

Livestream
all Masses

@

stcatherine.info



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9 2021

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., & 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

265 Stratton Brook Road, Box 184

West Simsbury, Connecticut 06092

Tel: 860 658 1642 /Fax: 888 297 3134

Email: stcathy@comcast.net

Website: www.stcatherine.info Facebook Page:

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.

Pastor: Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

PARISH STAFF

Administrative Assistant-Parish Office

Mrs. Lisa Cerchia

860 658 1642 or stcathy@comcast.net

Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Kathi Bonner

860 658 4737 or kathidre@aol.com

Director of Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Office

Manuela Hanshaw, 860 658 1642 or

Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com

Director of Music Ministry

Mrs. Susan Zybert

860 217 0600 or susanzybert@comcast.net

Facilities Manager

Mr. Michael Grappone, 860 658 1642

Parish Council President

Mr. Mike Coutinho

860 408 1649 or mikevinda@hotmail.com

Finance Council Chairman

Mrs. Jennifer Orzell

860 729 1079

Parish Legacy Fund Chairman

Mr. Peter Pabich, 860 810 5069

Parish Lay Trustees

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, May 8th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *All Mothers*;**
- **Sunday, May 9th @ 8:00 am Mass for *All Mothers*;**
- **Sunday, May 9th @ 11:00 am Mass for *All Mothers*; and,**
- **Sunday, May 9th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *All Mothers*;**
- **Monday, May 10th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Ray Rooney, birthday remembrance, requested by his family*;**
- **Tuesday, May 11th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for the *Bob Avery, birthday blessings, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia*;**
- **Tuesday, May 11th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;**
- **Wednesday, May 12th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Mike Reilley, requested by Deb & Gene Trovato*;**
- **Wednesday, May 12th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;**

+++++

The Ascension of the Lord-(Holy Day)

- **Wednesday, May 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Mass for *Walter Kaczowka, 1st anniversary, requested by his family*;**
- **Thursday, May 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Barbara Nascimbeni, requested by Kathy Reilley*;**
- **Thursday, May 13th @ 6:30 p.m. Mass *Pro Populo*;**

+++++

- **Friday, May 14th @ 8:30 a.m. for *Charles Deye, requested by his family*;**
- **Friday, May 14th @ 9 a.m. *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;**
- **Saturday, May 15th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Katy McNamara, 55th anniversary, requested by her family*;**
- **Sunday, May 16th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Mike Reilley, requested by Terri Hollis*;**
- **Sunday, May 16th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Deceased members of the Mikosz & Jahne Family, and,***
- **Sunday, May 16th @ 5:00 pm Mass for *Mary Jane McVey, requested by Beth McCormick*.**

The Office will be open at limited times this week, please call 658-1642.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Thank you for your financial support of our parish! In these uncertain times, it is my hope that our parish provides to you both spiritual support and practical support—*Catholic Action*—by feeding our neighbors, investing in our children and youth, and keeping all of our parish’s stakeholders in the ‘Spiritual Loop’, if you will! We are able to livestream the Masses, provide unique and creative Faith Formation, Youth Ministry; we are able to continue our 6 ministries which feed, care and provide assistance to our neighbors in need—because of your generous and continuous financial support. Without it, our doors would close and our programs would be reduced.

Thank you for parishioners like you!

*Thank you for using both our online Faith Direct services or for mailing your envelope to:
Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092*

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$7,402.25
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$3,814.15
Total:	\$11,216.40

Other Generous Giving:

Repair & Refurbishment	\$1,319.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00
Easter.....	\$ 120.00 (add'l)
Pantry Partners	\$1,165.00 (add'l)

Next week’s second collection is for Catholic Communications.

Wedding Banns III
Catherine Marie Stine & Connor Thornton Leach
May 15, 2021

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial



Elizabeth Silvester & Anna Koch
requested by their families.

Sixth Sunday in Easter

“You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15) This is powerful language from the Lord and it is very clear. In today’s world, some might say it is “direct” language, which can be an uncomfortable conversation for many. After all, as humans we don’t like to hear ultimatums or commands, even though in reality this gospel is all about choice—which is total and complete freedom yet it also places accountability on us.

As the gospels proclaim, God loves us. He created us out of Love. He redeemed us out of Love by the Blood of His Son, and then He Advocates for us in-and-through the Holy Spirit who teaches and leads us in all Truth. It is in God’s Love that we shall be conformed to Him so that we are truly His disciples—His friends. Here is where the word “if” comes into being: “You are my friends *if* you do what I command.” So it is our *choice*—do we do what He commands of us? Do we follow the (10) Commandments? Do we believe in and follow the Beatitudes? Do we understand and accept the teachings of Christ on social justice, the dignity of all human life—and do we live them by way of being a practitioner of the Faith?

Choice: *noun – the act of choosing; selection.* It is in this “act” that we do something: we choose to carry about the homeless and not simply walk past them at the park; that we believe life at all stages is sacred and made in the image of God; especially when choices are “inconvenient;” do we see social justice as a divisive issue or a choice that highlights equality? Do we understand and decide to move forward in carrying out God’s Will in and through our choices so that we may be His friends?

