

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.



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 784 in Worship.

Saturday, January 5

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

7:00 a.m. June Corbo

5:00 p.m. Rocco and Carmela Capalbo
and Deceased Family Members

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 a.m. All the Members of this Parish

9:00 a.m. Angelo and Rosina Gangi and Mario Russo

10:30 a.m. Mugan and Joyce Families

5:00 p.m. Leo J. Civitillo

Monday, January 7

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mk 4:12-17, 23-35

7:00 a.m. Joanne Ballengee

5:15 p.m. Regina Samaratunga

Tuesday, January 8

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

7:00 a.m. Grace Cornacchia

5:15 p.m. Luigi and Rita Vitiello

Wednesday, January 9

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

7:00 a.m. Thomas Scott

5:15 p.m. Frank Gagliardi

Thursday, January 10

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Thomas R. Petta

Friday, January 11

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

7:00 a.m. Eleanor Donohue

5:15 p.m. Nick Mecca

Saturday, January 12

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

7:00 a.m. Anthony Cicatelli

5:00 p.m. Edward Joseph Howey

Sunday, January 13

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

7:30 a.m. Andrea and Antonio Galimi

9:00 a.m. Ambrogio Castellana

10:30 a.m. All the Members of this Parish

11:00 a.m. French Mass

5:00 p.m. Adele and Peter Pioli

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 12

Reconciliation: Fr. Mark D'Silva

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

Sunday, January 13

7:30 a.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

10:30 a.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

11:00 a.m. French Mass

5:00 p.m. Fr. William F. Platt

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 10	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.; Chapel
Jan 7	VIRTUS Training session 7:00 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Jan 10	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Jan 12	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Room 101
Jan 18	Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Jan 20	Reflection Series: India--A Journey into the Northwest--the Indo Islamic Heritage, Remnants of the British Raj and the Punjab Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
Jan 20	Concert and Cocktails In Celebration of Msgr. Detscher 3:00 p.m. Concert followed by cocktails.
Jan 27	Farewell Mass and Reception for Msgr. Detscher 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception.
Feb 3	Installation Mass and Reception for Fr. Platt <i>Details to follow soon.</i>



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Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

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.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Most organizations that work with children have some sort of child safety program. Through the *Protecting God's Children* program (VIRTUS), efforts are made to help Churches and religious organizations refine their roles as child-safe environments and empower adults to protect children by making them more aware of the ways children and adults interact with each other.

The *Protecting God's Children* program educates and trains adults (clergy, teachers, staff, volunteers, parents) about the dangers and warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of, and responding to allegations of abuse. It reminds adults that to protect children you must have continuous awareness and vigilance.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires that all volunteers must attend one VIRTUS session. **The next session that will be held here is:**

January 7

7:00 p.m. - Lucey Parish Hall
A light dinner will be provided.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity! Pre-registration is required - visit www.virtus.org to register. Please contact Betty Lundgren at 203-637-3661 ext. 331 with any questions.



2nd Announcement

Jennifer Yoguez and Cory Regis

3rd Announcement

Elizabeth Walton and Victor Ceci

Have Made a Promise of Marriage

EVENTS AND NEWS



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.

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.

GREENWICH AND STAMFORD HOSPITAL VISITS

If you, or someone you know from our parish, is going to be in the hospital and would like a visit from one of our priests or deacons, it is important that you let us know directly. Please contact the rectory at 203-637-3661 to let us know.



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**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

10 LinkedIn Steps to Your New Job

**Thursday, January 10th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Room 209**

LinkedIn is the professional networking site which can best support your job search and career advancement. LinkedIn's 530 million users are the most educated, affluent, and informed on social media. These are the folks who will hire or refer you. Learn to:

- Position yourself to appeal to recruiters and hiring managers
- Leverage LinkedIn's newest settings for job seekers
- Get referred to the right companies via warm introductions

Sandra Long, LinkedIn Expert, Author, and Speaker

Sandra Long elevates LinkedIn, personal branding, networking, social selling, and social recruiting to an entirely new level for her audiences, clients, and readers. Sandra is the author of the Amazon best-selling book *LinkedIn for Personal Branding: The Ultimate Guide*.

Sandra is the President of Post Road Consulting LLC in Westport, CT. The company's clients include sales teams, corporate C-Level executives, HR teams, Universities, and recruiters. Sandra is also an adjunct instructor for two social media programs for Rutgers University's Business School. Sandra holds a BA from the University of Rochester.

