



*Happy 4th of July!
May God Bless
America*

Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018

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:

StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net

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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.

Pastor

The Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

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Thanks for worshipping 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, June 30th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Marjorie Bevilacqua*, requested by **Ed & Mary Bouquillon**;**
- **Sunday, July 1st @ 8:00 am Mass for *Jim Sparkowski*, requested by **Mike & Kathy Reilly**;**
- **Sunday, July 1st @ 11:00 am Mass for *Ann Kiniry*, birthday remembrance, requested by her family**;
- **Monday, July 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Msgr. David Q. Liptak***;
- **Tuesday, July 3rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, requested by **Myles & Julia McCabe**;**
- **Wednesday, July 4th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Roger Reynolds*, requested by **Mary McGrath**;**
- **Wednesday, July 4th @ 9:00 a.m., *Rosary for Peace***;
- **Friday, July 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Charles Deye*, requested by his family**;
- **Saturday, July 7th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Jim Sparkowski*, requested by **Ed & Mary Bouquillon**;**
- **Sunday, July 8th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Stanley Burk*, 4th anniversary, requested by his family; and,**
- **Sunday, July 8th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Ann & Jack Winters*, requested by their family.**

Mass intentions, as noted above, are part of our Catholic understanding of the Communion of Saints and the ongoing celebration of the Mass. On earth, we saints in the making, those of us in the pews, are called to pray for the noble souls of our deceased loved ones. Once in heaven, they then intercede for us before God.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Mass intention,
860.658.1642

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection.	\$7,719.60
Loose Cash/Checks	\$1,055.60
Envelopes	\$6,664.00
Cathedraticum*	-\$ 424.57
School Tax*	-\$ 424.57

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

Repair & Refurbishment \$456.00
(additional)

thanks!

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

This week it burns for
**Lawrence Sotis &
Flamig Family members.**
May they rest in peace!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday



Immediately following the daily Mass on **Tuesday mornings** we will venerate the exposed Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction.

This Eucharistic devotion is meant to offer all the faithful an opportunity to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We begin at 9 am and conclude at 10 a.m.

It is understood that some folks have to go to work or attend to a family members needs, this does not preclude you from spending some time before the Lord. If you cannot stay for the whole hour, that's O.K.

During the holy hour you certainly may offer your own prayers to the Lord but we will also offer collective prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful, as we do at each Mass. For the month of July our stated public prayer intentions will be for *Peace in our marriages, families, nation and world*. Parishioners are also welcome to pray for their own needs.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

It's all About Faith

On this 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear in the Gospel of Mark two examples of faith-inspired requests for Jesus' help. The first is from Jairus, a synagogue official seeking help for his dying daughter and the other from an unnamed woman who has been unwell for a long time. And just as in last weekend's Lukan Gospel—the story of the birth of Saint John the Baptist—faith and trust in God are key to receiving the Lord's blessings.

As we recall from Luke, the father of John the Baptist—Zachariah—was a man who doubted his faith in God. A man who was supposed to be in priestly service doubts God and becomes mute—some speculate as a punishment for his unbelief in God. But at his son's birth and naming—Zachariah returns to faith and gives his son the name of John, as called for in Scripture. Immediately, God frees and loosens the tongue of Zachariah.

Today in the Gospel of Mark rather than have two more examples of people who doubt God rather they illustrate their belief in God in the middle of two very difficult situations: Jairus believes his daughter is about to die and the unnamed woman is at her wit's end having spent all her money on many doctors to no avail. Yet they believed and they asked.

Jesus travels to the home of Jairus and even when the synagogue official's household comes to tell Him He is too late to help, Jesus continues on and returns the 12-year old girl to full life. With the words: "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" "The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. All were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat." Not only did the Lord heal her, but Jesus is concerned with Her immortal soul and with her physical needs—Jesus is here among us and is concerned about all—every single one—of our needs. There is nothing that God will not give us, nor is there nothing about our lives with which He is unconcerned. He loves us.

For the woman hemorrhaging for more than 12 years, Jesus allows His power to come from Him and heal her—even though all she did was touch His clothes. She believed that if she but touched the Lord, she would be healed. Jesus responds to her silent request with these words of love: "Daughter, your faith

