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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND ST. AGNES

Of one heart and mind
-ACTS 4:32



*"May it be done to me
according to your word."*

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20, 2020

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor
Rev. Mark D'Silva, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Christopher Johnson, Resident Priest

Deacon Renato Berzolla
Deacon Vincent Heidenreich
Deacon Robert Henrey, Retired
Deacon John Linsenmeyer
Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Our updated Mass Schedule, Attendance Guidelines / Directions and *SignUpGenius* link are posted on the **Home Page** of our website at: www.STC-STA.org

Please note: Per guidelines from Bishop Caggiano, everyone must sign up to attend weekend Masses in person.

[VIEW THE LIVESTREAM from LocalLive link HERE](#)

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Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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By appointment—please call Kelly Myers at extension 328.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Individual only)

Please call the Rectory to arrange for a Baptism and a Pre-Baptism Session for parents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

Please access **Daily Readings** at this web link:

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM Margaret and Patsy Orrico
John Ceci

10:30AM John Florence and Karl Ritzler
Terence Cunniffe

Monday, December 21

7:00 AM Pat O'Hara, Anthony Tempesta

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 AM Sandy Mistretta, Sally Palumbo

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 AM Thomas G. Shea, Elizabeth Soresse

Thursday, December 24

7:00 AM Anthony and Dolores Cizatelli

2:00 PM For All Parishioners

4:00 PM For All Parishioners

6:00 PM For All Parishioners

11:30 PM For All Parishioners

Friday, December 25

8:30 AM For All Parishioners

10:30 AM For All Parishioners

Saturday, December 26

5:00 PM Dyanna Borges

Alberto, Maria, Emilia Zinco and Luigi, Antonia
Filomena Vitti

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM Helen and William Lumzer
Rosaria and Lorenzo Bria

10:30 AM Raffaele, Antonio and Pietro Diaso
Maria and donato Sinisi

11:00 AM For All Parishioners

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 26

3:00-4:00 PM (Reconciliation)
Fr. William F. Platt

5:00 PM Fr. Mark D'Silva

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM Fr. Mark D'Silva

10:30 AM Fr. William F. Platt

11:00 AM Fr. Gilbert D'Souza (Spanish Mass)

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

November 14 & 15 SC & SA\$9,065*

Christmas\$125**

November 21 & 22 SC & SA\$13,405*

Special Donations\$170**

November 28 & 29 SC & SA\$7,358*

Special Donations\$330**

December 5 & 6 SC & SA\$15,1378*

Special Donations\$250**

*Offertory includes **Monthly, Annual (AEG)** and
Online Giving (OLG)

****Special Donations** to Parish for help with
ongoing Operating Budget

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Worship Schedule: Special Event on December 21 & 22

Visit the Lights and Creche – ALL ARE WELCOME!

December 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at **St. Catherine's Campus**

Families will receive a Family Prayer

December 22 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at **St. Agnes Campus**

Families will receive a Family Prayer



The full **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day** and **Solemnity of Mary** worship schedules are posted on the *Home Page* of our website: www.stc-sta.org.

Please sign up for in-person attendance early using the *Sign-up Genius* link: <https://tinyurl.com/AttendMass>



Christmas Carol Sing-Along:

[Click HERE to view](#) or visit

<https://events.locallive.tv/events/4335>

[Worship Aid Here](#)

*The Parish of
St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes
congratulates and welcomes
Colin Leonard Campinell
Amelia Jane Staub
Baptized into God's family on
December 12 & 13, 2020*



Our Fond Farewell. . .

Thank you to Fr. Mark D'Silva for all of his work and ministry at our parish. On **January 2, 2021** he will begin his ministry as the *Parochial Administrator* of *Sacred Heart Church* in Greenwich. Fr. Mark has been a blessing and will be missed. **We will celebrate him** when it is safe to gather after the pandemic.



PLEASE NOTE:

- **Fr. Christopher Johnson** will be away from December 11, 2020 to January 14, 2020.
- **Fraudulent E-mails and Text Messages** continue to be sent to our parishioners from **FAKE accounts** while **appearing to come from Fr. Platt**. Please be assured that his **true address is Pastor@stc-sta.org**, and he would **NEVER** ask for money through e-mails or texts!

Please pray for the sick members of our parish, especially for

Matt Massulli Lucy Mendenhall Lina Iacono
Deacon Vincent Heidenreich Rose Fiorita
Frank Hyson Sheila Raymond Olga Iacobazzo
Barbara Weltz Isabel Ballesteros
Mark J. Marino

Please also pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially for

John C. Riley (12-1-20) Ann McAdam (12-14-20)
Thomas William Conelias (12-13-20)

2020 Thanks-Is-Giving Appeal Status

Total Donations as of December 13, 2020:
\$88,963.

If you would like to make your donation to **The 2020 TIG** campaign now via our **ONLINE GIVING** tool, [click here](#) or visit our parish website at www.stc-sta.org/giving/online-giving.

