



Second Sunday of Advent: December 6, 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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

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 6

8:30 AM Dorothy Masny

Gregg Hughes

10:30 AM John Manuli

Mary and Anthony Lalor

Monday, December 7

7:00 AM Amelia Turek

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 AM Mary and Dominick Morelli

12:10PM Dolores D. Trudden

5:15 PM Mary Zolinak

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 AM Anthony LoFrisco

Joseph Iocono

Gaetanina and Ernest Vitale

Thursday, December 10

7:00 AM Royce Moshier

Ernest Whittle, Jr.

Friday, December 11

7:00 AM Stephen X. Carroll, Sr.

Saturday, December 12

5:00 PM Carmelina, Robert and Louis Curcio, Sr.

Richard Raffa

Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM Ann and Sal Caraccio,

Filomena and William Morelli

Misia Miliacca

10:30 AM Paul Brady, Albert Greco, Sr.

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

November 7 & 8 SC & SA\$12,569*

Special Donations\$700**

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**

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

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Regular Worship Schedule: December through February 2021

Monday – Friday

7:00 AM **Daily Mass** at St. Catherine's Church – *In-person* and *Livestream*
5:15 – 5:45 PM **Distribution of Holy Communion** at front door of Rectory;
Mask and Social Distance required.

Saturday

3:00 – 4:00 PM **Confessions** at St. Agnes Church (specific dates in the bulletin)
5:00 PM **Vigil Mass** at St. Catherine's Church – *In-person* and *Livestream*

Sunday

7:30 – 8:00 AM **Distribution of Holy Communion** at front door of Rectory; Mask and Social Distance required.

8:30 AM **Mass** at St. Agnes Church – *In-person*

10:30 AM **Mass** at St. Catherine's Church – *In-person* and *Livestream*

11:00 AM – **Language Masses** at St. Agnes Church – *In-person*

- French on the 2nd Sunday of the month
- Spanish on the 4th Sunday of the month

5:00 – 5:30 PM **Distribution of Holy Communion** at front door of Rectory; Mask and Social Distance required.

The **Advent and Christmas** worship schedules, including **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day Masses**, 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>

2020 Thanks-Is-Giving Appeal

November again invites us to participate in our **Thanks-Is-Giving (TIG)** campaign. This year, we are inviting you to help us do something different: [Click here](#) or go to www.stc-sta.org/stewardship for details.

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!



Of one heart and mind
-ACTS 4:32

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

**Please also pray for the
deceased members
of our parish.**



A D V E N T *Lessons & Carols*



Please join us for a
Candle-lit service of **Lessons and Carols**
on **Sunday, December 13, 2020** starting at **6:30 PM**.

Take an hour of prayer, scripture and music to
prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

Music by our own musicians.

Reading by Bill Baker.

All are welcome via Livestream only!

Tell your friends.

Find the livestream here:

<https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>

FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

Youth Faith Formation



Advent started on Sunday November 29th.

Below are some family resources.

Catholic Brain

- Provides Advent videos, songs, activities, prayers, reflections, games, and quizzes.
- Website: <https://www.catholicbrain.com/login>
This is the log-in page and you will need to 'Create a new account' the first time you visit the site.
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 the Parish name.
- If you are not tired of online resources, there is a daily 3-5 minute Advent video presented by Fr John. It is not automatically sent to your email and you will need to log in and go to 'Season Programs' and look for this image.



Diocese of Bridgeport

- Includes a great list of Advent Resources broken down by the following categories.
 - * General Resources
 - * Calendars
 - * Family
 - * Teens
 - * Adults



- Website: <https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources/>
- Check out the '27 Ways to Prepare for Christmas 2020'. It is a colorful, 4 page print-out that is family oriented and has an activity for each day. Also available in Spanish.

Adult Faith Formation



**Advent Retreat in Daily Life for Adults:
A 10-day guided retreat
in the comfort of your own home, on your own time.
December 6-15, 2020**

- **December 6** (3:00- 4:00 PM) — We will begin together with an orientation and an opening prayer via *Zoom*.
- You will commit to spending 20 – 30 minutes in prayer each day using a resource that will be emailed to you.
- You have the choice to book a private session to talk about your prayer experiences.
- **December 15** (7:00 – 8:00 PM) — We will close together with a prayer service via *Zoom*.
- You will be ready to celebrate the Birth of Christ in your hearts and homes more fully.
- Give yourself an early Christmas gift! Space is limited to 20 people.
- Email Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org to sign up.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor Continues. . . New Needs for Christmas

The Social Justice Committee continues to collect food items for *Neighbor to Neighbor* each Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the parking lot across the street from St. Catherine's Church.

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



In addition to the food that we collect for *Neighbor to Neighbor*, we have had a request to collect the following items for them for **Christmas** as well:

- **Personal care** products such as *soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine products.*
- Large **diapers**, Size 5 and 6 and Trainer Pull-ups
- **Gloves and knit hats***

Are you a part of a ministry that could join together to purchase any/ some of these items? Does your ministry want to adopt a particular personal care product to provide in large quantities?

**If you knit or crochet, here's a unique opportunity to put your skills into practice and spread joy and warmth this Christmas season.*

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to this mission!

Mass Scheduling and Safety Procedures During the Pandemic

There have been questions about why our Mass schedule is as it is and why it changes at times. Unlike many public places, including some churches, **we are thorough and meticulous in sanitizing**— it takes us 1 ½ hours between each of the **services**. We sanitize from top to bottom - including bathrooms and door handles. We are sorry if the Mass schedule changes are a temporary inconvenience, but **Fr. Platt's major concern since the beginning of this pandemic has been his parishioners' safety**. Our parish was the first to begin to cancel Masses and functions (Confirmation), even before a national or diocesan mandate. Fr. Platt has seen people die from *COVID-19* before their time, and it's a terrible way to die. He is committed to not have one of his parishioners die in that manner if he can help it. Please pardon the temporary inconvenience of changes in the Mass schedule.

Our goal is that we can all worship in a safe environment. Thank you for your patience with our reduced Mass schedule and for your understanding and support.

[Click here](#) or go to www.stc-sta.org/community-news for helpful, detailed information on *COVID-19* virus community spreading from the *CDC* website.



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

presents. . .

**How to Network Successfully
in the Virtual World of COVID 19**

*Zoom Meeting with
Career Coach Win Sheffield*

Thursday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 PM

Networking makes many of us uncomfortable in the best of times. The challenge of networking virtually in a COVID 19 world (no events, no coffees, no lunches, and virtually no opportunity for face to face communications) just ups the game. Not only do we need to master new media, but we have to do it in a more competitive marketplace.

Join us for an evening with NYC-based Career Coach Win Sheffield www.winsheffield.com, who will guide us through the new world of virtual networking via *Zoom* Call Meeting--details to be provided once RSVP'd.

[Click here](#) (www.stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle) for details on what you'll learn from this session and RSVP information. **RSVP is required.**

FAVORITE PIX of the WEEK

5th Grade Faith Formation student makes a difference!
He is an awesome example of "Living Our Faith:" He ran a Thanksgiving neighborhood food drive and delivered food to *Neighbor to Neighbor!*



The many faces of regular and 1st-time Neighbor-to-Neighbor donors



Sanitizing and getting ready for Sunday at St. Agnes. . .



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