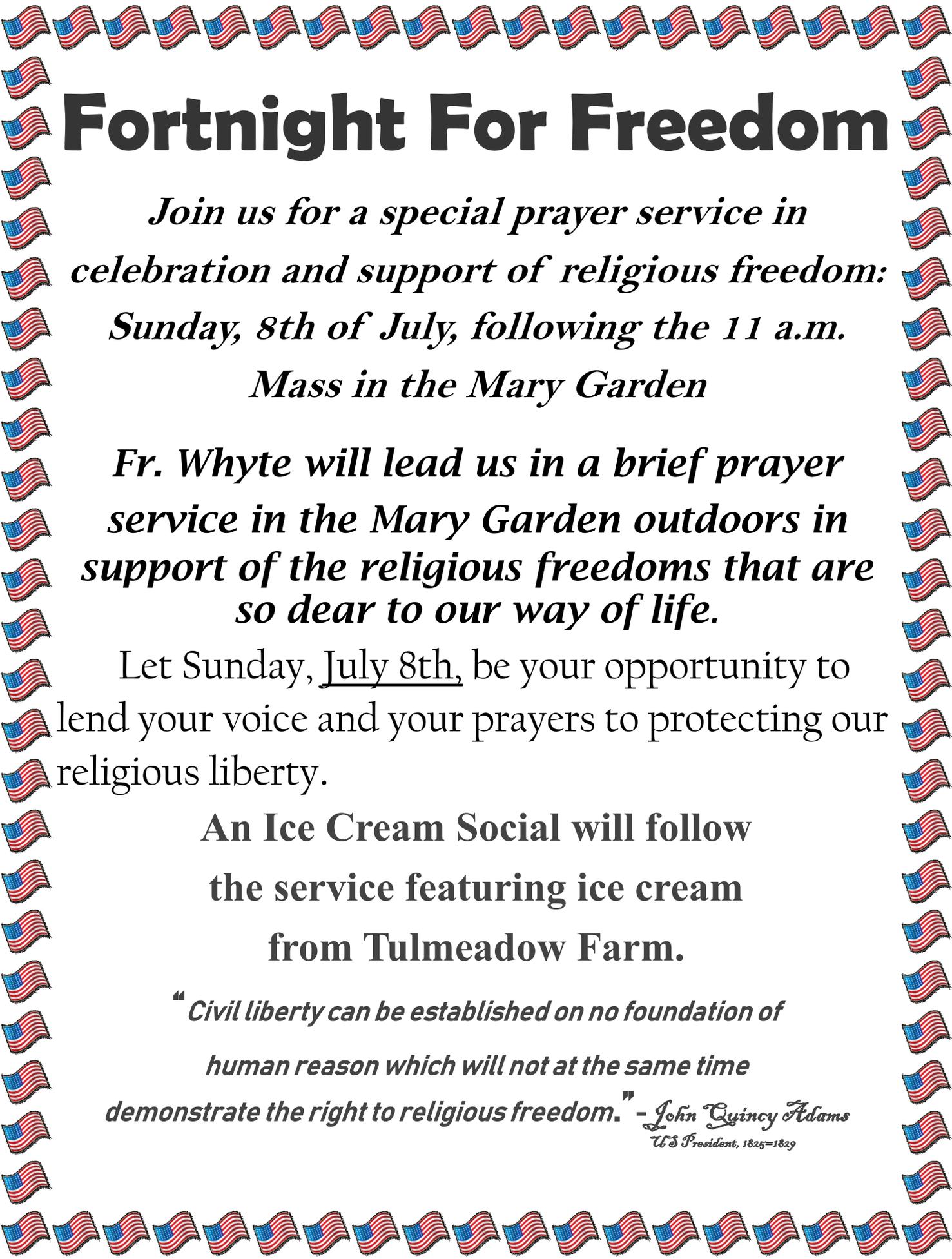
has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." True enough, she fell to her knees and told him the "whole truth" not as in making her beg for healing but rather that she express her faith publically, as a witness for others.

What are the take-a-ways from this gospel?

- God loves what He has created;
- God desires us to love Him in return, and that "retuned love" is given back to the Father in our expressed faith; and,
- God who created us in love, then redeemed us in love by His Son's Body and Blood, and now sends the Holy Spirit (which is the love between the Father and the Son) to us as an unending refreshment of His love for us to continue to nourish us so that we may learn, know, trust and grow in faith—that we will continue to turn to Him in times of need.

Whether we hear of the miracles of Lazarus or the widow of Nain or whether we hear of Zachariah's freed tongue or the unnamed woman being healed of her hemorrhages or the young daughter of Jairus being brought to life—it is **faith in God**: His Power and His Love—for us that brings us close to God. We are called to be a people of faith. In the Gospel of John (20:29), the Lord Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." As Roman Catholics, we must come to believe in the Truth that Jesus came to bring to the created world—we do this by listening and meditating on His Word in Sacred Scripture, by studying His Truths as proclaimed by the teachings of the Church (and I don't mean just reading and accepting but rather delving into His teachings and seeing the "why" behind the "Thou Shalt Not..."), by reading and understanding the more than 2,000 years of study gifted to us by the scholars and saints of the Church; and as we are called to distinguish between the Truth of Christ and the myths perpetuated by culture, politics and even family traditions. After all, God came in search of us on earth to bring His Truth—which is Love—and He believes we are eternally worth it. Our choice must be to come to know Him fully.

Saint Catherine of Siena adds to the above with this powerful quote: "*He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross—and you will find yourself entirely.*" Thus, know God as the Creator and Redeemer of all—just ask Him for whatever you need and He will grant you abundant blessings.



Fortnight For Freedom

Join us for a special prayer service in celebration and support of religious freedom:

Sunday, 8th of July, following the 11 a.m.

Mass in the Mary Garden

Fr. Whyte will lead us in a brief prayer service in the Mary Garden outdoors in support of the religious freedoms that are so dear to our way of life.

