



The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday January 5, 2025

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people. The readings depict the journey of the Magi who followed a star to worship the newborn King. Key themes include seeking closeness to God, embracing diversity, and recognizing the guiding signs in our lives.

Rev. William F. Platt, *Pastor*

Deacon Renato Berzolla

Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Robert Henrey, *Retired*

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, St. Agnes Chapel

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

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM at St. Catherine's HERE: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>

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

This week's READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

Saturday, January 4

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
Celebrant: TBD

5:00 PM Intention: Doreen O'Hara
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM Intention: Marcello Marin
Celebrant: TBD

9:00 AM Intention: Glenn Gomez
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Domenica Sarica
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Intention: Elizabeth, Joseph & Frank Cannitello

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

6:30 PM Intention: Hernan Bustos
Celebrant: TBD

Monday, January 6

7:00 AM Intention: Lucrecia Tacan

5:15 PM Intention: Caryl S. Van Keuren

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 AM Intention: Polibio & Celine Campoverde

5:15 PM Intention: Mary Zampino

Thursday January 9

7:00 AM Intention: Anna Mossa

5:15 PM Intention: Margaret Cheney

Friday January 10

7:00 AM Intention: Nina Lopez

5:15 PM Intention: Mr. & Mrs. David F. Lewis

Saturday, January 11

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
Celebrant: TBD

5:00 PM Intention: Mary DiGiannantonio
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA
Celebrant: TBD

9:00 AM Intention: Patrick Donaghy
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Angelina Vescio
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

11:00 AM French Mass

Intention: Ann Platt

Celebrant: TBD

5:00 PM Intention: Claire Macy

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

6:30 PM Intention: Amya Nieves (living)
Celebrant: TBD

*Schedule subject to change

PARISH NEWS

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



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday, December 22, 2024: \$4,861

Online Giving for the week: \$10,465

Total Offertory: \$15,326

Last Year: \$21,654

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

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

- 2) Scan our QR code :



Our 5pm Christmas Eve Mass in the church began with a concert of Carols sung by some 70 children and parents of our annual Christmas Family Choir.



An Important Note About Accessible Parking and Entry Doors:

With our exterior church renovation complete, we now have a total of eight (8) parking spaces in proximity to the church for our parishioners with mobility issues. During weekend and weekday mass times there will be four (4) spaces reserved for handicapped parking in front of the rectory and an additional four (4) spaces in the lower parking lot adjacent to the parish hall side entrance. From there, you can use the elevator up to the church. Please note that two of the spaces in front of the rectory will be marked for accessible parking at all times, along with all four of the spaces in the lower lot.

At the main entrance in the front of the church, the left-hand-side door remains an assisted entrance with an automated door that is controlled by an exterior and an interior button. The lower-level parish hall entrance also has an automated door that can be opened from both the outside and inside.

If you are visiting the new parish offices at the O'Malley Center located at 13 Riverside Avenue, please know that there are two (2) parking spaces next to that building designated as handicapped. Should you have any questions about our inclusive church access, kindly contact Evelyn Wilson, Senior Director of Facilities & Administration, evelyn.wilson@stc-sta.org or 203-637-3661 x107.

PARISH NEWS



On Sunday January
19, at 2:00pm, **St.
Catherine of Siena
and St. Agnes**

Friends of Music will present a concert entitled Alexander Wieczorek and Friends. Organist and pianist Alexander Wieczorek will perform music by Bach, Schubert, Faure, Clara Schumann and others, with violinist Alexis Walls and soprano and pianist Liya Petrides.

Admission free, donations are welcome.



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JANUARY 5TH

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The Children's Choir will resume
on January 19, 2025.

Wishing you all a very merry
Christmas and happy new year!



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We're introducing a convenient way to give right from your seat. Use the QR code on the card in your pew to make a secure donation to our church. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of faith, service, and community outreach.

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2025 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](#)



Faith in Our Community



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS

Young Catholic Professionals Fairfield County, a group of Catholic young adults dedicated to serving Catholics aged 21-39 through faith-based networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities.

Upcoming Events:

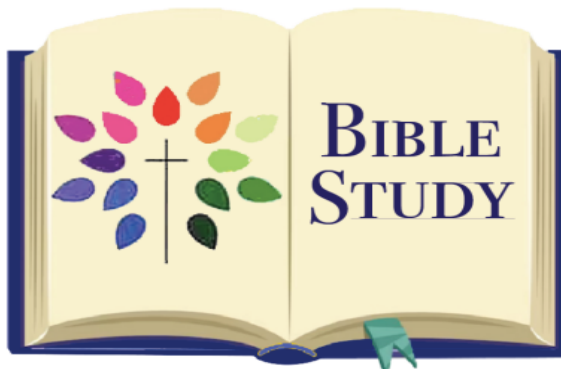
Faith & Finances: A Panel on Practical Catholic Personal Finance

- **Date:** January 10, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 PM Networking | 7:20 PM Talk
- **Location:** The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk
- **Description:** Practical strategies for building wealth and aligning finances with your faith and values.

