## 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-Tнu: 9am - 4:30pm Fri: Closed

#### Location:

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#### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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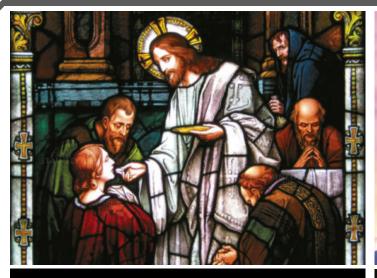
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**Jeff Wright:** Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Mon, Feb. 24:

7:30AM ♣ Mary A. Christiano

Tue, Feb. 25:

Wed, Feb. 26:

7:30ам † Tadeusz Stachurski

Thu, Feb. 27:

7:30AM ₱ James Henrietta

Fri, Feb. 28:

Sat, Mar. 1: FIRST SATURDAY

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME (Anticipated)

Sun, Mar. 2: THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Luciene Calixto 9:00AM Our Parishioners



<u>Respect Life:</u> 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 **Emanuel & Lillian Gurewitz.** 

If you would like to offer a rose, please call Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care, at (203) 377-3133, ext. 104.



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 Emanuel & Lillian Gurewitz.

The Sanctuary Lamp is available to be memorialized each week. The offering to dedicate the candle beside the tabernacle, is \$50. Please call the Parish Office at (203) 377-3133.

The Parish of Saint 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.

MILL





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.

#### 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.



IN MEMORIAM: The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the families of Patricia Marie Hall and Lita M. Ruseski

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



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:** 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

## ≪ A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ≪

Dear Friends,

As you may have seen on our social media platforms, and in the bulletin last week, Deacon Toole and I were in Rome last week with Bishop Caggiano and a small group of priests from our diocese. The purpose of our time in Rome was to participate in a homiletics seminar at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (known colloquially as the "Angelicum") which is run by the Order of Friars Preachers, the Dominicans. We stayed

at the Casa Santa Maria, which is the house in Rome near the Trevi Fountain where American priests live while they are assigned by their bishops to pursue graduate studies in Rome.

Each morning last week, we spent about three hours in class at the Angelicum, learning from the Dominican Friars about various aspects of preaching technique, structures, approaches, and spirituality. The classes themselves took place in an area of the Angelicum which was built by Pope St. Pius V, whose pontificate was from 1566 to 1572, and whose coat of arms is in our Rosary window near the shrine of the Blessed Mother. St. Pius V's feast day is April 30, which is also Deacon Toole's birthday!

Each afternoon, after lunch (or "pranzo") we went on pilgrimage to various basilicas in Rome, and we priests each took turns preaching. I was privileged to preach in the church of Sant' Agostino, in the chapel which houses the relics of St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica. Because of St. Monica's persevering prayer for her son, Augustine, he was converted from a life distant from God, and became one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church. (And, of course, patron saint of our diocese). At that Mass I prayed especially for Catholics who are away from the Church and away from the sacraments. The church of Sant' Agostino also houses a famous statue of Our Lady called the "Madonna del Parto" which for over 500 years has been a place of pilgrimage for women having difficulty conceiving, as they ask Our Lady's intercession for the gift of children, for safe pregnancies, and for safe deliveries. The many photos of babies and infants left around the statue attest to the efficacy of Our Lady's prayers.

That same day (Tuesday, February 11) was the 70th anniversary of the foundation of our parish. Our group went that afternoon to the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva to pray very specially at the tomb of our patroness, St. Catherine of Siena, thanking God for the blessings of these seven decades, and asking her intercession for all that lies ahead. Later in the week, our group visited the Pontifical North American College, where American seminarians study, and were given a tour of that very impressive facility by the Rector, Msgr. Thomas Powers, who is a priest of our diocese. The rooftop of the PNAC has \*the\* best view of the city of Rome, and a breathtaking view of St. Peter's Basilica.

It was also a week of wonderful priestly fraternity, lots of laughs, warm conversation, and just enjoying each other's company, together with our Bishop. Needless to say, the food in Rome was pretty good too and the gelato every evening was fantastic!

Please keep in your prayers the priests who were blessed to go on last week's seminar pilgrimage to Rome, as well as the benefactor whose generosity made the experience possible for us.