Let Sunday, July 8th, be your opportunity to lend your voice and your prayers to protecting our religious liberty.

An Ice Cream Social will follow the service featuring ice cream from Tulmeadow Farm.

*“Civil liberty can be established on no foundation of human reason which will not at the same time demonstrate the right to religious freedom.” - John Quincy Adams
U.S. President, 1825-1829*

Seeking New Director of Youth Ministry

Our parish is seeking a qualified individual to fill this important position now open due to the retirement of Judy Pluta. Send letter & Curriculum vitae to:

Reverend Michael Whyte, Pastor
Saint Catherine of Siena Church
PO Box 184
West Simsbury Connecticut 06092-0184
or email to: fr.whyte@aohct.org.

Basic Job Requirements:

- ability to interact and dialogue well with junior and senior high students; build a safe environment for them to express and develop their faith understanding and other issues;
- develop strong relationships among different teens and harness their talents into a growth-oriented youth ministry;
- possess an understanding of Catholic social teaching and its applicability in our modern culture;
- possess the ability to lead youth/young adults in public prayer in the Catholic tradition;
- develop appropriate Catholic spirituality for involved youth;
- Plan and execute youth ministry activities aimed at building strong, open-minded relationships based on trust and compassion;
- develop and execute mission trips;
- work with various volunteers in other parish ministries;
- Other.

The director of youth ministry reports directly to the pastor. The position is approximately 27 hours per week and salary is commensurate with experience/expertise.

Kindly provide curriculum vitae by 23 July 2018. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Whyte @ Fr.whyte@aohct.org

Conforming the youthful heart into Christ-like compassion



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES!

Please join our “Maker Fun Factory” Created by God for a Purpose crew members at the 11 a.m. Mass this Sunday, July 1st.

We will process in and sit together as a group. And we will share one of the songs from Bible School with everyone at Mass. We wish to invite all of you to join us in Russell Hall after Mass to celebrate a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. Coffee & donuts will be offered! Hey kids, join us at Mass!

There is always time for more golf!!

14th Annual Ben Nascimbeni, Jr. Memorial Golf Classic

at Simsbury Farms Golf Course on Friday, August 17th, 11 a.m. Shotgun start, scramble format. The event benefits the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. To register contact: Ben Nascimbeni at 860.989.8677 or bbnascimbeni@sbcglobal.net.

Don’t Golf? Don’t Worry!

Make a tax-deductible donation today at: give.connecticutchildrens.org/Nascimbeni, or mail your check to:
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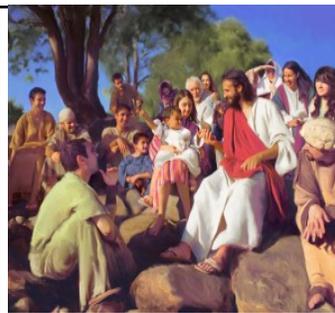
Thank You!

Around Our Archdiocese of Hartford...What are other Catholics doing?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRIESTS!

On Saturday, June 23rd, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair ordained Rev. David Madejski from New Britain and Rev. Josh Wilbur of Goshen to the Holy Priesthood.

Rev. Madejski is assigned to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Blaise Parishes in Waterbury and Rev. Wilbur to Annunciation Parish in Newington.



Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School--Enrolling Now for September Session

“The Biblical School provides adults the opportunity to encounter God’s Word in faithful ways”--The Most Reverend Archbishop Leonard Blair.

Classes are held on Monday nights at Saint Pio Pietreicina Parish in East Haven, on Tuesday nights at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield, and Wednesday nights at Our Lady of Loreto Parish in Waterbury.

Daytime classes and locales TBD.

To enroll or for more information, please contact: www.catholicedaohct.org or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org, or 860-242-5573.

Listen to His Word, Experience Change in Your Life

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Have faith that God can increase the blessings in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Jul 14-15, 2018 in BAYSIDE, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>

Archdiocese of Hartford’s Second Annual Women’s Conference



To be held on November 3rd, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Hartford Marriott Farmington. The keynote speaker is Kerry A. Robinson. Vigil Mass with Bishop Peter Rosazza.

Workshops, spiritual breakouts and more!

For information and to register:

www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org, 860-242-5573.

Sponsored by the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis.

Young Adult Group...

welcomes all young adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for authentic friendship, Spiritual growth and discussion about having a relationship with God. We hold socials, Bible Study and more.

Join us on **Monday nights at 7:30pm**, generally in the Activity Room of The Church of St Ann in Avon (beneath the left wing of the church). To get on our communications list, contact Kylie Brasel:

kylie.brasel13@gmail.com or find us on Facebook: “St Ann’s Young Adult Group”

We can’t wait to meet you!

Monday nights are busy, you say, how about...

Crossroads 4 Christ

Meet us at **457 Park Rd, West Hartford** on **Wednesdays at 6:30** for more Young Adult community fun! Share “Glory Stories”, learn about the Catholic faith in small group discussions.

Then join us at St Francis Church in New Britain for Adoration from 8-9pm!

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