

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 Robert E. Fiala (3-11-19) and Frank Salvatore Siciliano (3-20-19).



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 798 in Worship.

Saturday, March 30

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

7:00 a.m. Marcel and Santa Anna D'Silva

5:00 p.m. Constance Libano Allis

Sunday, March 31

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

7:30 a.m. Lorenzo Contadino

9:00 a.m. Howard Bloom

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

5:00 p.m. Ida Nania

Monday, April 1

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

7:00 a.m. Ken Tullo

5:15 p.m. Mary Rafferty, Tony Nardi and Jose Barbera

Tuesday, April 2

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

7:00 a.m. Anita Judice

5:15 p.m. Onesta and Felice Stingone

Wednesday, April 3

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

7:00 a.m. John Vecchione

5:15 p.m. Jean Gannon

Thursday, April 4

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Nicholas Mecca

Friday, April 5

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 a.m. Joan S. Lewis

5:15 p.m. Mary Dwyer

Saturday, April 6

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

7:00 a.m. Frederick Stefanowicz

5:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Wilczewski and Family

Sunday, April 7

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

7:30 a.m. Marie DeFina

9:00 a.m. Nick Mecca

10:30 a.m. Clara Comeau

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

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6

Reconciliation: Fr. Mark D'Silva

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

Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

9:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

10:30 a.m. Fr. William F. Platt

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

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 April 2	Bible Study Mon – 7:30-9:00 p.m./Tues 10:00–11:30 a.m., Room 101/102
April 4	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
April 4	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Lucey Parish Hall
April 6	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Room 101
April 4	2020 Mass Book Opening 9:00 a.m., Room 206
April 11	St. Catherine Support Circle: <i>"The First Impression. The Handshake. And What's Next"</i> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Room 209
April 11	Dinner with a Cause 6:30 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall

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



CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGED



If you or someone you know is homebound and would like Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory: 203-637-3661.

Just because you cannot make it to Mass, does not mean you should be separated from the beautiful graces of the Sacraments and your St. Catherine Family of Faith.



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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 signs to 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.

WHITE MASS

For Healthcare Professionals and
All Who Serve the Sick



April 7, 2019 at 9:30 AM

St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

Celebrant: Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

Mass will be followed by Brunch at
Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield

James J. O'Connell, MD will address
"Lessons Learned Caring for Boston's Rough Sleepers"

Individuals: \$35; Sponsors: \$100 (incl. 2 tkts);

Table for 8: \$250

Info: Elizabeth Auda 203-416-1636

THANKS-IS-GIVING APPEAL 2018 – 2019



We are wrapping up the annual TIG appeal at the end of this month and we are happy to let you know that to date we have gifts and pledges totaling \$105,000 which will enable us to continue funding maintenance and improvement projects on the St. Catherine's campus.

For those of you who have not made your annual gift to TIG, we encourage you to please consider doing so this week. Thank you again for your continued support of our parish.

EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

February 23 & 24.....	\$ 15,202**
March 2 & 3.....	\$ 12,749**
March 9 & 10.....	\$ 9,969**
March 16 & 17.....	\$ 13,145**

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



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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. To learn more about the collection visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Saint Joseph Parenting Center will be holding its 10th Annual Benefit Breakfast

Wednesday, April 3 - 7:00 a.m.
The Italian Center of Stamford

The keynote speaker will be **Mark Herzlich**, a former **linebacker for the NY Giants and member of the 2012 Super Bowl team**. He will share his personal story of resilience, beating cancer while playing football at Boston College, his experience as a NY Giant and his work as a champion against child abuse and domestic violence. **Tickets are \$75** and are available at www.sjpcenter.org.

Funds raised benefit St. Joseph's Parenting Center, a 501 (c)(3) organization that strengthens families that are at risk of child abuse and neglect by providing free parenting education and support, including hot meals and case management.

DINNER WITH A CAUSE

Featuring: **Annunciation House, El Paso Texas**



Thursday, April 11 in the Lucey Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. - light supper
7:15 - 8:30 p.m. - presentation

The St. Catherine of Siena Social Justice Committee invites you to attend its annual Dinner with a Cause featuring organizations that support the principles of social justice.

Sr. Doreen Glynn CSJ, Albany Province Justice Coordinator of the Srs. of the St. Joseph Carondelet and sister of our own Barbara Glynn, will be here to detail her experiences as a volunteer at the Annunciation House in El Paso Texas. For the past three years Sr. Doreen has travelled to El Paso to help with the influx of immigrants who are seeking asylum.

To RSVP for this dinner, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please email Betsy Parker at parkerelizabeth@sbcglobal.net by April 8.



