Advent

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

Daily Mass:
Mon-Thu: 7:30am
Fri: 9:00am
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.

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The First Sunday of Advent: November 29, 2026

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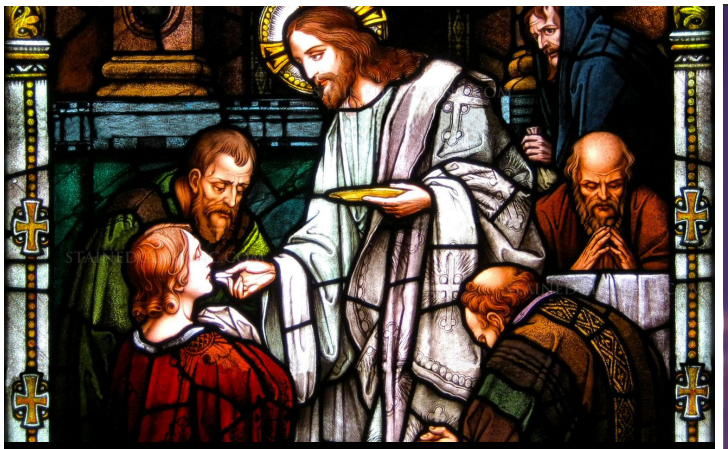


LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Mon, Nov. 30: **The Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**
7:30AM Vocations to the Priesthood

Tue, Dec. 1: **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30AM ✞ Elena Visilli
6:00PM-9:00PM *Adoration and Confession*

Wed, Dec. 2: **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30AM ✞ Helen D. Molochko

Thu, Dec. 3: **ADVENT WEEKDAY / St. Francis Xavier**
7:30AM ✞ Luz Meza

Fri, Dec. 4: **FIRST FRIDAY**
ADVENT WEEKDAY / St. John Damascene
9:00AM For the Intentions of Fr. Marcello
10:00AM-3:00PM *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Sat, Dec. 5: **FIRST SATURDAY**
8:00AM *NO Mass. Jingle Bell Run*
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *(Anticipated)*
4:00PM ✞ Candace Mitchell
7:15PM ✞ Midura & Montagnino Families

Sun, Dec. 6: **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30AM ✞ Thomas Ivanovich
9:00AM ✞ Thomas & Mary Spillane
11:00AM Our Parishioners



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 ofthe **Helen Molochko.**



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: We congratulates **Adam and Danielle (Perez) Finch,** who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 21, 2026.



IN MEMORIAM: The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the family of **Theresa G. Watcke,** our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.

'Tis the season to make some time for peace and prayer to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is period of devout and expectant delight.

- GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

ST. CATHERINE'S 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 everyone into a living and saving friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the communion of His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

PrayerMINISTRY

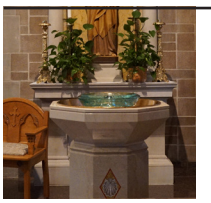
Please remember in your daily prayers all the sick of our Parish and their caregivers, especially:

Marlene Roberts, Ernestine Gaudio, Sigrid Rogowski, Rose Autuori, Bill Taylor, Jack Godo

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 **Lawrence Gill.**



NEWLY BAPTIZED: The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena warmly congratulates the families of **Margaret Ann Renison and Michael Patrick Krajewski,** 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 lives of their families.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

The four weeks of Advent are given over to thinking deeply about the four "Last Things," which are: *Death* (than which nothing is more certain), *Judgment* (than which nothing is more exacting), *Heaven* (than which nothing is more wonderful), and Hell (than which nothing is more terrible).

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** explains: *Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts, speak of a final destiny of the soul – a destiny which can be different for some and for others (CCC 1021).*

Bringing up the Last Things may seem at odds with the festive nature of this time of year. But a closer examination reveals that this is not the case at all. Here's why: until and unless we realize deeply and personally what Christ saves us from, and what it cost Him to save us (His life, and all of His blood), then we cannot even begin to understand His greatness, or what we owe to Him, or what Christmas truly is.

Here's something else to keep in mind during these days of Advent: the first part of Advent (from today until December 16) is focused on looking ahead to and preparing ourselves for Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end," as we pray each Sunday in the Creed.

Once again, the CATECHISM explains this truth clearly: *The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death (CCC 1040).*

In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each person's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life (CCC 1039).

