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Saint Catherine of Siena
Roman Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13 August 2017

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 loved 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.

We Welcome You to Our Family of Faith!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, August 12th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Paul Brennan & Hugh Farriely,* requested by their family;**
- **Sunday, August 13th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Catherine Chieco,* requested by Anna Noble;**
- **Sunday, August 13th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Frank & Theresa Cerchia,* requested by their family;**
- **Monday, August 14th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Richard Vincent, improved health,* requested by the Pabich Family;**

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Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **Monday, August 14th @ 6:30 p.m. Mass for *Mildred Rathbone, birthday remembrance,* requested by her family;**
- **Tuesday August 15th @ 8:30 am Mass for *Andy Potoczny, 7th anniversary,* requested by his family;**
- **Tuesday, August 15th @ 6:30 p.m. Mass *Pro Populo;***

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- **Wednesday, August 16th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Ralph Hann, Wedding Anniversary remembrance,* requested by his wife;**
- **Friday, August 18th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Tony Ustanowski,* requested by Fred & Jean Streifler;**
- **Saturday, August 19th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Mort Libby,* requested by Matt & Jackie Sheehan;**
- **Sunday, August 20th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Rocco Caprioli,* requested by the Sparacio Family;**
- **Sunday, August 20th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Joseph Spada, 2nd anniversary,* requested by his family.**

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection:	**$7,882.68**
Loose Cash/Checks	**$1,254.68**
Envelopes	**$6,628.00**
Cathedraticum*	**-$ 433.55**
School Tax*	**-$ 433.55**

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!!! to help the 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Rel Ed registration grace period ended on June 30th. All families who have children registered in our Religious Ed program were emailed the extension form for late registrations. Please contact Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com if you have any questions.

Honoring and Praying for a loved one with the Sanctuary Lamp

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp may be lit in memory of deceased loved ones for 7 days and listed in the parish bulletin. You may call Lisa Cerchia in the parish office, 658 1642, for details.

This weeks it burns for Andy Potoczny, 7th anniversary.

CATHOLIC Q&A

Q: What are the requirements for saint's names at Baptism?
A: The Rite of Baptism does not require the parents to choose the name of a saint for their child. However, the tradition of naming children after one of the saints is still good and admirable. Among other things, it is one way of reminding them that they are part of a long Christian line and puts them early in touch with the heroes of our faith.

Q: What are the rules about Baptism sponsors (godparents)?
A: In the best of worlds, two Catholic godparents should be named, one male and one female. The rules of the Catholic Church in these matters are very clear. At least one Catholic sponsor is required at a Catholic baptism. According to the Rite of Baptism, the requirements* for a single sponsor are mainly that the sponsor:

- Be mature enough to take the responsibility to testify to the faith of an adult convert, or to profess with the parents the church's faith when a child is being baptized;
- Be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian;
- Have received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, and if married be in a Sacramental marriage;
- Be a member of a Catholic Church who is living a life in harmony with that faith and with the role of a sponsor;
- Be at least 16 years of age, unless an exception is made for a special reason, and;
- Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized (CCL. 874).**Check the local diocese for any administrative rules by calling your local parish.*

A Virtus Training will be available to all new church volunteers on August 23rd at Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford, 6:30 pm. Please go to the Archdiocesan website, "Protection of Youth" tab to register."

FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: "*Risking Faith*"

As we journey in faith this Sunday, the readings give us an opportunity to review—and perhaps extend—what kind of disciples we are. Are we comfortable disciples doing the "ordinary" things of faith, or are we risk takers who are willing, as Pope Francis asks us, to go to the peripheries and bring the Good News of the Gospel to someone who does not know or has not heard of Jesus' love for them?

In today's first reading from the Book of Kings the Prophet Elijah seeks to find the Lord in the world around him. First he attempts to find the Lord in a strong wind, but cannot find Him; then in an earthquake, but to no avail; and, finally in a fire—again, no Lord. After all that Elijah goes to the cave entrance and finds the Lord in a whispering wind. In the second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans, Paul tells us of the blessings of the Lord and the life of His Truths lived out each day and how this connection to Jesus feeds our every word and act. In fact, we hear the anger of St. Paul who is frustrated with his Jewish friend's failure to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and that anger or frustration then turns to praise when He realizes that even when we do not follow the Lord He still loves and blesses us—always calling us to Himself. We must remember that the Lord will not abandon us no matter how often we turn from Him, as He endlessly desires us to return home to the Father and His Truths.

In today's Gospel of Matthew, we hear Peter is tossed about in the boat with the other disciples. The storms of the world and culture are difficult and he takes a risk to go out of the boat—a symbol for the Church—and head into uncharted or perhaps new waters where he needs to take the Good News to others. He asks Christ to command him to come to Him and Peter takes the risk to walk on the water toward Jesus but as he is buffeted by the world (storms) about him, he loses his focus and takes his eye off the "prize"—Jesus—and sinks. The Lord responds by calling him "O you of little faith, why do you doubt?"

