



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

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.

Or by appointment, please call the parish office.

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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St. Catherine of Siena Parish-West Simsbury CT

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, May 11th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *All Mothers*;
- Sunday, May 12th @ 8:00 am Mass for *All Mothers*;
- Sunday, May 12th @ 11:00 am Mass for *All Mothers*;
- Sunday, May 12th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *All Mothers*;
- Monday, May 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Special Intention*;
- Tuesday, May 14th @ 8:30 Mass for *Tom Gorecki*, requested by Bill & Ann Hurley;
- Tuesday, May 14th @ 9 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, May 15th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *DeRoy "Pete" Thomas*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- Wednesday, May 15th @ 9:00 a.m., *Rosary for Peace*;
- Friday, May 17th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Charles Deye*, requested by his family;
- Friday, May 17th @ 9:00 a.m.; *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, May 18th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Fred & Grace Hammond*, birthday remembrance; requested by their family,
- Sunday, May 19th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Thomas Gorecki*, requested by John & Janet Fischer;
- Sunday, May 19th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Lawrence Harper*, birthday remembrance, requested by Ted Zentek; and,
- Sunday, May 19th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Alexander Benton*, 7th anniversary, requested by his family.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

This week it burns for
Thomas Gorecki,
requested by
Anne & Anthony Krafft.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Registration is coming in

- ◆ **May!** For those who are re-registering children,
- ◆ Grades Kindergarten through Grade 10 (Confirmation II) an email and online re-registration will be coming
- ◆ on May 16th. For those families who will register a child for the **first time**, K-10, please complete a blue "New Student Registration Form" found in the atrium and vestibule of the church. Please contact Kathi Bonner, Director of Faith Formation to register in person at 860.658.4737 or Kathidre@aol.com.

Faith Formation Calendar, K-8 and the

- ◆ Confirmation I & II Calendars will be available on the Faith Formation section of our website
- ◆ **beginning May 16th!** This important information, along with "Parent Letters" will also be emailed to each family who have children re-registered in our program.
- ◆ Please notice the special events and occasions on the calendar so your child doesn't miss out!

Class Lists will be posted on our website at the end of the summer for your convenience!

Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 Faith Formation

- ◆ Classes have a wonderful opportunity to employ the Prayers of the Rosary that they have learned this year in a special and unique way. Next Sunday, May 19th, our parish will have a "Living Rosary" after the 11 am Mass inside our church. Join the families who will stay for this 20 minute prayer devotion that your child has learned about and practiced this year! Look for the Constant Contact email so you can register. See you there!"

Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection.	\$11,246.42
Envelopes	\$10,298.37
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 948.05
Cathedralic*	-\$ 449.86
School Tax*	-\$ 449.86
<i>*Parish taxes paid to the Archdiocese for services to the parish.</i>	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 6,115.00
Pantry Partners.....	\$ 485.00(additional)
Easter.....	\$ 125.00 (additional)

Wedding Banns III

Maria Pereira & Christopher Pass
May 17, 2019

&

Arielle Wezdenko & Mark Wagoner
May 18, 2019

Is a Funeral Liturgy necessary?

A growing trend among some Roman Catholic families is to not have a funeral Mass for their deceased family members. Rather, they choose to have a “service” at the funeral home – sometimes with a priest and prayers, sometimes without.

What is the cause of this growing trend? I am sure there are many answers to that question. However, one unsettling trend appears to be the feeling that the death of an individual and their religious preferences are less about the deceased and more about the remaining family members of the deceased. When I ask the question as to why one chooses not to have a funeral Mass for “mom or dad,” who by the way attended weekly or daily Mass, the frequently offered response is something akin to “Oh, I don’t go to Mass or I no longer practice that faith.” Okay. But the funeral Mass is about your loved one who has died and their soul—and they had a deep and practiced faith which was very important to him or her.

