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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2024

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor

Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Miguel Bernal, Priest in Residence

Director of Greenwich Hispanic Ministry

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. Agnes 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, St. Catherine's Church Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

7:00 AM – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church

5:15 PM – **Daily Mass**, St. Agnes Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM,

St. Catherine's Church

Rosary

Tuesdays – 6:00 PM in St. Agnes 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 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Please call the Parish Office to schedule dates for **Baptisms, Weddings** and **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (1st Saturday of every month or by appointment).

This week's READINGS

Sunday 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or

12:41-44

Monday Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule*

Saturday, November 9

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal
5:00 PM Intention: Vincent & Evelyn Ragusa
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

Sunday, November 10

7:30 AM Intention: Parishioners of STC-STA

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar
9:00 AM Intention: Catherine Pierce
Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

10:30 AM Intention: Deceased Members of Lisio &

Della Valle Families

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

11:00 AM French Mass

Intention: Scion Estrella (Living)
Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert D'Souza

5:00 PM Intention: Orlando Ferraro
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

6:30 PM Intention: Mia Cartagena (Living) **Celebrant:** Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

Monday, November 11

7:00 AM Intention: Maria Gildete De Lemos Grandmont

5:15 PM Intention: NO MASS

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 AM Intention: Janye Hirschfeld5:15 PM Intention: Nina LoParco

Thursday, November 14

7:00 AM Intention: Albert Del Rosario5:15 PM Intention: Alicia Peralta

Friday, November 15

7:00 AM Intention: Maria Gildete de Lemos Grandmont

5:15 PM Intention: Joan J. & John J. Murphy

Saturday, November 16

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella
 5:00 PM Intention: Peter & Delia Begley
 Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

Sunday, November 17

7:30 AM Intention: Ida & Amerigo Nania
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal
9:00 AM Intention: Glenn Gomez
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Stephen Sucic

Celebrant:

11:00 AM Italian Mass

Intention: Parishioners of STC-STA
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher
5:00 PM Intention: Carmella Carlucci

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella
6:30 PM Intention: Maria Rosa Olazabal Castro

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

*Schedule subject to change

PARISH NEWS



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

Wilmar Acevedo Claudia Bouchard Joan Bartilucci John Bambino Jay Bartomioli Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Scion Estrella Faustino Garcia Morales Stephen Cheung Lorraine Mallen Leslie Nash Cecilia Robin Maravilla Olga Iacobazzo Tom Maigret Barbara Weltz Vinnie Yax Monica Patino Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues John Hickey

Josephine C. Slink & Helene Genssler



PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday, November 3, 2024: \$6,450 Online Giving for the week: \$5,445

Total Offertory: \$11,895

Last Year: \$18,605

2nd Collection: Hurricane Relief \$3,659

If you prefer to make you donations online, please consider using one of the following:

- 1. Online Giving (OLG) allows you to make your Sunday Offertory and all other donations by credit card or bank check. Visit
- 2. www.stc-sta.org/ stewardship/ online-giving
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SEMINARIAN & VOCATIONS DRIVE

2024

Veterans Day Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day holiday, our

In observance of the

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday

Daily Mass will be held at 7:00 AM

Catherine's Church.

In-Person and Livestreamed from St.

November 11th. Our regularly scheduled

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS & YOUNG MEN CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

A Blessing and a Challenge Our diocese is witnessing an extraordinary blessing—a remarkable surge in vocations. Over the past decade, our number of seminarians has more than doubled! After six priests ordained in 2023, we are thrilled to welcome 11 new seminarians this year, bringing our total to 33. This blessing, however, comes with a challenge. Each seminarian's education costs more than \$60,000 per year, and we anticipate total formation costs will rise to \$3 million per year within five years. Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund these rising costs. Will you give to support our future priests? www.bridgeportpriest.org/give



New Forms Available

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

2025 Mass Intention Form

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are excited to announce that the offices which had been in the rectory have moved across the street to the O'Malley Center. Requests for mass cards, sacramental certificates, funeral and wedding arrangements, faith formation, and all regular parish office activity is now being conducted out of O'Malley, with the exception of personal meetings with our priests. The O'Malley Center is located at 13 Riverside, which is the white house located in the church parking lot. We look forward to seeing you in this newly renovated space.



Jim & Steve have a new vehicle - called a

Gator - for snow removal! They can tell

you all about it!



