

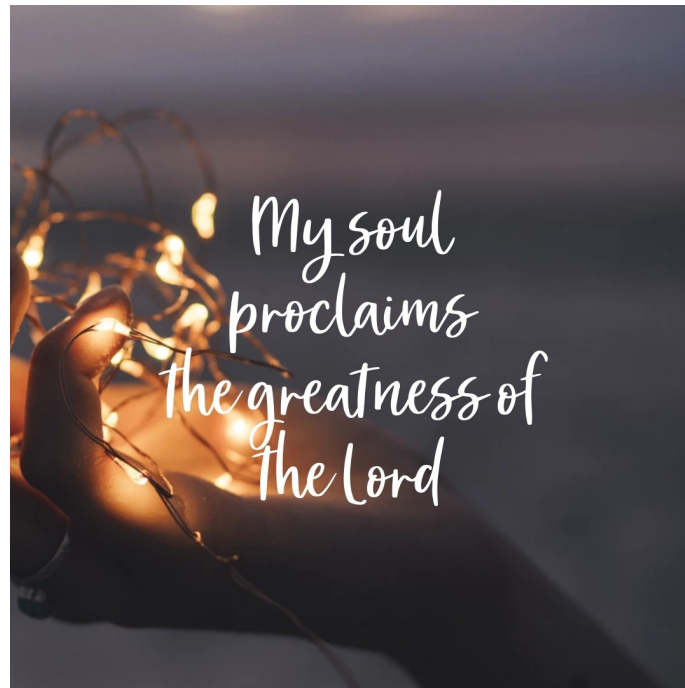


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*Of one heart and mind*

-ACTS 4:32



*Third Sunday of Advent: December 13, 2020*

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**Rev. Mark D'Silva, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Christopher Johnson, Resident Priest**

**Deacon Renato Berzolla**  
**Deacon Vincent Heidenreich**  
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**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](http://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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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.

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

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

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, December 13**

8:30 AM Ann and Sal Caraccio,  
Filomena and William Morelli  
Misia Miliacca

10:30 AM Paul Brady  
Albert Greco, Sr.

### **Monday, December 14**

7:00 AM Rebecca Scalera  
Agnes Stewart

### **Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 AM Clara Comeau  
Larry DeLuca

### **Wednesday, December 16**

7:00 AM Ann Platt  
Lawrence Deluca

### **Thursday, December 17**

7:00 AM Amelia Turek  
Angela H. Patrick

### **Friday, December 18**

7:00 AM Paul Brady

### **Saturday, December 19**

5:00 PM Larry DeLuca  
Mario Russo  
Rosina and Angelo Gangi

### **Sunday, December 20**

8:30 AM Margaret and Patsy Orrico  
John Ceci

10:30AM John Florence and Karl Ritzler  
Terence Cunniffe

### **Financial Report: Sunday Offertory**

(for the last four weekends)

**November 14 & 15 SC & SA** .....\$9,065\*

**Christmas** .....\$125\*\*

**November 21 & 22 SC & SA** .....\$13,405\*

**Special Donations** .....\$170\*\*

**November 28 & 29 SC & SA** .....\$7,358\*

**Special Donations** .....\$330\*\*

**December 5 & 6 SC & SA** .....\$15,1378\*

**Special Donations** .....\$250\*\*

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

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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Advent Worship Schedule: December 13-22



### Candle-lit Service of Lessons and Carols

December 13 - 6:30 PM - *Livestreamed* only

Featuring St. Catherine and St. Agnes Soloists

Lessons read by Bill Baker

Find the livestream here: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/42425>

### Visit the Lights and Creche

December 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at St. Catherine's Campus

Families will receive a Family Prayer

December 22 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at St. Agnes Campus

Families will receive a Family Prayer



The full **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day** and **Solemnity of Mary** worship schedules are posted on the

*Home Page* of our website: [www.stc-sta.org](http://www.stc-sta.org).

Please sign up for in-person attendance early using the *Sign-up Genius* link: <https://tinyurl.com/AttendMass>

### 2020 Thanks-Is-Giving Appeal Status

Total Donations as of December 6, 2020: **\$88,963**.

If you would like to make your donation to **The 2020 TIG** campaign now via our **ONLINE GIVING** tool, [click here](#) or visit our parish website at [www.stc-sta.org/giving/online-giving](http://www.stc-sta.org/giving/online-giving).

Donations can also be mailed to the rectory at **4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878**.

**Thank you for your consideration and support!**



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### Invitation to Apply for Students

All High School or College Age (only) students are invited to apply to be part of the **St. C and St. A Student Cares Team** that decides how to spend the *COVID-19 Relief* Funds we have raised this year through our *Thanks-Is-Giving (TIG)* campaign.

If you are interested in applying to be part of this team, please fill out this form: [Click Here](#) or go to <https://forms.gle/tQhi9BYdiDRSeSB4A>.

