

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 802 in Worship.

Saturday, April 13

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

7:00 a.m. Antoinette M. Longo

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

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56

7:30 a.m. Albert and Josephine Caruso

9:00 a.m. Umile Ceci

10:30 a.m. Francesco, Concetta and Angelo Petrone

5:00 p.m. Giovanni Nasso

Monday, April 15

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

7:00 a.m. Edward Clisham, Sr.

5:15 p.m. Patricia Meyering

Tuesday, April 16

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Patricia Jackman Meyering

Wednesday, April 17

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

7:00 a.m. Marlane Hynes

5:15 p.m. Giovanni Nasso

Thursday, April 18 - Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

3:00 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion and Death

Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14;

Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4;

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

9:00 a.m. Andrea, Maria and Francesco Galimi

10:30 a.m. Assunta and Clementina Petrone

5:00 p.m. Joseph Laufenberg

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 20

Reconciliation: Fr. Mark D'Silva

8:00 p.m. Fr. William F. Platt

Sunday, April 21

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

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

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

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

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
April 15	Reconciliation Monday 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., Church
April 16	Communal Celebration with Individual Confessions 7:30 p.m., Church
April 18	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
April 26	Family Fun Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall
May 5	Chapel Concert 3:00 p.m., Chapel



The 2019 Holy Week Schedule can be found on our website www.stcath.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

❖ Reconciliation Monday

Individual confessions in the church sacristy
Monday, April 15 - 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

❖ Communal Celebration with individual confessions: **Tuesday, April 16 - 7:30 p.m., Church**

Note: Confessions will *not* be heard on Holy Saturday. Please take advantage of this scheduled time for the Sacrament of Penance or make an appointment with one of the priests.

GOOD FRIDAY

A day of both fasting and abstinence from meat.

Fasting on this day is required of all who are 18 years of age or older up until their 59th birthday. Fasting consists of only one full meal. However, two lesser meals which together are less than the principle meal may be eaten, if needed or desired.

Abstinence from meat is binding on all Catholics on the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. Abstinence is required of all who are 14 years of age or older. If someone is unable to abstain from meat on a Friday of Lent, they are urged by our Bishops to perform some other form of penance.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CONCERTS IN THE CHAPEL

The next **Concert in the Chapel** is scheduled for

Sunday, May 5 – 3:00 p.m.

Melodies de Mexico

David Glukh, piccolo trumpet

&

Liya Petrides, organ

Admission: \$20; Free for children 17 and under
Contact for more **information** or to reserve **tickets**:
Dr. Liya Petrides: music.director@stcath.org

Christ is risen!

How wonderful that we are becoming one parish with our sisters and brothers from St. Agnes Church.

God bless us all.

We pray to maintain each of our lovely identities during this period of discernment in God's grace.

The collaborative committee of St. Agnes and St. Catherine will continue to discern the process of us becoming one loving Catholic parish family with two churches, namely St. Agnes and St. Catherine Church.



2nd Announcement

Amanda Novaes and Angelo Mallozzi

Have Made a Promise of Marriage

EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

March 9 & 10.....	\$ 9,969**
March 16 & 17.....	\$ 13,145**
March 23 & 24.....	\$ 11,538**
March 30 & 31.....	\$ 9,504**

**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.

YOU CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER!



As long as a child has received first communion, they can be trained to serve. Altar Servers are generally asked to serve two Masses each month.

If interested, please RSVP to our coordinator, Connie Murljac, at cmurljac@gmail.com.



CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGING



If you or someone you know is homebound or going to be in the hospital 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, it does not mean you should be separated from the beautiful graces of the Sacraments and your St. Catherine Family of Faith.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, is taken up in all parishes in the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Your support helps the Church to minister in Catholic parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the shrines of the Holy Land.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous! For more information please visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Follow Bishop Caggiano on Facebook for inspirational words and videos.



Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

EVENTS AND NEWS

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. We also invite anyone who has not formally registered to do so at www.stcath.org.



This Lent come back to God who is love and mercy. Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope! The Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry offers referrals, resources, day and weekend retreats for those suffering from a past abortion. Please contact 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for confidential information.

