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Sunday January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Rev. William F. Platt, *Pastor*

Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, *Parochial Vicar*

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, St. Agnes Chapel

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

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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 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

Saturday, January 11

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

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

Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA
Celebrant: Fr. Matthew Mauriello

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

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

5:00 PM Intention: Claire Macy
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

6:30 PM Intention: Amya Nieves (living)
Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

Monday, January 13

7:00 AM Intention: Anthony Uva

5:15 PM Intention: Thomas Smeriglio

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM Intention: Adele Darling

5:15 PM Intention: Deceased Members of the Ambrosecchio Family

Thursday January 16

7:00 AM Intention: Carl & Ursula Van Aken

5:15 PM Intention: William Kelly

Friday January 17

7:00 AM Intention: Fred & Evelyn Arroyo

5:15 PM Intention: Scion Estrella (Living)

Saturday, January 18

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM Intention: Brian Macken
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

Sunday, January 19

7:30 AM Intention: Carl & Ursula Van Aken
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

9:00 AM Intention: Egmar Pallua
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

10:30 AM Intention: Ramon Sanchez
Celebrant: Fr. Michael Boccaccio

11:00 AM Italian Mass
Intention: All Parishioners of STC- STA
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

5:00 PM Intention: Gabriel Vasquez

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

6:30 PM Intention: Vicente Nieves (living)
Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

*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 John Hickey
 Stephen Cheung Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Barbara Weltz Jay Bartomioli
 Tom Maigret Faustino Garcia Morales Olga Iacobazzo Lorraine Mallen Leslie Nash Cecilia Maravilla
 Vinnie Yax Monica Patino Hugo Bernal Catherine Colangelo Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues



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Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday, December 29, 2024: \$13,615

Online Giving for the week: \$3,620

Total Offertory: \$17,235

Last Year: \$21,106

Christmas: \$72,117

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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 :



Prayer of Blessing

Glory and praise to you, O God, who revealed your Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, and welcomed by the Magi as newborn King, even as he lay in the manger.

Having accomplished his mission to bring us salvation, he promised that whenever we gather in his name he would be present in our midst.

And so, O Lord, as we gather today in this house of prayer, this church of God, in this our spiritual home, we ask your blessing upon this new gathering space both within the church and area outside around it.

Let it be a place where those who enter through its doors are made welcome and come to know that it is you who invite them into your house. Following the example of your Son, O God, may we always be a people who welcome to all who come here.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
 by Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

Blessing of the Gathering Space

By Fr. Platt & The Renovation Team



Photo: Msgr. Detscher, Fred Durante, Rhonda Morley, Fr. Platt, Arabella McKersie, Eileen Grasso, Tom Gallagher



PARISH NEWS



GIVING MADE SIMPLE: SCAN AND SUPPORT 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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The Children's Choir

will resume on
January 19, 2025. Wishing
you all a very happy new
year!



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PARISH NEWS



CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN

BULLETIN BLURB - JAN 11-12

Include in ALL parish communications (Flocknote, email, texts, social media, etc.)

Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Bishop Caggiano is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 16-40) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to the priesthood. **To submit names, please visit www.bridgeportpriest.org/called.** Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Caggiano, an invitation to a special dinner, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!



1st Announcement

**Daniel New
&
Jennifer Deluca**

**Have made a
Promise of Marriage**



CALLLED BY NAME

***Names may also be submitted by using the cards inserted in the bulletins. Please simply drop them in the collection basket or at the rectory.**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying: 'I am baptizing you in water, but there is one to come who is mightier than I...' When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer, after likewise being baptized, the skies opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in visible form like a dove."

Last week the Epiphany, today a theophany, a revelation of God. We meet Jesus in a special moment, as Luke states, He was at prayer. From this first moment of His public ministry He is immersed in prayer. As we fast forward in the gospel we will find Jesus at prayer, In His priestly prayer for us in the gospel of John, in the garden of Gethsemane in His passion and His prayer to the Father.

May we who celebrated the birth of Jesus so recently, learn by His example of the role of prayer, and seek the same Holy Spirit in our lives as baptized Catholics, in this new year.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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Faith in Our Community



YOUNG CATHOLIC
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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:

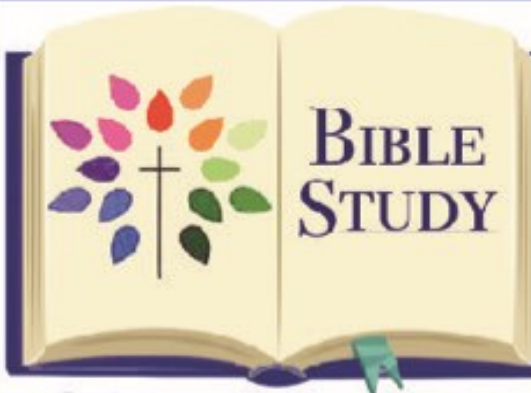
Faith & Finances: A Panel on Practical Catholic Personal Finance

- **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)

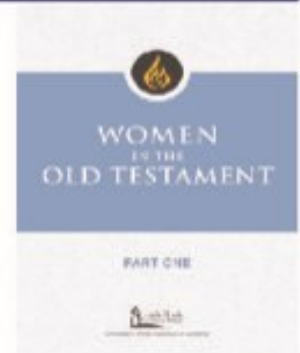


WILL *Begin* ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH
9:45 AM in the O'MALLEY CENTER

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

Parish Bible Study Program will resume January 15, 2025 with *Women in the Old Testament, Part One* (Little Rock Scripture Study) by Irene Lowell, OSB. Paperback is 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.



Please read Introduction pages 7-9, Lesson One pages 11-26, and listen to the introduction, if possible, video-link on page 11 prior to joining us in the O'Malley Center on January 15, 2025 at 9:45am.



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