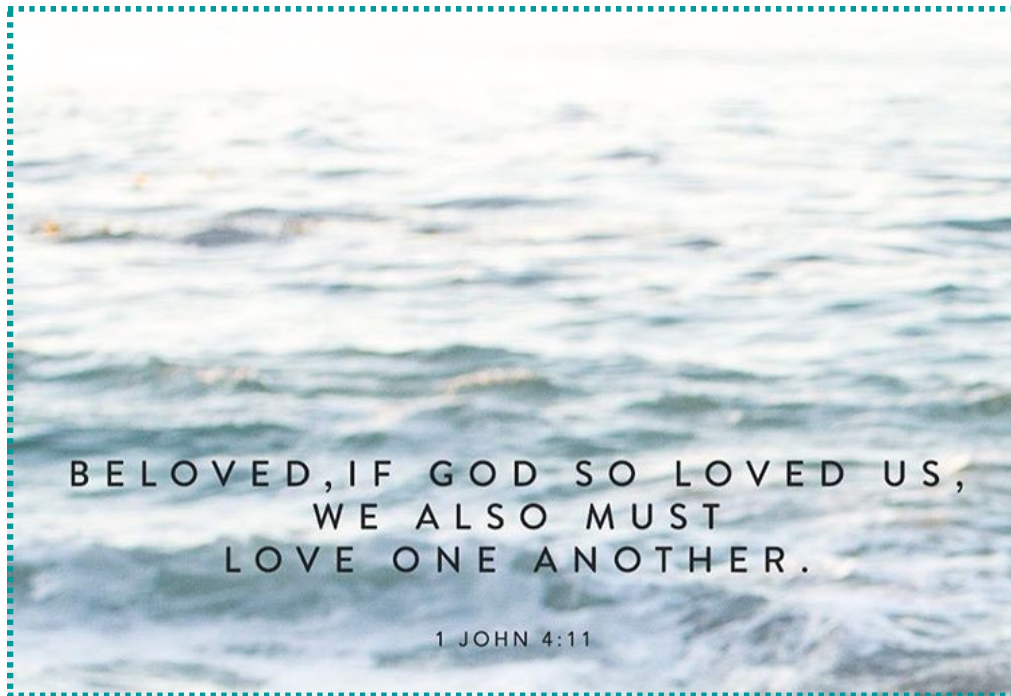




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Of one heart and mind
-ACTS 4:32



BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US,
WE ALSO MUST
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

1 JOHN 4:11

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16, 2021

Rev. William F. Platt, Pastor
Rev. Christopher Johnson, Priest in Residence

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass at St. Catherine's Church

Sunday

7:30 AM – Mass at St. Catherine's Church

9:00 AM – Mass at St. Agnes Church*

10:30 AM – Mass at St. Catherine's Church

11:00 AM – Language Masses (2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month)
at St. Agnes Church & Lucey Parish Hall (Italian only)

5:00 PM – Mass at St. Agnes Church*

Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

7:00 AM – Daily Mass at St. Catherine's Church

5:15 PM – Daily Mass at St. Agnes Church*

*Under the tent from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM at St. Catherine's HERE: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>

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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.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule dates for **Baptisms, Weddings** and **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (1st Saturday of every month or by appointment).

Financial Report: Sunday Offertory

(for the last four weekends)

April 10 & 11 SC & SA\$11,311*

April 17 & 18 SC & SA\$12,236*

Easter Donations.....\$350

April 24 & 25 SC & SA\$8,522*

May 1 & 2 SC & SA\$12,446*

Special Donations.....\$120**

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

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

Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule

Sunday, May 16

7:30 AM **Intention:** Leona Tarantino
Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar
9:00 AM **Intentions:** Iacobuoni, Giovanni, Angela,
Michael, Luigia and Family
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt
10:30 AM **Intention:** The Degiacomo Family
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher
5:00 PM **Intentions:** Rosina Capalbo
Teresa Petrone
Carmela Russo
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson

Monday, May 17

7:00 AM **Intention:** Fr. Miroslav Sultus
5:15 PM **Intention:** Parishioners

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 AM **Intention:** Edward Burns
5:15 PM **Intention:** All Souls

