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

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RETURNS TO THE 9AM MASS THIS WEEKEND!

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEP 14, 2025

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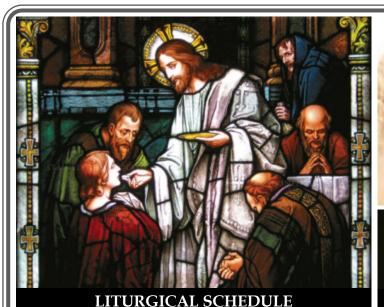
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Ross Bacarella: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation
Jeff Wright: Lay Member of the Parish Corporation



FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Mon, Sep 15: Our Lady of Sorrows 7:30ам ♣ Kim Brown

Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian Tue, Sep 16: 6:00-8:00pm Adoration and Confession

Wed, Sep 17: St. Robert Bellarmine 7:30ам David D. Gill

Thu, Sep 18:

7:30am ♥ Marilyn Barker

Fri, Sep 19: St. Januarius 9:00am NO Mass

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN Sat, Sep 20:

> **ORDINARY TIME** (Anticipated)

4:00PM ₱ Jack Buchta 7:15рм Our Parishioners

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN Sun, Sep 21:

ORDINARY TIME

7:30ам ⊕ Ellen Ivanovich 9:00am ₱ Walter Hilinski 11:00ам ₱ Ivan Capella



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 **Josephine Tallerico**.



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 Rob-

ert 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; SPC Christopher Smaniotto, U.S.

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 lookingfor 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, Sigrid Rogowski, Michael Fernandes, Rose Autuori, Jack Godo, Elaine Annick, Bill Taylor. Contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (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 **Kim Brown**.



BAPTISM: The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena warmly congratulates the families of Harper Poisella and Grevson Poisella, who were 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 their lives & in the life of their family.



Infant Baptism should not be delayed, and should be administered within weeks of birth, if possible. Expectant parents are welcome to contact the parish office even prior to

the baby's birth to make arrangements. Pre-baptismal formation is necessary for first-time parents.



BANNS OF **M**ARRIAGE: The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena prays for Bernadette Kingsbury and Kyle Barber (Bann III), and Mercedes **Lopez and Jesse Diaz** (Bann II)

as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



IN MEMORIAM: The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the families of Judith Ann Carrafiello and Carol Ann Barrato our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.

KICKOFF WEEKEND AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

It was a great pleasure to welcome so many friends to Masses at our 9th Annual Kickoff Weekend. Special thanks to everyone who attended Mass, brought friends, or worked behind the scenes to make it a great success!

A highlight of the weekend was our 5th Annual Blessing of Backpacks. We were thrilled to see so many children at our 9am Family Mass. We pray that you will always be guided by God's love in everything you do.









And a huge THANK YOU to...Ray Jakabcin, parishioner and member of Knights of Columbus Council 5806. Together with Eric Vogel, CJ Stook, Madisen Palmieri, Olivia Palmieri, Sammy Tristine, Siena Tristine and Parish Staff Members Marianne Stook, Mary Ellen Kovacs, Peggy Lynch & David Quigley, he worked throughout the weekend serving delicious Italian Ice with a smile and helped in so many ways to make our weekend a great success!

A great big WELCOME to the families who became members of our Parish this weekend and a thank you to all who stepped up to increase their participation in our Parish Community life!













KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5806

Saint Catherine of Siena Council #5806 is an extremely motivated, visible and active Council at the Parish of Saint Ca-

therine of Siena.

It is dedicated in its mission to work closely in prayer and service with its Parish Clergy, Parish Community and Parish School. It also works very closely with many other Churches and Organizations that have extraordinary needs in the wider Trumbull and Bridgeport Communities.

The Council is guided by the Knights of Columbus "Faith in Action"- Program Model by coordinating and prioritizing its efforts towards Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Council #5806 meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

Please join the Knights at <u>kofc.org/join</u> or contact Grand Knight - **Bob** Cavallero at <u>bcav2@aol.com</u>.

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.



CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available SEVEN DAYS A WEEK in our area. We are happy to provide the schedule for Confessions in our area here:

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;

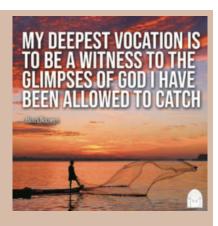
St. Theresa, 7-7:30am, 8:30-9am,

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE:
FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
Friday, October 17
at 6pm in the Family
Center. It's a night
of fun and games for
the whole family.
You won't want to
miss it. Stay tuned for
more!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Catechetical Sunday: Sep 21
- Parent Kickoff: Sep 22, 25
- First Day of Classes: Sep 28, 30, Oct 1

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR THE 2025-26 YEAR! Information is on the parish website.

