Welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament:** TUE: 6pm - 8pm

Daily Mass:

Мом-Тни: 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:

Мом-Тни: 9ат - 4:30рт FRI: Closed

Location:

In Historic Nichols 220 Shelton Road Trumbull, CT 06611 (203) 377-3133 www.stcathtrumbull.com office@stcatherinetrumbull.com



TheParishofStCatherineofSiena



POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 27, 2025

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

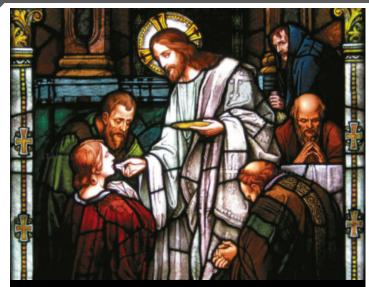
Michael Goldsmith: Interim Organist Kristen Gionfriddo: Principal Cantor

Denise Huertas:

Jeff Wright: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation

David Quigley: Director of Parish Operations, Ext. 102 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 Eric Vogel: Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach Raymond Kingsbury: Coordinator of Youth Ministry Safe Environment Coordinator

Michelle Powrie: Principal, St. Catherine of Siena School (203) 375-1947 Michael J. LaBella: Chair, Parish Finance Council Atty. Joseph R. Tristine: Chair, Pastoral Advisory Council Ross Bacarella: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

Mon, Apr. 28: 7:30am EASTER WEEKDAY ♣ Helen Tuccio

Tue, Apr. 29: 7:30am 7:00рм 6:00рм

Cecelia & Frank Farino **Our Parishioners** NO Confession Wed, Apr. 30: EASTER WEEKDAY / St. Pius V 7:30am Martin & Rose Vogel Thu, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker 7:30ам ✤ Phyllis Gagliardi FIRST FRIDAY Fri, May 2: St. Athanasius Angelina Sardu 9:00am 10:00рм-3:00рм Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Solemnity of St. Catherine of Siena

FIRST SATURDAY Sat, May 3: 8:00am **Our** Parishioners **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Anticipated) 4:00pm ✤ Deceased Members of the Thibodeau Family 7:15рм ✤ Aiden Mulhern

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

✤ Lawrence LaConte, Sr.

H Msgr. Richard J. Shea

🕆 Tara Jones & Debra Dayton

Sun, May 4: 7:30ам 9:00am 11:00am

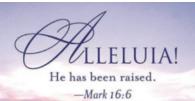


RESPECT LIFE: The white rose at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us all to pray for an increased respect for the gift of human life. This week, it is offered in memory of Elena Palmieri.



BAPTISM: The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena warmly congratulates the family of Caden Daniel Moran who was Baptized in the Name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the grace of this

Sacrament will bear abundant fruit in his life & in the life of his family.



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.



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.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE: The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena prays for Marlena Murphy and Nicholas Williams (Bann I) as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



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 Minniti & Sokolowski Families



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,

On this **Divine Mercy Sunday**, I would like to share with you the magnificent reflection below, by the noted French spiritual writer Father Jean d'Elbée.

> God Bless You, From Marceles

When we see ourselves to be so weak, so helpless, always falling into the same sins, we are tempted to say to ourselves, "Can it be possible that Jesus does not grow weary of this?" We have all had this temptation at one time or another: "I have promised Him so much, I have made so many resolutions, and I always fall again; it is impossible that He does not get tired of it."

It is a kind of blasphemy to say that, because it is to limit a mercy which has no limit. It is to doubt the patience, the indulgence, the untiring clemency of Jesus. It is not He who grows weary of us; it is we who grow weary of looking at our own ugliness.

During the apparitions of Our Lady at Pontmain, the children spelled out, letter by letter, the words they saw being written in the sky under the feet of the Blessed Virgin. At the word "allows" (*se laisse*), the adults who saw nothing said to them, "You must be wrong; it must be 'My son is weary' (*se lasse*) and not 'My son allows."" But instead of "My son has had enough" it was — oh, divine tenderness — "My son allows himself to be moved."

Why do we have this basic tendency, this first impulse to think that Jesus is dissatisfied? Oh, how I would like to help you do away with this atmosphere of distrust and put you forever into an atmosphere of friendship with your friend Jesus, the omnipotent Savior, who has come for the lost children that we are - lost, but found again like the prodigal son - an atmosphere of hope, a family atmosphere in the mutual confidence of Father and child, which will give you a taste on earth of a happiness which is already heavenly.

Is not the life of glory begun already in the life of grace? Did not Saint Paul say, *but our conversation is in heaven* (Phil 3:20), and Saint John, perfect love casts our fear (1 Jn 4:18)?