Donations can also be mailed to the rectory at **4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878.**

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Invitation to Apply for Students

All High School or College Age (only) students are invited to apply to be part of the **St. C and St. A Student Cares Team** that decides how to spend the *COVID-19 Relief Funds* we have raised this year through our *Thanks-Is-Giving (TIG)* campaign.

If you are interested in applying to be part of this team, please fill out this form: [Click Here](#) or go to <https://forms.gle/tQhi9BYdiDRSeSB4A>.

Interviews will take place the week of **January 4th** and the committee will be in place to begin their work by **January 15th**. If you have any questions, please email Lori Wilson at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org

FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

Youth Faith Formation



Please see the December Calendar for important dates.

Do not miss the Christmas Lights on Monday December 21 at St. Catherine or Tuesday December 22 at St. Agnes

Please see below for Advent family resources.

| DECEMBER 2020 | | |
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| Month of December | Living Our Faith: To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive | Do a drive by for someone who is isolated (elderly neighbor, relative or friend) and make a poster or sign to 'say hello' and that you are thinking of them |
| Month of December | Living Our Faith: To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive | Residents at Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Center will have limited visitors due to COVID. Help make their Christmas bright by sending personally signed Christmas cards to: Chaplaincy Card Drive, The Nathaniel Witherell, 70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich CT, 06830. |
| Month of December | Catholic Brain: Advent Program | Designed to help children understand the true meaning of Christmas through daily videos and other fun activities (see bulletin for details) |
| Week of 12/13/21 ~~~~~ ZOOM CLASSES ~~~~~ | | |
| Monday, 12/21/2020 | Christmas Lights | Take a drive with your family to see the Christmas lights and creche at St. Catherine and receive a special family prayer. (from 5pm - 7pm) |
| Tuesday, 12/22/2020 | Christmas Lights | Take a drive with your family to see the Christmas lights and creche at St. Agnes and receive a special family prayer. (from 5pm - 7pm) |

CATHOLIC BRAIN offers a daily Advent video presented by Fr. John (go to 'Season Programs').

- Website: <https://www.catholicbrain.com/login>
 Step 1: Click on 'Student'. It is the 4th tab on the top of the screen.
 Step 2: Enter your child's name and your email account. You only need to register 1 child.
 Step 3: Create a user-name and password.
 Step 4: Enter **STC76605** for the 'School Code'.
 Step 5: Pick your child's grade and enter 'St Catherine and St Agnes' as Parish name.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Website: <https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources/>

"27 Ways to Prepare for Christmas 2020" is a colorful 4 page print out that is family oriented with a daily activity

Adult Faith Formation

Spiritual Direction

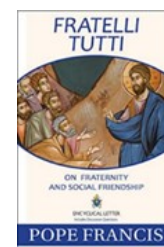
Enter holy ground...if you have a desire to deepen your faith and get in touch with your God Moments, moments when you know for sure that God is present, Spiritual Direction might be the answer. It is for anyone who is seeking a deeper connection with God. You and the director look at God's movement and presence in your life.

Please email Lori Wilson if you are interested at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org.

Fratelli Tutti – Third Encyclical - by Pope Francis

In this encyclical, the pope reflects on human solidarity and friendship. He addresses women and men as his sisters and brothers and calls us to consider what our familial connection calls us to.

Our next meeting will be on December 28th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Chapter 3. You can purchase or download a free copy from the internet. Please email Lori Wilson at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org if you are interested so that she can forward the Zoom invite .



COMMUNITY NEWS

Luke McQuillan's Holiday Fundraiser



for Yale New Haven Children's Hospital

It's that time of year again...for Luke McQuillan's Holiday Fundraiser for Tween and Teen Patients at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital!

Please watch Luke's 2-minute video with important Covid-related changes for 2020. Click on the YouTube link below.

<https://youtu.be/BWyeATMqtdM>

If you are able to support these kids, please click on the second link below.

<http://www.givetoynhh.org/lukefundraiser>

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

The McQuillan Family
Thomas, Meg, Genna and Luke

Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor Continues. . . New needs emerge



The Social Justice Committee of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes continues the Food & Essentials drives for Neighbor-to-Neighbor every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM as long as weather permits.

The need is not going away.

CLICK HERE or visit www.stc-sta.org/community-news for details on items needed and drop-off procedures.

We are now also collecting new knit caps—our goal is 600, hand-knit or purchased. If you wish to help in this endeavor, please start knitting. Simple patterns and excellent *YouTube* tutorials are online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szX6slq2Q8Y>

Thank you to all the knitters and shoppers—we are inching toward our goal—and thank you to ALL for your ongoing dedication to this critical mission!



FAVORITE PIX of the WEEK

Our beautiful St. Catherine's campus lit up for the night and Advent worship celebration



A joyous
Advent Lessons & Carols service



Generosity abounds with trunks full of donations for *Neighbor-to-Neighbor*!



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