

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND ST. AGNES



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 livestreamed.

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM: https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta

**FOLLOW US:** 





# Contact Us

#### **OFFICE**

Phone: 203-637-3661

Senior Director of Administration and Facilities -

Evelyn Wilson ext. 107 / evelyn.wilson@stc-sta.org

Director of Music - Dr. Liya Petrides

ext. 322 / Music.Director@stc-sta.org

Director of Youth Faith Formation and Programming

- Erin Teske ext. 106 erin.teske@stc-sta.org

Administrative Assistant - Erika Gonzalez Randolph

ext. 104 / erika.grandolph@stc-sta.org

Data Manager - Merci Lennard-Diaz

ext. 340 / merci.lennard-diaz@stc-sta.org

Reception / Administrative Assistant - Alicia Romero

ext. 103 / alicia.romero@stc-sta.org

Saturdays Reception - Claire DeLuca; ext. 103

**MINISTRIES** 

Altar Servers - Deacon Berzolla

Care of the Sick and Aging - Fr. William Platt

Parish Partners - Jeannemarie Baker, RN, NP

ext. 375 / ParishPartners@stc-sta.org

Readers - Barbara Glynn - Barbara.Glynn8@gmail.com

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - Deacon Berzolla

**Social Justice** - Betsy Parker social justice@stc-sta.org /

203-981-4655

Walking with Purpose - Jill Vollmer - wwpstcathct@gmail.com

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:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

#### Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

# Saturday, February 22

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Intention: Eleanor Szymula

> Celebrant: Msgr. Laurence R. Bronkiewicz

# Sunday, February 23

7:30 AM Intention: Lillian Castronovo

> Celebrant: Fr. Lionel Pacheco

9:00 AM Intention: Leka Palushai

> Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM Intention: Brandon Ray Thomas

> Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Intention: Evelyn & Fred Arroyo

> Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

6:30 PM Intention: Bravo & Nieves Family

> Celebrant: Fr. Agustin Espina

# Monday, February 24

7:00 AM Intention: Michael Sheskier

5:15 PM Intention: Donald C. Hardin, III

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 AM Intention: Noreen & Edward Clark

5:15 PM Intention: Victor N. Theriot

# Thursday, February 27

7:00 AM Intention: Regina Henzi

5:15 PM Intention: Dorothy Intrieri

Friday, February 28

7:00 AM Intention: Thomas McLoughlin

5:15 PM Intention: Carbina Ann Fano

# Saturday, March 1

3:00 - 4:00 PMConfessions

Fr. Christopher F. Perrella Celebrant:

5:00 PM Intention: Richard Coletti

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

### Sunday, March 2

7:30 AM Intention: Catherine Lombardo

> Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

9:00 AM Intention: James & Helen McQueeney

> Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

10:30 AM Intention: John J. Murphy

> Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Intention: Angelo Tunnera

> Celebrant: Fr. Christopher F. Perrella

6:30 PM Intention: Graciela & Jose Nieves (living)

> Celebrant: **TBD**

> > \*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 Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Barbara Weltz Jay Bartomioli Stephen Cheung 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: Patricia Murray Blessington

#### PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Sunday February 16, 2025: \$6,628

Online Giving for the week: \$4,035

Total Offertory: \$10,663

Last Year: \$8,338

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) Text **203-633-7524: GIVE** & Simply follow the prompt instructions to complete your text transactions!
- 3) Scan our QR code:



Dear God, as we commemorate Black History Month, we honour the courage of those who paved the way for future generations. We thank You for the brave men and women who fought for equality and justice despite facing tremendous adversity.

#### Nothing says you care like underwear!



Let's help

ST.CATHERINE OF SIENA & St. AGNES announces UNDIE SUNDAY February 23, 2025

Donate new underwear for men, women and children in need to help improve their lives

 NEW bras ◆ NEW women's panties ◆ ♦ NEW men's boxers and briefs ◆ NEW children's underwear ◆ All sizes and ages. No infant wear.

All items donated will be distributed to local area organizations that help those in need. Drop off donations in boxes in the Narthex and lower vestibule

Underwear is the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-este The Undies Project Inc. was started to fulfill this need.

To make a purchase via Amazon go to the website: <a href="http://www.scroll.down">http://www.scroll.down</a>, and donate with a few clicks.

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

150 ANNIVERSARY CHORAL CONCERT

Combined choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Catherine of Siena, Riversid

# Our Joyous Salute to Epiphany





Alleluia Coronation Mass Alleluia (Coronation anthem No 4) My soul's been anchored in the Lord

B. Udell W. A. Mozart G. F. Handel arr. M. Hogan

Sunday, March 2, 2:00 PM 200 Riverside Avenue, Riverside CT

free and open to the public

# Faith in Our Community









# Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



### **PARISH NEWS**



# 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 lefthandside 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.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.""

