

Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 July 2016

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—Sundays at 4:00 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.

Pastor

The Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

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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.

***We Welcome You to Our
Family of Faith!***

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, July 16th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Ray Rooney, wedding anniversary remembrance, requested by his wife;*
- Sunday, July 17th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Lyn Cunningham, 3rd anniversary, requested by her family;*
- Sunday, July 17th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Barbara Tucker, requested by Donna Garry;*
- Monday, July 18th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *the health of Fiona Radmore, requested by Mary Lou & Michael Cobb and the Cobb School Community;*
- Tuesday, July 19th @ 8:30 am Mass for *Margaret Forger, requested by the Neureither Family;*
- Wednesday, July 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Eugene M. Kilbride;*
- Friday, July 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Joseph F. Gorman;*
- Saturday, July 23rd @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Daniel Gallaher, requested by his family;*
- Sunday, July 24th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Bob Bergdoll, requested by the O'Bryan Family, and,*
- Sunday, July 24th @ 11:00 am Mass for *James Provenzano, requested by Fay Shea.*

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection:	\$10,108.60
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,725.50
Envelopes	\$ 8,383.10
Cathedraticum*	-\$ 555.97
School Tax*	-\$ 555.97
*Parish taxes (5.5%) paid to the Archdiocese for services to the parish.	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 4,588.00

Coffee & Donuts
Please join us after the
Sunday morning Masses.



Vocations reflection—We are like Martha. There is plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today, be like Mary. Rest with Jesus; ask him what he required of you. If priesthood or religious life is the answer, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The deadline to register for Religious Education has now passed. Registration will only be accepted with the \$50.00 late fee from this point forward. Online registration is still possible, downloading the form on our website and mailing it in is also acceptable. NEW children can be added only by completing the BLUE forms that are available in the atrium and vestibule.

We are in need of a Grade 5 "team teacher" who can split the teaching year with another teacher. Sharing your faith increases your faith! For more information, please contact Kathi Bonner, DRE @ Kathidre@aol.com.

Music ministers work magic! Learning through music is fun, rewarding and effective. Our Rel Ed program is looking for a music teacher to work with our little ones....Grades K-4 to lead and teach Bible songs and hymns that we all remember learning when we were young. The music is simple but important. If you can sing, play keyboards and/or guitar, you are the perfect fit! A team of two would work well! We meet on Sunday mornings at Henry James. We have the sheet music and the children. You bring your faith, enthusiasm and talent! Call Kathi Bonner, 860.658.4737 or email Kathidre@aol.com.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In his homily at the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Bishop David Zubik commended the congregation for standing together and praying for religious freedom. He noted that just as footnotes in a term paper solidify the accuracy and strengthen the message of a point being made, "You and I are called to be footnotes, footnotes to the truth who is Jesus Christ himself."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

The Better Part: *Getting our Priorities Right!*

Choices in life can be challenging. Sometimes being bound by tradition and custom prevents us from recognizing the greater Truths and then incorporating that Truth into our lives. Today's Lukan Gospel shows two sisters, Martha and Mary, caught in that dilemma.

This weekend's and last weekend's gospels don't seem to have a great deal in common at first blush. Last week we heard about the Good Samaritan and the mercy he bestowed on a stranger. Today we hear about serving a meal and preparing for guests or participate in conversation and a dispute erupts between sisters. Yet in both gospel accounts Christ's message centers on the priorities of God.

Luke's Gospel has Martha scurrying about preparing food and offering welcome to her guests while Mary sits at the feet of Jesus and listens to the Word of God. Martha is upset and asks Jesus to scold Mary and to bring her back to her "appropriate" duties (in the ancient world a woman would never sit with unknown male guests). Jesus replies with understanding and with His message of the importance for all—male or female, rich or poor—to know and understand God's Word—and then bringing that saving knowledge into our daily activities of life. As a Christian disciple we must understand and participate in those things that God designs as priorities for life—knowing God and living Godly—as faith-filled people. The underlying message is that when we have been given the gift of faith, God expects and demands one thing of His disciples: Believe it. Live it. Share it!

In reality, today's Gospel reiterates and reinforces last weekend's question: *are we members of the Church or are we disciples of the Church (Christ)?* As Mary sits at Jesus' feet and takes in His Father's Word and comes to understand the meaning of salvation's message, Mary will be able to live and breathe the faith—to become the eyes, the ears, the heart and hands of Christ in her world. If we are to be like Mary, we too need to know what God offers to us, with all of its obligations and responsibilities, to Believe it, to Live it, and to Share it. We have been blessed to have been given faith, and to be nourished with the Sacramental Life of the Church Christ created; and now to celebrate our faith in the midst of the Church which Christ has filled with His Holy Spirit to *guide us to the fullness of Truth and to know All Truth*. This week's gospel offers us one more question to consider with

full hearts and minds: will we open the gift—and will we unwrap it? If we are to say "Yes!" then we are called to wear that gift by way of living and breathing both the Corporal and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. It is never too late to begin, remember the workers in the vineyard...remember that we are in the midst of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Want to Sign-up as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis Hospital?

Call Father Mark Bonsignore at St. Francis Hospital Pastoral Care Office, 860 714 5442 (**new number**). Thank you! Your service in this ministry will bring both the Sacrament of Unity and Peace to those who are recuperating and also much joy as you spend a few minutes with someone in need. Training is provided.

