



As you look for faith signs around you, know that you too are called to be a sign of faith to others.

# Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 5, 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](mailto: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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**Parish Legacy Fund Chairman**

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*Mrs. Ann Hoffman, 860 651 3887*  
*Mr. Steven Moretta, 860 658 9630*

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, August 4th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Sallie Ann Hart*, requested by Mary Lou Cobb,
- Sunday, August 5th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Alda Tully*, requested by the Egan Family;
- Sunday, August 5th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, requested by his family;
- Monday, August 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *The Holy Souls in Purgatory*;
- Tuesday, August 7th @ 8:30 Mass for *Helen & George Turner* , requested by Barbara & Dick Hopkins and family;
- Tuesday, August 7th @ 9 a.m., *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, August 8th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Nestor Lozada*, requested by Ann Hurley;
- *Wednesday, August 8th @ 9:00 a.m., Rosary for Peace*;
- Friday, August 10th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Ben Harmon*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- Friday, August 10th @, 9:00 a.m.; *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, August 11th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Frank & Theresa Cerchia*, anniversary, requested by their family;
- Sunday, August 12th @ 8:00 am Mass for *The Holy Souls in Purgatory*; and,
- Sunday, August 12th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Wendell Gobeli, 23rd anniversary*, requested by his family.

**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.	\$8,696.10
Loose Cash/Checks	\$1,102.50
Envelopes	\$7,593.60
Cathedraticum*	-\$ 478.29
School Tax*	-\$ 478.29

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

**Mission Collection.....\$3,408.00**

*This week's second collection is for Repair & Refurbishment.*

## Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

This week it burns for **Ron Sethre, 10th anniversary**, requested by his wife.  
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.

- Wednesday following daily Mass the Rosary for World Peace is prayed.
- Friday following daily Mass The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed.



## Keeping Our Limited Space 'Workable.'

In an attempt to keep our limited common space in the parish center ready for use, we need to keep it clean, organized and efficient. One of the ways we shall do that is to eliminate clutter and put things in their proper place.

To that end—and beginning with the kitchen at Russel Hall—I would ask everyone who has left trays, punch bowls, crockpots and more to collect your personal items from the center counter area within the next two weeks (by August 19). Any items left will be donated to Catholic Charities and/or Gifts of Love. Obviously, the clutter makes the limited usable space even more limited. Thank you for your understanding and assistance. -Fr. Michael

## Hoping to Give to Last Weekend's Mission Priest?

If you were unable to give last weekend to our second collection for the Missionary Priest, Fr. James Joseph from the Salesian Order in India, and would like to give—you may do so by making a check payable to *Saint Catherine of Siena and note in the "MEMO" Salesian Mission*. You may place your envelope in the collection basket for the next two (2) weekends. PLEASE USE AN ENVELOPE MARKED "MISSION". Thank you for your generosity!

## Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Understanding Signs

Signs, to be effective, must be clear and understandable. To make this point, just think of a time you were at the DMV and couldn't figure out the correct line to stand in all day...or maybe traveling in a foreign airport where you didn't speak the language and the signs were "as clear as mud." That feeling of not-knowing is unsettling to say the least.

Today's gospel is another example of the importance of understanding signs—signs which are intended to lead us to something, perhaps "the big picture." We again here this weekend from John's gospel, chapter 6, known as the Bread of Life discourse.

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. (John 6)  
In this short phrase in the midst of the Bread of Life

discourse, we hear the basic theme of John's reflection: *that Jesus came to reveal a divine connection to God*. Father Raymond Brown, a powerful Scripture scholar, tells us that the Mass challenges us to understand signs, both external signs and central signs—which we see in the Mass. The external signs are things like the priest's vestments or candles or incense. These signs lead us deeper into the mystery of God by making them "other worldly," or out of the normal everyday experience. Central signs within the context of the Mass are things such as wine and bread—and the words of Consecration. These Central signs are items that tell the "big picture" and bring to reality; understanding that the wine and bread, by praying the exact words of Christ, bring about a transformation of the material things into something beyond our understanding—wine become Precious Blood, bread becomes the Body of Christ. Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—Salvation.

For many Catholics these external signs—as well as the Central signs—may become misunderstood or taken for granted or they seemingly become "overused" and so they hold less and less mystery as we, in our human nature, make them "just another thing to do—a tradition, like putting up the Christmas tree—and so after a while they (*seem to*) lose their power.

But as we read and listen to this Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel once again, let us open our ears and our hearts and listen to what John is telling us: *The Body and Blood of Christ is a true sign—a sign that illustrates that God sent Jesus the Christ. His Son, into the world to be among us and to bring us a real connection to and encounter with God Himself*. We are called to be more open and to see more deeply the Eucharistic meal as an encounter with God. As we approach the altar of the Lamb, do we realize what we are consuming—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ our Savior who is one and the same—God.

Faith in Jesus Christ should lead us to focus on each Eucharistic meal—the Mass—as the real and true presence of Christ. We are then One with the Father in-and-through the power of Christ. May our prayer this and every Sunday be one that gives us the grace to recognize mere bread and wine as Christ our Lord and God our Father, a real encounter with the God who loves you, created you, and now desires only to save you, for all eternity. Bread and wine—meaning so much more.



## Wedding Banns III

**Kelly Feheeley  
& Nicholas Van Blarcom  
August 11, 2018**

## Religious Education News

Religious Education registration for 2018-2019 is ongoing-even beyond the deadline of June 23rd 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:Kathidre@aol.com) to find out more about this rewarding ministry.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!!!**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** are 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!*

## **Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News**

### **Pantry Partners**

The next monthly distribution for SCPP is August 18th in the atrium from 9 am until 10:30 am.