Thursday, May 20

7:00 AM **Intention:** John Franco
5:15 PM **Intention:** Parishioners

Friday, May 21

7:00 AM **Intention:** John O'Leary
5:15 PM **Intention:** All Souls

Saturday, May 22

5:00 PM **Intention:** Richard Raffa
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

Sunday, May 23

7:30 AM **Intention:** Paula Genova
Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar
9:00 AM **Intentions:** Frank Riccio
Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar
10:30 AM **Intention:** Mary Romeo
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Johnson
11:00 AM **(Spanish Mass)**
Intentions: Carlos & Teulda Grandas
Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert D'Souza
11:00 AM **(Italian Mass)**
Intentions: Rosina Capalbo
Teresa Petrone
Carmela Russo
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher
5:00 PM **Intentions:** All Parishioners
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Catholic Communication Campaign

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

May 15 & 16

Today we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Bridgeport to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Pray the Rosary

May 20 & 27

The Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at St. Agnes on Thursdays, **May 20th & May 27th at 10:00 AM**. Please join us if you can.



Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit

with Reflections from Pope Francis

MAY 13 to MAY 22

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commanded his apostles to "wait for the promise of the Father" in Jerusalem. Nine days later the apostles celebrated the Jewish feast of *Pentecost*, and God fulfilled his promise by sending the Holy Spirit. This was the first "novena."

A novena is a traditional prayer devotion in which prayers are said for nine consecutive days. By praying a novena to the Holy Spirit, we can imitate the example of Mary and the apostles when they prayed and waited for the Holy Spirit. We can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit in a new way.

There are many options online, and you can adapt these to fit the needs of your own family. Traditionally, the *Novena to the Holy Spirit* starts nine days before *Pentecost*, but you can start and pray it anytime you feel appropriate.

Please join us in prayer by going to <https://www.stc-sta.org/community-news> or [clicking here](#) for the *Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit for Families with Reflections from Pope Francis*.

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

Bill Baker

Olga Iacobazzo

Lina Iacono

Shirley Marzullo

Lucy Mendenhall

Catherine Spezzano

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

Katherine (Joan) Murphy (5-5-21)

Ann Isaacson (4-7-20)

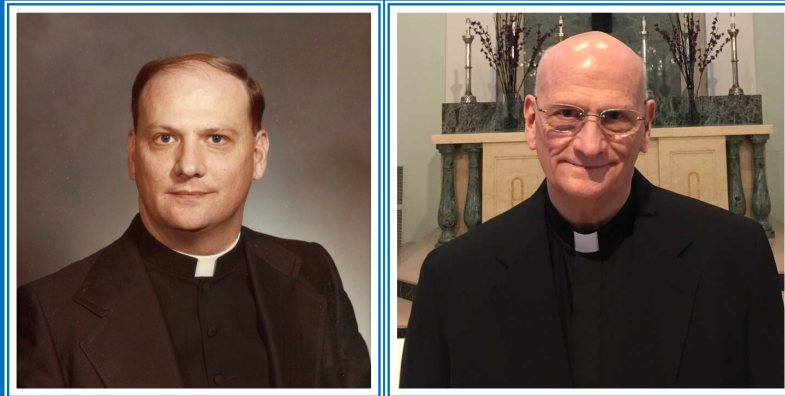
Timothy D. Morris (4-27-20)

Christopher Webster (4-30-20)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Msgr. Alan F. Detscher Celebrates 50 Years as a Priest on Sunday, May 16th!



***Please help us in congratulating Msgr. Detscher
on his 50th Anniversary and countless Sacramental Celebrations!***

St. Catherine of Siena

Parochial Vicar: October 18, 1996-October 8, 2004

Pastor: October 9, 2004-January 31, 2019

Some Background. . .

Born in Greenwich, the middle child of three, Msgr. Detscher attended *Byram Elementary School* and *Greenwich High School*. In addition to his studies, he spent many hours working in the family business, *Detscher's Variety Bakery*, a Greenwich mainstay for more than 40 years. While in high school, he dreamed of studying biology and medicine, but he also served Mass regularly and felt he had a calling to the priesthood.

