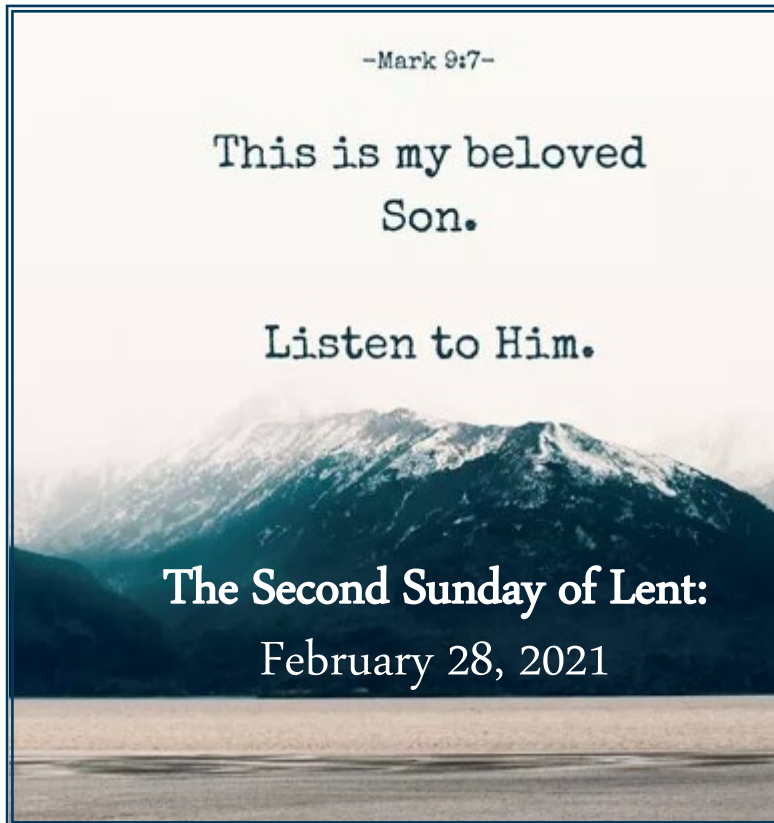




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Rev. Christopher Johnson, Priest in Residence

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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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month at St. Agnes Church or by appointment.

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

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

Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM **Intention:** All Parishoners

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson

10:30 AM **Intention:** Marguerite DiBiase

Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

11:00 AM **Intention:** All Parishoners

Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert D'Souza
(Spanish Mass)

Monday, March 1

7:00 AM **Intention:** Joseph DiSimone

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 AM **Intention:** Sheila Cleaves

Thursday, March 4

7:00 AM **Intentions:** All Parishioners

Friday, March 5

7:00 AM **Intentions:** Gennaro Noce

Saturday, March 6

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

5:00 PM **Intention:** Kimberly Orrico Gillick

Celebrant: Fr. William Platt

Sunday, March 7

8:30 AM **Intention:** Anthony Samy

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson

10:30 AM **Intention:** Joseph DiSimone

Pasquale Capparelle

Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

January 30 & 31 SC & SA\$8,920*

Christmas Donations\$150

February 6 & 7 SC & SA\$23,665*

February 13 & 14 SC & SA\$9,200*

February 20 & 21 SC & SA\$9,491*

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

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Student Cares Team Update

The *Student Cares Team* has written our mission statement: **The Student Cares Team strives to aid individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community in need who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to further our faith and our connection with God.**

We are a newly formed organization of high school students who are looking to make a positive difference in our community.

Here are the wonderful people on our team:

Molly Kriskey - Chair

Alexander Robles - Co-Chair

Bryn McConnell - Director of Communications

Patrick Sullivan - Director of Research

Mark Vollmer - Director of Finance

The rest of our team members are split between these three subcommittees and are **Adriana Jones** and **Catherine Ruf** (*Communications*), **Amy Maher** and **Cristofer Santanna** (*Finance*), and **Claire Maher** and **Karina Sethi** (*Research*). We will continue to update you on our work, but for now, thank you for giving us this opportunity through your contributions to this parish for COVID relief, which we will use to help others!



The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes “Virtual Choir” Premiere:

*Gabriel Faure, Requiem,
VI. Libera Me, Domine*



You can view our Virtual Choir's awesome recorded performance and Subscribe to their *YouTube* channel to see more of their work at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntqj4aJHYvw>
and on the *Music Ministry* page of our website at www.stc-sta.org.

Celebrate Black History Month



As we celebrate Black History Month, we remember the profound contributions that people of color have made to our nation since it's founding. We also recall the evils which have been visited upon them during the course of that very same history. The sin of racism remains. People continue to be judged by the color of their skin rather than by the content of their character. We pray, particularly during this holy season of Lent, that the sin of prejudice may cease and that we begin to truly see all as beloved Children of God.

Fr. Bill Platt

Enjoy Maya Angelou's acclaimed **Caged Bird** poem dedicated to Black History Month here:

<https://youtu.be/rZzOxWAXde0>

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

Robert Adovasio Isabel Ballesteros Patrick Colangelo Rose Fiorita
Deacon Vincent Heidenreich Olga Iacobazzo Lina Iacono Mark J. Marino
Matt Massulli Lucy Mendenhall Joe Roe Barbara Weltz

Please also pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially for
Vittorio Ceci (2-19-21)



FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

Youth Faith Formation



CALENDAR		
Fri, 2/26/21	Sacrament of	St. Catherine: 2/26/21 at 6pm or 2/27/21 at 10am or 2pm
Sat, 2/27/21	Confirmation	St. Agnes: 2/27/21 at 12pm
Month of March	Living Our Faith: To shelter the homeless	Raise funds and donate to Inspirica who is trying to break the cycle of homelessness by helping achieve permanent housing and stability in peoples lives. If interested, please email Kelly Myers.
Month of March	National Read Across America Day	Read scripture from the Bible (details to follow).
Saturday, 3/6/21	Sacrament of First Reconciliation	St. Catherine from 12pm - 2pm or St. Agnes from 2pm - 4pm
Week of 3/21/21		ZOOM CLASSES
Sunday, 3/28/21	Stations of the Cross	Students will lead prayer service (details to follow). Livestreamed at 7:30pm.

