



*The First Sunday
of
Advent:
December 3, 2023*

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor
Rev. Miguel Bernal, Priest in Residence
Director of Greenwich Hispanic Ministry
Rev. Christopher Johnson, Priest in Residence
Staff Chaplain, Greenwich Hospital

Deacon Renato Berzolla
Deacon Robert Henrey, Retired
Deacon John Linsenmeyer
Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 AM – Mass at St. Catherine's Church
9:00 AM – Family Mass at St. Catherine's Church
10:00 AM – Mass at St. Agnes Church
10:30 AM – Traditional Mass at St. Catherine's Church
5:00 PM – Teen Mass at St. Catherine's Church
MASSSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES at St. Catherine's Chapel
9:30 AM – Korean Mass
11:00 AM – French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month
– Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month
6:30 PM – Spanish Mass

Saturday

3:00 — 4:00 PM – Confessions at St. Catherine's Church
(Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.)
5:00 PM – Vigil Mass at St. Catherine's Church

Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
7:00 AM – Daily Mass at St. Catherine's Church
5:15 PM – Daily Mass at St. Catherine's Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays – 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM in St. Catherine's Church
Rosary
Tuesdays – 6:00 PM in St. Catherine's 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 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 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).

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

November 4 & November 5\$18,605

November 11 & November 12\$11,068

November 18 & November 19\$17,237

November 25 & November 26\$8,474

Offertory includes **Monthly** and **Online Giving (OLG)**

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Visit www.stc-sta.org/stewardship/online-giving or contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule*

Saturday, December 2

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

5:00 PM **Intentions:** Vittorio and Carolina Ceci

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

Sunday, December 3

7:30 AM **Intention:** Lori Castiglia

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson

9:00 AM **Intention:** Glenn Gomez

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

9:30 AM – Korean Mass

Intention: Susan Cavanaugh

Celebrant: Fr. Seungyong Yi

10:00 AM **Intentions:** Margaret and John Morley

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

10:30 AM **Intention:** Dominick DiMaio

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

5:00 PM **Intention:** William (Bill) Gallagher

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

6:30 PM – Spanish Mass

Intention: Luis Reyes

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

Monday, December 4

7:00 AM **Intention:** James Burns

5:15 PM **Intention:** Grace Monteiro

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 AM **Intention:** Brian O'Loughlin

5:15 PM **Intention:** Catherine MacKay

Thursday, December 7

7:00 AM **Intentions:** Gaetanina and Ernesto Vitale

5:15 PM **Intention:** Philip Terio

Friday, December 8

7:00 AM **Intention:** Giuseppina Lisio

12:10 PM **Intention:** Helen Breen

5:15 PM **Intention:** Mary Lalor

Saturday, December 9

3:00 - 4:00 PM Confessions

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

5:00 PM **Intentions:** Deceased Members of the Campisi, Mangini and Sirbono Families

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

Sunday, December 10

7:30 AM **Intention:** Patricia Ann Gasparino

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

9:00 AM **Intention:** Frances Terio

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

9:30 AM – Korean Mass

Intention: Michael Yuen

Celebrant: Fr. Seungyong Yi

10:00 AM **Intentions:** Carl VanAken

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson

10:30 AM **Intention:** Stephen Sucic

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Boccaccio

11:00 AM – French Mass

Intention: Stephen Cheung (living)

Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert D'Souza

5:00 PM **Intention:** Stratford C. Wallace

Celebrant: Fr. Jerome Hayes, SJ

6:30 PM – Spanish Mass

Intention: Brandon Thomas

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel Bernal

***Schedule subject to change**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited to our Children's
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Oh, Holy Night!

Date: December 10
Fecha: 10 de Diciembre

Time: 1:30 PM
Hora: 1:30 PM

Where: St. Catherine Church
Dónde: St. Catherine



Please join us to celebrate Jesus' Birthday; all the children can participate in this special occasion dressing up as Angels, Shepherds, or animals. This event is bilingual (English/ Spanish).

Acompáñanos a celebrar el Nacimiento de Jesús; todos los niños pueden participar en esta ocasión especial y acompañarnos vestidos de ángeles, pastores o animales. Este evento es bilingüe (Inglés/ Español).



Join us for
ADVENT REFLECTION
"Patience in your waiting"



*When we look at the world through God's eyes,
we develop patience for the Advent of Christ into our hearts.*

A REFLECTION ON 2 PETER 3: 8-14

Presenter: Fr. Jerry Hayes S.J., Director of University Church Ministries, Fordham University

When: Sunday, December 10

Time: 6:00 PM (following the 5:00 PM Mass)

Where: St. Catherine's Lucey Parish Hall

Refreshments will be served



*The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes
congratulates and welcomes*

George Thomas Conrad

Baptized into God's family on

November 25, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Continued*)



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

Wilmar Acevedo	Claudia Bouchard	Stephen Cheung	
Scion Estrella	Frances Funke	John Hickey	Olga Iacobazzo
Sandra Judge	Cecelia LeRose	Gwen Loughlin	Lorraine Mallen
Joan J. Murphy	Leslie Nash	Mayra Nieves	
Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues	Austin Shanley		
Barbara Weltz	Vinnie Yax	Josephine Yuen	

Please also pray for the deceased members of our parish.