The second part of Advent (from December 17 until December 24) is focused on readying ourselves for a grateful remembrance of Christ's First Coming at Bethlehem on Christmas. So, at the outset of this brief but beautiful and terribly important liturgical season, the Church prays in these words, the Collect for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless You,

Father Marcello

Advent 2026

'Tis the season to make some time for peace and prayer to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Mass

SAT at 4pm & 7:15pm
SUN at 7:30am, 9am, 11am
MON-THU: 7:30am, *followed by Rosary,* FRI: 9am

Adoration

TUE, DEC 1, 15, 22: 6-9pm
FRI, DEC 4: 10am-3pm

During one of the most hectic times of the year, we're happy to provide this oasis of peace and quiet, in the presence of Our Lord Himself, in the Blessed Sacrament.

Confession

TUE, DEC 1, 15, 22: 6-9pm

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

TUE, DEC 8: Mass at 7pm
Mass is also celebrated at 7:30am & 12:10pm

Our Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the USA. Our celebrations will honor Our Lady & ask her protection on our country, our families, & our parish.

Christmas Tree Lighting, Carols & Cocoa

SAT, DEC 12: *follows the 4pm Mass.*

Join us for a special tradition at St. Catherine's. Following the 4pm Mass on Sat, Dec 12, we'll go to the front lawn for our Eleventh Annual Tree Lighting! Hot Chocolate & Cookies to follow!

Christmas Opłatki

Available in the Sacristy after Mass or at the Parish Office. $2 per package.

Bambinelli Sunday

SUN, DEC 20: *at the 9am Mass.*

Bring your figurine of the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity for a special blessing on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Annual Parish Giving Tree

Provide essentials and cheer for families in need at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary Church, The Convent of Mary Immaculate, The McGivney Center.

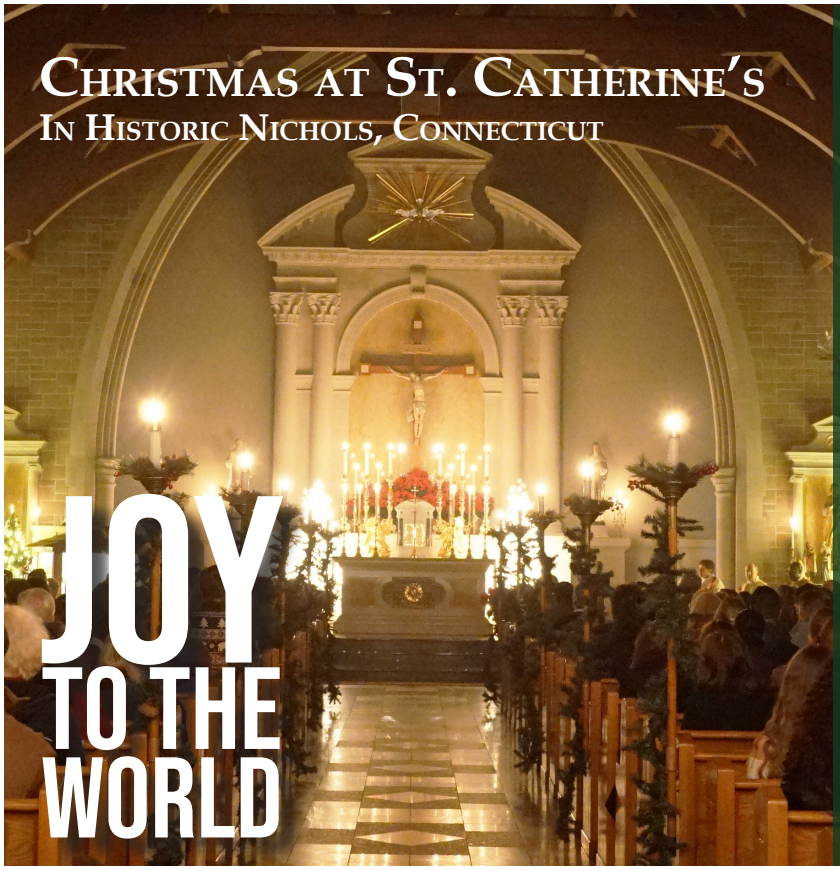
The Giving Tree will be in the Church Lobby on TUE, NOV 24. Collect an ornament *(or more)* and fulfill the wish listed on the card. Gifts should be returned with the ornament securely attached during Drive Through collection on SAT, DEC 12 or to the Church Lobby by DEC 13.

