

# February 2, 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

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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:** Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

### Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

### 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

Monday, February 3

**7:00 AM Intention:** Caitlyn Romero (living) 5:15 PM Intention: Ivica Kusurin & Rita Colberg

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 AM Intention: Gregory P. Purdy

5:15 PM Intention: Luke Mallan

### Thursday, February 6

7:00 AM Intention: Baby Anne Andrews

**5:15 PM Intention:** Ambrosecchio & Rotunno Families

Friday, February 7

7:00 AM Intention: Luigi Astorino 5:15 PM Intention: Dr. Jack Prunier

### Saturday, February 8

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

**Celebrant:** Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM Intention: Frances Funke

**Celebrant:** Fr. Lionel Pacheco

### Sunday, February 9

**7:30 AM Intention:** Jean, Dottie, Patricia, Doreen & Jo

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

9:00 AM Intention: Carl & Ursula Van Aken

> Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

**10:30 AM Intention:** Jeannemarie Baker (living)

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

5:00 PM Intention: All Parishioners of STC-STA

**Celebrant:** Fr. William F. Platt

6:30 PM Intention: David Moreno

**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

Please also pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially for: Eileen Burke & Luigi Astorino

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### PARISH SUPPORT

阫 Thank you for supporting your Parish.

**Sunday January 26, 2025:** \$6,271

Online Giving for the week: \$2,435

**Total Offertory:** \$8,706

Last Year: \$11,999

2nd Collection: Church in Latin America: \$1,885.08

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

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Thank you for being part of our ministry!



St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes congratulates & welcomes

# Luciana Gabriella Camacho

Baptized into God's family on January 25th 2025



# 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.

# **Faith in Our Community**



# February 14, 2025

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### 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!



### Emmaus Retreat

The weekend

retreat provides a safe, non-judgmental environment to reignite and deepen one's faith through prayer, discussion, and meals. Through presentations, small group discussions and other activities, the Emmaus retreat provides opportunities to share feelings, experiences, and challenges as we strive to live a faith-based life and help guide our families and our communities on the right path.

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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:**

### Al 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 <u>www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/fairfield-county</u> or follow us on social media at <u>@YCPFairfieldCounty</u>

### **PARISH NEWS**



t Neighbor Neighbor 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!!





### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"The Lord God said: 'Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming says the Lord.'... For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the people to see: a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

How many different names are associated with the celebration of this day – the Presentation, the Purification, Candlemas. It is forty days since we celebrated the birth of Christ, and today we too come to the temple.

We meet Simeon, who takes Jesus into his arms, he speaks in prayer filled words, the joy of his meeting the Lord. Consider for a moment the countless number of people, babies included, who frequented the temple that day. How special, that Simeon recognized Jesus, the light from all others.

May we seek the Lord, recognize His presence in the Eucharist, in our parish family, and become His light for others to recognize.





### Week of February 02, 2025



### St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to



### The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.



### Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a

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### **PARISH NEWS**



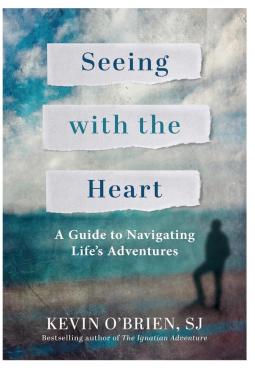
### **Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion!**

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 <a href="mailto:ParishPartners@stc-sta.org">ParishPartners@stc-sta.org</a>. 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? Contactwwpstcathct@gmail.com



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<u>Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:30am March 5 – April 30</u> Parish of St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes, Riverside, CT

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



Emmaus for Men Retreat IX
March 7-9, 2025

"They asked one another: were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:13

# **Emmaus Retreat**

The Emmaus Retreat is a weekend-long experience led by lay people. The structure of the retreat is based on the account in the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 where two disciples encounter Jesus Christ on the road to Emmaus.

New retreat participants, known as "Walking Disciples," renew and strengthen their relationship with Christ over the weekend. The three days are filled with fellowship and opportunities for reflection, prayer, and grace-filled times of worship. It is a special opportunity to meet and build relationships with other faith-focused men as we share our journey together.

The weekend retreat provides a safe, non-judgmental environment to reignite and deepen one's faith through prayer, discussion, and meals. Through presentations, small group discussions and other activities, the Emmaus retreat provides opportunities to share feelings, experiences, and challenges as we strive to live a faith-based life and help guide our families and our communities on the right path.

### LOCATION:

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 W. Neck Road. Huntington NY

**ROOM & BOARD:** The cost of the weekend is \$350. This includes a private single room with bathroom and all meals.

CHECK IN: Registration starts at 5:45 pm on Friday March 7th

**RETREAT CLOSING:** It will conclude on Sunday 9th at 5:00 pm with Mass. Family and friends are invited to attend the closing celebration!



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: <a href="mailto:Emmaus.sm.men@gmail.com">Emmaus.sm.men@gmail.com</a>

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# February 14, 2025 6:00pm -8:30pm 🛡 Lucey Parish Hall

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Dessert

Beverages, Appetizers, Main Dish, Vegetables, Sides, Salads & Desserts Suggested items to share:

We will also be collecting, NEW undergarments for women, men & children in need Undergarment donations MUST be NEW and in ORIGINAL packaging.

# Please RSVP by February 11, 2025

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