

# Lent 2020

## Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Confession*

TUESDAYS: 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
or longer if needed.  
In the McClinch Family Center

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

SUNDAYS: 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
In the Church  
TUESDAYS: 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
In the McClinch Family Center

## Daily Mass:

All Mass intentions will be satisfied privately by Father Marcello and Father Bochanski.

## Rosary:

Pray with us using the video on our YouTube channel.

## Stations of the Cross:

Pray with us using the video on our YouTube channel.

## Sunday Mass:

Pray with us using the video of this weekend's Mass on our YouTube channel.

**New Parishioners:** We warmly welcome you, and invite you to register in our parish community. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 10

## Sacrament of Baptism:

Postponed until further notice, except in case of emergency. Please call the Parish Office at (203) 377-3133, x10.

## Parish Office Hours:

Our Parish Office is closed to the public, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We are checking voicemails regularly and will return phone calls as soon as possible.

## Location:

In Historic Nichols  
220 Shelton Road  
Trumbull, CT 06611  
(203) 377-3133  
www.stcathtrumbull.com  
office@stcatherinetrumbull.com

## Connect With Us!

We are working diligently to bring as many of our community's prayers to you as possible:

    @StCathTrumbull  
 TheParishofStCatherineofSiena

# The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena



*"We cannot regard this Lent as just another liturgical season which has simply happened to come around again. It is a unique time: a divine aid which we should accept. Jesus is passing by and he hopes that we will take a great step forward – today, now." - St. Josemaría Escrivá*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 29, 2020

Father Joseph A. Marcello, *Pastor*

Father Philip G. Bochanski, *In Residence*

Deacon Patrick Toole, *Deacon of the Parish*

**Robert J. Cavallero:** *Director of Parish Operations, Ext. 11*

**Dr. William H. Atwood:** *Director of Music and Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries, Ext. 24*

**Lindsay Tristine:** *Director of Religious Education, Ext. 22*

**Mary Ellen Kovacs:** *Director of Pastoral Care, Ext. 19*

**Ellen Moran:** *Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, Ext. 10*

**Nancy Lucas:** *Safe Environments Coordinator*

**Kate Gombos:** *Coordinator of Communications*

**Salvatore Spadaccino:** *Coordinator for Social Justice and Charitable Outreach*

**James J. Panullo:** *Parish Facilities Manager*

**Louis B. Spina:** *Parish Custodian*

**Rachel Ambrosio:** *Principal, St. Catherine of Siena School (203) 375-1947*

**John W. Diercksen:** *Chair, Parish Finance Council*

**Atty. Joseph R. Tristine:** *Chair, Pastoral Advisory Council*

**Kenneth M. Martin, Jr.:** *Lay Member of the Parish Corporation*

**Atty. Marian E. Whiteman:** *Lay Member of the Parish Corporation*





**MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020**

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE SATISFIED PRIVATELY BY FATHER MARCELLO AND FATHER BOCHANSKI.**

- Monday, Mar. 30:** **Lenten Weekday**  
**STATION AT: SAN CRISOGONO**  
† Colin Keegan
- Tuesday, Mar. 31:** **Lenten Weekday**  
**STATION AT: SANTA MARIA IN VIA LATA**  
† Carmen S. DiElsi
- Wednesday, Apr. 1:** **Lenten Weekday**  
**STATION AT: SAN MARCELLO AL CORSO**  
† Edward Fahey
- Thursday, Apr. 2:** **Lenten Weekday**  
**STATION AT: SANT' APOLLINARE**  
Vocations to the Priesthood
- Friday, Apr. 3:** **FIRST FRIDAY**  
**STATION AT: SANTO STEFANO IN MONTE CELIO**  
**Parish-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting**  
*For an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic*
- Saturday, Apr. 4:** **FIRST SATURDAY**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [Anticipated]**  
† Helen & Bronislaus Zmorzynski  
Our Parishioners
- Sunday, Apr. 5:** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
† Nicholas DeVita  
† Michael & Pauline Valovcin  
† Joseph Bunaskavich Jr.  
† Carmen DiElsi



**ADORATION & CONFESSION**  
*In the McClinch Family Center*

Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm  
In the McClinch Family Center

Don't miss this opportunity during Lent.  
Guides to help you prepare are on our Parish Website.  
Anonymous & face-to-face confessions available.

**THE PARISH OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA WARMLY WELCOMES...**

anyone who is new to our area, anyone who is searching for the truth, or anyone who is looking for a spiritual home. We are joyfully and faithfully Roman Catholic in belief and practice - a community of faith, worship, service, and formation - and with open hearts we invite all our brothers and sisters into a living and saving friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the communion of His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.