Father Jean du Coeur de Jésus d'Elbée († 1982) was a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



Dear Friends,

The Church continues to mourn the passing from this life of our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, the 265th successor of St. Peter, Bishop of Rome, and Pastor of the Universal Church. Though he had been ill for some time, the suddenness of his passing, on Easter Monday, took us all by surprise. By the time you read these words, his Funeral Mass will have taken place, and his mortal remains will have been interred in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

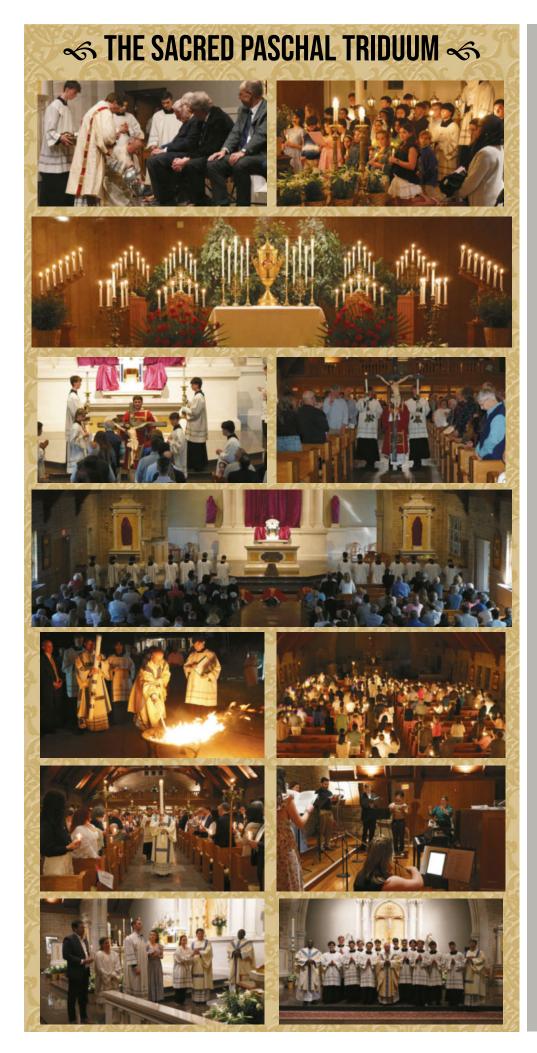
Everyone will remember different aspects of his 12-year pontificate. For me, what stands out most is Pope Francis' emphasis on the beauty of discovering or re-discovering God's mercy.

As a young man, Jorge Mario Bergoglio intended to be a chemist, but God had other plans for him. On September 21, 1953 (the feast of St. Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist) Jorge, then 16 years of age, stopped into his parish church to say a quick prayer. There he saw a priest he didn't know, named Father Carlos Ibarra. Somewhat spontaneously, he asked Father Ibarra to hear his confession. Five minutes later, as he exited the confessional, he was convinced that God was calling him to be a priest. Many times during his papacy, the Pope adverted to that graced moment in his life, the moment when he recognized, in the confessional, that even though his request to that priest seemed spontaneous, God had been waiting for him there to fill him with his mercy, and to make him a messenger and an instrument of that mercy to others.

Pope Francis said many things about God's mercy during his service as the Bishop of Rome. But my favorite is this: "Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy ... time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love."

For Pope Francis we pray: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

God Bless You, From Marcillo



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 OF EASTER

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ""I am going fish-ing."" They said to him, ""We also will come with you."" So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ""Children, have you caught anything to eat?"" They answered him, ""No."" So he said to them, ""Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."" So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ""It is the Lord."" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, ""Bring some of the fish you just caught."" So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ""Come, have breakfast."" And none of the disciples dared to ask him, ""Who are you?"" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. John 21:1-14

Join Us for Mass and an Ice Cream Social!

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

> Tue, April 29 Mass at 7:00pm

Ice Cream Social to follow



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

"IF WE ARE ALWAYS READY FOR ANYTHING, HOW MANY SIGNS GOD WOULD SEND US!" - Blend Charl Luce Badra



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*. If you haven't submitted your registration, please do so ASAP.

May Crowning: All 3rd Graders are strongly encouraged to attend the 11am Mass on Sunday, May 11 and participate in the May Crowning. *Wear your Communion suit or dress.*

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.

FINAL CLASSES THIS WEEK! Apr 27, 29 & 30. Registratra-tion for next year opens early June. Look for information by email from Mrs. DeVito.

Leah DeVito, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



MAY CROWNING Sunday, May 11 < Mother's Day 11:00am Mass

Our First Holy Communion Children will offer roses to our Blessed Mother, Mary, as May is the Month of Mary. *Please join us for this beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother*!



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.

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.

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 27: Join us for a fun & tasty event. Details TBA. *You won't want to miss it!*

INFO: 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 Adora-tion*

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

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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 to help you prepare.

PARISH NURSES

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: This 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.



ANNUAL Bishop's Appeal

The 2025 Annual Bish-



op'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:

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



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: SCSS2025.givesmart.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!

GIVING BACK TO GOD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY!

The Weekend of April 12¹¹ - 13¹¹ Weekly: \$7,346 Monthy: \$165 Online: \$10,161 Palm Sunday: \$970 Total: \$18,642

Our Publication Schedule was shortened this week. We'll report Offertory for the weekend of April 19/20 and Easter on May 3/4

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* **DavidMQuigley@stcatherinetrumbull.com**





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