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A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

**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 9:00 a.m., Livestreamed, 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:**

[StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net](mailto:StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net)

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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 designated 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 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, May 30th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for **Gwen & Jack Berry**, requested by their family;
- **Sunday, May 31st @ 8:00 am** Mass for **Alexander Benton**, birthday remembrance, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, May 31st @ 11:00 am** Mass for **Sharon Garry**;
- **Monday, June 1st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for **Dolores Zlotkowski**, requested by Nancy O'Connell;
- **Tuesday, June 2nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for **Elizabeth Silvester**, requested by Dick & Barbara Hopkins;
- **Wednesday, June 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for **Special Intention**, requested by Dorothy Ianzito;
- **Friday, June 5th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for **John Ollweiller**, requested by Dick & Barbara Hopkins;
- **Saturday, June 6th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for **Jerome Francis Odlum**, requested by Marilyn & John Gilson;
- **Sunday, June 7th @ 8:00 am** Mass for **Deceased members of the Women's Club** ; and,
- **Sunday, June 7th @ 11:00 am** Mass for **Jim Sullivan**, 2nd anniversary, requested by his family.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Thank you for remembering your parish with your financial gifts.  
Especially during these socially-distancing times when we are not gathered together, but yet the needs of many require more Church attention.  
May God Bless You!

Thank you for using both our online Faith Direct services or  
for mailing your envelope to:  
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Weekly Envelope:	\$4,904.00
Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 0.00
Online Giving/Faith Direct:	\$9,533.15 (Monthly Total)

### Other Generous Giving:

Ascension:	\$350.00
Catholic Communications:	\$403.00
Pantry Partners:	\$545.00
Repair & Refurbishment:	\$795.00

Kindly remember in your prayers the noble souls of parishioners and their family members who have died and were buried without Funeral Masses during this time pandemic:

*Rita Casey  
Nicholas Ladutko  
Gregory Keane  
Salvatore Zaffino  
Lucille Bowman  
Elizabeth Silvester  
Marian Chrosniak*

## Sanctuary Lamp Memorial



This week it burns for  
**Nursing Home**  
**Residents affected by**  
**COVID 19.**

*You can help us*  
during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Please visit [faith.direct/CT1077](https://faith.direct/CT1077) to give!

## The Holy Spirit & Pentecost

This Sunday, which is the last weekend of the Easter Season, is also *Pentecost Sunday*, the birthday of the Church and when God gave the gift of His Holy Spirit to mark the beginning of her mission to evangelize the world. This “birthday gift” from God is the Advocate, the Counselor and the Spirit of Love—that is of God’s Love, and not an ordinary love with a lowercase *l*.

The Easter Season concludes with Solemn Vespers, meaning a sunset evening prayer service in the Roman Catholic Church as well as in some other denominational Christian churches. The word comes from the Greek *ἑσπέρα* and the Latin *vesper*, meaning “evening”. In the Church we also mark this liturgical change of seasons by removing the Paschal Candle from a prominent place in the Sanctuary and returning it to its rightful place near the Baptismal font.

Pentecost and the Holy Spirit are signs to us of God’s unconditional and unending Love. Through faith we understand that God’s Love created us in His Image and Likeness, that His Love redeemed us by the blood of His Son on the Cross, and now and continuously He saves us in His Love—leading and revealing us to all Truth, and showing us how to make it applicable—through faith—to our everyday lives, and then providing us with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) to enable us to make that faith part of our daily lives: thus, we are called to *Believe it. Live it. Share it!*

As we consider the celebration and meaning of Pentecost in our Church and in our lives, we must ask just “how do I/we celebrate Pentecost—the giving, the coming, and the residing within us—of God’s LOVE? Am I one who gives a *verbal* response only? A form of religious lip service with no follow-through. Am I one who gives a response in *action*—actually doing His Will and His mission on earth—feeding the hungry, supporting the Knights of Malta? Am I one who simply doesn’t answer—like a child in class who is unprepared in the assigned work, slipping lower into the seat and using the book as if it were a cloaking device or Gyges’ ring? Or perhaps worse yet, does indifference set into me—like the one who watches the television commercials for St. Jude Children’s or Shriner’s Hospital or even Tunnel-To-Towers stating how I have to send in a check and then never do?

As we close out the Easter season and plan for our future discipleship in Christ, let us listen to the very words of Christ at the end of today’s Gospel, as He says: “*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*” Christ has given us His Peace. A peace that is beyond all human understanding; a peace that frees us and gives us the fullness of what it truly means to be

human—and made in His own likeness and image—able to become *like Him* in this world—sharing in His Divine Attributes (Joy, Charity and Love). And with that Peace embedded in our very being we are now able to freely receive (accept—an act of the will on our part) His Holy Spirit (given first at our Baptism and fully granted to us in Confirmation); and as the Father sent the Christ, so now the Christ sends us—as His brothers and sisters to fulfill His Will (Will you finish my work in the Church). *Receive the Holy Spirit!*

How many of us will say today: Yes, Lord, I’ve come to do Your Will! I shall freely and willingly receive Your Holy Spirit, and I will go forth to share Your Love in my actions with the world. How many of us—to celebrate Easter on Pentecost Day—will *Believe it. Live it. Share it!*

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# Faith Formation News

## Register Now

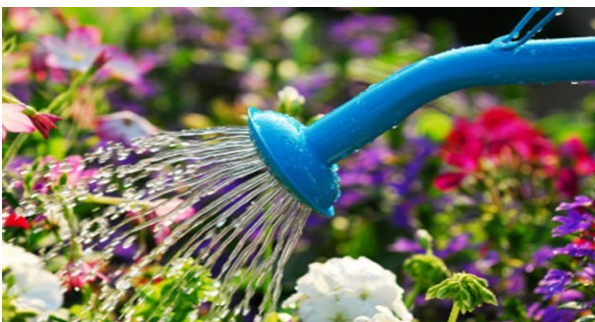
### New Student Registration and Re-registration has begun for Faith Formation Classes for 2020-2021.