*Please remember in your daily prayers all the sick of our Parish and their caregivers, especially:*

Sylvia Cipriano, Louisa Russo, Mary Solkofske, Marlene Roberts, Beatrice Krafcik, Evelyn DiLalla, Joseph Caselli, and Walter Hilinski.

*To add a name, contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (203) 377-3133, ext. 19.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which indicates and honors the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, burns this week in memory of

**Dominick Renzoni**



**IN MEMORIAM**

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the family of

**David Martini**

who was buried from our parish this week, our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.



*Please remember in your prayers the family & friends of our Parish serving active duty in the military, especially:*

**Eli Bair, USN**  
**LCDR Robert C. Ballard Jr., USN**  
**Brennen Paul Kelley, USMC**  
**Major Gregg Zavadsky, U.S. Army**



We pray for peace and for all serving in the military. We would like to list your family and friends currently serving active duty in our armed forces in the bulletin. Kindly email the name/s of your active duty family and friends to [support@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:support@stcatherinetrumbull.com).

LETTER #2 TO THE WHOLE PARISH  
FROM FATHER MARCELLO  
IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC  
MARCH 24, 2020

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Yesterday, a friend of mine emailed me and said,  
"I am praying that some good news - any good news! - about the virus comes out this week."  
That's a beautiful intention that I'm sure we are all praying for.

I've decided to write a letter to you at least once a week, for as long as public Masses are suspended, so that we can stay in touch. But I'll keep them brief in the hopes that everyone will read them!

Here's something interesting: the consecration of our church took place one year ago today. On that joyful morning, none of us could have imagined what the world's circumstances - and our own - would be like, exactly one year later.

This afternoon, after the church closes for the day, I will celebrate Mass in our church to mark the Solemnity of the anniversary of the church's Consecration. The 12 consecration candles around the church will be lighted - but, out of necessity, the pews and the rest of the church will be empty, except for Jesus in the tabernacle, and me. Undoubtedly, it will be eerie and unsettling - even as it will also be quietly beautiful and consoling.

I will think back to the full church of one year ago - and I will bring all of you with me to the Altar in my heart and mind, very specially remembering each of you at Mass today, together with your families and your intentions. And, when I look out at the 12 lighted consecration candles, points of brightness along the walls of the dimly lit church, it certainly will bring to mind the words of the prologue of the Gospel of St. John: "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn. 1:5).

My friends, the fact remains that - no matter what - Christ is risen, and He remains so. His light continues to shine on, and no darkness can extinguish it.

These are difficult days for all of us, but they are also filled with graces, which we'll find if we look for them. As I celebrate Mass this afternoon, with the candles glowing in the 12 places where the Bishop anointed the walls of the church one year ago today, they will in a way represent our collective looking forward to the day that this church will be full again, and we can finally resume worshipping together. Then, as Jesus said, "our hearts will rejoice."

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MARCH 24, 2020

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In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the McClinch Family Center on Tuesday evenings, beginning TONIGHT, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. or longer, if necessary; please note the new time. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place simultaneously, in the main room of the Family Center.

We have moved Adoration and Confession into the Family Center because we will be able to maintain both privacy and social distancing there. Confessions will be heard in the side rooms where the chairs for the priest and penitent will be at least six feet apart from each other. Anonymous and face-to-face options will be available.

For sacramental emergencies, please call us at the parish office. Though the office is closed and staff members are working from home, we are checking messages regularly and are ready to respond quickly.

We will continue to post Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel week by week. Last week's video of Mass for Laetare Sunday had over 1,400 views! We are so encouraged by this response, and we hope it grows each week. *Also, regarding the videos of Sunday Mass:* some viewers have brought to our attention that the lights inside the altar of sacrifice appear to cycle on and off during Mass. This is unintentional, and it is likely because of the LED lights' interaction with the video camera. It does not appear this way in person, and we hope this is not a source of distraction.

As a reminder, here is our current schedule:

***\*\*\* Please maintain social distancing of at least six feet at all times \*\*\****

- Church open for private prayer Mon – Fri 8 am – 1 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration Sun 1 – 3 pm in church; Tue 6 – 8 pm in the Family Center
- Confession Tue 6 – 8 pm in the Family Center (no Saturday confessions)
- Sunday Mass, Stations, and Rosary are posted to our YouTube channel, and links are included in our regular email update blasts, as well as on our website.

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Please feel free to pass along these letters, emails, and links to our videos and other resources to anyone you'd like. And let's keep praying for each other, and, with God's help, let's intentionally keep up our faith and hope. This too shall pass!

