



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 14, 2024

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor
Rev. Miguel Bernal, Priest in Residence
Director of Greenwich Hispanic Ministry
Rev. Christopher Johnson, Priest in Residence
Staff Chaplain, Greenwich Hospital

Deacon Renato Berzolla

Deacon Robert Henrey, Retired

Deacon John Linsenmeyer

Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 AM - Mass, St. Catherine's Church

9:00 AM - Family Mass, St. Catherine's Church

10:30 AM - Traditional Mass, St. Catherine's Church

5:00 PM - Teen Mass, St. Catherine's Church

MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

St. Catherine's Church

6:30 PM - Spanish Mass

St. Catherine's Chapel

11:00 AM - French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month

- Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month

Saturday

3:00 — 4:00 PM – Confessions at St. Catherine's Church (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.)

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass at St. Catherine's Church Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

7:00 AM - Daily Mass at St. Catherine's Church

5:15 PM - Daily Mass at St. Catherine's Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays – 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM in St. Catherine's Church Rosary

Tuesdays - 6:00 PM in St. Catherine's Chapel

All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Please call the Parish Office to schedule dates for

Baptisms, Weddings and Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Saturday of every month or by appointment).

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

December 16 & December 17\$13,153 **December 23 & December 24** \$21,654 **December 30 & December 31** \$21,106 **January 6 & January 7**\$19,180

Offertory includes Monthly and Online Giving (OLG)

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Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule*

Saturday, January 13

3:00-4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal 5:00 PM Intention: Robert Morelli Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar

Sunday, January 14

7:30 AM Intention: Robert Flanagan

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

9:00 AM Intention: Karen Holloman Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Jack Morris

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

11:00 AM - French Mass

Intention: Moira Scott

Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert D'Souza

5:00 PM Intention: John D'Agostino

Celebrant: Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz 6:30 PM Intention: Evasto Garcia Uenegas

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

Monday, January 15

7:00 AM Intention: Michael Murtagh

5:15 PM Intention: **NO MASS**

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 AM Intention: Scion Estrella (living) 5:15 PM Intention: Steven B. Shindler

Thursday, January 18

7:00 AM Intention: Ralph Yoakum 5:15 PM Intention: Ida Difabio

Friday, January 19

7:00 AM Intentions: Evelyn and Fred Arroyo

5:15 PM Intention: Nancy Hurley

Saturday, January 20

3:00-4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

5:00 PM Intention: Jean Moroney

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

Sunday, January 21

7:30 AM Intention: Grace Castronovo

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

9:00 AM Intention: Sean Lynch

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Paul A. Linton

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Boccaccio

11:00 AM - Italian Mass

Intention: Gennaro Vitiello

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

5:00 PM Intention: Fred Whelan

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar

6:30 PM Intention: Vicente Nieves (living)

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday Schedule

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, our Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, January 15.** Our regularly scheduled **Daily Mass** will be held at **7:00 AM**, which will be open for *In-Person* attendance and *Livestreamed* from St. Catherine's Church.

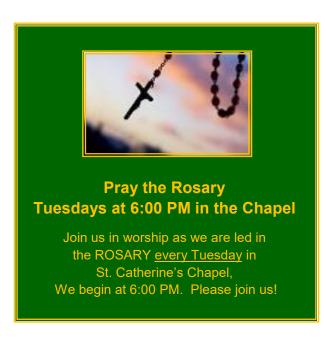




2024 Mass Intentions Book Open New Forms Available

Blank forms with instructions can be picked up at the Parish Office or printed out from our website here:

https://stc-sta.org/images/Mass_Intentions_Request_Form_2024.pdf



The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes congratulates and welcomes

Isabella Rosalina Krizsan Rodriguez
Antonio Joseph Librandi
Ty Michael Macleod

Perry Anne Morell

Baptized into God's family on

January 6 & 7, 2024

Please pray for the sick members of our parish, especially for:



Wilmar Acevedo Joan Bartilucci Claudia Bouchard Stephen Cheung Loretta DiMaio Scion Estrella Frances Funke John Hickey Olga lacobazzo Sandra Judge Gwen Loughlin Lorraine Mallen Faustino Garcia Morales Joan J. Murphy Leslie Nash Mayra Nieves Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues Austin Shanley Barbara Weltz Vinnie Yax Josephine Yuen

Please also pray for the deceased members of our parish,, especially for:

Eileen Killeen (12-15-23) Robert William Horan, Sr. (12-26-23)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

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Questions?

Contact

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In Music News...

