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-ACTS 4:32



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

JULY 4, 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 (Summer Schedule)

Italian Mass on **June 20** at St. Catherine's Chapel

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)

June 5 & 6 SC & SA	\$14,241*
June 12 & 13 SC & SA	\$10,861*
June 19 & 20 SC & SA	\$11,982*
June 26 & 27 SC & SA	\$9,550*

***Offertory** includes **Monthly** and **Online Giving (OLG)**

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

Mass Intentions and Celebrant Schedule

Sunday, July 4

7:30 AM	Intention:	Pierce Butler
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt
9:00 AM	Intention:	Sue Lambert
	Celebrant:	Fr. Christopher Johnson
10:30 AM	Intention:	Joseph Pasquino
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt
5:00 PM	Intentions:	Parishioners
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt

Monday, July 5

7:00 AM	Intention:	Pierce Butler
5:15 PM	Intentions:	Parishioners

Tuesday, July 6

7:00 AM	Intention:	Frank Accurso
5:15 PM	Intention:	Mariano DeAngelis

Thursday, July 8

7:00 AM	Intention:	Anthony V. DeBiasi
5:15 PM	Intentions:	All Souls

Friday, July 9

7:00 AM	Intention:	Peter Knudsen
5:15 PM	Intentions:	Parishioners

Saturday, July 10

5:00 PM	Intention:	Sue Jayes
	Celebrant:	Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

Sunday, July 11

7:30 AM	Intention:	Peter Knudsen
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt
9:00 AM	Intention:	Nicholas J. Bartilucci
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt
10:30 AM	Intention:	Joan Scholtes
	Celebrant:	Fr. Christopher Johnson
5:00 PM	Intention:	John Franco
	Celebrant:	Fr. William F. Platt

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

Why are the bishops doing this now?

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' [strategic plan](#) for 2021-2024 is *Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope*. This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?

No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



2nd Announcement

**Michael DiRocco and Morgan Carey
&
Matheus Bueno and Chantelle Pineda
Have made a Promise of Marriage**

**The Parish of
St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes
congratulates and welcomes**

**Alicia Elizabeth Heasman
Hailey Natalia Ovalle
&
Benjamin San Antonio**



**Baptized into God's family on
June 26 and June 27, 2021**

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

Robert Adovasio

Claudia Bouchard

Olga Iacobazzo

Lina Iacono

Jane Laudonia

Shirley Marzullo

Jack McGaraghan

Lucy Mendenhall

Josephine Spadaro

Catherine Spezzano

Barbara Welz

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



Come and Join!

**Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesdays, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
in the St. Catherine's Chapel**



The New York Times June 26, 2021

Beyond the Politics of Communion, a 2,000-Year-Old Holy Mystery

For many Catholics, the eucharist is something wholly apart from partisan skirmishes. It is quite literally about God.

Read the full article online here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/26/us/catholic-communion-eucharist.html>



Consecrated communion wafers known as the eucharist are stored under lock and key in the tabernacle of Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn. **Credit: Ryan Christopher Jones for The New York Times**

FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

~~~ YOUTH FAITH FORMATION ~~~

The pandemic forced us to change how we teach our children but it also gave us time to reflect on how we can renew and refresh our youth faith formation program.

We have seen that once our children receive confirmation, the majority disengage from Catholic life. So, we reimagined a new way of introducing God to our children. A way that shows them how to walk beside Jesus in their own personal life's journey.



In doing this, we responded to Bishop Frank Caggiano's call to the diocese to rework faith formation and to make our program more effective.

- * Registration for **Life's Journey** is open from June 14th – August 31st.
- * There will be a late registration fee of \$100 per child for anyone registering after August 31st.
- * First Reconciliation / First Eucharist is offered in 2nd grade. The child is required to have completed the 1st grade curriculum.
- * Confirmation is offered in 8th or 9th grade. The child is required to have completed the preceding year curriculum.
- * Please see the [parish website](#) for details and to register your child.

~~~ 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 our next discussion of **Chapters 13-15** on **July 20 at 7:00 PM**. Please email Lori Wilson at Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org with questions and to sign-up. Join the Zoom Meeting at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99588092303>



Summer Spirituality Series at St. Agnes under the tent

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available for children in 1st-4th grade at the 9:00 AM Mass on the 3rd and 4th Sundays in June and July.

Remaining dates: July 18 & July 25

Holy Listening is a form of communal prayer. Rooted in Ignatian spirituality principles, this practice invites you to engage in a shared, yet deeply personal prayer. Led by our trained Spiritual Director, Lori Wilson, this group will meet on the following Wednesdays at 4:00 PM for one hour: **July 14, July 21, July 28, & August 4**

Contact Lori Wilson at lori.wilson@stc-sta.org with questions.



FAITH in ACTION



Presents: **St. Catherine's Follies: A Celebration of 40 Years**

Musical Reviews from 40 years of performances

July 30th and July 31st at 7:30 PM

Under the Tent at St Agnes Church

Tickets are available by donation and online and will be based on seating and capacity.

This evening will provide a musical review of some favorite shows of the Players and the audiences, and in many cases, feature the original performers. It will be a night of nostalgia for the guests and an opportunity for the performers to share their talents again with old and new audiences. Both nights of The Follies will honor Jody Breakell and Wendy Blumenthal as past producers of the Players shows for almost a decade.

Performing in the Follies:

Cate Adorney, Charlie Adorney, Lauren Bin, Cristina Carr, Denise Casazzone, Fritz Chery, Patricia Cirigliano Kohn, Mary Cohen, Rebecca Cooper, Elisabeth Franklin, Griffin Handley, Willow Handley, Emma Heavey, Samantha Holomakoff, Christina Kampler, Molly Kriskey, Nancy Leville, Georgia Mann, Tracy Martineau, Luke Merrill, Tony Morello, Regina Perry, Doug Pulick, Jessica Punchatz, Joseph Riedel, Femi Shabiolegbe, Sophie, Sterling, Greg Suss and Katie Suss.

Production Team:

The Follies is Directed by *Lauren Nicole Sherwood* with Musical Direction and Arrangements by *Zachary Kampler*, and Produced by *Denise & Tom Casazzone*. The Production Team also includes the dedicated service of the St. Catherine's Players Board of Directors: *Amy Adorney, Kathy DiGiovanna, Rita Lapcevic, Colm McDermott, Patricia Moran, Father Bill Platt, Cyndy Pulick, Doug Pulick, Kelly Thompson and Lori Wilson.*

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