God Bless You,



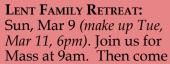


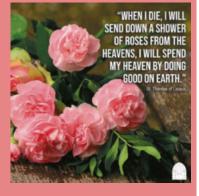


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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

SAINT AND SEEK: February's saint is **St. Therese of Lisieux**. Come SEEK the window for St. Therese & GET a little gift from us!





to the Family Center to learn more & make a concrete & actionable family plan to get the most out of these 40 days. *Required for all Rel Ed students.* 

**Confirmation:** *Info is on the parish website.* 

Chastity Talk is March 25 & 26; 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 & Registration forms are now past due. If you haven't submitted yours, do so ASAP.

First Reconciliation is March 18 & 19.

Classes this Week: Feb 23, 25, 26.

Leah DeVito, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



#### A SCOUT IS REVERENT: SCOUT SUNDAY 2025

THIS SUNDAY, February 23, 9am Mass







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.

## 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 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 SERVED

Cost: FREE. Reserve by Mar 14 with the QR code or at steathtrumbull.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

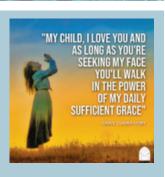
THU: St. Theresa, 7-8:30pm

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 steathtrumbull.com to help you prepare.





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 24, 2025



#### **LENT 2025**

#### Mass Schedule

Nothing is more important than coming to Mass together as a family!

SAT at 4:00pm, 7:15pm; SUN at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am; MON - THU at 7:30am; FRI at 9:00am; SAT at 8:00am; TUE & THU at 6:00pm

**CONFESSION:** TUESDAYS 6:00-9:00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation Monday: MON, APR 14, 3-9pm

Take advantage of this opportunity this Lent! Guides to help you prepare are in the Church Lobby & on the Parish Website.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:00pm - MAR 7, 14, 21, 28, APR 4, 11 (Good Friday, Apr 18 at 6:00pm)

During the Stations of the Cross, we accompany Jesus Christ from the tribunal of Pontius Pilate to His Cross and to His tomb. Generations of Catholics have found deeper meaning in Lent through the prayerful experience of Stations of the Cross.

#### ACTS OF CHARITY

Food Drive: MAR 8-9 | Easter Baskets: APR 5-6

Donations:Sat. 10am-12pm & Sun. 11am-12pm. For the Easter Basket Drive, pick up an empty basket on Mar 22 & 23. Financial Donations appreciated!

LENT FAMILY RETREAT (Rel EdFamilies)
SUN, MAR 9 (Make up Tue, Mar 11)

All Rel Ed families will attend Mass at 9am. Then we'll learn more and make a concrete & actionable family plan to get the most out of these 40 days.

#### LENTEN PARISH MISSION: MAR 29 - APR 1

Don't miss this special opportunity for our *Lenten Parish Mission* that will take us more deeply into the meaning and spirituality of Lent, with the goal of bringing us to a deeper friendship with Christ and a deeper love for our Catholic Faith. Join us for any Mass on Mar 29 or 30, and for evening reflections from 7-8pm on Mar 30 - Apr 1.

#### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Liturgies of the most beautiful and meaningful week of the entire year.

Holy Thursday ← April 17, at 7:00pm

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Repository until midnight

Good Friday ← April 18, 3pm
The Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm

Holy Saturday ← April 19 **The Great Vigil of Easter** at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday ← April 20 Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

#### **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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." *Luke 6:39-45* 

#### 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? Sundays 6-8pm. **NEXT MEETINGS:** 

**FEB 23:** Bible Olympics - Games based on biblical strength; **MAR 2:** Tubing Meetup at Powder Ridge; **MAR 9:** Lent workshop

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ITEMS REQUESTED: Tuna (canned & individual packets); Boxes of Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Beans of all varieties/colors (in cans & in both small and large bags); Rice (in both boxes & bags, small & large); Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter & Jelly (small & large containers); Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli; Instant Mashed Potatoes; Fruit Cups; Cereal (regular & individual size); Oatmeal; Boxed Juice; Canned Soups; Pancake Mix; Coffee (Ground & instant). The use of reusable grocery store bags for donations is highly desired.

Ways to Donate: Drive Through: Sat, Mar 8, 10am-12pm, & Sun, Mar 9, 11am-12pm, Church Hall. At All Masses on Mar 8 & 9, Church Lobby. Financial Donations Welcome: Checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena, write "Social Justice" in the memo line. Or Use Online Giving with the link on the Parish Website.

Coordinated by Knights of Columbus Council 5806 Information, Contact Scott Smaniotto at smani11@sbcglobal.net

Eric Vogel, Coordinator for Social Justice & Charitable Outreach: Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com



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