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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

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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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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

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

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

Saturday, January 25

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM

Intention: Marybeth & Katie O'Reilly

Celebrant: Msgr. Laurence Bronkiewicz

Sunday, January 26

7:30 AM

Intention: Grace Castronovo

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

9:00 AM

Intention: Joseph Decaminada

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

10:30 AM

Intention: Egmar Pallua

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM

Intention: Madeleine Perez

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

6:30 PM

Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA

Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

Monday, January 27

7:00 AM

Intention: Gloria Ignazio

5:15 PM

Intention: Linda Marconi

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 AM

Intention: Ralph J. Mazzeo

5:15 PM

Intention: Katherine A. Reilly

Thursday January 30

7:00 AM

Intention: Eileen Burke

5:15 PM

Intention: All Souls of Purgatory

Friday January 31

7:00 AM

Intention: The Comeau & Thibault Families

5:15 PM

Intention: Karen Flick

Saturday, February 1

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM

Intention: Francisca M. Barris

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

Sunday, February 2

7:30 AM

Intention: Lucille Tarantino

Celebrant: Fr. Lionel Pacheco

9:00 AM

Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

10:30 AM

Intention: Egmar Pallua

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

5:00 PM

Intention: Claire Macy

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

6:30 PM

Intention: Tulio Umaña

Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

*Schedule subject to change

PARISH NEWS



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

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

PARISH SUPPORT



Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday January 19, 2025: \$5,888
Online Giving for the week: \$5,400
Total Offertory: \$11,288
Last Year: \$10,797

- 1) If you prefer to make you 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 :



Important Announcement:

Contribution statements for donations over \$250 will be mailed by **January 31st**. If your address has changed, please email the updated information to merci.lennard-diaz@stc-sta.org as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery.

Thank you for your support!



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 lefthand-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.



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.

Thank you for being part of our ministry!

PARISH NEWS



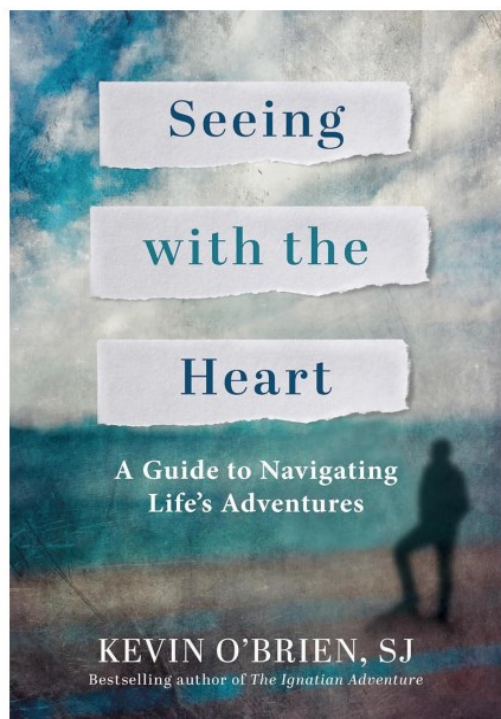
Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion!

Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. Many of them are unable to attend Sunday Mass or receive Holy Communion in person. But you can help by offering your time to either:

- Visit homebound parishioners to bring them the Holy Eucharist
- Provide rides to Saturday or Sunday Mass for those who need transport

If you have a few hours to spare each month and would love to serve others in this rewarding ministry of outreach, we would be deeply grateful. Whether you're able to drive someone to church or visit them at home, your generosity will be a true blessing.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity to share Christ's love with our fellow parishioners!



All women are invited to a Women's Spiritual Book Group

Join us for an 8-week study of Father Kevin O'Brien's book "Seeing with the Heart".

When: Thursdays 10-11:30am

Where: St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes Lucey Parish Hall

Opening Kickoff: Thursday, January 23

Book Group Discussions: Jan. 30 – Mar. 20 (snow day: 3/27)

Please [register online](#) (no fee) and [purchase book](#).

**** Includes talk by Father O'Brien in the Chapel after 5pm Mass on Sunday, January 26 ****

Questions? Contact wwpstcathct@gmail.com.

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NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:

Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:30am March 5 – April 30
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Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment. God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing. Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at: Parish of St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes 4 Riverside Avenue Riverside, CT 06878 Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge. Please submit a Program Inquiry Form on the following website: Ctcemeteries.org/newday or contact Jeannemarie at 203-637-3661 – ext. 375 at the Parish Partners Ministry



Faith in Our Community



Save the Date

February 14, 2025

for a

Potluck Supper & "Undies" Collection

Please join us in sharing as a community this day that celebrates love & friendship and at the same time kick off the collection for the Undies Project.

More details to come!

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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:

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.

You Inc. - Unlocking the Power of Your Personal Brand

- **Date:** March 14, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 PM Networking | 7:20 PM Talk
- **Location:** The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk
- **Description:** Discover how to shape your unique identity, elevate your influence, and create a brand that drives lasting success.

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

PARISH NEWS



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 the church vestibule.

New knitted hats and scarves are collected throughout the cold months and are gratefully received.

Visit www.stc-sta.org/community-news for details and items needed.

Visit <https://www.ntngreenwich.org>

for details on how your donations are helping!

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



Pics of the WEEK!!



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.'"

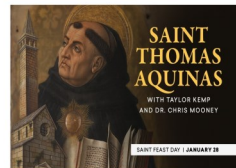
We meet Saint Luke describing the good news of the gospel, tracing the life of Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. The homecoming of Jesus, His return, finds Him using Isaiah to reveal His ministry and mission. Look again at special words: anointed, sent to proclaim liberty, to open eyes, and assure freedom for those unjustly burdened as hostages or those caught in the many addictions which control us. The needs of His day are perhaps even greater today.

We are celebrating a jubilee year, a year of hope in a tested world. May we see the mission of Jesus to be our task, the mission of the church in 2025.

GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 26, 2025



St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.



Ongoing Formation

When it comes to formation, it's easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let's show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds.

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