

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 792 in Worship.

Saturday, March 16

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

7:00 a.m. Rose Mary McMullan

5:00 p.m. Edward J. Howey

Sunday, March 17

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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

9:00 a.m. Ross Lodato

10:30 a.m. Leonard Platt

11:00 a.m. John, Vincenzo and Victoria Bellantoni

5:00 p.m. Rose and Jack Callahan

Monday, March 18

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Mildred Dalton

Tuesday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

7:00 a.m. Josephine Cooke

5:15 p.m. St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 20

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

7:00 a.m. Alex Elezaj and Family (Living)

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Thursday, March 21

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

7:00 a.m. Robert Waddell

5:15 p.m. Rosemary Perry

Friday, March 22

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

7:00 a.m. Paul Quilligan

5:15 p.m. Joan Smith

Saturday, March 23

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

7:00 a.m. Robert A. Morelli

5:00 p.m. Mildred, Robert and Judith Siciliano

Sunday, March 24

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

9:00 a.m. George Raymond

10:30 a.m. Teresina and Francesco Librandi
and Luigi Miliacca

11:00 a.m. Hermina Ramirez

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Antonio Pollifrone

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23

Reconciliation: Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

Sunday, March 24

7:30 a.m. Fr. William F. Platt

9:00 a.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

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

11:00 a.m. Fr. William F. Platt - Spanish Mass

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

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 18 Mar 19	Bible Study Mon – 7:30-9:00 p.m./Tues 10:00–11:30 a.m., Room 101/102
Mar 21	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Mar 23	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Room 101
Mar 24	Chapel Concert Series <i>Flute (Jordan Castro) and Organ (Liya Petrides)</i> 3:00 p.m., Chapel
April 4	2020 Mass Book Opening 9:00 a.m., Room 206

The 2019 Lenten Schedule
can be found at www.stcath.org.



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[@stcatherineofsienachurchriverside](https://www.facebook.com/stcatherineofsienachurchriverside)

CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGED



Fr. Mark D'Silva is available to make home visits to the sick or homebound.

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from him, please contact Fr. Mark at 203-637-3661 ext. 311.



3rds Announcement

Deborah Orrico and Bradford Chonka

Have Made a Promise of Marriage

2020 MASS BOOK



The 2020 Mass Book will be opened on **Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in Room 206 of the O'Connor Center (follow the signs to the Faith Formation Office).

Please note that there is a limit of five Masses per family on this first day. As in the past, only 2 weekend Masses may be scheduled on opening day.

Forms can be found at the entrances of the Church, in the rectory, or on our website at www.stcath.org. In the interest of time, please consider bringing a completed form with you on April 4.



Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer?
Do you have a flexible schedule?

If so, we can really use your support!

Volunteers are needed for occasional help covering our Rectory Reception Desk:

- Answering the phone
- Basic assistance and direction of Rectory visitors
- Approximate 3-hour morning **or** afternoon shifts
- Average 1-2 times per month

We would love to have as many volunteers as possible!

If interested, please contact:

Lisa DeLeo at lisa.deleo@stcath.org
or 203-637-3661 ext. 310.

2019 WEDDING JUBILEE MASS AND CONCERT

Sunday, May 5, 2019

3:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull



Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the 2109 Wedding Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries. There is no cost to attend.

If you want to register for this Mass, please do so at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation/home/ or contact Lisa DeLeo at 203-637-3661.

RSVP by April 25.

EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

February 9 & 10.....	\$ 8,032**
February 16 & 17.....	\$ 11,887**
February 23 & 24.....	\$ 15,202**
March 2 & 3.....	\$ 12,749**

**May Include Monthly, Annual (AEG) and/or (OLG) Offertory

Take the Simple Way to Support your Parish!



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

Date	Total Donations Received	# of Donations Received
12/24/18 – 01/27/19	\$ 78,163	151
01/28/19 – 03/03/19	\$ 22,133	30
03/04/19 - 03/10/19	\$ 1,170	3
TOTAL	\$101,466	184

Thank you to our parish families who have responded to this year's Appeal and helped to raise over \$100,000 for Thanks-Is-Giving!!



The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) provides funds for the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share**, calls us to come together as a people of God to live and share the faith we profess as we carry forth the mission of Jesus Christ. Please take the time to read the information sent to you about the ACA and learn how you can help, and give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Thank you.



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The "Corner Office Perspective" 8.0

In an effort to better understand the ever-changing (and still challenging) job marketplace, we are inviting business executives in our community to participate in **The Corner Office Perspective 8.0** - an SCSC panel discussion to be held Thursday evening, May 16, 2019, starting at 6:30 PM in the Lucey Parish Hall.