When I was working on my MPA in gerontology a long time ago there was a growing concern at that time that families were not carrying out the wishes of older folks at the time of their death and professionals in the field recommended to the elderly to plan for their own funeral wishes—not to leave it up to others. It almost seemed impossible that a son or daughter would not carry out their parents’ last wishes, particularly their faith-based wishes. But that disbelief is now a more practiced reality. And while inter-familial relationships have been and will be touchy situations in many circumstances, here we can focus on the meaning and intent of the funeral Mass, particularly as it relates to those who love and practice their Roman Catholic faith.

While the funeral Mass is meant to bring peace and comfort to the bereaved family, it is primarily about the deceased person and their relationship (past and future) with God. In the funeral Mass we hear of the love which God has for His created beings. In the opening prayer and rites of the Mass we are told that we are saved (Baptism) by God in His love for all creation; in the Liturgy of the Word of God we hear of the intimate care God has for our mortal bodies and for our immortal and invaluable souls, that God has a plan and a promise for us in eternity and desires our souls to rest in His Kingdom of Love; in the homily (and the eulogy which are two very different things) we are led to more deeply understand what God hopes for us in this life and for the life to come, where in the eulogy we

hear an open expression of how the deceased person lived the image and likeness of Christ in their families, their marriage and in the community; we receive in Holy Communion—those of us left behind—the eternal promise that God loves us, forgives us and calls us to be nourished by Him; in the music we hear and feel the soothing presence of the Divine and know that He is with us in this life to guide us in the Truth of faith and to help us carry out those Truths in our everyday lives; and, then in the concluding rites we once again are assured of the promise of God’s great love in the beautiful song of farewell.

But most of all, in the funeral Mass, we are reminded that life does not end but for those who believe in Him it simply changes—and with mortal death we pass into eternal life. That for those who believe, God will welcome them home into His glory, assure them of unending happiness, provide for them a resurrection from unending death, meant as a separation from God. In heaven we shall all share in the divine attributes of God Himself. And to be given this gift of salvation all we have to do is BELIEVE in Him.

A myth of the modern world is that funeral Masses are depressing and uninspiring. Really? When we hear about God’s love for our deceased loved one and of His promise of unending joy—living in a place of ongoing happiness, complete perfection, a place where pain and sin, sickness and division have no residence. That’s depressing and uninspiring? To hear music that lifts our soul from the wounds of this world and transports us to a place of glory—that’s uninspiring?

The funeral Mass is an opportunity to hear a message that is personally powerful, communally comforting, and sure to inspire us to take a new and open look at faith and God. This column might seem out-of-place in the Easter season as we talk of Christ’s Resurrection...but then again, it is about our resurrection in Christ—and that is the whole of the Easter season.

The funeral Mass is a celebration of the life of the one we have lost—their life among us and their life to come in the Kingdom of Heaven. In celebrating the rituals of the Church at difficult times, we comfort ourselves, we lift our hearts and heads to Christ, we recall the beauty of the loved one lost, and we respect their faith life by celebrating not just what they hoped for, but rather what they have received.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Registration for 2019-2020 is now open. Forms are available in the atrium and vestibule. All rising 7-12 graders are welcome! You do not have to be a parishioner to join. See our summer activities below.

Welcome to all our current sixth graders—soon to be 7th graders—to our Junior High Youth Ministry Program. Please join us at our summer event (see below). Come see what we are all about!

SUMMER EVENTS

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 19th, 8:30 a.m.-WALK MS with Team St. Catherine-University of St. Joseph, West Hartford. To register, please email Mrs. Hanshaw and **indicate t-shirt size**.

Sunday, June 2nd, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.-Reach for the STARS—Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Celebration at University of St. Joseph. Volunteers are needed to help make this a fun day for over 100 young cancer survivors and their families who attend. Sign up for any shift beginning as early as 7:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Hanshaw. Families welcome.