St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Christmas Spectacular Festival Choir and Ensemble Dr. Liya Petridis, director

*A Musicological Journey Through
the 12 Days of Christmas*
by Craig Courtney
and Family Carol Sing-along

Sunday December 17, at 2:00 PM
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Please join the choirs for
refreshments after the concert
in the Lucey Parish Hall courtesy
of *Faith Formation* and the parish *Hospitality Committee*.



More PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held weekly at the **9:00 AM Family Mass**.

All children will begin Mass sitting with their parents in church.
Children in Grades Kindergarten – 5th will be invited to go with committee members to the Lucey Parish Hall.
Children will return to their parents after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

FAITH in our Community



Advent Retreat in Spanish at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Mary's "Yes" to God Gives Us Hope
Wednesday, December 6: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Bishop Peter A. Rosazza, D.D.



During our Advent journey, we find inspiration in the words of Mary to the angel Gabriel: "Be it done unto me according to your word." Let us come together to reflect on these words with Bishop Peter Rosazza, who will guide our evening retreat and celebrate the Eucharist with us.

To register online: <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/spanish-advent-retreat>

Offering: **\$50**, includes dinner

Please note: This Advent retreat will be in Spanish. If you need assistance to register please call at 860-760-9711, leave a message including your name and phone number and someone will call you back; by email, send it to: ministeriohispano@holyfamilyretreat.org

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St. Catherine's has been supplying the Sunday mid-day meal at New Covenant Center, Stamford, for over 50 years. Every Sunday, all year long, regardless of weather, we bring the various elements of the meal and NCC supplements our donations with appropriate sides. If you wish to contribute to the Sunday meals or serve, please contact Kathy DiGiovanna, who coordinates all the Sunday teams at kmdigiovanna@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

FAITH IN ACTION

Literacy Tutors Needed

Literacy Volunteers at Family Centers is **looking for a few new tutors to work with adults learning English**. Please **contact Andrea Byrne**, abyrne@familycenters.org or call her at 203-517-1063 ext. 4143 to learn more about the program supporting this work to help adults with their English skills. *Family Centers* is located at **60 Palmers Hill Road, Stamford, CT**.



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, if more convenient, drop-off your donations in the church vestibule and leave them on the steps.

As in the past, **new knitted hats and scarves** are being requested and are being collected as part of our donations for the cold weather that has arrived. Supplies are being depleted quickly, so please keep them coming throughout the season.

Visit www.stc-sta.org/community-news for details and items needed and how your donations are helping!

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





JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A HOLY BILINGUAL MASS
IN HONOR OF

Our Lady of Guadalupe

THE MARIACHI MEXICO INTERNATIONAL WILL SERENADE
OUR LADY DURING THE MASS.

Date: 12/12/2023

Place: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Time: 5:15PM



Please join us as we celebrate the Season in 2023. . .

ADVENT



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23

3:00 - 4:00 p.m., St. Catherine's Church

Advent Wreath Making for Faith Formation Families

Sunday, December 3 – after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

St. Catherine's Lucey Parish Hall

Registration required. Contact Janet Wrabel (janet.wrabel@stc-sta.org)

Immaculate Conception Masses

Thursday, December 7 – 5:15 p.m. *Vigil*, St. Catherine's Church

Friday, December 8, St. Catherine's Church

7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

French Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 10 – 11:00 a.m., St. Catherine's Chapel

Spanish/English Bilingual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10 – 1:30 p.m., St. Catherine's Church

Advent Reflection

Sunday, December 10 – following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

St. Catherine's Lucey Parish Hall

Presenter: Fr. Jerome Hayes, SJ

Director of Campus Ministry, Fordham University

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Bilingual Mass

Tuesday, December 12 – 5:15 p.m., St. Catherine's Church

Mariachi Mexico International will serenade Our Lady during Mass

Italian Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 17 – 11:00 a.m., St. Catherine's Chapel

St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Christmas Spectacular

with Festival Choir, Orchestra and Family Carol Sing-Along

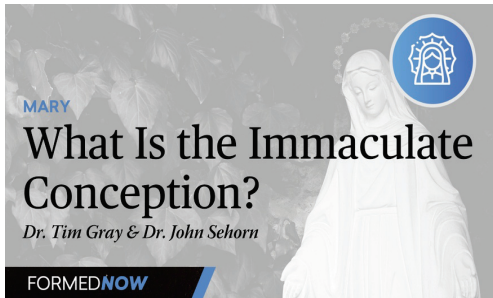
Sunday, December 17 – 2:00 p.m., St. Catherine's Church

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19 – 7:00 p.m., St. Catherine's Church

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 03, 2023



What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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