



*“Do not be
unbelieving,
but believe.”
John 20*

Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 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, 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;
- Monday, July 9th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*;
- Tuesday, July 10th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Special Intention*;
- Tuesday, July 10th @ 9 a.m., *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, July 11th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Eileen & Harry Geary*, requested by Janet Geary;
- *Wednesday, July 11th @ 9:00 a.m., Rosary for Peace*;
- Friday, July 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Robert J. Lord*;
- Friday, July 14th @, 9:00 a.m.; *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, July 14th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Barbara Tucker, 3rd anniversary*, requested by Donna Garry;
- Sunday, July 15th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Ray Rooney*, requested by his family; *and*,
- Sunday, July 15th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Leroy Schober*.

Mass Intentions: Normally for a deceased person or a hoped-for prayer, e.g. peace in the world, which we pray for by offering the Sacrifice of the Mass. At Mass, we remember the noble soul of a loved one and pray for their homecoming to God's Kingdom.

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

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection.	\$10,101.10
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,270.60
Envelopes	\$ 8,830.50
Cathedraticum*	-\$ 555.56
School Tax*	-\$ 555.56

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

thanks!

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

This week it burns for **James Salerno**, birthday remembrance, requested by his family.
May he rest in peace!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday



Immediately following the daily Mass we will venerate the exposed Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction, from 9 a.m. till 10 a.m.

It is understood that some folks have to go to work or attend to family responsibilities, 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. Parishioners are also welcome to pray for their own needs.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed every Friday immediately following daily Mass.





What is a Synod?

Although many Catholics are familiar with synods convened in Rome, some are unfamiliar with those held at the arch/diocesan level. And now, following the direction of Pope Francis, who told the bishops in Rome, on June 29 that “Synodality should be lived at various levels.” *Synods offer a way the Church can renew herself, encouraging ongoing institutional and personal renewal. Through them, we learn that “we must walk together: the people, the bishops and the pope.”*

But what happens at a synod? The Second Vatican Council’s “Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church” suggests an answer. *There, the Council expressed an “earnest desire” to reinvigorate structures at the service of ecclesial communion and mission (36).* Pope Paul VI instituted the permanent structure of the World Synod of Bishops on Sept. 15, 1965, as a privileged sign of the participation of bishops in the office and ministry of the pope.

At the arch/diocesan level—referred to as the local church—The Code of Canon Law defines synods as “an assembly of selected priests and other members of Christ’s faithful” of a local Church, such as a diocese or archdiocese, that “assists the ... bishop” in ministering to the “whole diocesan community.” As such, the bishop is the one who is tasked with calling and presiding over a synod, which he can do only after he consults his priest council. The synod “consists properly of the synodal sessions,” spread “over a period of time, so as to permit sufficient time to study the questions raised during the sessions, as well as to make interventions during the discussions.” And so...



Upcoming Synod of the Archdiocese of Hartford

Last year the Presbyteral Council, a council of priests who advise the Archbishop, was asked by Archbishop Blair for discussion on the need and role of an archdiocesan synod at this time here in the Archdiocese of Hartford (AOH), as part of our ongoing Pastoral Planning efforts. In preparation for our AOH Synod in 2020, the Archbishop has met with all his priests at their respective Deanery Meetings to

hear their desires and concerns for the AOH as she continues to meet the spiritual and corporal needs of the Church in the modern world.

To that end and to continue the consultation process, Archbishop Blair has directed all pastors to hold “listening sessions” in every parish during the summer months. This is to hear from the lay faithful and to enlist their experiences and their knowledge of the parish in which they practice their faith and the interrelationship with the AOH. In fact, the Archbishop asks us to consider three (3) questions during these listening sessions: (1) *What* are we (as an Archdiocese) doing well? (2) *What* are we (as an Archdiocese) not doing so well? And, (3) *What* are we (as an Archdiocese) not doing that we should be doing?