We are excited to welcome **Alexander Dmitriev** as our *Composer-in-Residence* for 2024, to compose new music for our Traditional Choir, who recently performed two of his pieces at our Christmas Spectacular concert. Maestro Dmitriev is a recipient of many awards and honors, among them is the First Prize at the *Socrasong International Choir Festival* in Krakow, Poland, for the chaconne for male choir Dies Irae. Performances of Dmitriev's compositions and arrangements have been previously

released on the Swiss label *VDE-GALLO* and *Olympia*, London. His music has been published by *Oxford University Press*, *Moscow Publishing House Music*, and *Publishing House of the Belarussian Ministry of Culture*. He has been awarded multiple residencies at *Yaddo* (Saratoga Springs, New York). The Naumburg Award winning American ensemble *Da Capo Chamber Players* presented his music at the Belarusian Musical Autumn international music festival in Minsk, Belarus, followed by the performances at Moscow Musical Autumn (Moscow) and Sound Ways (St. Petersburg) international music festivals in Russia. Mr. Dmitriev's music was also performed by such American groups and the *Da Capo Chamber Players, Euterpe Ensemble, New Amsterdam Singers, C4 New York chorus, C3LA chorus, Kantorei Chorus*, as well as *Haydn Orchestra* (Italy), *Moscow Song and Dance Ensemble, Belorussian State Chamber Chorus, Graina Chamber Chorus, Minsk Chamber Chorus, Minsk Male Chorus, Yaroslavl Symphony Orchestra, Grodno Chamber Orchestra, Belarussian National Symphonic Band "Nemiga", and <i>Belarussian State Opera Theater*.

Alexander Dmitriev is a native of Lugansk, Ukraine, and grew up in Khabarovsk, the Far East of Russia. He holds the *B.A., M.F.A.* and *D.M.A.* diplomas in Composition from *Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory*, where he studied composition with Evgeny Golubev and Albert Leman. Before his arrival in the U.S. in 1993, Mr. Dmitriev was a *Professor of Composition and Orchestration* at the *Minsk University of Culture* and *Belarussian Academy of Music.* He continued his teaching career as the *Assistant Professor of Music/Choir Director* at the *St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary* in Pennsylvania. Since 1998, he has been an *Organist/Choral Director* at a historic *St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church* in White Plains NY.

More PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held weekly at the **9:00 AM Family Mass**.

All children will begin Mass sitting with their parents in church. Children in Grades Kindergarten – 5th will be invited to go with committee members to the Lucey Parish Hall. Children will return to their parents after the Prayer of the Faithful.



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is held on

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FAITH in our Community



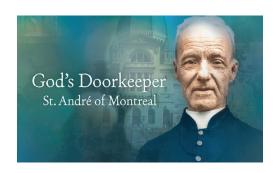


Some FAVORITE PIX of the Holiday Season





Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



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January 9, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

As I announced at the Masses last weekend, Fr. Christopher Johnson has resigned as a chaplain at Greenwich Hospital. It has been a joy having him serve the parish as a priest-in-residence. He will be missed. Please find his farewell letter below. He may be contacted through email at christojohny@yahoo.com, and by mail at: 199 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591. It is my hope that we can thank him for his ministry when we celebrate the legacy of St. Agnes Church in either February or March of this year.

Fr. Bill Platt, Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

As you are aware, I am working at Greenwich Hospital as chaplain while serving as Priest in Residence at St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes. Since I am planning to take a break, I have resigned my position at Greenwich Hospital and my last day is expected to be December 28, 2023. In that context, I have also decided to leave this beloved parish family on January 10, 2024.

Tears well up as I reflect on leaving this incredible faith community. I feel like writing to each and every one of you personally and thank you because of your personal relationship to me. I will miss you all, who love me, transcending the ethnic and cultural differences. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this amazing community starting at St. Agnes and now with this merged parish. Throughout these years, my experience has been overwhelmingly joyful, and I am grateful to each and every one of you for your brotherly love and friendly support.

Even though I am only a priest in residence, you welcomed me into your hearts and your homes, accepted me as I am, with my strength and weaknesses and included me as a part of your family. You trusted me to open your inner most self, the sacred space

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and it was a privilege and blessing to minister to you as your priest and above all as your friend and brother. You shared your joys and struggles and encouraged me throughout my ministry, reflecting with me attentively during homilies and laughing for my jokes even when you already knew some of them. Even when I see you as patients in the hospital, you attempted to hide your pain and smiled and welcomed me. I felt that your smiles, warmth, hugs, and the gifts are expressions of the love we had for each other. So, when I think of leaving you, I feel heaviness as well as emptiness in my heart. You are a great people of God who value their priests no matter where they come from or how they appear or even when they have different perspectives. When I was with you, I was able to experience the love and care of God that constantly reminded me of my identity, value and mission.

I take this opportunity to thank in a special way Fr. Bill Platt our pastor for his love and care, always understanding and respecting my primary job as chaplain at the hospital. He has been an incredible support whenever I needed especially during pandemic. I am grateful to Fr. Miguel Bernal my neighbor at the rectory, for his friendly presence and brotherly support. I also want to thank the wonderful team of our deacons, visiting clergy, participants of different ministers of our parish and our dedicated staff who don't see me during the day but were always available in need. I am very grateful for all your love and assistance during liturgy as well as my life at the rectory.

As our parish is going through a process of transformation, may the Holy Spirit guide us and help us through this process. Let Faith be our strength, Hope be our comfort and Love be our support to continue as one Spirit-filled church. As I leave, I carry all the fond memories and the wonderful experiences I had with you all. I treasure those lovely moments as very precious in my life. They will always remain in my heart as you have become part of me, and you will always remain so. Please pray for me and I will keep you in my humble prayers. Once again let me say to you all, I love you and will miss you dearly. May the birth of the Divine Child fill you with joy and peace and may it follow you throughout the New Year and always!

With love, gratitude and prayers,

Your Father Chris



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