Graduating seniors, incoming freshmen, and everyone in between. SAVE THE DATE-

Friday, July 19th, 6:00 p.m. Our evening will begin with a barbecue dinner and all the fixings, a wiffle ball game (no experience needed), bonfire and s'mores, tie-dye (bring a t-shirt or pillowcase), games, crafts and a movie. Sleep optional for the “lock-down” sleepover. Join us on this fun-filled evening and an opportunity to meet new friends or last chance opportunity to see some of your old youth ministry friends before summer ends.

SUMMER EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Current 6th, 7th and 8th graders-SAVE THE DATE—Monday, July 15th Mini-Golf and Ice Cream—details to come shortly.

Continued on next column.

SUPPORT OUR 2019 SUMMER MISSION TRIP TEAM AND JOIN THE BATTLE OF THE TEAMS—LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE LAWN SIGNS! Red Sox or Yankees fans can purchase lawn signs after **every Mass this weekend** to raise money for our summer mission team's week of service in Warrensburg, NY. **Free Fenway Frank** with every sign (after all Masses except the 8:00 a.m. Mass). Signs cost \$20.

Fr. Michael continued...

Ladies and Gentlemen, your assistance please!

As pastor I am reaching out to all our Mass attendees and I am asking for your assistance. Our parish is in need of additional ushers and lead ushers at our Masses.

What does a **Lead usher** do? A lead usher arrives early before the Mass begins and organizes those who will help take up the collection, locates and confirms the family who will bring up the bread and wine in the offertory as well as welcomes people to Mass and offers them assistance to a pew (especially after the Mass has begun). Lead ushers are scheduled for Mass as part of the Ministry Pro Scheduler system we use at St. Catherine of Siena for altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (it is an online scheduling system you use to select the Masses you normally attend).

What does an **usher** do? A regular usher helps take up the collection during the offertory so that the Mass may continue uninterrupted and that the gifts (which are the collection and offertory bread and wine) come to the altar in a timely manner, taking direction from the assigned lead usher. Non-lead ushers are not scheduled but rather are selected by the lead usher at each Mass.

There is training for both of these volunteer positions and I truly hope that you will consider this ministry that happens while you are already at Mass (no extra meetings or activities. Please call the parish office at 658 1642.

LOST & FOUND -If anyone lost a silver bangle bracelet during Holy Week Services please call the office, 860-658-1642. A pedometer was also found.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

May

- Sat, 11th/Sun, 12th—Baseball Sign Sale-Youth Ministry
- Sat, 11th/Sun, 12th—Baby Bottle Drive
- Sun, 12th—Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. & 12 noon.
- Sun, 12th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 12th—Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, MR, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 13th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 13th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Tues, 14th—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, 18th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 am.
- Sat, 18th—Feed the Hungry
- Sun, 19th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Living Rosary, 12 Noon.
- Sun, 19th—St. Elizabeth House, parking lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun, 19th—Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, MR, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Prayer Shawl, RH, 3 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 22nd—Women's Club Meeting, RH, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, 23rd—Girl Scouts, RH, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, 23rd—Forward with Faith, Library, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 25th/Sun, 26th—Return Baby Bottles for St. Gerard
- Sun, 26th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon 27th—Memorial Day, Office Closed, No McLean Home Mass, No Confession.
- Tues, 28th—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB MINISTRY EVENT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING, **THE HALO OPEN**

-Friday May 31, 2019, Noon Shotgun Start At Simsbury Farms Golf Club. \$150 per golfer which includes 18 holes and cart, boxed lunch, buffet dinner back at Russell Hall, catered by KANE'S MARKET.
-All are welcome. Proceeds go back to community projects and other St. Catherine ministries.



Ways you can support this wonderful event:

Please consider playing. Single, Twosome or Foursome. If you are a single happy to match you with other golfers. Men and Women prizes.

Can't play, no problem. Tee signs are \$100. Honor someone in your family, your business, a graduate or in memory of.