### **St. Elizabeth House-next service date is**

**August 26th.** 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!**

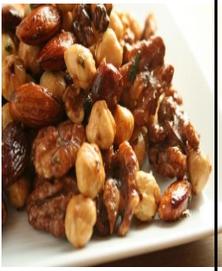
but everyone should do something!

## **Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events for August**

- Sat, 4th – New Lector Training, Church, 10 a.m.
- Mon, 6th – Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 6th – Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 6th – Rosary, Church 7 p.m.
- Sat, 11th – New Eucharistic Minister Training, Church, 10 a.m.
- Mon, 13th – No Confession.
- Tues, 14th – Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, 15th – Holy Day Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, 18th – Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 20th – Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 20th – New Altar Server Training, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 20th – No Confession.
- Mon, 20th – Synod Listening Session, RH, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 21st – Mom's at Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- Tues, 21st – New Altar Server Training, Church, 4 p.m.
- Thurs, 23rd – Pray & Play, Johnathan's Dream Park, W. Htfd, 10:30 a.m.
- Sat, 25th – Picnic in the Park, 10 a.m.
- Sat/Sun – Women's Club Membership Drive & Bake Sale, after Masses.
- Sun, 26th – Leadership Team Youth Ministry, RH, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 26th – St. Elizabeth House, parking lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 27th – Rosary, Church 7 p.m.

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

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



WOMEN'S CLUB MINISTRY  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
AND  
2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>



## To Bake or Not to Bake? That is the Question



The "Hands of Christ" once again needs support.  
The bake sale is on, we're happy to report.

If baking is your cup of tea  
Please get to it and set yourself free.  
Any sweets or jazzed up nuts  
Will surely help us bring in the bucks.

No time to bake?  
It's just "not your thing"?  
A monetary donation you may surely bring.





***Forward with Faith***  
Campaign for the Hartford Bishops' Foundation  
Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This November will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Where we are today as an Archdiocese, with more than half a million Catholics spanning across Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties, is the result of what has been passed down by generations of Catholics before us who have moved our Church forward through their faith and their commitment to our parishes, our schools, and our ministries.

Now is a pivotal moment for our generation to do the same by thoughtfully preparing and investing in our future for the sake of our children and our children's children.

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Hartford, we are now embarking on *Forward with Faith*, a landmark campaign, and the first ever in our 175-year history, being led by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, through which every parish will be asked to participate.

This effort should not be mistaken for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which is used to maintain the day-to-day operations of the Archdiocese. The mission of this campaign is to create funding sources to address long-term and extraordinary needs so that our parishes, schools, faith formation programs, and social service (charities) ministries have the strength and stability to serve future generations of Catholics.

This campaign is not only, or even principally, about the Archdiocese. 50% of funds collected through each local parish campaign will remain with the parish. This is an incredible opportunity for us to both help our Archdiocese prepare for the future while taking care of our own needs right here at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Saint Catherine of Siena is one of the 11 pilot parishes that will lead the way for this historic effort by conducting our campaign now and over the next few months to address the needs of the Archdiocese as well as those within our parish community. **I cannot do this without each one of you, and our parish's success will depend on all of us coming together in this effort.**

- A group of parishioners have formed a committee to assist me with this project. I am grateful for their leadership and dedication on behalf of our parish. They have already been making great efforts thus far, and I am confident that, with everyone's prayers and support, we will be successful in surpassing our goal. If you hear from one of these volunteers, please meet with them, kindly listen to their presentation, and prayerfully consider supporting this vital undertaking, as it will be a great benefit to our Church.
- Over the next few months, all of you will be hearing more about the campaign as we seek to invite everyone to participate in this extraordinary effort.
- I will be happy to meet with anyone or answer any questions you may have over the coming weeks.
- Please join me in praying for our success throughout the *Forward with Faith* campaign. This is truly an historic opportunity. Many in our culture tell us that Catholics--all faiths--are dwindling, that young people have little interest in God or need for the Church, that faith is irrelevant in today's world. I disagree. Faith does matter. God is eternally vital--and people are thirsting for His Truth. We have an opportunity to bring God's love and compassion to those who don't feel it or recognize it in everyday life. May we take up this cross and bring the Lord to all. Thank you all and may God bless you. In Him.

-Father Michael

## Ministerial Training Sessions

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

**Mark Your Calendars!**



## Around the Archdiocese of Hartford

### Congratulations to this year's Hands of Christ Award Recipients!

The Men's and Women's Club Ministries are pleased to announce the following three deserving recipients of the 2018 "Hands of Christ" Award:

*Abby Treacy  
Regina Chappano  
Owen Jahne*

They have each exemplified Christ-like leadership and service to their parish, their schools and their community and we wish them well in their future endeavors as they continue on their well-established path of service. And a big "Thank You" to you, our parishioners, for your generosity in supporting our ministries and fundraisers throughout the year, which enables us to award a total of \$5000 this year!



### HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to: Kathleen D. Nowosadko Victim Assistance Coordinator, 860-541-6475 [kathleen.nowosadko@aoht.org](mailto:kathleen.nowosadko@aoht.org).

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures section of the Safe Environment Handbook for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, 2016. This document is also available online at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org). The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to: State Department of Children and Families Care-line 1-800-842-2288.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the: Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities 1-800-842-7303.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to: Department of Social Services for the Elderly, 1-888-385-4225.

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**Women's Club WELCOME BACK  
Opening Pot Luck Supper has  
been scheduled for Thursday,  
September 13th at 6:30 in Russell Hall.  
We look forward to seeing you there,**

**welcoming all new  
and returning  
members.**



**Look for sign-ups  
shortly in the  
Atrium.**

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