Interviews will take place the week of **January 4th** and the committee will be in place to begin their work by **January 15th**. If you have any questions, please email Lori Wilson at [Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org](mailto:Lori.Wilson@stc-sta.org)

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

Matt Massulli   Lucy Mendenhall   Lina Iacono  
Deacon Vincent Heidenreich   Rose Fiorita  
Frank Hyson   Sheila Raymond   Olga Iacobazzo  
Barbara Wertz   Isabel Ballesteros

*Please also pray for the  
deceased members  
of our parish.*



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

**Madison Lee Verses**

**Baptized into God's family on**

**December 6, 2020**



# FAITH FORMATION for YOUTH and ADULTS

## Youth Faith Formation



**Advent started on Sunday November 29th.**

**See below for some family resources and the December calendar.**

**CATHOLIC BRAIN** provides Advent videos, songs, activities, prayers, reflections, games, and quizzes

- Website: <https://www.catholicbrain.com/login>  
This is the log-in page and you will need to 'Create a new account' the first time you visit the site.  
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.
- There is a daily 3-5 minute Advent video presented by Fr John.  
Go to 'Season Programs' and look for this image.



**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT** provided a great list of Advent Resources.

Website: <https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources/>

Check out the '27 Ways to Prepare for Christmas 2020'. It is a colorful, 4 page print-out that is family oriented and has an activity for each day. Also available in Spanish.



DECEMBER 2020		
Month of December	Living Our Faith: To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive	Do a drive by for someone who is isolated (elderly neighbor, relative or friend) and make a poster or sign to 'say hello' and that you are thinking of them
Month of December	Living Our Faith: To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive	Residents at Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Center will have limited visitors due to COVID. Help make their Christmas bright by sending personally signed Christmas cards to: Chaplaincy Card Drive, The Nathaniel Witherell, 70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich CT, 06830.
Month of December	Catholic Brain: Advent Program	Designed to help children understand the true meaning of Christmas through daily videos and other fun activities (see bulletin for details)
<b>Week of 12/13/21</b>	~~~~~ <b>ZOOM CLASSES</b> ~~~~~	
Monday, 12/21/2020	Christmas Lights	Take a drive with your family to see the Christmas lights and creche at St. Catherine and receive a special family prayer. (from 5pm - 7pm)
Tuesday, 12/22/2020	Christmas Lights	Take a drive with your family to see the Christmas lights and creche at St. Agnes and receive a special family prayer. (from 5pm - 7pm)

**Help Brighten Christmas at  
Nathaniel Witherell  
Rehab & Nursing Center  
Greenwich**

The residents at *Nathaniel Witherell* will only have a handful of visitors for Christmas this year, if any, because of *COVID -19* restrictions.

You can help make their Christmas bright by sending personally signed Christmas cards to:

**Chaplaincy Card Drive  
The Nathaniel Witherell  
70 Parsonage Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830**

And please encourage family, friends and organizations in which you participate, to send signed holiday cards to the same address.

A deluge of Christmas cards will warm the heart, raise the spirits, and brighten the holiday season of each resident, just knowing someone cares.

**Help us turn on bright smiles of happiness at  
Nathaniel Witherell!!**



**St. Catherine's  
Support Circle**

*presents. . .*

**How to Network Successfully  
in the Virtual World of COVID 19**

*Zoom Meeting with  
Career Coach Win Sheffield*

**Thursday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Networking makes many of us uncomfortable in the best of times. The challenge of networking virtually in a COVID 19 world (no events, no coffees, no lunches, and virtually no opportunity for face to face communications) just ups the game. Not only do we need to master new media, but we have to do it in a more competitive marketplace.

Join us for an evening with NYC-based Career Coach Win Sheffield [www.winsheffield.com](http://www.winsheffield.com), who will guide us through the new world of virtual networking via *Zoom* Call Meeting--details to be provided once RSVP'd.

[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.**

**Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor Continues. . . New needs emerge**



Outstanding food and essentials donations continue and a wonderful surprise: Heidi Shafranek delivered 60 (yes, 60!) beautifully **hand-knit hats** toward our **goal of 600** for *Neighbor-to-Neighbor*. If you wish to help in this endeavor, please start knitting. Simple patterns and excellent *YouTube* tutorials are online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szX6slq2Q8Y>

*The Social Justice Committee of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes* will continue the Food & Essentials drives **every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM** as long as weather permits.

The need is not going away.

**CLICK HERE** or visit [www.stc-sta.org/community-news](http://www.stc-sta.org/community-news) for details on items needed and drop-off procedures.

**Thank you for your ongoing dedication to this mission!**



# FAVORITE PIX of the WEEK

Confirmation at St. Agnes



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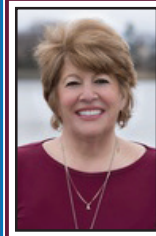
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