As one might imagine, there are specific requirements to build the process of the synod. The Parish Listening Session can either be a Town Hall Style—open to all parishioners or it can be comprised of the members of the Parish Council and the Finance Council, and leaders of various committees, programs and ministries. I have decided that for our parish it will be a Town Hall form and I will ask members of committees, councils and ministries to be in attendance. The more broad-based, the better, I believe. The meeting is to be led by the parish Trustees, not the pastor—who may welcome everyone and offer an opening prayer but then is required to leave—so that all will be free to speak without hesitation. Two or three parishioners will be asked to take notes without attribution (just a listing of issues raised, no names mentioned) which will then be given to the AOH Synod committee. These notes will be part of the Synod 2020 planning. In addition, each pastor will provide two or three representatives who will meet with the Archbishop in person to discuss the concerns. Once this is completed, then the outline for the AOH 2020 Synod will be prepared.

Our parish will have a Parish Listening Session on August 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall. So mark your calendars so that we can all offer our voices of faith—and watch for more detailed information in the bulletin.

Ministerial Training Sessions

- **Lectors** - August 4th, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- **Eucharistic Ministers** - August 11th, 10 a.m.
- **Altar Servers** - August 20th & 21st, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Two Sessions Required).

Mark Your Calendars!

Religious Education News

Religious Education

registration for 2018-2019 is ongoing-even beyond the deadline of June 23, 2018 with the late fee included. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible, as we need to plan class sizes, enlist appropriate number of teachers, and secure necessary classrooms at HJMS. Thanks for your help!

NEW STUDENTS: Parents, please complete a blue "New Student Registration Form", found in the atrium and the vestibule of the church. *New student registrations are done in person with the DRE, Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com or please call, 860.658.4737 to make an appointment.*

Share your faith with our parish children! We need one Grade 8 Catechist and one Confirmation Catechist willing to teach a small group on Sunday mornings. Training on the curriculum is provided! Please call Kathi Bonner, 860.658.4737 or Kathidre@aol.com to find out more about this rewarding ministry.

St. Catherine Youth Attending Steubenville East Conference

On July 13, 14, and 15, twelve of our youth will be attending the Catholic High School Youth Conference, Steubenville East on the campus of UMASS Lowell. This is the 4th year we will be participating. The mission of the weekend is to draw teens closer to Christ in a personal relationship. The conference uses Christian music played by a live band and great speakers surrounding Eucharistic Adoration.

Sacred Heart parish from Bloomfield will join our group this year. We're asking you, our fellow parishioners, to support us with your prayers throughout the weekend.

Thank you!



Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

Pantry Partners

The next distribution date for SCPP is July 21st. Please keep the people we serve in your thoughts over the summer months. Families will be home together and a greater need for assistance is anticipated. Any support you can give to this ministry is appreciated. Thank You!

St. Elizabeth House

Next service date is July 15th. Your food items need 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!**

FEED THE HUNGRY

Summer months are great times to sign-up for Feed The Hungry service dates as a family event. The homeless are always in need of your generosity. Thank You!

Are You an Architect, Construction Professional or General Contractor?

Would you be willing to answer a few questions to guide Fr. Michael with some potential parish projects.

If so, please call him on 658 1642.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

--Fr. Michael Whyte

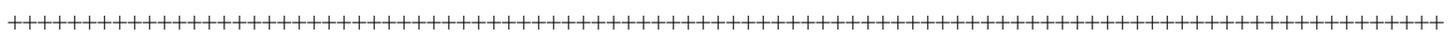
Superheroes, faith and miracles—Oh My! While it may be a wee bit dangerous to equate modern-day superheroes with Jesus, theologically speaking—this weekend’s Gospel of Mark (6: 1-6) does make you wonder why Jesus “was not able to perform any mighty deed in His hometown, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He mentions their “lack of faith.” Was that faithlessness a form of “kryptonite” that prevented Him from His miraculous deeds? It seems, from Jesus’ own words, it was?

But comparing Christ to a superhero? Well, I did receive as a gift this Christmas—a long-sleeved T-shirt that had the image of Jesus at the Last Supper, surrounded not by His apostles but rather by Batman, Spiderman, the Hulk and 9 other superheroes and Jesus handing them the Eucharist as He said, “This is how I saved the world.” Whether we are a little child dreaming of supernatural powers to save the world or an adult on our faith journey hoping to believe in something beyond ourselves—we are, at every age—hoping to believe in something greater than “me, myself and I.”

