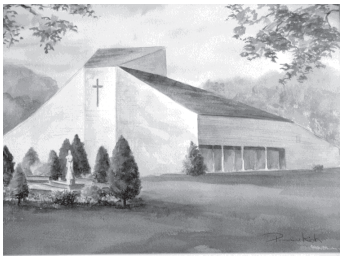

Saint Catherine of Siena
Roman Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford | Second Sunday of Easter | 12 April 2015

Mass/Liturgy Schedule:
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
(Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, *NO* 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass)
Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, and Friday. (Yearly)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Monday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms and Baptismal Preparation:
Please call the parish office at 860 658 1642

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:
Please call the parish office at 860 658 1642 at least 6 months in advance

Choir Practices:
Adult—Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Youth—Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Contemporary Music Group—Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Website News: email to:
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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors who are celebrating with us today. As is our custom at St. Catherine of Siena, please remain in your pew for the singing of the **first and last verses** of the recessional hymn.

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

The St. Catherine Parish Legacy Fund is committed to ensuring the long-term stability of our parish and its ministries. Please consider a gift in lieu of flowers upon a love one's passing as a way to ensure our community will thrive well into the future.

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Thanks for worshiping with us.
If you would like to join our parish family, fill out a yellow membership form found in the vestibule or atrium and mail it to us, drop it in the collection basket or call us at 658 1642.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, April 11th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Deceased members of the Colleran Family,* requested by the Newman Family;**
- **Sunday, April 12th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Elizabeth Drapelick, 13th anniversary*, requested by her family;**
- **Sunday, April 12th @ 11:00 am Mass for *David Wong,* requested by the Bonner Family;**
- **Sunday, April 12th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Keiko Osborne,* requested by Tom & Rosemary Clarke;**
- **Monday, April 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Keiko Osborne,* requested Kathy & Mike Reilley;**
- **Tuesday, April 14th @ 8:30 am Mass for *Jules Gagnon,* requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;**
- **Wednesday, April 15th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lyn Cunningham,* requested by her family;**
- **Friday, April 17th @ 8:30 am Mass for *Frank Rozwadowski*, requested by his family;**
- **Saturday, April 18th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Anthony Brancato,* requested by his family;**
- **Sunday, April 19th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Frank Rozwadowski*, requested by his family;**
- **Sunday, April 19th @ 11:00 am Mass for *George Drebot, birthday remembrance,* requested by his family; and,**
- **Sunday, April 19th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Charles Taylor,* requested by Anna Noble.**

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection & Easter:	$31,339.01
....Cathedraticum*	- $ 1,723.65
....School Tax*	- $ 1,723.65

**Parish taxes (5.5%) paid to the Archdiocese for services to the parish.*

This week's second collection is for Repair & Refurbishment. Next week's second collection is for Peter's Pence.

Next weekend we welcome the Dominican Sisters of West Hartford who will be selling breads, brownies and pies. The proceeds of the Bake Sale will be used to purchase medical supplies for their mission with lepers.

Coffee & Donuts—Please join us this weekend after the 8 and 11 a.m. Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gratitude and blessings to our catechists, children and parents for a wonderful year of faith formation, fun and sacramental preparation! We are a blessed parish to have so many teens, parents, and parishioners giving their time and talent for this Rel Ed program. From the catechist aides to the hall monitors, music ministers, parking lot monitors, and welcome coffees, all the contributions and support that the parents and grandparents give, add up to a place where our children can actively and joyfully learn and live their faith. Thank you!

First Holy Communion Banner is hanging in the church with the name of each First Communicant. Parishioners are invited to take a name tag home to pray for that child as they complete their preparation to "Receive the Lord" for the first time on Saturday, May 2nd!

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL is on Thursday, April 23rd and is mandatory. Please be at the church no later than 4:15 pm so we can get started. Parents and Sponsors are welcome to attend but it is not required.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Senior High

Sunday, April 12th, 2:00-4:00 pm—McLean Home—Are you home for Spring Break? Join us as we visit with and play games with the residents. We meet in the main lobby at 1:55 pm for a short orientation and head up to the floors together. Please rsvp with Mrs. Pluta if you plan to join us.

MONDAY, April 20th, 6:45 pm—Junior High Youth Ministry has their Scavenger Hunt on Hopmeadow Street. High School Youth Ministry teens are needed to be group leaders. **Can you join us at Boy Scout Hall this evening to help lead teams? Please rsvp to Mrs. Pluta if you can help at JudyPlutaYM@gmail.com**.

Sunday, April 26th, 6:00 pm, Russell Hall—DATING 101. A favorite Youth Ministry topic—back by popular request. Join us for a fun, informative evening. Pizza will be served.

Junior High

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Monday, April; 20th, 6:45 pm, SHARP—Scavenger hunt on Hopmeadow. We have rented Boy Scout Hall (corner of Hopmeadow and Rte 309- next to First Church) for this adventurous evening. Please arrive on time and bring a flashlight. Adult chaperones are needed for this evening. Please rsvp to Mrs. Pluta if you can chaperone at JudyPlutaYM@gmail.com.

FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

Happy Eastertime!

I believe it was Abigail Van Buren, aka *Dear Abby*, who said "Put a smile on your face and eventually you will be happy." It is all about perspective—and I think that's why Father Terry Kristofak talks the two options in life when faced by a challenge—"You can choose to be better or to be bitter" much of how we handle life is "up to us." And part of the response we have to life's blessings and challenges comes from our gratitude or lack thereof.

I want to begin this bulletin with some real, genuine **gratitude**: first and foremost to all of our **parishioners** who bring to life in our parish the Holy Spirit of God by the way so many respond to the call of the Church to worship God and to serve Him in one of our many ministries or programs. This love of helping others is in fact a symbol of your gratitude for the blessings God bestows upon you and your families, and I thank you for being such wonderful and generous people. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with their gifts and talents in making all our Lenten programs, Holy Week liturgies as well as Paschal Triduum Masses and liturgies and Easter Sunday celebrations so inspiring and sacred.

I would like to **thank Tina Yablonski** and **Sherry Cordani** for all of their planning, interfacing, and executing of our Lenten Mercy Project which raised large amounts of supplies and donations for so many worthy organizations and causes—from Avon's Gifts of Love to Enfield's Little Sisters of the Poor to Rocky Hill's American Veterans and even Hartford's Families In Crisis—making Connecticut a "kinder, gentler" State. In addition to this parish-wide project, **thanks** to the **children in our Religious Education program** who joined-in with the Lenten Mercy Project and raised over $509 from the pocket change (couch cushions, backpacks and car seats) and donated it to Covenant to Care. This is an annual and wonderful sign of connecting with others in need from the youngest members of our faith community.

I would like to **thank** our many **choir members**—Children's Choir, Adult Choir and Contemporary Choir—and **Susan Zybert**, our music director, for all of the hard work at many practices and for the talent shared with the whole community during the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter seasons. While all of the work and their voices are spectacular, I want to highlight one night in particular, *Good Friday's Seven Last Words of Christ*. I have never received so many positive comments on anything musical that we've done in the Church as I have for that night. It was holy, it was sacred, and it was inspiring! If you missed it, then I would highly recommend putting it on your next year's calendar.

I would like to **thank** the **Liturgy Committee** who help months and months ago to plan not only the decorations of the Church for each season and event, but planned what kinds of events and liturgies we would have. Much planning and thought goes into our liturgies, even though they are repetitive year-after-year, they still require a great deal of work.

I would like to **thank** the **youth of our parish**—from our religious education catechists to our youth ministry mission trip ambassadors—who served as our Twelve Apostles for the *Mandatum Ritual (Washing of the Feet) at Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper*. Sometimes it is hard to get adults to "sign up" for this ritual and yet our teenagers were not only happy to participate they seemed genuinely pleased to be asked. This was done to acknowledge the amazing amount of work that our youth do in our parish and how much life they bring to our faith community. As I hear other priests' or ministry leaders' talk about inaction by many Christians, I can honestly say that I am confident that God is still working in and through many, many people and especially in the youth of the Catholic Church today. We are blessed!

I want to **thank** all who designed and decorated the Church for both Lent, the Triduum and Easter. I would be lost without **Kathy Moore** who designs and sews all the material for the Sanctuary wall, the altar, ambo and tabernacle table. These banners are also loaded with theological meaning in both color and number (ten banners for the Ten Commandments which are made of pure love from God to direct and guide us in being fully human, and the colors symbolic of Mary's blue and white—purity and devotion; the yellow of the Risen Christ, and the pastel colors of Easter). And then she, along with **Dennis Hannon** and **Mike Grappone** and **Mike Daly** stay till the wee hours of the morning on Holy Saturday to hang and arrange everything. **Thanks** to **Janet Fischer** and **Marlene Snecinski** for their expertise and talents in designing, ordering and arranging the flowers in the sanctuary. The colors, textures and symbolism are all part of the liturgical celebration and have such meaning: *from the Lilies and Tulips which mean joy, hope and life, to Wheatgrass which symbolizes "the bread of life", to the California Wax flower which reminds us of royalty and kingship in its color purple, to the Misty Blue Limonium which stands for faithfulness and loyalty, to the yellow Alstromeria meaning friendship and devotion, to the Belles of Ireland which are loaded with tiny thorns—appropriate for the crowning of Christ (and just because their Irish!), and lastly the orange Carnations which has a story behind them that they first appeared on earth formed from Mary's tears, thus becoming a symbol of a mother's undying love.*

And **thanks** to our **altar servers**, **lectors**, **Eucharistic ministers** and **ushers** who all make the Masses move so smoothly and welcome their brothers and sisters to the celebration of the liturgy. They are dedicated and always so willing to serve—making my job as pastor so easy and pleasurable!