We hope you can help.

This will be our eighth year presenting this highly-popular event, which has evolved to reflect changing times. And it will again provide hiring executives from a variety of fields, business sectors, and functions with an "off the record" opportunity to share with job seekers in our parish your unique insights on:

- How your organization makes hiring decisions
- What you look for in a successful candidate
- What are some candidate "non starters?"
- What impact "social media" has had on your recruitment and hiring processes?
- Where do you see the best opportunities for growth in your organization?
- What were some of your "teachable moments" as a job seeker or a hiring manager? ("War stories" encouraged.)

The evening will be hosted by **Jack Blessington**, former Executive Producer at CBS News and a member of the SCSC Steering Committee. A 6:30 PM networking session will be held before the panel discussion.

Based on feedback from our past seven events, we know that this will be a stimulating, informative program that will be beneficial to job seekers in our community and fulfilling for the participants as well.

If you are, or if you might recommend, a current senior level executive who would like to spend an evening helping fellow community members gain from your (or their) insights, please contact event leader **Miranda DeSantis** at mirandadesantis@me.com or 203-461-0974.

Formed in early 2009, the St. Catherine's Support Circle has provided guest speakers, workshops, and panels to provide job-seeking members of our community with advice and guidance to help them find a new opportunity in a difficult and challenging market. The SCSC Steering Committee includes professionals with experience in human resources, executive search, career coaching, clinical career counseling, general management, education, marketing, public relations, finance, accounting and IT.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CONCERTS IN THE CHAPEL
SPRING 2019



Sunday, March 24, 3.00 PM in the Chapel

Jordan Castro, Flute
Liya Petrides, Organ

With a special appearance by Allison Sobieri on Flute

Music by Pietro Morlacchi, Yuko Uebayashi, Ian Clarke, Lowell Liebermann

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878

Tickets \$20 available at the Rectory, or reserve at 203-637-3689

Children 17 and under are admitted free of charge





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.

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

SAINT PATRICK



St. Patrick was born in Scotland in the year 387. At sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and sold as a slave to a chief in Ireland. While tending sheep in the mountains, he prayed constantly. After six years, a voice from heaven told him to go back to his own country. He escaped. First, he went to Rome where he became a priest. He was then sent to England where he labored for the church for some time. He wanted to return to Ireland, and begged the Pope to send him there. The Pope made him a bishop and then sent him as a missionary to Ireland.

The Irish people loved the stories that Patrick told them about Jesus and Mary. He explained the Holy Trinity by using the shamrock which had three leaves yet was one plant. Pointing to a shamrock he told the people, "Even as there are three leaves on this one stem, so there are three divine persons in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Saint Patrick traveled throughout Ireland preaching the Catholic religion and baptizing people. He is the primary patron saint of Ireland and the person responsible for building the first Church in Ireland in the 5th Century.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- **First Communion Children's Workshop** (children only)
Saturday, March 23 – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
in the school building. Children only.
- **First Communion Retreat** (parents and children)
Saturday, March 30 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
in the church, Lucey Parish Hall and chapel.
- **Family Fun Night**
April 26 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Lucey Parish Hall

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"I also wish you to look at the Bridge of
My only begotten Son, and see the greatness thereof,
for it reaches from Heaven to earth, that is,
that the earth of your humanity is joined
to the greatness of the Deity thereby"**

**~ St. Catherine of Siena,
The Dialogue of Saint Catherine of Siena**

Gospel Summary – LK 9:28B-36

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

Reflection for Families

Parents and older siblings are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week either in the faces of children, friends, co-workers, or even in yourself?

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

Share places where you have seen change, perhaps in your family and home, school, work place, neighborhood or community. Suggest ways that these changes are transforming for you and others. Jesus marked the end of an ancient age and the beginning of something new. How are the changes you see like the end of something old and the beginning of something new? How are you involved in that change? How are you part of the change Jesus brings?

Discussion Starters

1. God spoke from a cloud at the Transfiguration. I believe we still hear his voice in ...
2. The Transfiguration was a preview of heaven. I believe heaven will be ...
3. One of the changes I am making in my own life during this Lenten season is ...



On February 22, we had Family Fun Night. The children did interactive activities that taught them about the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000. We also shared a meal together.

Our next, and last, Family Fun Night for this school year will be on April 26 in the Lucey Parish Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All students registered in our religious education classes for grades 1-5 and their families are invited. **Please RSVP to Emma Doring at 203-637-3661 x330.**