Although there remains some uncertainty concerning normal classroom activities at the present time, arrangements are being made to conduct classes as usual at HJMS, while we also explore alternate ways to continue Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. Meanwhile, registration will continue so that our parish can purchase books and other materials for all of the children registered in our program. The late fee has been waived this year so there is no penalty to register beyond the deadline, however, we encourage you to register by June 30th so that we may make purchasing and other decisions based on an accurate number of children. Our parish continues to adhere to the safety recommendations put forth by the CDC, State of Connecticut and local officials.

**CATECHISTS WANTED!** We have openings in Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 6 and Confirmation I (Grade 9). If you have a desire to share your faith, please call Kathi Bonner, 860.658.4737 or email [Kathidre@aol.com](mailto:Kathidre@aol.com). We have an outstanding curriculum and supportive Faith Formation network of teachers and parishioners.

### HELP WANTED

**watering the flowers this summer around the church and rectory. We have a watering schedule and would love to add you to our list. If interested please contact Barbara Hopkins at (860) 658-5478 or [barbhopkins@comcast.net](mailto:barbhopkins@comcast.net) for further information. Our Parish thanks you.**



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**-We are looking for help with sandwiches for the homeless and underserved in Hartford for Monday, June 1st. If you are able to donate sandwiches, please use this link to sign up. Thank you for your continued help and support. <https://www.signupgenius.com/o/9040D4BADAF2AA6FC1-sandwiches>.

### SENIOR HIGH

**SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 6 PM.** Do you ever feel like you are trying to balance yourself on just one leg? It is time to have some fun in your life! Join us for our **FLAMINGO CHALLENGE!!! Prizes awarded this evening for our end of year celebration!** Use this zoom link to join us: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872720840?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872720840?pwd=RIExRlpCT3kzamxPZUxtSzQyQlJ3QT09)

Pwd=RIExRlpCT3kzamxPZUxtSzQyQlJ3QT09  
Meeting ID: 818 7272 0840, Password: 888671

**LEADERS MEETING** – Our final meeting will be on **SUNDAY, JUNE 7th at 6:00 p.m.** Your input is important to making youth ministry meaningful to each of you and other teens. Please join Mrs. Whittemore and me for this brief meeting using this zoom link.

### 2019-2020 LEADERS WRAP-UP

**MEETING**, [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87870662051?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87870662051?pwd=RFNObfJJSNnRtVGZoTGlvWYra3gzdz09)  
pwd=RFNObfJJSNnRtVGZoTGlvWYra3gzdz09  
Meeting ID: 878 7066 2051, Password: 410213

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**–Summer is almost here, and we can't wait to see you soon! Once we receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will host our annual outdoor summer party. Please continue to look in the bulletin or your weekly email for more information.

### WELCOME CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup>

**GRADERS**–Please join us for our Senior High Youth Ministry summer programs. Even if you have never participated in youth ministry before, all are welcome to come check us out for fun and faith. Registration forms will be available on our website next week!

### JUNIOR HIGH

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**- Summer is almost here and it is time for some outdoor fun! We can't wait to host our annual ice cream social and mini-golf. Details will be announced in the bulletin.

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## St. Catherine Public Masses Return

Beginning Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Catherine of Siena will initiate a partial reopening of the public worship of Mass as well as a return to our public Sacramental Life in the Church (weddings, baptisms, confessions and funerals). *Sunday Masses will not begin at this time, but it is our hope that very soon we shall celebrate the Sunday Masses together.*

Along with the reopening of the daily Masses, all Masses—daily and Sunday—will be lived streamed and provided on our website at [stcatherine.info](http://stcatherine.info).

Please look for constant contact emails coming your way with more details and information. Public Masses shall be limited to 50 people, per Governor Lamont's Executive Order, and we will implement all CDC and Conn Public Health Guidelines. Sacredness and Safety Are One. Please look for specific details and information about Mass schedules, attendance and practices forthcoming via our parish's Constant Contact emails.

Thank you and we look forward to worshiping God together again soon.

***“Hands of Christ” Award: The deadline to apply for this year’s Hands of Christ Award given by the Men’s & Women’s Club Ministries is Monday June 1st.*** Applications are attached to this week’s e-Bulletin, and are also available on the parish website ([stcatherine.info](http://stcatherine.info)), you will find the 2020 application which details eligibility requirements. ***Any and all parishioners are welcome to apply*** to help support their personal volunteer passions in service to Saint Catherine of Siena parish or the community at large. We hope to announce award recipients no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Jr. High Youth Ministry continued...

#### **WELCOME CURRENT 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS –**

Please join us for our Junior High Youth Ministry summer programs. Look for a postcard in the mail shortly for some of our planned events. Registration forms will be available on our website next week. Even if you have never participated in youth ministry before, all are welcome to come check us out for fun and faith. Confirmation hours for many various service projects (car wash, cooking and baking for shelters, and much more).

### **Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to make sandwiches for the homeless and underserved in Hartford.**



If you are available to help, please use this sign up. Sandwiches can be any variety on any kind of bread or roll, just no condiments. **Sandwiches should be dropped off to the kitchen on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, before 10:00 a.m.** Thank you for your ongoing help and support. Confirmation hours available.

For more information, or to sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BADAF2AA6FC1-sandwiches>.

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