Ordained a priest in 1971, Msgr. Detscher spent a year as associate pastor of *St. Peter Church* in Bridgeport before becoming a longtime *Secretary to the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport*, then the Most Rev. Walter Curtis. Over the years, he held leadership roles in several diocesan parishes in Stamford, Fairfield and Bridgeport. He later spent 11 years in Washington, D.C., holding national posts, such as *Executive Director of the Secretariat for Liturgy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*. Along the way, he traveled to the *Pontifical Liturgical Institute* in Rome to earn two of his three degrees in liturgy, a topic he holds dear.

Msgr. Detscher is a beautiful example of a servant leader. You can also honor him by completing an act of service in the next few weeks, if you are able.

We look forward to celebrating Msgr. Detscher with an appropriate, in-person gathering in the coming months, as soon as we can do so safely. . . stay tuned for the details!

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FAITH in ACTION



St. Catherine's Support Circle

An SCSC Presentation Via Zoom

Interviewing Skills and How to Apply Them in a Remote World Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for an informative and interactive session on how to sharpen your interview skills, particularly as they apply in a virtual interview setting. In this session we will focus on how to appropriately set yourself up for success, virtually, on the remote stage as well as provide tips and insights on the essential elements of a great interview.

This session will be co-presented by *Sandra Marr* and *Chris Tella*, both SCSC Steering Committee members. [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 the presenters, what you'll learn from this session and RSVP information.

RSVP is required to Meeting Chair, Sandra Marr at sandracmarr@gmail.com and you will receive an email response with the Zoom link information on the morning of May 20.



Social Justice Planning Meeting Thursday, May 20, 7:30 PM via Zoom

Please join the *Social Justice Committee* on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM as we plan for the next year. We hope to brainstorm ideas for programs and events for our parish.

Have you been in another parish that has had a robust Social Justice Program? We would love to hear about it. Have you seen programs in other agencies that could work in partnership with this parish? Please tell us about them. Would you like to be a part of a *Swift Tactical Action Team (STAT)* that would be able to respond quickly to current events? Attend the meeting.

Please **respond** to socialjustice@stc-sta.org to receive the Zoom link.

Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor Continues **Your support is still urgently needed and greatly appreciated!**

The Social Justice Committee of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes continues the Food & Essentials drive for *Neighbor to Neighbor* every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM in the parking area across the street from the Rectory. (Donations may also be left in the Church vestibules at the times of all Masses.)

The need is not going away:

550 households receive groceries each week, and our collections are an essential piece of this support system.

Visit www.stc-sta.org/community-news for details on drop-off and items needed.

Thank you to ALL for your ongoing dedication to this critical mission!



MORE FAITH in ACTION



Join us as Deacon Robert Henrey continues to present his Spring series via *Zoom*

How the West came to Encounter the East

Next session: **May 26**

In his latest series of illustrated presentations, Robert's goal is to share his interest in Asian cultures, their histories, religious traditions and languages – an interest stimulated thanks to several years living and working in South East Asia and to ongoing opportunities for professional contacts, travel and study. He describes the process whereby adventurers, traders and scholarly missionaries brought back home a growing awareness of the richness they had encountered. Each session is designed to stimulate discussion.



May 26 - Part Three: *The Portuguese Century of Discovery*

June 2 - Part Four: *The Rise and Fall of the Mughals and how rival Europeans stepped into the void*

Join us at **5:00 PM** for these engaging events on this *Zoom* link: <https://zoom.us/j/91648902276>

Visit <https://www.stc-sta.org/community-news> for series details and to view recordings of **Parts One & Two**.

FAVORITE PIX of the WEEK

Sunday's assembly of Christ's people—windows, doors and hearts wide open!



Weekly donations to our neighbors in need continue to flow during these challenging times!



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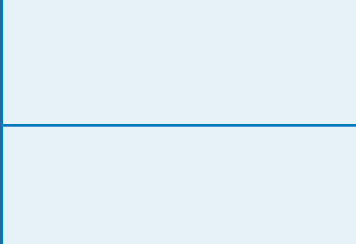
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