

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass), 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

DAILY (Chapel)

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

HOLYDAY (Church)

Eve: 5:15 p.m. (Vigil)
Holyday: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 5:15 p.m.

MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

September to June (Chapel)
French Mass - 2nd Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass - 4th Sunday 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION - Sacrament of Penance

(Sacristy) Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Individual or during Mass)

Please call the Rectory to arrange for Baptism.
Attendance at a Pre-Baptism Session is required –
3rd Saturday: 1:30 p.m. in the Rectory

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory 9-12 months before proposed wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation.



*Please pray for the deceased members of our parish
especially for Edward J. Wolak (1-15-19) and
Mary Beth O'Reilly (1-18-19).*



Come and join!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every First Friday of the Month
Immediately following the 5:15
Mass in the Chapel**



WEEKLY MEDITATION

Please join us for Meditation on Thursday evenings in the Chapel, from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. It's a quiet time to retreat from the "hustle and bustle" of the workplace and home.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY LITURGY
can be found at number 873 in Worship.

Saturday, January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21

7:00 a.m. Charles Dalton

5:00 p.m. John and Veronica Smith and Family

Sunday, January 27

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

7:30 a.m. Dyanna Borges

9:00 a.m. Marion and Thomas Dobson

10:30 a.m. Robert J. Wilson, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass

5:00 p.m. All the Members of this Parish

Monday, January 28

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

7:00 a.m. Finuala Marie Kennelly

5:15 p.m. Jeanne Flaherty

Tuesday, January 29

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

7:00 a.m. Ralph Hoffmann

5:15 p.m. Regina, Edmund and Jeannie Duncan

Wednesday, January 30

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

7:00 a.m. Mercedes Mercado

5:15 p.m. Clarke Glavin

Thursday, January 31

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Michael Lyne

Friday, February 1

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

7:00 a.m. Mercedes Mercado

5:15 p.m. Fred W. Intrieri

Saturday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

7:00 a.m. Antonio, Guilia, Giovanni Colasante

5:00 p.m. All the Members of this Parish

Sunday, February 3

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

7:30 a.m. Euclides Lucio Ferreira

9:00 a.m. Lucille Tarantino

10:30 a.m. Barbara Zicarelli

5:00 p.m. Marlene Capuano

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 2

Reconciliation: Fr. Mark D'Silva

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

Sunday, February 3

7:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

9:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

10:30 a.m. Bishop Frank Caggiano

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 31	Walking with Purpose – Connect Coffee 9:30 a.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Jan 31	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Feb 1	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Immediately following the 5:15 Mass, Chapel
Feb 2	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Room A
Feb 3	Installation Mass and Reception for Fr. Platt

PARISHIONER UPDATES

As we try to maintain our records, please let us know if you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or changed or added an email address. Contact Terri Marino at terri.marino@stcath.org or 203-637-3661 ext. 326. If you have never formally registered, please visit our website at www.stcath.org and you can easily register online.

BIBLE STUDY



The next Bible Study begins February 25. This 5 session study is entitled "Pilgrim People" and incorporates an introductory session and four lessons.

Monday evenings: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday mornings: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

God's people have always been sojourners, pilgrims on a journey, open to God's call and direction. This study explores the major events and characters of the Bible that exemplify God's call to be pilgrims who are 'looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God' (Heb 11:10). Among the biblical pilgrims and sojourners encountered in the study are Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the people of the Exodus, the Jews of the Babylonian exile, the Holy Family and Christ's first disciples. The commentary is written with full citations of the appropriate biblical texts and provides insight into the biblical characters, historical settings and modern applications.

There is a \$30 materials fee which is to be paid the 1st day of class. Cash or check accepted.

CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGED



If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a visit from one of our deacons or priests, please contact Fr. Mark D'Silva at 203-637-3661 ext. 318.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Saturday, February 9

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan

Welcome begins at 2:30 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments will follow.

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

FEBRUARY 2019 FOOD COLLECTION FOR NEW COVENANT CENTER

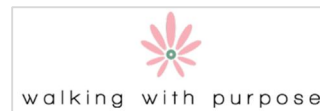
New Covenant Center operates under the programmatic umbrella of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc. It opened in 1978 as a soup kitchen "to help the neediest in greater Stamford meet the most basic need for food in a dignified and respectful environment." It now operates one of the largest food pantries in the state and the largest in Stamford. Through the food pantry nearly 625 families receive enough groceries for ten days each month.

Brown Paper bags along with a list of the items that are needed can be found at the entrance of the church. Please take one and return it to the vestibule of the church on the weekend of February 2-3.

To learn more about New Covenant Center go to www.newcovenantcenter.org. Thank you for your generosity.

Items Most Needed

Jelly	Small Bags/Containers of:
Tuna	Sugar, Flour, Oil, Tea,
Canned Soup, Beans or Corn	Dry Black Beans
Canned Carnation Milk	
Canned Pasta	



Women of all ages are invited to come to a Connect Coffee hosted by **Walking with Purpose on Thursday, January 31**, from 9:30-11:30am in the Lucey Parish Hall.

Join us for coffee, tea, and treats plus the inspiring talk, **Marriage - Transformed by Grace**. Questions: wwpstcathct@gmail.com or 203-952-9084. We hope to see you there!

EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

December 22 & 23.....	\$ 12,692**
December 29 & 30.....	\$ 65,211**
January 5 & 6.....	\$ 53,992**
January 12 & 13.....	\$ 12,407**

*Includes Christmas, Monthly, Annual (AEG) and/or (OLG) Offertory

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend our diocese will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America. Last year, when Pope Francis opened registration for World Youth Day in Panama, he said, "WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?"

Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. Young people are the future of our Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith. You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith by your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity is helping the young people of the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with one another, with their peers throughout Latin America, and with the rest of the world as they prepare for World Youth Day 2019. This is a tremendous event in the life of the Church and these young people are now experiencing it to the fullest! You have given them the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

Please be generous in the collection.



As you may know, we've launched an Online Giving program as an easy way for parishioners to make contributions to the church. **We'd like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this simple way of supporting St. Catherine's.**

You will find reusable cards in the pews that provide more information on the program, and we invite those already giving ONLINE to place one of those cards in the collections baskets each week to indicate that you already contribute.

THANKS-IS-GIVING APPEAL 2018 – 2019



Even though the Appeal started a little later this year than in past years, response so far has been great! 133 families have already helped us raise \$71,468.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

During the next several months, please consider showing your support for this important parish appeal which supports major capital expenses around our parish campus.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

April 11 – 18, 2019

Tour Barcelona, Lourdes, Burgos, Santiago de Compostella, Fatima, and Lisbon.

Only \$2,200 per person (double occupancy)
Includes 4-Star hotels and ALL MEALS.

For more information, please contact Fr. Paul Shankar directly at 361-563-7400 or frpaulraj@yahoo.com.

YOU CAN BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!



As long as a child has received first communion, they can be trained to serve. High school students are also encouraged to become altar servers or to remain as servers when they enter high school.

Altar Servers are generally asked to serve two Masses each month. **We would like to train more Altar Servers to ensure that all of our weekend Masses are covered.**

If you or a family member is interested in joining this ministry, please email our altar server coordinator, Connie Murljac, at cmurljac@gmail.com or Deacon Renato Berzolla at lux1@aol.com.



Installation Mass & Kick-off Reception
Sunday, February 3, 2019
10:30 AM

Please join us as Bishop Frank Caggiano celebrates the Installation Mass of
Fr. William F. Platt
as the 8th Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Everyone is invited to a Kick-off Celebration Reception
following Mass in the Lucey Parish Hall.



Calling all undercover country fans, dancing fans, and fans of St Catherine's Players!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to line dance? Or watch people learn how to line dance?
Or eat snacks and enjoy the company of people who want to learn how to line dance?

Join the cast of *Footloose, the Musical* on Friday, February 8, for our Line Dance Social
and learn from an expert. No experience needed, just bring your dancing shoes.

Join us from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Lucey Parish Hall. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served. **Everyone is welcomed!**

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the rectory or after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on January 27.
Tickets will also be available at the door if they don't sell out!

Meet the St. Catherine Players' Moms



Backstage. . .

Molly Zola, Emily Piu and Amy Adorney are three of
the super, supportive mothers who are the backbone
of the St. Catherine Players (SCP) productions.



As they attend almost all of the rehearsals, they are more than willing to help where ever help is needed. From makeup, to costumes and wrangling, they coordinate flyer distributions and organize cast parties. To quote one of these ladies, "we will do anything they need."

All three of them are long-time parishioners and because of their talented children they have become an essential part of SCP. Molly, Emily and Amy are glad to have the opportunity the parish and the Players offer to be part of this special theater community. They not only lend their enthusiasm and creativity for the shows, but they are the force that nurtures the inclusiveness of SCP.

Amy has two children in this year's show, and her husband and two other children will help build the sets. Molly has one daughter in the show and is also the opening night Mass Eucharistic Minister. Emily has been a parishioner for over 20 years and sums up well what the Players are all about, "they are a place of comfort, warmth and friendship. It is a place for my daughter and I to do something we both love together." These mothers are three of many who selflessly and tirelessly hold the show together.

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 8! Performances: March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 www.stcath.org (Community Life) for info.



What's Happening in Faith Formation

Visit www.stcath.org for the full class calendar.

The Religious Education Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Please turn in to the Faith Formation Office your First Communion date request form, DVD order form, and a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate if your child was baptized at another parish.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weakness. Realize instead that in Christ you can do everything"

- St. Catherine of Siena

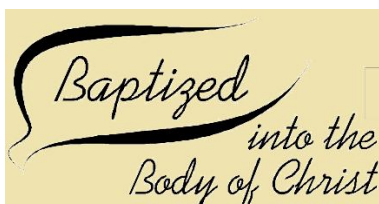
**To Hear God's Voice
You Must Turn Down The World's Volume.**



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- **February 2 – First Penance Children's Workshop**
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the school and church.
- **February 4 and 7 – Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
7:00 p.m. in the church.



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Gospel Summary – LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eye-witnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favor the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.

Reflection for Families

Children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on parents for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by their parent's vision. When we think of all parents do for their children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

Who are the oppressed people in your community, neighborhood, or parish? Is there another family carrying a heavy burden right now? Reach out to that family in hospitality. Perhaps you could invite them over for an evening of cards or board games, or send them a "thinking-of-you" card. Be sure to keep them in our family's daily prayers.

Discussion Starters

One thing I was really blind to once was. . .

The person who helped me see was. . .

One way I set captives free is by . . .

One way I could try harder to bring Good News to others is . . .



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