*God bless you,  
Father Marcello*

# St. Catherine of Siena Online Resources



**Stations of the Cross:** In the Stations of the Cross, we accompany Christ from the tribunal of Pontius Pilate to his Cross and to his tomb. Generations of Catholics have found deeper meaning in Lent through the prayerful experience of the Stations of the Cross. Video recording of the Stations of the Cross will be emailed each Friday.

Pray with us on our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.YouTube.com/TheParishofStCatherineofSiena>  
Dr. William H. Atwood, Organ; Laura Intravia, Soprano

**Daily Masses** will continue to be celebrated privately by Father Marcello and Father Bochanski. During these Masses, Father will remember all of our parishioners and friends, especially those who are most vulnerable in our community. If you would like Father to remember your family *by name* at these private Masses each day, or if you have any other intentions you would like Father to remember at the Altar, please send a message to [support@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:support@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



## Be The Good:

Now more than ever our world needs your kindness! All families are encouraged to do 5 acts of kindness during the course of Lent. \*\*\* Please send in photos of your families' kind acts so they may inspire others!

We are all called to *Be the Good* in this world. Together, our small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

LINDSAY TRISTINE, DRE ~ [reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



During these challenging times, FORMED is offering our parish complimentary access for 40 days. FORMED provides top quality Catholic video content for all ages. Now is a great time to check it out!

It is easy to sign up:

Go to: <http://leaders.formed.org/usccb/>

Click sign up; Search for Faith at Home Bridgeport  
Enter your name and email. That's it!



**The Rosary:** Please join us in praying the Rosary for an end to the Covid-19 global pandemic and for those affected by it.

Pray with us on our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.YouTube.com/TheParishofStCatherineofSiena>

Father Joseph A. Marcello  
Deacon Patrick Toole



## #MyCatholicHome

Please share a picture (or more) of you or your family watching St. Catherine's Mass on YouTube, or praying in other ways this Lent so we can post and share our families' prayerful activities on our social media channels and inspire others to remain close to God during this uncertain time.

Did your family set up a devotional shrine to help your family pray this Lent? We'd love to see it!!

Send your messages to [support@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:support@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



**Hear, Holy Mother:** May this hymn by Parishioner Anna Bendiksen be a source of comfort and consolation during this time.

Listen on our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.YouTube.com/TheParishofStCatherineofSiena>

Anna Bendiksen (c) 2020. Dr. William H. Atwood, Organ.  
Kristen Smith Gionfriddo, Soprano



# LENT

THE PARISH OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA TRUMBULL

## Prayer to one's Guardian Angel when one cannot go to Mass

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, and there kneel down at Mass for me.

At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer him my service; what I am, what I have, offer as my gift.

At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Savior truly present, praying for those who have loved me, and for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the Blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus, uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him that through this sacrifice, all people throughout the world be saved.

When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home the Lord's blessing. Amen.

## FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## PARISH-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FRIDAY, APRIL 3

The Friday before Palm Sunday is devoted to honoring the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother. Further information will be provided.

## Music Ministry:

THE PARISH CHOIR activities (Masses and rehearsals) are **temporarily suspended** until further notice.

In light of the Governor's decision to extend school closures through April 20, THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR season is **concluded** and will resume activities in September. Thank you to all students and their parents for participating in the choir this season!

These are challenging days ahead for all of us. Please stay tuned to Parish E-Newsletter, website, and Facebook channels for announcements as this situation develops. Please pray with us that this ends quickly and that everyone stays healthy!

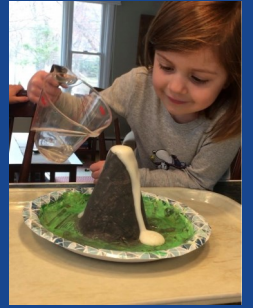
Contact: **DR. BILL ATWOOD**, *Director of Music and Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries* (203) 377-3133 x24 or [WilliamAtwood@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:WilliamAtwood@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



St. Catherine of Siena School  
(203) 375-1947

## Covid-19 Outbreak:

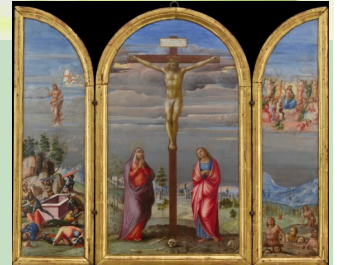
The St. Catherine of Siena School (SCSS) building is closed to the students until the Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Dr. Steven Cheeseman, and the Town of Trumbull deem it safe to return to normal. During these uncertain times, SCSS is practicing distance learning. Teachers are connecting with the students online and are continuing with written work that follows our curriculum. Our technology is allowing for class meetings and storytime for all classes, pre-k 3 to grade 8. The younger students love hearing from their teachers, watching, and participating in their morning meetings, including prayer. The students continue to receive instruction from the weekly special classes such as Art, Music, Technology, PE, and Library. Online learning enables our students to continue learning and to stay connected to SCSS during these unsettling times.