Ways to Donate:
Drive-Through Sat, Dec 12, 10am-12pm.
At any Mass through Dec 13.
Financial donations welcome.
Use online giving with the QR code here or the link on our Parish Website. Or mail a check to the Parish Office. Write "Giving Tree" in the memo line.
Surplus funds will be directed to the organizations.

Info: Christmas@stcatherinetrumbull.com

If you or someone you know is in need of help this Advent and Christmas season, please let us know.

Christmas at St. Catherine's
In Historic Nichols, Connecticut



The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve • THU, DEC 24
4pm *(Family Center)*

The Midnight Mass of Christmas
*12:00 Midnight. *Music begins at 11:30pm*

Christmas Day
FRI, DEC 25 • 9am, 11am *(NO 7:30am)*
Festive Mass with Soloists and Instrumentalists at 11am

** Livestream at the Midnight Masses.*

The Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: THU, DEC 31, 5pm

FRI, JAN 1, 2027 *(New Year's Day)*
Mass: 9am, 11am *(NO 7:30am)*

#GIVINGTUESDAY - DEC 1

GIVING TUESDAY

The World's Biggest Day of Generosity. This year, #GivingTuesday takes place on Tue, Dec 1. St. Catherine's invites you to participate in #GivingTuesday in the following powerful and prayerful ways:

- Make a pledge to the **Annual Parish Appeal**
- Participate in the **Annual Parish Giving Tree** *(details in this bulletin and at StCathTrumbull.com)*
- Come to **Adoration** on Tue, Dec 1, between 6-9pm, and offer your prayers for someone.

Gingerbread Bash

Sunday, Dec 6, following the 9am Mass
A special day for the whole family!

Build a gingerbread nativity while preparing for the birth of Jesus. You'll hear the Christmas story, sing songs, play games, & discover the good news of Jesus through candy canes. *It's a truly sweet way for your family to prepare for the birth of Jesus!*

$20/family includes one nativity kit & breakfast. Additional nativity kits are $10/each.

You're absolutely not going to want to miss it! Scan this QR code to register.

Capacity limited. Registration closes at capacity or by Sun, Nov 29.

Religious Ed



Confirmation: Registration forms for Confirmation are Past Due. If you haven't submitted yours, please email them in ASAP.

Saint and Seek: Tuesday is December 1! New Month, New Saint. This month, we're talking about **Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Bring your kids to Mass at St. Catherine's anytime during the month of October. SEEK and FIND a little gift to take home! Our gift to you is at the window for Thérèse of Lisieux.

Classes This Week! Class on Dec 2 & 3. No Class Nov 29.

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SCRIPTURE SCHOOL WITH DEACON TOOLE

Deacon Toole leads an in-depth look at the readings for the coming weekend with explanation, prayer, & discussion. Study materials provided. FREE. No signups. Weds at 6:30pm in the Church Hall

GOSPEL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." *Mark 1: 1-8*

CONFESSIONS



No matter how far you have walked away from God, the return trip is only one step.

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, 4-4:45pm;
St. Pius X, 4-5pm;
St. Theresa, 3:30-4:30pm

SUN: St. Lawrence, 11-11:30am
St. Theresa, 7-7:30am, 8:30-9am,
10-10:30am, 11:30am-12pm

Resources for adults, teens & kids are at stcathtrumbull.com to help you prepare.



2026 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

Our mission of faith, worship, & service here at St. Catherine's is a rock of stability for our parishioners and our larger community. Together with our Parish Finance Council & Trustees, we are reaching out to everyone in our Parish, asking everyone's active participation in this year's Appeal.

The 2026 Annual Parish Appeal goal is $150,000, which enables us to meet the ongoing, fixed costs of maintaining our beautiful campus, and help to stay current with fixed operating costs.

Donate Online securely with our Online Giving Platform. The link is on the parish website: 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.



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*; **SGT 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*; **SGT Christopher Smaniotto, U.S. Army; 1LT Adam J. Giammattei,** *U.S.Army;* **Hudson Gershon,** *Marine Recruit;* **Matthew Ferrante,** *USArmy.*



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

Our publication schedule was shortened this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We will report offertory for Nov 21/22 & 28/29 on Dec 5/6

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