In today’s gospel we hear something very much akin to last week’s gospel message of *faith-inspired healing*. Recall the hemorrhaging woman who simply by having faith in Christ’s power knew that if she but touched His clothes, she would be healed. Today’s gospel is the opposite, by the lack of faith of those who knew Jesus best, He is unable to perform miracles. Scripture scholars tells us that Jesus’ closest friends—born in the midst of the everyday life are unsure of Him, due to their lack of faith, He was unable to do much. So what’s the difference between magic—or super powers—and faith?

Our Church teaches us that to have faith in Christ requires a “faith dialogue” with the Divine. Jesus does not come to us as a Wizard with potions, tricks, spells or incantations but rather He comes with Truth—and Truth and its acceptance requires an active faith—a free assent of the will, as the Church calls it, to believe what we hear in Scripture, from the teachings and lived actions of Christ—and to accept and believe. We believe the Sacraments are signs of God’s grace in our lives. To believe in these graces, we hope in God’s Power and His Power becomes real in our lives.

The late Father Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S., Scripture scholar and Senior Editor of Emmanuel magazine, wrote of Jesus’ amazement of the people’s lack of faith as a closure (or refusal) to His open dialogue, “For without (their) faith, He had no affect (on them).” Last Tuesday, 3 July 2018 on the Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle (doubting Thomas), the Gospel of the day said “*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."* Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Let’s have an honest faith dialogue—and come to know and believe in Christ. Have faith, trust—and be believing!



but everyone should do something!

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events for July

- Sun, 8th—Social for July 4th, Vestibule, 12noon.
- Mon, 9th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 9th—Steubenville East Orientation, RH, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 10th—Adoration, Church, 9-10 a.m.
- Sun, 15th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m. & 12 Noon.
- Sun, 15th—St. Elizabeth House, parking lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 16th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 16th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Sat, 21st—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 21st—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 23rd—No Confession
- Mon, 23rd—Youth Ministry Committee, Library, 7 p.m.
- Mon, 30th—Confession, 6 p.m.

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

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

Fortnight for Freedom

Join fellow parishioners THIS Sunday, (July 8) after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Mary Garden, weather permitting, for a brief prayer service in recognition of our religious liberties that have helped to build and form our Nation. Our Founding Fathers (and Mothers) thought these Rights to be necessary and vital to the success of our Nation. Let us continue to pray that these rights are sustained.

Immediately following the brief prayer service, and in thanksgiving for America the Beautiful, join us in the vestibule for an old fashion ice cream social. Tulmeadow Farm ice cream!



14th Annual Ben Nascimbeni, Jr.

Memorial Golf Classic

at Simsbury Farms Golf Course on Friday, August 17th, 11 a.m. Shotgun start, scramble format. This 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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7 Hickory Hill Rd.
Simsbury, Conn 06070

Thank You for taking a swing at curing cancer!

Attention Moms:

We are a group meant to promote Catholic family values through a variety of social and spiritual activities, such as monthly Pray and Play, Book Club and Moms at Mass.

We look forward to having you join us in these activities.

Be sure to pick up a calendar of events in the church vestibule.

Meet moms like yourself, make new friends for your children, and build a faith support group to help strengthen your family.

A Win, Win!



Blessed To Be a Mom

at St Catherine of Siena, West Simsbury CT

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.

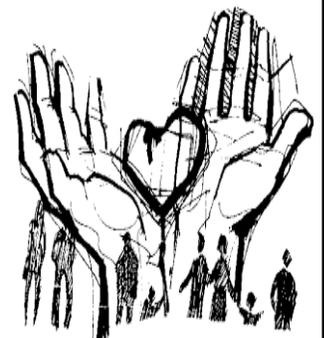
Basic Job Requirements:

- 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

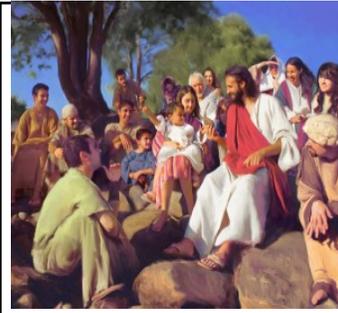


Around Our Archdiocese of Hartford...What are other Catholics doing?



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 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 St 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.

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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!

Email: c4cyag@gmail.com



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.

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