

# Easter 2025

# The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena



## 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  
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: APRIL 20, 2025

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

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  
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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 APRIL 20, 2025**

- Mon, Apr. 21:** Monday in the Octave of Easter  
7:30AM † John Ryan Ross
- Tue, Apr. 22:** Tuesday in the Octave of Easter  
7:30AM † Msgr. Richard J. Shea  
6:00-8:00PM *Confession and Adoration*
- Wed, Apr. 23:** Wednesday in the Octave of Easter  
7:30AM † Carlo & Louise Conte
- Thu, Apr. 24:** Thursday in the Octave of Easter  
7:30AM † Louis Buchetto, Sr. & Laura Nunno
- Fri, Apr. 25:** Friday in the Octave of Easter  
9:00AM † William D. Barry
- Sat, Apr. 26:** Saturday in the Octave of Easter  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Anticipated)**  
4:00PM Our Parishioners  
7:15PM † Rocco & Joan Nunno
- Sun, Apr. 27:** **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
7:30AM † James & Louise Richitelli  
9:00AM † Antonio & Jane Ruggerio  
11:00AM † Matthew & Frances Barvenik  
1:30PM *Confessions*  
3:00PM *Divine Mercy Holy Hour*



**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 **Charles Piro Family**.

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



**IN MEMORIAM:** The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the families of **Elizabeth (Betty) Spinelli** our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.

ALLELUIA!

He has been raised.

—Mark 16:6

THE PARISH OF  
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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.

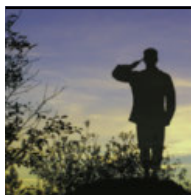
**PASTORAL CARE:** Please contact the Parish Office to let us know if you have a family member in the hospital. Due to confidentiality regulations, we are not consistently notified by hospitals, and are often unaware of hospitalizations unless we are notified by the family. Contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (203) 377-3133, ext. 104.



**OFFICE HOURS:** To allow our Parish Staff time to spend Good Friday & Easter with their families, the Parish Office will be closed on Fri, Apr 18 & Mon, Apr 21. The office will reopen on Tue, Apr 22, at 9am.



**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 **D. J. DiVincenzo**



**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,

**It is my pleasure to extend to you the warmest of welcomes to the beautiful liturgies of this Easter Day!**

I would like to draw your attention to the large candle placed near the ambo [pulpit], the Paschal Candle. It glows with the light of the Risen Christ, and **it is brimming with beautiful, meaningful symbolism.** The photo on this page is of the lighting of the new Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, which it is my privilege to carry out at the Easter Vigil each year.

On this Easter Day, I'd like to share with you a magnificent reflection on the meaning of this Candle and, by extension, the meaning of this day, by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

On Easter night, the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal Candle. This is a light that lives from sacrifice. The candle shines inasmuch as it is burnt up. It gives light, inasmuch as it gives itself. Thus the Church presents most beautifully the Paschal Mystery of Christ, who gives himself and so bestows this great light.

Secondly, we should remember that the light of the candle is a fire. Fire is the power that shapes the world, the force of transformation. And fire gives warmth. Here too the mystery of Christ is made newly visible. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. "Whoever is close to me is close to the fire," as Jesus is reported by Origen to have said. And this fire is both heat and light: not a cold light, but one through which God's warmth and goodness reach down to us.

The great hymn of the Exsultet, which the deacon [or priest] sings at the beginning of the Easter liturgy, points us quite gently towards a further aspect. It reminds us that this object, the candle, has its origin in the work of bees. So the whole of creation plays its part. In the candle, creation becomes a bearer of light. But in the mind of the Fathers of the Church, the candle also in some sense contains a silent reference to the Church. The cooperation of the living community of believers in the Church in some way resembles the activity of bees. It builds up the community of light. So the candle serves as a summons to us to be-come involved in the community of the Church, whose *raison d'être* is to let the light of Christ shine upon the world.

Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ's radiant face may enter our world. Amen.

A blessed Easter to everyone! Alleluia!!