As we practice our Catholic faith as disciples, we have to ask ourselves what kind of disciple am I. Do I go with my faith only to places where I feel safe? With my family—do we say grace at dinner and show my children that I am thankful to God? At Church or with friends from Church—do I ever talk about the homily...did it make sense, was it off base? Do I ever speak of faith or try to infuse what I claim to believe—and am hoping for—about Eternal Salvation in the world around me—when someone is ignorant of the Church? At work? Is my faith's practice limited to the four walls of the Church? Do I offer my services as a religious education teacher or maybe help with youth ministry or join the choir?

We have to ask ourselves "Why did Jesus come to the earth and why did He die for my sins?" Do I believe there is some work on my part that is necessary for my entrance into Salvation?

The Lord asks us—as Pope Francis is reiterating now—to "go deep into the waters" of faith and to bring what we Believe into the world and so transform the world around us. If we love our family and friends, then why not talk about the gift of—and the road to—Salvation with them? As I have said before, a passive (or indifferent) disciple is not what the Lord asks of us, rather, the God of all creation and the Source of Eternal Life asks us to *Believe it. Live it. And Share it!*

This requires us to become risk takers in faith. We must climb out of the boat and go into the deep with our faith. After all, in the end there is but One Source that shall grant us Salvation: neither the job we do nor the sports team we follow (not even the Red Sox), or the movie star or TV personality or the politician-of-the-week will save us. To quote Jesus Christ in this Gospel, "***Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid!***"

The Lord asks us to take what we believe and as St. Catherine of Siena says: "...set the world ablaze." As the disciples before us we can ignite a candle and go light our world with a faith—even in the modern world. It is hard. It takes courage, but the Lord has already said that He is with us.

In the Catholic Church today we are faced with a great task before us. We need to not only bring into the world our faith—faith that is not welcome since it goes against much of the world's desire for ease and convenience. We must become counter-cultural so that the culture can be realigned with God. Add to this tremendous "battle" before us, the fact that through our own fault, we now have multiple generations of people who are not only influenced by the world alone but are ignorant of the faith. They have heard for a long time from society that Christianity is "wrong," "hateful," or just "bigoted." They do not see the falsehoods in those misrepresentations, and few see the greatest private institutional network of hospitals, food banks, homeless and battered person shelters, nursing homes, schools and colleges, healthcare providers to the poor and international outreach programs which go to the far reaches of the earth where the poorest of the poor live. I think that speaks for itself.

God's voice is calling us today asking us to pick up the mantel of compassion and concern for humanity that began with Christ and His Apostles and has been given to every generation in every time and place. Today, it is handed to us—here in the Archdiocese of Hartford—and God is asking us to do our part and continue His Church in the world. May we join His declaratory and eternal statement to Peter: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

Batter up?!

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

but everyone should do something!

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

AUGUST

-Mon, 14th—No Confession
-Mon, 14th—Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6:30 p.m.
-Tues, 15th—Holy Day Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
-Tues, 15th—Catechist Meeting, Library, 7:15 p.m.
-Wed, 16th—Community Life Meeting, Library, 7 p.m.
-Sat, 19th—Feed the Hungry
-Sat, 19th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
-Mon, 21st—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
-Mon, 21st—Mass at McLean Home
-Mon, 28th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

-Mon, 4th—Labor Day - Office closed
-Mon, 4th—No Confession, No Rosary (due to holiday)
-Tues, 5th—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.
-Sat, 9th—Enrollment Mass for Confirmation I, 5 p.m.
-Sat, 9th—Parent Meeting for Confirmation I, Church, 6 pm.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Pantry Partners—Next Saturday August 19th, is the distribution of St. Catherine Pantry Partners. Volunteers should arrive in the vestibule by 8:45 a.m. to assist in set up activities. We appreciate all of the volunteers who make this ministry possible every month

St. Elizabeth House—next service date is August 27th. 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. Questions, please contact Leila Bruno at (860) 392-8585. Thank you!

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, the 14th at 6:30 p.m. as well as at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th.

DID YOU KNOW? That St. Mary's School's Mission is: "To ignite spiritual growth and promote academic excellence within a nurturing faith community. United together, we inspire students to know love and serve God." There is still time to explore St. Mary's School as the education solution for your family! Serving students in grades pre-k through 8, the school consistently graduates students fully prepared for the finest high schools and colleges. The consistency of being part of a school community for many years helps students grow in caring for one another and in becoming all that they can be! Call, drop in on Wednesdays or make an appointment. Mrs. Chagnon, Advancement and Admissions Director or Mrs. Williamson, Principal, will be happy to meet with you! Contact us at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Archdiocesan Women's Conference, November 4th

What's Included?

- Deli lunch buffet
- Validated parking
- Captivating keynote/breakout speakers
- Women-centric vendor hall
- Vigil Mass with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair
- Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of Confession
- Time to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith!

Visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org for more information!

CRAFT PEOPLE WANTED

St. Ann Craft Fair Bristol is looking for crafters to participate in their event.

Saturday, November 18, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Gloria 860-505-0884
for more info.