AI and the Soul: Faith-Centered Strategies for Technology in Daily Life

- **Date:** February 21, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 PM Networking | 7:20 PM Talk
- **Location:** The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk
- **Description:** Explore the rise of artificial intelligence and how Catholics can thoughtfully respond to and use these technologies in their lives.

Those interested can visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/fairfield-county or follow us on social media at [@YCPFairfieldCounty](https://www.instagram.com/YCPFairfieldCounty)



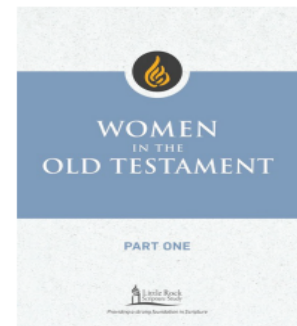
WILL *Resume* IN MID-JANUARY

THE *Parish* OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA AND SAINT AGNES

Parish Bible Study Program will resume in mid-January with *Women in the Old Testament, Part One* (Little Rock Scripture Study) by Irene Lowell, OSB. Paperback about \$17.00. It will be led by Barbara Linton and Barbara Glynn. Please purchase your own copy, if you wish to participate.

Women in the Old Testament, Part One, takes you on a journey through Israel's beginnings, Israel's captivity and freedom, and Israel's tribal period from the perspective of the earliest women of salvation history, such as Sarah, Deborah, and Ruth. Guided by the classic commentary of Irene Nowell, OSB, and the contemporary scholarship of Jaime Waters, enter into these ancient stories of women of the Bible that remain rich and relevant for believers today.

Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. 5 lessons. Wednesday mornings, 9:45-11:30, location to be confirmed.



PARISH NEWS



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

LinkedIn – How To Get Noticed **SCSC Zoom meeting Thursday January 9, from 7 – 8:15pm**

This informative session will focus on optimizing your LinkedIn profile with tips that will increase the number of searches you will appear in and the likelihood recruiters will find you. Our speaker, Gretchen Maher Johnson, an experienced HR professional, will share the best practices to use throughout your profile, identifying and placing keywords, posting to keep you relevant, joining groups and sharing LinkedIn influencers.

Please join us on Zoom for an informative and interactive session with useful tips you can implement right away.

About our Presenter: Gretchen Johnson is the Chief People Officer at Nexxen Prior to this she has over 20 years' experience across the hospitality, media, financial service industries. She has experience across all aspects of Human Resources and Talent Management.

RSVP required: To receive a link to attend the Zoom session, RSVP by Monday January 6 to Gretchen at gbmjohanson@gmail.com

The St. Catherine's Support Circle was formed in early 2009 to support people seeking jobs in the challenging economic environment. The group continues to encourage participation by both job seekers and those interested in providing their advice and support. To read about helpful information and recommended resources for job seekers, visit the parish web site www.stcath.org, then first link to Community Life, and then link to the SCSC page

The SCSC steering committee includes professionals who have experience in diverse areas including human resources, executive search, career coaching, clinical career counseling, general management, education, marketing, public relations, finance, accounting and IT. If you have similar experience, and would be interested in joining your fellow professionals on the committee, please contact SCSC Chairman Bob Sloane at rsloane0@gmail.com

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you. Your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant in what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow. For the riches of the sea will be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you."

We know this feast by different names, Epiphany, The Three Kings, with different gifts representing kingship, priestly sacrifice and anointing, the three roles of our Savior, priest, prophet and king. Listening to Isaiah in the passage, may we find particular and personal significance for the day we celebrate. We learn that the pagan pilgrims from the east represent all of us, called, gathered and redeemed by Jesus Christ.

We raise our eyes and look about. Our communities reflect diversity in race, ethnic origin, cultures, language, represented by those who followed the star which led them to Jesus. We are led by God's grace discovering the greatest gift ever, the incarnation, the birth and abiding presence of Jesus. Traditions continue and today may we add one more gift to the Lord, the gift of ourselves. Like the magi may we pray, reflect and adore the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.



They came bearing gifts of frankincense and myrrh

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