Reflections on Religious Identity

**ENCORE Presentations
at EDGEHILL in Stamford**

Anyone who missed Robert Henrey's presentations on "Reflections on Religious Identity within the Contemporary Word" at Saint Catherine's and would like to attend is welcome.

No Registration or fee required. Guest parking available at the main entrance and Receptionist will direct you to the lecture hall.

Edgehill: 122 Palmer Hill Road, Stamford



**Wednesday, April 24,
4:00 PM**
*Ethiopia and Its
People:
Preservers of a rich
and ancient Christian
tradition and a hard
fought struggle to
keep colonialism at
bay*



**Wednesday, May
22, 4:00 PM**
*Syria:
Our cultural debt
to a sadly
troubled land*

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all graduating High School Seniors!



Applications for the 2019 scholarships are **now available** on our website at:

www.stcath.org/faith-formation/religious-education

The St. Catherine of Siena Scholarship Fund provides scholarships and awards to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership skills through their own participation in church, school and community service activities. These scholarships will be awarded based on the student's participation, and not on family history of participation now or in the past.

The scholarships and awards are funded by contributions from individual parishioners and corporate donors to the St. Catherine Scholarship Fund.

Completed applications must be **postmarked no later than May 1, 2019.**



**Catechists are needed
for the 2019-2020 school year.**

*Please consider sharing your love for our
Lord with the children of our parish.*

For more information, contact the Faith
Formation office at 203-637-3661 X329.



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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.

family fun night

Join us on April 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lucey Parish Hall. This is the last **Family Fun Night** for the school year! All children registered in religious education for grades 1 – 5 and their families are invited to attend.

Please **RSVP to Emma Doring at 203-637-3661 ext. 330** by April 23.

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank you that no matter what I may face today, with your help I will be able to endure, overcome and prevail. I thank you in advance for your strength and energy that will sustain me, your wisdom that will guide me and your peace that will fill me. May I honor you today in all I think, say and do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

HOPE FOR THE BROKEN HEARTED.COM



The saints are our heroes in the faith, and their lives inspire us to grow closer to Jesus. The children in each of our religious education classes picked a saint that they want to learn about, and then they will teach the other classes about their saint.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Devil often places himself upon the tongues, causing them to chatter nonsensically."

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

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.

Gospel Summary – LK 22:14-23:56

This year we hear Luke's account of Jesus' Passion beginning with the Last Supper which for Luke, shows signs of the heavenly banquet. During the meal, Jesus predicted but did not name his betrayer. Following the meal, all the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray. There Jesus was, indeed, handed over by Judas to the Jewish leaders. In retaliation, a disciple cut off a servant's ear, but Jesus touched the ear and healed him. Jesus went before the high priest in whose courtyard Peter denied Jesus the three times predicted at supper. At daybreak, Jesus went before the Sanhedrin and on to Pilate, to Herod, and back to Pilate who tried to release Jesus to the crowds. Pilate did not find Jesus guilty of anything, but the crowd pressed for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus was led to the cross, helped by Simon, mourned by the women of Jerusalem, and taunted by the Roman soldiers. When at last Jesus died, a man named Joseph gave up his tomb so that Jesus would not be buried in a common grave of criminals.

Reflection for Families

Simon is not one of the most notable figures in the story of Jesus' Passion, but perhaps he is the one with whom we can most identify. Whether we'd rather do something else, are too tired, or just want a break from time to time, we know how Simon felt being pressed into service at a time when he would rather not. But Simon was a responsible citizen, just as we are responsible people. And, whatever our mood or preferences, we do what we must do. In the end, our hearts are glad, just as Simon knew there was something special about his action. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow Jesus in service—even when it is difficult.

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

As a family find some time during Holy Week to walk through the Stations of the Cross. Take a Bible or Stations of the Cross booklet along with you and recall the passion as you move from station to station. Allowing all members of your family to participate may require paraphrasing but let as many as possible be part of the event

Discussion Starters

1. One way I can help someone carry a cross is by. . .
2. One way I deny Jesus is when. . .
3. One way I live my faith, even though it may be difficult is. . .