Finally, **thanks** to the staff of Saint Catherine of Siena **(Kathi Bonner**, **Susan Zybert**, **Judy Pluta**, **Mike Grappone**, **Lisa Cerchia, Nicole Poirier and LoriAnn Ruiz)** who from their dedication and concern make everything happen on schedule. **Thanks!**

but everyone should do something!

Get involved: you don't have to do everything...

Upcoming Meetings/Events

MARCH

- -Mon, 13th—Confession, 6 p.m.
- -Mon, 13th—Parish Council, Library, 7 p.m.
- -Mon, 13th—Prayer Shawl, RH, 7 p.m.
- -Tues, 14th—Men's Club, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- -Wed, 15—Women's Club, Learn to Knit, RH, 7 p.m.
- -Wed, 15th—Awakening Faith, Music Room, 7 p.m.
- -Wed, 15th—Defenders of Faith, Library, 7 p.m.
- -Thurs, 16th—Contemporary Choir, MR, 7 p.m.
- -Sat, 18th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- -Sat, 18th/Sun, 19th—Dominican Nuns Bake Sale
- -Sat, 18th—Wine & Cheese Fundraiser for Hands of Christ Award, RH, 6:00 p.m.
- -Sun, 19th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- -Sun, 19th—First Holy Communion Pictures, RH, 2p.m.

Please join-in and come to a meeting of your choice.

Pantry Partners—Saturday, April 18 is the monthly distribution date for SCPP. Volunteers should meet in the vestibule at 8:45 a.m. Placing an order for your family or someone you know is done by completing the form (found in the vestibule) and leaving it in the mailbox by the office. These need to be received the weekend prior to distribution. Contributions are always welcome!

The next Youth Group visit to the shelter in Hartford will be Saturday, April 25th. You must reserve your spot as there is a limited amount of space in the serving kitchen. Please contact **Lisa Sheary** @ 860-658-2899 or lisa.sheary@cbmoves.com to reserve a spot.

The Men's Club will be sponsoring a group of volunteers to participate in National Rebuilding Day on Saturday, April 25, 2015. This year Rebuilding Together Hartford will be working to improve 25 homes, on four blocks, in one neighborhood. For more information or to register for this event please contact Jason Zybert at jasonzybert@comcast.net or at (860) 216-6519.

St. Elizabeth House—We will be serving dinner to the residents on Sunday, April 26th. We need volunteers both to prepare the meal ahead of time and to serve the meal. Please see the sign up sheets in the atrium. All food must be in the kitchen of St. Catherine of Siena church by 3:45 PM on Sunday 4/26. If you are serving food, please arrive by 3:45 PM to the church as we leave by 4:00 PM. We will return to church by about 6:15 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Leila Bruno at 860-392-8585. Thank you!

We've had a request for a ride to church on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to help, please call the office for the details. Thank you.

PARISH SOCIALIZING...

Join us for an evening of Wine, Cheese & Chocolates benefiting our "Hands of Christ" Award, Saturday, April 18 from 6pm to 8pm in Russell Hall. The event is presented by Haight-Brown Vineyard of Litchfield and co-sponsored by the Women's & Men's Club Ministries. Learn about pairings with 10 different wines, which will also be available for purchase.

A warm welcome is extended to all adults of the Parish and open to adult family members, friends and neighbors. Tickets are $30 per person through 14, when sales will be closed. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.stcatherine.info, through the Constant Contact email Invitation, at the Parish Office during regular office hours, and after all Masses April 11th and 12th.

The Hands of Christ Citizenship Award

co-sponsored by the Men's and Women's Club Ministries, will be accepting applications during the month of April. Guidelines and applications are available at www.stcatherine.info (under Documents), in the atrium, and as an attachment to the e-Bulletin.

The Hands of Christ Citizenship Award of up to $1000 will be given to a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish who has shown a dedication to the parish or other service. The award is to be used to pursue the recipient's passion for service or education.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY INITIATIVE—As we mentioned last week, we are in the process of creating a new Parish Directory. We are currently working with Lifetouch, a company that specializes in providing photographic and publishing services to religious organizations such as our Parish. During May and June there will be opportunities for families to have their photographic portraits taken in Russell Hall. Each family that participates will receive a free portrait session, an 8x10 picture and a complimentary copy of the new Parish Directory. Opportunities will be available to purchase additional photographs in various sizes with a variety of frames, finishing options and related features.

The Parish Directory will include a section in which the family portrait of your choosing will appear. In addition, there will be an All Parish Family Listing which will include names and contact information for each family. The new Parish Directory will be a wonderful resource for our Parish. It will allow you to put names together with faces as you participate in Parish activities. It will also facilitate your ability to get in touch with other parishioners as the need may arise.

While we encourage all families to join in this effort, participation in the Parish Directory is entirely voluntary. Should you not wish your family's information to appear in the All Family Directory Listing, you may opt out by contacting the Parish Office and indicating your wishes.

The challenge of putting together a new Parish Directory will require lots of volunteers to lend a helping hand. More information on that will be forthcoming.

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