RSVP required: Please RSVP to Meeting Chair Marian Howley via email at mh@mhowleyconsulting.com

St. Catherine's Support Circle was formed in early 2009 to support people seeking jobs in that challenging economic environment. The group continues to encourage participation by both job seekers and those interested in providing their advice and support. To read about helpful information and recommended resources for job seekers, visit the parish web site www.stcath.org, first link to Community Life, and then link to the SCSC page. Here, you will also find driving instructions to SCSC events.

The SCSC Steering Committee includes professionals who have experience in diverse areas including human resources, executive search, and executive coaching. If you have similar experience, and would be interested in joining your fellow professionals on the committee, please contact SCSC Steering Committee Chairman Bob Sloane at rsloane@optonline.net



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please join us

Msgr. Alan F. Detscher's
Farewell Celebration

HOST:
Fr. William F. Platt 203-637-3661

WHEN:
Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 AM

WHERE:
St. Catherine of Siena Church
4 Riverside Avenue Riverside, CT 06878

**Please join us at 10:30 AM
as Msgr. Detscher celebrates
his last Mass as Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church.**

All are invited to a congratulatory brunch after Mass (in the Lucey Parish Hall)
as we bid farewell to Msgr. Detscher and thank him for
his service to our parish as he begins his retirement.

We hope you can join us!

**Please RSVP by January 20, 2019
@ <https://tinyurl.com/DetscherMass>**

 **St. Catherine's
Friends of Music**



Sunday, January 20 – 3:00 p.m.

Please join us at a special event hosted by the Friends of Music Ministry as we honor Msgr. Alan F. Detscher for his contribution to St. Catherine's Music Ministries over the course of his tenure.

The combined choirs of St. Catherine's and St. Paul Episcopal choir will present a choral dedication. . .



***Tu es Sacerdos—You are a Priest Forever
featuring Antonin Dvorak's Mass in D***

***A cocktail reception with live music will follow (in the Lucey Parish Hall)
and all are invited to our parish celebration, which is free and open to the public!***

Please RSVP by January 14 -- @ <https://tinyurl.com/DetscherConcert>



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.

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.



Faith as the Wise Men

Lord, give us faith as the Wise Men
Who, led by a bright, shining Star,
Followed its light to the Christ Child-
They journeyed in faith from afar.

They knew this Child was the Savior,
So onward they trod, traveling long.
Turning back never though weary,
They found new strength, faith, and song.

Give to us this kind of faith, Lord,
A passion for seeking our King,
That we may know Him more fully...
Our hearts be the gift that we bring.

Keep us on course like the Wise Men,
Lest worldly temptations distract.
O, "Star of Wonder" keep shining,
Lead us for we've need to go back...

To seek again at this Christmas
The Redeemer sent from above.
With adoration we'll worship
God's gift of unspeakable love.

Lord, give us faith as the Wise Men,
So in us a glow others see,
A trusting faith in the Savior...
Our lives a reflection of Thee.

- Beverly J. Anderson

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Gospel Summary – MT 2:1-12

The Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, asking the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod was troubled by this news of the birth, as was all of Jerusalem. He sent the Magi to Bethlehem to search for the child, asking that they bring the child to him so that he could do the child homage. The Magi set out and followed the star to the place where the child was. They did the child homage and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they left for their country by a different route.

Reflection for Parents

This Gospel narrative is full of adventure, danger, mystery, and yes—gifts! During this Christmas season, enjoy dramatizing this Gospel as a family. Then think about how far you would travel, how far you would go to pay homage to Jesus. Would you go as far as your parish to receive the Sacraments or to spend some time in quiet prayer? Would you go as far as the soup kitchen to serve a meal to the hungry? Would you go as far as to tell someone to stop bullying a classmate or a coworker? Would you go as far as to give up a morning cup of coffee or a favorite treat in order to give to someone in need the gift of food or clothing or the necessities of life? How far would you go? What would you give as your gifts to the King?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

The star led the Magi to the place where Jesus was. With your family, cut out several yellow construction paper stars. On each star write either a way you can find Jesus—such as "read God's Word"—or the name of a person who has helped you find Jesus, such as "Grandma Joan." Create a mobile of your stars using coat hangers and yarn or string. Hang your stars in a place where all family members will see them.

Discussion Starters

1. I can be a star and show Jesus to others by. . .
2. The greatest gift I can give Jesus is. . .
3. The greatest gift our family can give Jesus is. . .

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices.
It is silence that kills the world."
- St. Catherine of Siena**



- **January 16 or 17** – Choose one
First Penance Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m. in the Lucey Parish Hall
- **January 25** – **Family Fun Night**
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. – Lucey Parish Hall
All children registered in our religious education programs for grades 1 to 5 and their families are invited to come and share a meal with us and participate in fun activities.