We are familiar with the 'golden rule'. And it seems quite logical. BUT are you sure the Christian life is easy? The teaching of Jesus tells us otherwise. Maybe my task is to make sure I have no enemies, except the devil. Hate has no place in the heart of a Christian. I may disagree with someone, but no hate. I can find something positive to say about another person and always I can hold them in my prayer.

It is easy to fall, but when I listen carefully to the teaching today, I ask the grace I need, and take positive steps to put His words into

practice. With Paul I can say 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me.'





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!





# **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.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Emmaus.sm.men@gmail.com

**Guillermo Gomez del Campo (718) 715-5331 Esteban Bowles (917) 593-9844** 

TO REGISTER: https://

www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/mens-emmaus

### PARISH COMMUNITY

# Seeking **Employers!**



Seeking Entry Level + Work Opportunities:

- Cleaning
- Laborer/Landscaper
- Food Services
- Salon Worker
- Transportaion • Ftc

All legally authorized to work in the U.S.

Contact Mike Garcia at mgarcia@jfsgreenwich.org/203-662-1881

Help Refugees Work!

### SEEKING EMPLOYERS!

Jewish Family Service of Greenwich seeks local business owners and companies to provide work opportunities for our clients (refugees & immigrants) who are in need of gainful employment to create long term stability for themselves and their families.

> We ask that you partner with JFS Greenwich and hire a refugee at your business or company. It's an easy process: contact Mike Garcia at mgarcia@jfsgreeniwch.org, or call 203-622-1881 ext. 109. Or go to www.jfsgreenwich.org/employer.





Weekly Food and Essentials collection,

every Tuesday morning, 9-11am in the parking area next to the O'Malley Center to drop off your donations.

www.ntngreenwich.org

Or leave in vestibule at your convenience. Thank you.





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.

You Inc. - Unlocking the Power of Your Personal Brand

**Upcoming Events:** 

- 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



**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM** SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION NOW **OPEN:** 

Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:30am March 5 - April 30 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** 



# **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!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February 21, 2024

In early December 2024, I met with Bishop Caggiano to discuss a number of things. We spoke of his desire that our parish be part of a pilot program to help more fully integrate his vision of "The One" in the diocese. (Essentially, simply promoting our existing parish life in a more unified and effective manner.) We spoke of post pandemic parish life. Finally, we discussed my personal and ministerial life as your pastor. In our discussion about my personal and ministerial life, I shared with him how the last six years have been years of constant change and growth, beginning with the renovation of the rectory and office space, the parish merger, the pandemic, the creation of our new narthex and outdoor space, the consolidation of all parish life to the St. Catherine Campus and concluding with the sale of St. Agnes Church. It has been a transformative time for the parish, and as such, a time of constant change and adaptation. At times it has felt all consuming, but in God's grace, also very productive.

The bishop then asked if I had ever taken a sabbatical as a priest. I said, "No bishop in nearly 37 years of priesthood, I haven't. As a matter of fact, it's been hard to even get a vacation in the last six years." He asked if I would like to take a sabbatical. I'm usually a person who likes to deliberate a bit, but not in this case, I said "sure" immediately. He said, "let's do that.'

On March 1, 2025, I will begin a three-month sabbatical. Originally the plan was for to leave at the beginning of January to be back during Lent, however Father Miguel Bernal needed to return to Spain to renew his visa and the sabbatical was delayed. Now it looks like Father Bernal will be returning soon, I'll leave upon his return. Fr. Bernal and Fr. Perrella will jointly administer the parish during my sabbatical and parish life will continue in the ordinary course.

When the sabbatical was to begin in January, I thought that I might spend it on retreat and auditing some theology classes at Ave Maria University in Florida. Now, with the delay, I will still make an Ignatian retreat but probably do more of a directed study with a priest mentor. I anticipate departing the rectory during the first week of March and returning at the beginning of June 2025.

It will be good to have some time away, and I thank Bishop Caggiano for this opportunity to both rest and reflect. I'm sure that being away will have its own challenges. Parish life has become my life in many respects. Please pray for me as I will for you. St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes, pray for us.

Blessings,

Father Bill Platt, Pastor



www.contadinoarchitects.com

# KEEP IT SIMPLE

DINE IN BREAKFAST LUNCH TAKE OUT

DARIEN GREENWICH RIVERSIDE WESTPORT





WINE · LIQUOR · BEER

DELIVERY AVAILABLE | BuyThe Bottle 1990 WEST MAIN STREET STAMFORD • 203-323-4190



tel. 203-861-9007

You sure I'm in the right car seat?

NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat

BENHTSA



BARBARA J. DEVINE, DMD MAGD VINCENT B DEFINA, DMD, FAGD

www.dentistofgreenwich.com

4 DEARFIELD DRIVE #202 · GREENWICH · 203-629-9009

Help the **ASPCA** put a stop to animal cruelty.



www.aspca.org

# **GRAVESITE BEAUTIFICATION SERVICES**

info@sereneandsightly.com • 475-350-0348



Planting, watering, weeding, mulch, fertilizing, pruning, edge clipping, headstone cleaning . Birthday and Holiday decor



Still owned and operated by the DiAngelo Family for 26 years

544 OLD POST ROAD #3 • GREENWICH, CT 06830 • (203) 869-0894 WWW.CASTIGLIONEFH.COM

# CALL US TODAY!





Reserve Your **Space** Todav!

 Connect with a Dedicated and Engaged Audience Build Trust and Credibility
 Showcase Your Business to Those Who Actively Support Local Businesses Benefit From Our Online Presence and

**Extend Your Reach Beyond the Church Walls** Contact our advertising team at 800-883-4343.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a valued partner in our community.

WITH GOD.



**Advisor Abbate** ADVISORABBATE.COM

Providing Consulting, Mentoring & Guidance for Executives, Entrepreneurs, Business Owners, Government Leaders, and Individuals of all walks of life.

P: 203-554-4397

E: info@advisorabbate.com

Don't be afraid...Be Ready



Antonio Braccia, CPA **Business & Individual Tax** 

914-393-5966

ABcpatax80@gmail.com

#### See Our Work At Saint Catherine of Siend GREENWICH DRAINS

Kitchen Sink Lines · Main Sewer Lines Bathtub Lines · Leader Drains · Video Inspection **Mike DeCarlo 203-531-0000** 33 HOLLOW WOOD LANE · GREENWICH, CT 0683 I

Act now to help end hunger.

In the United States, one in nine people face hunger.





203-637-3777 1076 East Putnam Ave.



🧠 State Farm" **BILL SCHMAUCH** 203-698-1000

insurancewithbill.com

# BETTINA WOHLFORTH, Aud, CCC-A

Doctor of Audiology Formerly of Greenwich Hospital 100 Melrose Ave., Ste. 108 661-7879

# GOD BLESS AMERICA

# Bennett Iewelers

254 Sound Beach Ave. Old Greenwich 637-0217

# THE FIRST BANK OF

The Bank that comes to you

Frank J. Gaudio President & CEO

203-302-4375

www.GreenwichFirst.com 444 E. Putnam Avenue - Cos Cob

# EAST PUTNAM BARBER SHOP

Walk-Ins Welcome · Appointment Not Necessary We Specialize In Hot Towel Shave ... Old Fashioned Way 203-340-9618

420 East Putnam Avenue · Cos Cob, CT 06807

# Meals-on-Wheels

203-869-1312





Christenings · Confirmations First Communions · Showers 203-348-7742

VillaltallaStamford.com

26 MILL RIVER STREET · STAMFORD

pplausi

199 Sound Beach Ave. Old Greenwich, CT (203) 637-4447

www.OsteriaApplausi.com

LEO P. GALLAGHER & SON FUNERAL HOMES

203-869-1513

# Roseann Sarica Benedict

Your Local Realtor

Born and raised in Greenwich.



203,979,9104 roseann.benedict@compass.com

Founding member of SOCIAL SENIORS @ St. Catherine's. Call me to join the fun! Never too young or too old.

www.rsbteam.com @roseannbenedict\_realestate

C0MPASS

NMLS #763755



1114 E. PUTNAM AVE. GREENWICH, CT | # The Ilife 203.698.6980 | WWW.JHOUSEGREENWICH.COM









Exit 6 off I-95



Hundreds of New and Pre-Owned **Uehicles!** 

George F. D'Angelo, Parishioner, Owner/Operator



**TOP 20 REALTOR** 

Meg McQuillan

AMERICA'S BEST LIST 2021, 2022 TOP 1.5% NATIONWIDE

# Sotheby's

One Pickwick Plaza Greenwich, CT 06830

917,439,4433

Meg.McQuillan@Sothebys.Realty

# ${f www.StamfordAutoGroup.com}$



Todd W. Murphy, Vice President tmurphy@islandinsuranceagency.com

NY Ph. 718-885-1050 · CT Ph. 203-637-4351 Fax 718-885-3419 · Mobile 917-930-9414 Serving All of Your Personal Insurance Needs

**Nurtured Over Four Generations** To Provide Personal Funeral Care.



FUNERAL HOME

www.coxeandgraziano.com

203-869-5968

134 Hamilton Avenue • Greenwich, CT 06830 ~ Pre-Arrangements made at other facilities will be honored ~ Jennifer Graziano & Vincent Graziano, Owners · Vincent Graziano, Licensed Manager

American Red Cross STAY

hydrated hydrated hydrated

# AtHome

If You Needed A Helping Hand, Who Would You Call?

At Home empowers older adults to live independently in their preferred environment, safely & with confidence

203.422.2342

# **Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1971**



"Come Join Oun 75 E Putnam Ave • Cos Cob, CT 06807 203-661-5055 • ToyotaofGreenwich.com