God Bless You,

*Federico Marcello*

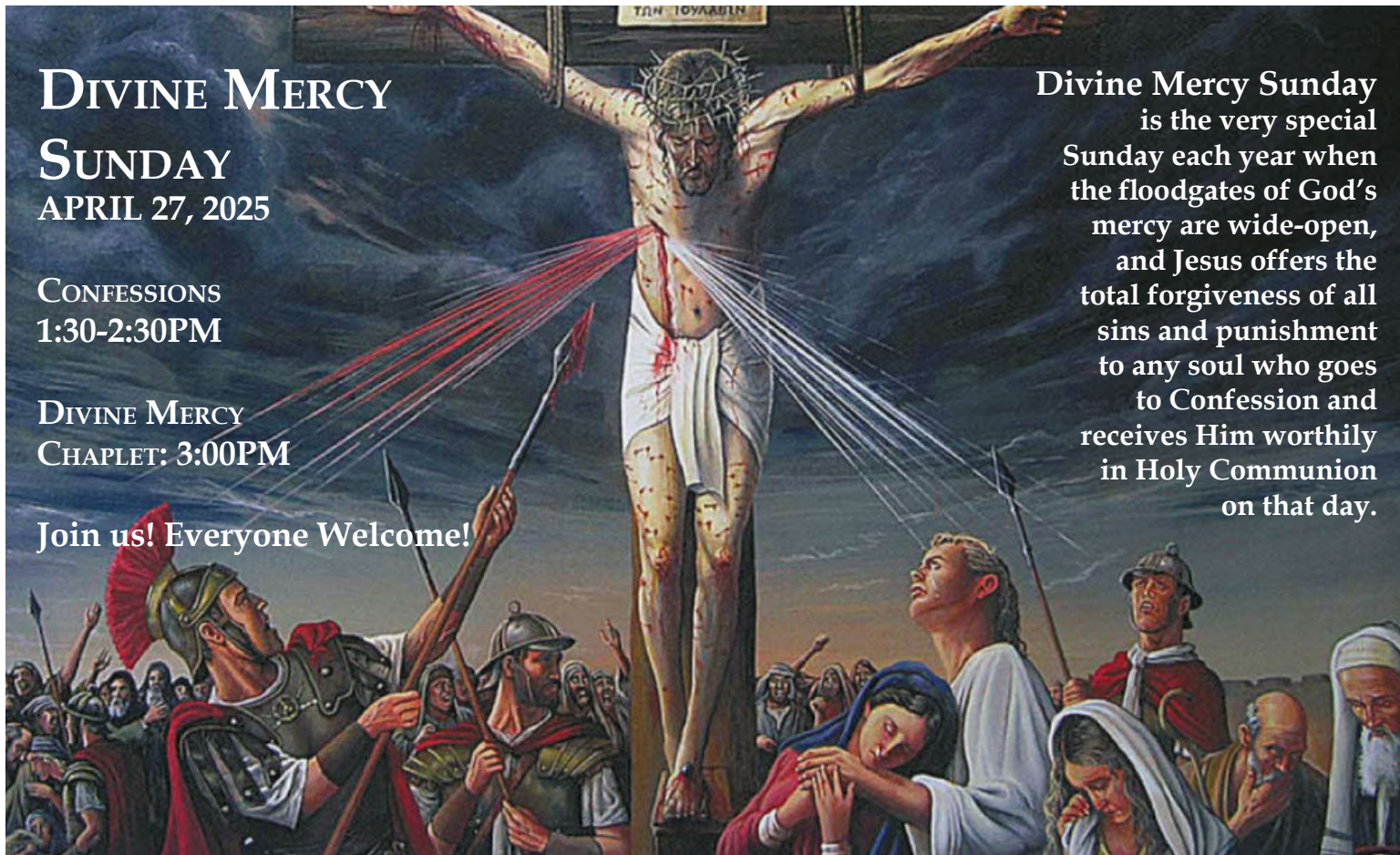


# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

CONFESSIONS  
1:30-2:30PM

DIVINE MERCY  
CHAPLET: 3:00PM

Join us! Everyone Welcome!



Divine Mercy Sunday is the very special Sunday each year when the floodgates of God's mercy are wide-open, and Jesus offers the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul who goes to Confession and receives Him worthily in Holy Communion on that day.

## OUR CHURCH IS GOD'S DWELLING PLACE ON EARTH.

### St. Catherine's is OPEN:

*The church is open from after morning Mass and Rosary until the afternoon. Visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament or spend some time of personal prayer in our church. You are welcome here!*

CONFESSION & ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesdays  
from 6:00-8:00pm

and on

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27:  
Confessions: 1:30-2:30pm  
Holy Hour: 3:00pm

*Guides to help you prepare are  
on our Parish Website.  
Anonymous & face-to-face  
confessions available.*

*You are welcome here!*

## 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.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION:** Special thanks to all Rel Ed & SCSS students who were a beautiful witness to Christ during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and participated in the procession to the Repository.