**RACHEL AMBROSIO**, *Principal*, [RAmbrosio@scsstrumbull.org](mailto:RAmbrosio@scsstrumbull.org)  
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## Holy Week

We will keep everyone updated regarding our Holy Week and Easter Schedule



## Religious Education:

**Rel Ed classes** are suspended until further notice. Please see email(s) from your Day Captain to find out what your child/ren should work on. Work should be sent back weekly via email to your Day Captain.

**Mass Passes:** While Masses are suspended, there will be no tracking of Mass Passes for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Confirmation** As of now, Confirmation is still planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will let you know if this changes. **Confirmation Materials:** If you haven't submitted your Service Hours form, Service Reflection, & Letter to Fr. Marcello, please do so by email as soon as possible.

**First Holy Communion** is still planned for May 9<sup>th</sup>. As things unfold, we will let you know if this changes.

**LINDSAY TRISTINE, DRE**  
[RelEd@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:RelEd@stcatherinetrumbull.com)



We are very grateful to all our parishioners who are already taking advantage of our Online Giving platform.

As technology continues to develop, there are many ways that these advances can be utilized for the well-being of our parish and the convenience of our parishioners. Some of the benefits include:

**PARISHIONER BENEFITS:**

- No need to write checks
- Flexibility in payment options (credit card, checking account)
- Remain anonymous
- Contribute with the parish's offertory schedule
- Contribute if you cannot attend Mass at St. Catherine's
- Use your credit card & gain card benefits (ex: airline miles)
- Use in conjunction with offertory envelopes
- It's safe! It's secure! You remain in control.

**PARISH BENEFITS:**

- Increases regular giving with recurring contributions
- Affords more accurate revenue forecasting
- Provides electronic contribution statements for tax purposes
- Accommodates special parish and diocesan collections

**Start giving online today!** We invite all of our parishioners to please consider Online Giving when making your weekly, monthly and special gifts to the Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena. Then select the "continuous" option for your weekly and monthly offertory to "Set it and Forget it."

There will be parish staff members at the back of the church after all masses this weekend to answer any questions you may have about Online Giving.

**It's safe, it's easy, and you remain in control of your giving.**

To register, please click on the Online Giving logo on our Parish website: [www.stcathtrumbull.com](http://www.stcathtrumbull.com) or scan the QR code offered here.



**Info: ROBERT J. CAVALLERO,**  
Director of Parish Operations (203) 377-3133  
or [RobertCavallero@stcatherinetrumbull.com](mailto:RobertCavallero@stcatherinetrumbull.com)

**Paper Shredding Fundraiser Event**  
Sat, June 6 ~ 9am-12 Noon  
*rain or shine!*



**THE SHREDDING SOURCE**  
SECURE • AFFORDABLE • INSTRUCTION BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL

Are your confidential papers piling up with no time to shred them? Shredding will be: done on-site, while you wait, by a professional shredding truck! Individuals & businesses welcome! In the Parish

parking lot. \$10/box or \$25/3 boxes (standard paper box). Cash or check, payable to St. Catherine of Siena.

**Info: (203) 377-3133**

**No appointment necessary!**

**Special Thanks:**



*Giving Back to God*

**Offertory**

**FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: \$2,377

ONLINE GIVING: \$5,462

**TOTAL: \$7,839**

*Thank you; we need our Parishioners to sign up for online giving now more than ever!*

*The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena receives no outside financial support. We rely entirely on your generosity to meet our many expenses. Every contribution furthers our Parish's mission of faith, worship, and service, as we seek to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to serve those most in need, and to worship the living God.*

**Open for Prayer**

**Our Parish Church is God's dwelling place on earth. St. Catherine's is OPEN:**

**Mon – Fri, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

You are most welcome to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and/or spend some time of personal prayer in our church any time we are open.

**You are welcome here!**



**It's Flu Season**



**FROM OUR PARISH NURSES:**

Wash hands often; keep them clean & away from your face. Keep your distance when you are sick or when around someone who is sick. Stay home from work/school and public places when you are sick. Cover your mouth & nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Cough into your sleeve, not your hands. You can still spread germs 7 days after getting sick.

**Let's get Social**

*Especially in these uncertain times, please connect to our Parish with your favorite social media channel:*

**FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER: @StCathTrumbull**

**YOUTUBE: @TheParishofStCatherineofSiena**

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