In this photo: Tom Gallagher, Jim Coffey, Fred Durante



The Inside Scoop: How to Effectively Navigate a Company's Internal Hiring Processes

SCSC ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, November 14th from 7-8:15pm

The St. Catherine Support Circle will be hosting a session entitled "The Inside Scoop: How to Effectively Navigate a Company's Internal Hiring Process", which will take place on Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Join Marcela Mihanovich, Global HR Advisor, Citibank, Kevin Coolican, Recruiting Manager Citibank, & Michelle Bucaria, Chief People Officer, Jamf Software in a panel discussion covering all the key topics to help you successfully land your next opportunity. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for further details and how to RSVP to meeting chair Michelle Bucaria, by Monday, November 11th.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shoebox Reminder...

This is a reminder to fill your shoe boxes. If you need another box, please contact Betsy Parker at socialjustice@stc-sta.org. Or you may use a plastic shoe box. This is an extra benefit as it can be used to hold water for washing. If you do use a plastic box & want to wrap it, remember to wrap the lid separately from the bottom & don't seal them together. The boxes need to be

opened for inspection. Hint: place wrapping on the inside so that it won't tear in transit. Tape the label stating whether it's for a boy or a girl & the age category on the outside of the box. On the inside include a check made out to *Samaritan's Purse* for \$10.00. This will cover the shipping & handling.

Please remember that there are certain items which MUST NOT be included such as candy, gum, toothpaste, toy guns, knives, military figures, anything that looks like a hand grenade, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, snow globes, glass containers, aerosol cans.

Shoeboxes are due the weekend of November 16 & 17, 2024

Filled shoe boxes must be returned no later than **November 17 please**, to the tables at the entrance of the church. No boxes will be picked up after **November 17th**.

Thank you in advance for your support.



We are looking to hire a Faith
Formation Assistant. Full time
and part time roles are being
considered. Please send inquiries
and applications to

ErinTeske@stc-sta.org



Audition for Us!

Auditions will be held:

Monday, November 18th at 7pm

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Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm

St. Catherine of Siena Church:

Lucey Parish Hall

4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside CT



"'As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug'... Elijah said to her 'Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain upon the earth."

Do you know people who are forced to live 'from hand to mouth? Are you one who survives from paycheck to paycheck? Living in the most prosperous country in the world, the two widows of the scriptures today, the one who met Elijah and the one Jesus observed at the temple are examples for us all.

They gave of themselves; we give something from our abundance. As Thanksgiving approaches, may we quietly 'welcome' these two women to share in our gratitude and blessings, finding a way to reach out in thought, prayer and giving something of ourselves. We will then continue to be blessed, and others lives will be changed, knowing that they, like the two widows, are loved and cared for. Finally, use these women in teaching your children and friends of people close to home in need.



FAITH in our Community

The Social Justice Committee of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes continues their Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor

Please continue to be generous in your donations to *Neighbor-to-Neighbor* of non-perishable foods and personal care items. Our drives at St. Catherine's continue **every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM** as does the need!

Each week, donations can be dropped-off in the parking area across the street from the Rectory. Or, if more convenient, drop-off your donations in the church vestibule and leave them on the steps.

As in the past, **new knitted hats and scarves** are being requested and are being collected as part of our donations for the cold weather that has arrived. Supplies are being depleted quickly, so please keep them coming throughout the season.

Visit <u>www.stc-sta.org/community-news</u> for details and items needed and how your donations are helping!

Thanks to all for remembering your neighbors with your generous donations that are filling the gap for so many!!





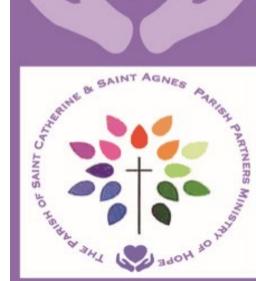




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October 10, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy that I share wonderful news: our Diocese has welcomed 11 new seminarians this year, bringing the total to 33 men in formation! This growth is a true blessing and a sign of God's grace at work. Thanks to your prayers and support, we are well on our way to our goal of 50 seminarians by 2035.

With this blessing, however, comes a challenge. The cost of forming a single seminarian has risen to over \$60,000 annually, and we expect total formation expenses to exceed \$3 million in the next five years. These funds cover tuition, room and board, health insurance, and more. We have also launched Vocation Pathway, an outreach program designed to help young men discern their call to the priesthood.

To meet this need, I ask for your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a contribution to our Seminarian & Vocations Drive? Your gift will ensure our future priests receive the formation they need to serve with humility and compassion.

On November 16-17, we will ask for your contribution at all Masses. You can also give online at www.bridgeportpriest.org/give.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for our seminarians, who with God's grace, will one day serve as faithful priests of the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

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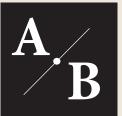
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