Lenten Resources

The Diocese of Bridgeport

- * They created an amazing poster titled, *40 Ways to Encounter Christ This Lent*
English: <https://formationreimagined.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Lenten-calendar-2021.pdf>
Spanish: <https://formationreimagined.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Lenten-calendar-2021-SP.pdf>
- * Do you want to understand how other cultures celebrate Holy Week? Or what the Holy Week symbols represent? Do you want to know why Christians fast? Or where Jesus walked?
Click on this link to find other useful resources: <https://formationreimagined.org/lenten-resources/>

Catholic Brain (<https://www.catholicbrain.com/login>)

Fr. John is back! Please follow the below directions to create a new account.

- 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.



Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Retreat in Daily Life ~ A special opportunity!



You are invited to participate in a Lenten Retreat in Daily Life which will run from Ash Wednesday until the start of Holy Week ~ Palm Sunday. Let's journey as a parish family together towards Easter and in our journey, become closer to our loving God and allow God's love to be the foundation of all we do.

It is a guided, self-paced retreat with a direction for every day. You will receive a resource which can either be emailed or picked up at the rectory. In addition, you will be invited to participate in an optional *Zoom* call to reflect on the experiences that are happening in the retreat.

[Click here](#) to sign-up or email Lori Wilson directly.

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 **March 8th at 8pm** via *Zoom* link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88692914895>

Please email Lori Wilson at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org to confirm your attendance.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on the meaning of Lent for their lives today, their ministry and their parish communities.

Join us for this online webinar, which will include inspiring talks and an opportunity to unite together in prayer with other parish liturgical ministers.

Presenter: Fr. Paul Turner, S.T.D., *Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City, MO*, and author of numerous books with *Liturgical Press, World Library Publications* and *Liturgy Training Publications*

Date: Saturday, March 6, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM **Registration fee:** \$15

Location: Online Webinar - Learn from the comfort of your own home!

More information and registration: morningofprayer.eventbrite.com

Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200 x8177



St. Catherine's Support Circle

An SCSC Presentation Via Zoom

How to Stay Organized, Accountable & Motivated in Job Search Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 7:00– 9:00 PM

Mark Troncone, Senior IT Manager, will lead an informative and interactive workshop covering the tools and skills necessary to stay organized, focused and personally accountable during the job search process. We'll look at how to use analytic data to stay motivated and energized while also identifying areas to improve with action plans for faster results. Join us!

[Click here \(www.stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle\)](http://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 to Meeting Chair, Miranda DeSantis at mirandadesantis@me.com.



The **New Day "Journey Through Loss to Healing" Program** is now taking reservations for its Spring Session via *Zoom*. Meeting time to be determined based on responses.

You are not alone in your loss. We are here to accompany you on your journey to healing.

SPRING SESSION: 9 Thursdays

March 18, 25

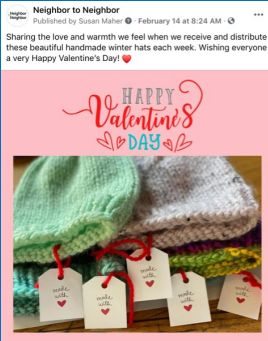
April 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20

(No class: *Holy Thursday, April 1*)

Contact: Parish Partners Ministry • 203-637-3661 Ext. 375 • e-mail: parishpartners4@gmail.com

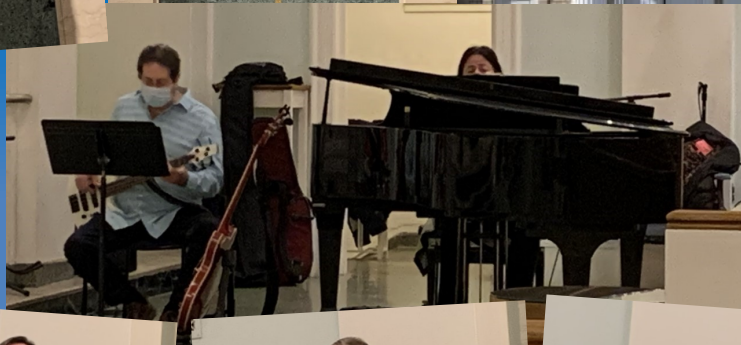
MORE COMMUNITY NEWS



Last week's *Neighbor to Neighbor Food & Essentials Drive* netted over 100 knit hats and lots of generous foods and other essentials, which made so many feel the love and warmth of our community! However, when we delivered the food we learned that the 14 TAG buses had been vandalized and all of their Catalytic Converters had been stolen, leaving N-to-N scrambling with food to be delivered and leaving TAG with a monumental expense to replace the converters. Read about the details at [this link](#). Bottom line—there's tremendous need out there, people are desperate and that sometimes leads to desperate action. Let's be mindful of the needs of others and help in any way we can. There is much gratitude to our parish and to our neighbors beyond the parish who support this effort to assuage the hunger that grips many in our community.

FAVORITE PIX of the WEEK

Our Lenten Family Prayer Service—Living Your Faith in Lent helped us enter the season of Lent on February 21st. If you were unable to attend in person or view the service online, view and enjoy the livestream broadcast at this link: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/46594>



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