Donations. A major part of this fundraiser is our auction and raffle. Please contact Ed Bouquillon if you have an item that we might raffle or auction. Ed's # is 860.992.6579 or by email at edbouquillon@comcast.net.

Join us for dinner. Best buffet in town! \$50 for adults and \$15 for children under 10.

More Info, please contact: Lou Daniels 860.916.3577, Ed Bouquillon 860.992.6579 or Kevin Frazier 860.712.0764.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

Pantry Partners

Next Saturday, May 18th is the distribution date for SCPP. Volunteers should plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to assist with set up.



FEED THE HUNGRY

The next Feed the Hungry visit to prepare and serve lunch in Hartford will be Saturday, May 18th, leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 a.m. and returning by 1:30 p.m. Teens and adult volunteers are needed. Sign up in the vestibule to reserve your spot. The homeless are always in need of your generosity!



St. Elizabeth House

St. Elizabeth House-next service

date is May 19th. 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!



Annual Baby Bottle Drive to benefit St. Gerard's Center for Life , Mother's Day Weekend, May 11th and 12th

Pledge cards or bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of May 25th and 26th.

Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area! (Baby bottles & envelopes should be returned in the bins left behind by May 25th.)

**FATHER MICHAEL & THE WOMEN'S CLUB INVITE YOU
TO PRAY THE LIVING ROSARY IN COMMUNITY ON
SUNDAY, MAY 19th AT NOON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 11am MASS.**



**FAMILY PARTICIPATION ESPECIALLY NEEDED TO "POPULATE"
ALL 61 BEADS!!!**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT stcatherine.info
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. LEADERSHIP & HAND-OUTS
WILL BE PROVIDED.**

- honor your mother for Mother's Day.*
- honor your grads.*
- honor your recent confirmands, 1st communicants or the recently baptized.*
- pray for thanksgiving.*
- share in the rosary with your family.*
- 3rd grade parents, participate with your child who learned to pray the rosary in faith formation this year.*
- honor your catechist.*
- pray for health & healing and peace to all who are suffering.*
- pray for your private intentions.*
- pray for the future of the catholic church.*



Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate in the fall for our annual Leaf Rake. There may be some people in our community that still need to get a clean-up.

Before contacting any of these folks, I am looking to see if there is any desire, or availability in schedules to -up. I would like to schedule 30 a.m. Please contact Bill liatela@gmail.com if you are the postponed Fall Leaf e the availability of rakers/ determine if it can be done lks from the fall list.

Bible Study this June.... Burgers and the Bible! (get fed twice!)



In this foundational Bible study, Lou Daniels takes you on a guided tour of the Four Gospels. In Part 1 of the series, he answers historical questions about the origins of the Gospels, such as:

- Who wrote the Gospels? Are they really anonymous?
 - When were the Gospels written?
 - What did the Church Fathers believe?
 - What do modern scholars believe? Why?

In Part 2, Lou then turns to the portraits of Jesus that each of the four Gospels gives us. He takes you through the distinctive picture given by each Evangelist: Messiah, Rabbi, Evangelist, New Moses Healer and more.



All are welcome.
Monday's 6/3, 6/10,
6/17 and 6/24 at 6 p.m.
Come to one or come to
them all. RSVP are
helpful by registering.

ldaniels@cadrplus.com. Sponsored by the Men's Club Ministry.



Please join us
after the
8 and 11 a.m.
Masses this
weekend for
Coffee & Donuts.

Women's Club Ministry-Please join the Women's Club Ministry on Wednesday, May 22nd in Russell Hall at 7pm for our May meeting. There will be a brief informative meeting followed by the making a simple craft. The fruits of our labor will be an easy to make Christmas ornament and will be sold at our November 2nd Craft Fair. All materials will be provided. You need only bring yourself and/or a friend. As usual light refreshments and some wine to bring out our creative spirits (pun intended) will be provided. We hope to see many smiling faces. Any questions please call Janet Fischer, 860-217-7464.



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