**SAINT AND SEEK:** Come SEEK the window for **Blessed Chiara Lude Badano** & GET a little gift from us!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Rehearsal** is Thu, May 8. **FHC Masses** are on Sat, May 10, at 10am or 12:30pm. *Mass assignments were emailed home.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR 1:** All students should be thinking about their Confirmation Service Hour requirements. Info is on the Parish Website. Saint Reports are now past due. Please turn them in ASAP.

**CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR 2:** All Confirmation materials are now past due. *Info is on the parish website.* If you haven't submitted yours, do so ASAP.

**Rehearsal** is Mon, May 12. **Confessions & Interviews** are on Tue, May 13. **Confirmation** is on Thu, May 15.

**CLASSES THIS WEEK:** Tue & Wed, Apr 22 & 23. No Class on Apr 20. Happy Easter

**Leah DeVito, DRE,** [reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



## EASTER BASKET DRIVE - THANK YOU

The St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council #5806 is so proud to report the success of its 5th Annual Easter Basket Drive.

We are so grateful to our St. Catherine's parishioners and the High School Youth Group for their outstanding generosity which enabled us to deliver more than 320 Easter bags to St. Charles Borromeo Church, Blessed Sacrament Church and St. Mary Church.

Special thanks go out to Brother Knights Garrett Covino and Scott Smaniotto for organizing this wonderful charitable event as well as our 28 volunteers, who contributed more than 70 hours to the effort:

**GLORIA BENDER, BOB & JEANNIE CAVALLERO, TOM COUGHLIN, GARRETT COVINO, TOGETHER WITH NES AND TALIA, JACK & STEPHANIE EDWARDS, ELISABETE ESTEVES, TOGETHER WITH VERONICA, RICHARD FASANI, KIMBERLY HOWELL, MARK HURLEY, RAY JAKABCIN, TED KEIFER, JOE LEMAY, MIKE SHEA, SCOTT & SUZANNE SMANIOTTO, DICK & CAROL SPENCER, JERRY & SUE SPILLANE, MARY SPILLANE, ERIC & PAT VOGEL, GEORGE YACIK**

Overall, a great event with fabulous support from the parish & school community that makes it all possible. A hearty 'Thank You' to all!

**SCOTT SMANIOTTO,** St. Catherine of Siena Council #5806  
[Smani11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Smani11@sbcglobal.net)



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Tue, April 29  
Mass at 7:00pm

Ice Cream Social to follow



## 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!!**

**We meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm.**

UP NEXT: APR 20: No Meeting. Happy Easter; APR 27: Join us for a fun & tasty event. Details TBA. *You won't want to miss it!*

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.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

LEAH DeVITO: [leahcdevito@gmail.com](mailto:leahcdevito@gmail.com)



## PARISH NURSES

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:** Next Weekend: Apr 26/27. Looking ahead: 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 health-related bulletin board.

Info: **CHERYL BASZTURA 203-261-5851**



## ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal provides works of charity, formation in faith, education & catechesis. "One in Christ" is the theme of the 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Bishop Caggiano believes this message is more important than ever as we work towards unity in our Church and society.

He asks all of us to consider the many ways the Appeal unites the Diocese in service, compassion and faith. We ask each of our families to help our Parish in reaching its goal by supporting the Appeal as generously as your means will allow.

**THANK YOU!** As of April 3, we have received 194 gifts from 171 donors totaling \$80,001 bringing the parish to 57% of its \$136,300 goal.

Please donate with the QR Code:



Join us May 2 at Whitney Farms Golf Club to support Saint Catherine of Siena School for our Annual Golf Classic and Dinner.

For sponsorship, golf and dinner opportunities visit:  
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**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 APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>  
WEEKLY: \$8,937 MONTHLY: \$1,401 ONLINE: \$11,320  
TOTAL: \$21,658

OUR PUBLICATION SCHEDULE WAS SHORTENED THIS WEEK.  
WE'LL REPORT OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
APRIL 12/13, APRIL 19/20 AND EASTER ON APRIL 26/27

**LEAVE A LEGACY:** Remember St. Catherine of Siena Parish in your Will! Doing so is a meaningful and tangible way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations of Catholics in our community.

DAVE QUIGLEY, Director of Parish Operations  
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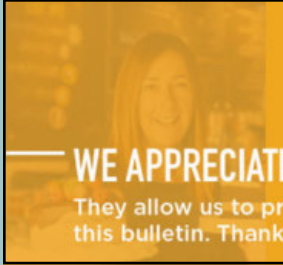
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