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 families of Joyce A. Alber, Theresa Kuruc, and



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

BAPTISM

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



Weston George Sagar and Rose Elise Bruner

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 »

Memorial for Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Shea

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

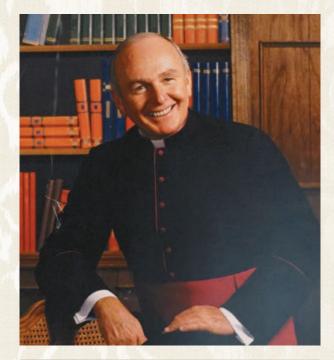
Msgr. Shea always talked about having an outdoor statue of St. Catherine made, to place somewhere on our parish grounds. He never wanted to buy one out of a catalogue, though; when he selected the statue of the Blessed Mother which is now in our Marian Prayer Garden, he did so because he'd seen a similar 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 (*pictured in this photo*) 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 will place it in a prominent

place on our campus, as a permanent memorial to our fourth Pastor. To make a gift toward this memorial to Msgr. Shea, scan the QR to the right.







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: 1:00pm

* 1:00pm Baptism limited to the first 24 children (11:15am Baptism is full). 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

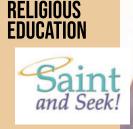
THU: St. Theresa, 7-8:30pm

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.



"IN TRIAL OR DIFFICULTY I HAVE

RECOURSE TO MOTHER MARY, WHOSE GLANCE ALONE IS ENOUGH TO DISSIPATE EVERY FEAR."

SAINT AND SEEK: February's saint is St. Therese of Lisieux. Come SEEK the

window for St. Therese & GET a little gift from us!

- **CONFIRMATION:** Info is on the parish website.
- 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. Hours and Reflection are due March 12.
- Letter to Father Marcello due March 26. •
- 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 9, 11, 12.

LEAH DEVITO, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



A SCOUT IS REVERENT SCOUT SUNDAY 2025

SUNDAY, FEB 23, 9am

Calling all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scouts BSA members.



Join us for the 9am Mass on Sunday, February 23, for a special Scout Sunday Celebration.

Scouts will process into Mass and receive a special blessing. **Everyone is Welcome!**

> Scouts & Leaders: Uniforms, please. Leaders: Please bring your troop or pack flag.





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>



THANK YOU! LOVE THY NEIGHBOR DRIVE! Social Justice and Charitable Outreach

Special thanks to everyone who supported our Parish Toiletry & Baby Supplies Drive last weekend. In large ways and in small, you've made a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors most in need. Our volunteers delivered five full carloads to to the parishes of St Charles Borromeo, St Mary, Blessed Sacrament, and to the Convent of Mary Immaculate and The Merton Center after the generous outpouring of donations by our devoted parishioners. Thank you for your continued caring support of our neighbors in need in Bridgeport!

Special thanks also to our outstanding volunteers without whom this event would not be possible: SUSAN SEW-ERSKY; DICK & CAROL SPENCER; NAOMI MACARI; NAN-CY GLOVINSKI; GEORGE MILANO; GLORIA BENDER; RINA PIA; DICK TUNSTALL; ELIZABETH VAN TINE; TED KEIFER; DENISE SOBCZAK; JOY MARINO; HELEN CROCCO; KATIE MILLER-CREAGH & JOSEPH; BILL WYKA; JERRY SPILLANE; BOB & JEANNIE CAVALLERO; ERIC & PAT VOGEL

ERIC VOGEL, *Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach:* **Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com**

To Parents of our Children: RELAX!

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. **Everyone is welcome here at St. Catherine's!** You may find it helpful to sit in the pews near the front, where it is



easier to see and hear. Don't hesitate to quietly explain the parts of the Mass. Sing the hymns and songs, pray and voice the responses together with your children. **They learn liturgical behavior by copying YOU!** If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please do come back! As Jesus said, *"Let the children come to Me."* Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here! To all the members of our Parish: a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a GIFT to the Church! They give us a future full of hope.



Come and visit Saint Catherine of Siena School, where the rich tradition of Catholic education is alive and well.

190 Shelton Road Trumbull, CT 203-375-1947 www.stcatherinesienatrumbull.org

THE PARISH NURSES:

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next Weekend: Feb 15/16. Looking ahead: Mar 15/16, Apr 26/27,May 17/18. *After the 4pm Mass on Sat after all Masses on Sun*. The **Parish Nurses** conduct monthly blood pressure screenings and maintain a healthrelated bulletin board.



Information: 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 SIXTH SUNDAY I ORDINARY TIME:

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:17, 20-26

2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

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 16: Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, Feb 16. Details announced soon. *No meeting Feb 9.*

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 FEBRAURY 1st – 2ND WEEKLY: \$5,399 MONTHLY: \$590 ONLINE: \$12,273 TOTAL: \$18,262

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





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