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Of one heart and mind
-ACTS 4:32



The Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 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 9

7:30 AM **Intention:** Joseph Vittoria
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

9:00 AM **Intentions:** Vincenzo, Ubaldo and Joseph Iacona

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar

10:30 AM **Intention:** Anna Dalski
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

11:00 AM **(French Mass)**
Intentions: All Parishioners
Celebrant: Fr. Gilbert

5:00 PM **Intention:** Catherine Sanna
Celebrant: Fr. William F. Platt

Monday, May 10

7:00 AM **Intention:** John Franco

5:15 PM **Intention:** All Parishioners

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 AM **Intention:** Timothy Huff

5:15 PM **Intention:** All Souls

Wednesday, May 12 (Vigil of the Ascension)

5:15 PM **Intention:** Ruth Reese

Thursday, May 13

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

12:10 PM **Intentions:** All Souls

5:15 PM **Intention:** Vito Matturro

Friday, May 14

7:00 AM **Intention:** Ramon Sanchez

5:15 PM **Intention:** All Parishioners

Saturday, May 15

5:00 PM **Intentions:** DiRusso, Orazio, Enrico, Guiseppe, Clino and Family

Celebrant: Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Sunday, May 16

7:30 AM **Intention:** Leona Tarantino

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Sankar

9:00 AM **Intentions:** Iacabuoni, Giovani, 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. William F. Platt

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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*.



Catholic Communication Campaign CONNECT WITH CHRIST

May 15 & 16

Next week, our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains in the Diocese of Bridgeport to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

*The Parish of
St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes
congratulates and welcomes*
Santiago Heredia
Dawson Francis Lisowski
Hunter Kai Mogg
Cloe Warzoha
Brady Finnerty
&
Luke JW Lisiewski
Baptized into God's family on
May 1 & 2, 2021



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

Bill Baker Olga Iacobazzo Lina Iacono
Shirley Marzullo Lucy Mendenhall
Catherine Spezzano

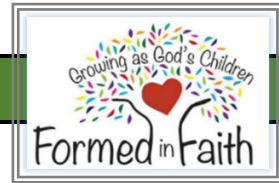
Please also pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially for

Joseph Constantino (4-26-21) Mary Kathryn Gagliardi (4-29-21)
Edward Ailleo (4-30-21)



FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

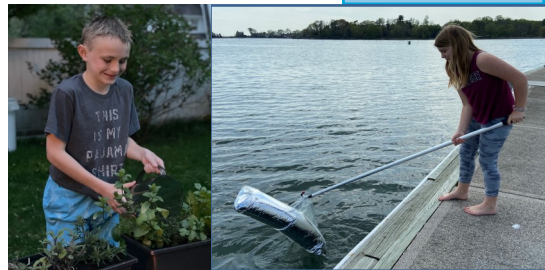
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CALENDAR		
Saturday, 5/8/21	Sacrament of First Eucharist	St. Catherine: 10am or 1pm
Saturday, 5/15/21	Sacrament of First Eucharist	St. Catherine: 10am or 1pm or St. Agnes: 3pm
Sunday, 5/16/21	May Crowning	Honoring mothers St. Agnes 9am and St. Catherine 10:30am
Week of 5/16/21	~~~~~	LAST WEEK OF ZOOM CLASSES ~~~~~

5th Graders Live Their Faith on Earth Day!

One 5th grader said, "I went to the Live Like Luke beach clean up last Saturday. It was a beautiful day at Tod's Point and my parents and I went thru the woods to see if we could find some rubbish to dispose of. We only found some glass bottles. I guess it was good there was not that much garbage to pick up. Luke Meyers was our neighbor and he was a boy who loved nature. I know he would have been proud of all the vendors who came to talk about how to keep the Earth clean and respect it more. My mom pledged to use less plastic straws."



And another 5th grader said, "I rescued 2 balloons today from Long Island Sound. I also have been working on a pollinator bed with my girls scout group weekly at North Mianus School. I work hard all year to save our planet."

A special thank you to all of our 5th graders!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

New Book Group Discussion



In "The Time Is Now," Sister Joan Chittister, a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment, draws on the wisdom of prophets, both ancient and modern, to help us confront the societal forces that oppress and silence the sacred voices among us. Pairing scriptural insights with narratives of the truth-tellers that came before us, Sister Joan offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment.

All are welcome to purchase this book and join us in discussion on **May 10th at 8pm**. Please email Lori Wilson at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org if interested and join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99588092303>

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.

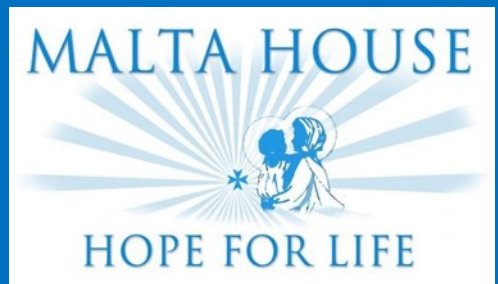


FAITH in ACTION

May 9: Mother's Day Giving for Malta House

This Mother's Day, I suspect you and I will share something special... the love of a woman we call "Mom." Please give today and let us count on you to provide the next mother who comes through our doors with the chance to experience the same blessing of hearing the words, "Happy Mother's Day." There is simply no better place to celebrate mothers than at Malta House.

Please visit our website at www.maltahouse.org to get involved!



Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Did you know???

- Nearly 1 in 3 American families struggle to afford enough diapers
- The average cost to diaper a child is almost \$1,000 a year
- There is no federal or state assistance for the purchase of diapers
- Childcare settings require a supply of diapers; without it, parents can't work

Mothers for Others is a local organization that supports the well-being of underserved families by providing diapers and wipes for children from birth to 3 years old. More information can be found at:

www.mothersforothers.org

The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes is collecting diapers for **Mothers For Others**

Please bring a box (or two!) of diapers to the Rectory **through May 11th**
Most in need of Sizes 4, 5, and 6



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

How the West came to Encounter the East

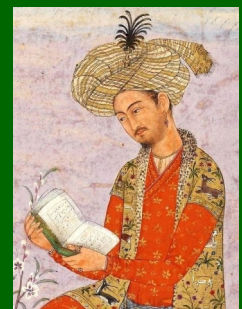
Next session: **May 12**

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 12 - Part Two: *India prior to the Arrival of the Portuguese*

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 recording of **Part One**.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS



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](http://www.stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle) (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!

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!



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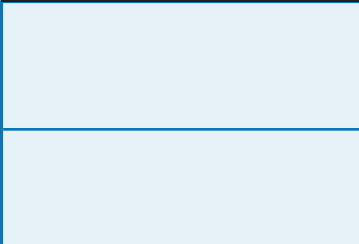
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