BE A CATECHIST: Our Rel Ed program would not be possible without the vital work of our catechists, classroom aides, hallway monitors & substitute catechists. Tuition waivers offered for all volunteers. Open to middle school and high school students too. Community Service hours available!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEP 21! Please join us at the 9am Mass to celebrate our catechists and volunteers. Fr. Marcello will give a special blessing to all volunteers as we launch the new Rel Ed year. Reception in the newly renovated Marian Prayer Garden to follow.

Contact Leah DeVito, DRE, to find out more: reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: to offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; to lead the little ones to You; to strengthen the faith of believers; to preach the Gospel to all peoples; to bring forgiveness to sinners; to feed souls the Bread of Life; to comfort the suffering & dying, and to spread Your Kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us many holy priests. Amen.

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.

Coming Up:

- SEP 14: Fellowship and Faith. Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- SEP 21: No Meeting
- SEP 28: The Lives of Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frissatti

INFO: RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

Any adult (age 18+) wishing to volunteer at the Parish - in any capacity, even if they're not working with children - must attend a



Diocesan mandated Virtus: Protecting God's Children for Adults class and submit to a Background Check. Register at virtus.org. If you are unsure if you are in full compliance, contact: **Denise Huertas**, Safe Environments Coordinator: 203-515-2236 or dhuertas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Learn more about the meaning & message of the upcoming weekend's readings. Deacon Patrick Toole's in-depth look at the readings for the coming weekend with explanation, prayer, & discussion resumes Wednesday, October 1! Study materials provided FREE. No sign-up required. Weds 6:30pm-8pm in the Church Hall.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to his disciples: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest

wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." *Luke* 16: 10-13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our 9am Sunday Mass focuses on helping our youngest parishioners devel-



op 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.

SESSIONS RESUME <u>THIS WEEKEND</u>, 9AM MASS!!

LEAH DEVITO: leahcdevito@gmail.com



Have you (or someone you know) been asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, but needed to decline? Have you been Baptized, made First Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IS OFFERING A CLASS FOR JUST THIS CIRCUMSTANCE! JOIN US FOR A RELAXED CONVERSATION TO LEARN MORE MONDAY, OCT 6 | 7:00PM | CHURCH HALL

At this relaxed info session, you will learn more about becoming Catholic & receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. You'll have a chance to ask all of your questions, or just listen in. Join us on Monday, October 6 at 7pm or contact the Parish Office directly.

DEACON PATRICK TOOLE will be leading our OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) prepares candidates to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

Potential candidates are often found among family members or friends of our Parish com munity.

office@stcatherinetrumbull.com or 203-377-3133

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH:

So that you can plan for your family's charitable giving next year, we're happy to provide you with our schedule of upcoming Social Justice and Charitable Outreach drives:



HAT, COAT, SWEATER DRIVE: October 18-19

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: November 15-16

Christmas Giving Tree: December 13-14 Tree ornaments available November 24

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: February 21-22

Easter Basket Drive: March 21-22
Bags distributed in Church: March 7-8 & 14-15

THE S.O.M.E. BENCH: In the Lobby of the Church, there's a bench set aside specifically to receive donations of nonperishable food items for our Trumbull & Bridgeport neighbors in need. The bench is called S.O.M.E., which means So Others May Eat. Donations are brought weekly to the Trumbull Food Pantry and Blessed Sacrament Parish. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

INFO: ERIC VOGEL, Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach, <u>Caritas@stcatherinetrumbull.com</u>.

PARISH NURSES

The Parish Nurses conduct monthly blood pressure screenings and maintain a health-related bulletin board.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: NEXT Weekend: Sep 12/22. Looking ahead, next screenings will take place Oct 18/19, Nov 15/16, Dec 20/21. After the 4pm Mass on Sat after all Masses on Sun.



Wheel It Forward makes it easy to borrow & donate durable medical equipment. They're seeking donations: including wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, knee scooters, shower seats ...and similar equipment in good to new condition. If you haven't had the need to use Wheel It Forward, it truly is a wonderful program that makes a meaningful difference in our community.

Info: Cheryl Basztura 203-261-5851

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THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30TH - 31ST
WEEKLY: \$4,986 MONTHY: \$800 ONLINE: \$10,365
TOTAL: \$16,142

THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6TH - 7TH
WEEKLY: \$4,317 MONTHY: \$381 ONLINE: \$8,837
TOTAL: \$13,535

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Sat, Oct 4, 11:00am, Cathedral of St. Augustine Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are invited to attend. Those recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate of this important milestone in their married lives. Register: sharon.colihan@diobpt.org

CATHOLICISM & RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

Mon, Sep 22, 7pm, St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main St (Lower Parish Center)

Come and learn more about the Lay Dominicans. Light refreshments. All are welcome. Fr. Gannon, keynote speaker. FREE. No registration necessary. Info: orapronibis20@gmail.com



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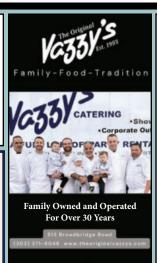


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