The mission statement of Annunciation House: *In a Gospel spirit of service and solidarity, we accompany the migrant, refugee, and economically vulnerable peoples of the border region through hospitality, advocacy, and education. We place ourselves among these poor so as to live our faith and transform our understanding of what constitutes more just relationships between peoples, countries, and economies.*

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth

Partnering with Parents to Bring Home the Faith

Struggling to engage your children or grandchildren in the faith?



The research on teens and faith cannot be clearer: parents matter . . . a lot!

April 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.

St. Pius X Church
Fairfield, CT

FREE TO ATTEND!

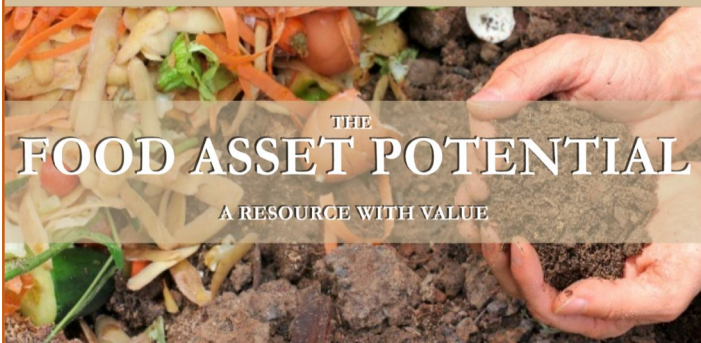
RSVP today:

www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation
(click on events)

EVENTS AND NEWS



Greenwich Community Gardens presents:



MONDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 – 8:30
COLE AUDITORIUM

Learn

- The importance of diverting organic matter out of the waste stream.
- Baldor's Zero Organics to Landfill company-wide goal in 2019.
- About DEEP's work to support managing organics in CT.
- How social impact investors are leveraging capital, funding viable solutions.
- What "Zero Waste" means and how it connects to food.
- Simple actions you can take to eliminate "food waste".

Get Inspired

Shorts: The Soil Story, The Compost Story ReFED

Discuss

Moderator: Thomas McQuillan, Baldor Specialty Foods
Panelists: Sherill Baldwin, CT DEEP; Amy McCrae Kessler, Turning Earth; Michelle Sterling, Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council.

Tickets available via greenwichcommunitygardens.org



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

"The First Impression. The Handshake. And What's Next."

Thursday, April 11 from 7 – 9 p.m. in Room 209

We've all been there. You walk into the interview room. Your host gives you a quick visual once-over; you do the same to her/him. There's the handshake. Probably tension in the air. Brief silence. The interview begins. And ...

On Thursday, April 11, the SCSC will present an interactive work session featuring a team of professionals who will cover such topics as:

- Managing the "First Impression"
- Dressing for success
- Nailing the "30-second Introduction"
- Preparing for the interview
- Fielding the "most asked" interview questions
- Making the best first impression in a networking meeting

To get the most value from this session, we recommend that you (a) Develop and bring to the April 11th meeting your own 30-second introduction (For guidance and a template example please log on to the parish web site www.stcath.org, then link to Community Life, then link to the SCSC page) (b) Come to the April 11 meeting dressed as you would for a first interview. SCSC steering committee member Chris Tella will be the meeting facilitator.

RSVP required to meeting co-Chair Tony Murljadic via tonym.scsc@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

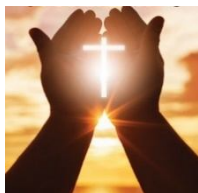
The "Corner Office Perspective" 8.0 **May 16 – 6:30 p.m.**

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 unique insights on the job search.

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.



*Please keep Deacon Lou Howe,
Director of Faith Formation,
in your thoughts,
and pray for his full and speedy recovery.*



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.

Prayer of Thomas Merton



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

• Family Fun Night

April 26 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Lucey Parish Hall.
This is the last Family Fun Night for the school year!
All students registered in religious education for grades 1-5 and their families are invited. **Please RSVP to Emma Doring at 203-637-3661 x330.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We've been deceived by the thought that we would be more pleasing to God in our own way than in the way God has given us."

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

**"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve to be called your son."**

Gospel Summary – LK 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honor. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Reflection for Families

Parents try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of their children, but they know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. This Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognize the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves—a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

This parable about the prodigal son is a story about families and filled with emotion. Gather all your loose family photos and organize them into an album. (If you're lucky enough to be up to date, go through your photo albums.) As you arrange the photos, talk about your memory of that picture and the emotions that you associate with its circumstances. When you have finished, decide which emotion most characterizes your family. Are you pleased with this defining emotion or is this a good time to work on some changes?

Discussion Starters

1. One of the most selfish things I remember doing was when I . . . What I learned from this experience was . . .
2. A time when someone welcomed me back occurred when. . .
3. The strongest experience I recall of unconditional love was . . .