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 11th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Archbishop Blair will celebrate a Blue Mass for First Responders in recognition of all that they do to protect our lives and communities. Open to the public.

Sunday, December 4th at the 11 a.m. Mass Archbishop Leonard Blair will come to St. Catherine of Siena to celebrate a Mass of Consecration and will bless our new altar as it is installed in the sanctuary. Reception with the Archbishop to follow in Russell Hall.

Anniversary Sunday Celebration— Sunday, October 16th at 2 p.m.

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special wedding anniversary this year are invited.

Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with the Archbishop. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the parish office, 658-1642, to respond to this invitation.



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

but everyone should do something!

Upcoming Meetings/Events

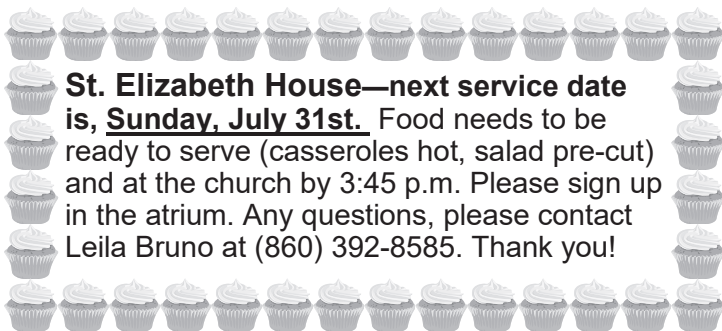
JULY

- Sat 16th/Sun, 17th—Ticket sales after Masses for Divine Mercy Bus Trip on Oct. 4th
- Sun, 17th—Coffee & Donuts
- Mon, 18th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 18th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Wed, 20th—Confirmation Catechist Meeting, Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, 23rd—Feed the Hungry
- Mon, 25th—NO Confession
- Sun, 31st—St. Elizabeth House, parking lot, 3:45 p.m.

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

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Pantry Partners—Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the July distribution for SCPP. Thank you to all of you who have donated to SCPP. It is through your generosity that we were able to add a new neighbor to our group who receive nutrition assistance. Our next distribution date is August 20.



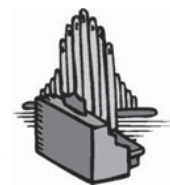
St. Elizabeth House—next service date is, Sunday, July 31st. Food needs to be ready to serve (casseroles hot, salad pre-cut) and at the church by 3:45 p.m. Please sign up in the atrium. Any questions, please contact Leila Bruno at (860) 392-8585. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!!!

To help children of Hartford. Please donate the following items for Family Life Ministry to distribute to the children: backpacks, calculators, notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, 3 ring binders, loose leaf paper, markers, crayons, erasers, and glue. All items can be placed in the boxes in the Atrium or the Vestibule. *Help children be all that they can be!*

Organ Masterclasses for Archdiocesan Musicians

Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez, *Music Director of the Archdiocese of Hartford*, will be presenting Organ Masterclasses this summer. Parish Pianists and Organists are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.



Discover new repertoire, learn the trade of hymn playing, pedal technique, registration and accompanying, in a beautifully relaxed environment. Come to play the Cathedral Organ. Classes are Free.

DATES: July 18 & 25, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Questions: musicoffice@cathedralofsaintjoseph.com.

Sisters of St. Joseph Estate Sale—The Sisters of St. Joseph are holding an Estate Sale at their Motherhouse on 27 Park Road (corner of Park Road and Prospect Avenue) in West Hartford, 06119. The Sale is Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. All are welcome! Check out this Website for a peek at some interesting items: WWW.ESTATESALE.COM and search for WCD Estates, Liquidations, and Clean Outs as the date gets closer or look at Facebook Page for WCD Estates, Liquidations, and Clean Outs.

Dinner to Benefit Christian Refugees in Middle East, Come and Support this Important Cause At St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT, Tuesday, July 26th at 6PM

Keynote speaker Gabriel Said Reynolds, PhD. Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology at The University of Notre Dame, will discuss Militants, Extremism, and the Christian Genocide in the Middle East. He has appeared on major television networks and The New York Times, and written extensively on the Quran. "The Qur'an in Conversation with the Bible" is his latest book. Dinner will be authentic Middle Eastern cuisine. Tickets are \$50. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Archbishop Leonard Blair will be in attendance.

Please contact Lazarus Donabedian at 860-966-7226 or Laz@sipusa.com. Donations are welcome.

The 22nd Annual Tabor House GIANT Tag sale/Auction

on July 28th, 5-8PM, \$10 admission opening reception/shopping; the 29th from noon-6PM, \$1.00; the 30th from 8-3pm free. KOEPEL COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER at TRINITY COLLEGE, 175 NEW BRITAIN AVE/CORNER BROAD ST., Hartford 06106. Free off-street parking. Benefits Tabor House AIDS residences in Hartford. Formerly at the Convent Sisters of St Joseph in West Hartford, it has become a Connecticut tradition to benefit formerly homeless men living with HIV/AIDS who now live at both homes. This event has utilized over 300 volunteers annually who work all week to set it up. The event also benefits the immigrant and poor population of the inner city who need to outfit their residences with affordable items. 100% of the proceeds go to Tabor House. Donations of gently used household items (no books, clothes or TV's) may be dropped off on site 7/25, 7/26, 7/27, 8:30am-3:30pm contact dtdyson@comcast.net if questions?

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