One of the most misunderstood aspects of Faith is that Jesus judges us in the sense of condemning us. Rather, our Faith teaches us that Jesus judges us in righteousness and never turns His back on us. He does not lock the gates of heaven to keep us out but rather He offers us His Love in complete and total freedom, never forcing us to choose Him but instead hoping that you and I will desire to Love Him in return, making a choice to feed the hungry, defend all human life, seeking right relationship with others in justice so that all may live today in the freedom of God’s children to, as Saint Catherine of Siena said, “Be who God meant you to be so that you will set the world on fire” with His Love.

In the Eucharistic prayer over the chalice, the priest, bowing at the altar prays over the chalice with these words: “*Take this, all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.*” This prayer ends with a declaratory statement—do this in memory of me—not just when it is convenient or easy, but do it. Also in this prayer we hear that the Blood will be poured out for “you and for many”—why not all, if God loves all? Well, His Love is given in complete and total freedom; we are not automatons doing everything in lock step but rather doing His Will by our choice—that word again—which Christ knew at the Last Supper would not be the choice or desire of all people...after all at the Last Supper Judas did not choose the Lord. Freedom brings with it a choice to be made—a choice that bears accountability on our end, “Will I choose the Lord? Will I follow His Commands...for *if* I do I will be called His friend?”

The *choice* is ours. Faith is a gift of Love, given freely and abundantly and it is up to us to come to the table and eat of the plentiful life giving Bread. *If only...*

Welcoming Everyone Back Home

It is so wonderful to see so many friendly faces back in pews. After 2020 when the church was “locked” and Masses were celebrated with a camera, an organist, a lector and a priest only—it is nice to have congregations and voices and souls seeking God.

As we return to more and more people attending the Masses, as the Governor lifts the restrictions of his state of emergency Executive Orders, and as the pandemic subsides—praise God!—the guidelines of the Church will be changing too: Fewer social distancing rules and more freedoms—I have a favor to ask of our parishioners. *When the ushers help people locating seats in pews—as we have yet been told it is OK to use all pews, kindly heed the request to slide in to make room for others. It will certainly highlight the Christian virtue of welcoming others to the Lord.*

Continued on page 6.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION Registration will be conducted in mid-May-check your email for the registration for those families with children presently in the program. For new students, forms and in person registration will take place in mid-May-please watch the bulletin for when the in person registration begins!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION was a joyful and blessed event on Saturday! Let us all be renewed in faith and as happy to receive Jesus each Sunday as these children were for the first time. Thank you all for praying for these young children as their prepared to receive this most Holy and Blessed Sacrament.

**Cara Brittell
Adelyn Buckley
Tyler Czerwinski
Thomas Dean
Michael DiMascio
Zoey Dorr
Anthony Fiasconaro
Stella Hilsdon
Ethan Kirk
Caroline Krasula
James Maggiore
Jude Murphy
Declan O'Shaughnessy
Theodore Palmer
William Schreijack
William Stenrud
Pierce Tebecio
Noah Trythall
Ronan von Pechmann**

**Fiona Bryant
Sydney Coleman
Peter Dean
Domenic DiMascio
Connor Dolan
Julia Eichner
Alexander Gutfran
Samantha Kennedy
Lexi Kopel
Grace LaBarbera
Bailey Mulready
Claire Nelson
Samuel Pabich
Isabella Peltier
Claire Stenrud
Grayson Sweeney
Andrew Thompson
Keegan Violette
Charles Weinbach**



The May Procession to Crown Mary was held last Sunday and so many parishioners joined our May Queen, Grace LaBarbera out to the Mary Garden for this wonderful devotion to the Blessed Mother. Thank you to the First Holy Communion children who lead the Church procession!

CATECHIST OPENINGS REMAIN! Please consider joining our Catechist Community, teaching the faith to our young parishioners! If you have faith enough to share, we have the curriculum and resources to help you! We need one Kindergarten teacher, one Grade One teacher, two Grade Four teachers, one Grade Six teacher, two Grade 7 teachers and one Grade Nine (Confirmation I) teacher. Contact Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com or call 860.658.4737 for more information!

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

The May distribution date for SCPP is May 15th. We will distribute through the summer outdoors. We hope to bring back hospitality inside the vestibule in the fall. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry. We are grateful for your time and talent!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Please help us feed the hungry in Hartford. Opportunities include making sandwiches, making a hot dish (all ingredients provided), and to help deliver to Hartford (SUV or van needed). See the bulletin next week for the sign-up link for volunteer opportunities. **In-person preparation and food serving in Hartford has resumed-COVID-19 vaccine is required to participate.** The next opportunity to volunteer is on **Saturday, May 22nd**. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

St. Elizabeth House

We are now able to return to in-person meal service for the residents at St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. All volunteers **MUST** be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For those not fully vaccinated, we appreciate your service in the form of purchasing or preparing food to serve. **Our next service date is Sunday, May 23rd.** Please sign up via SignUp Genius-see link below. Thank you!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth10>

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our next sandwich drop off dates for our Street Sandwich Ministry are **Saturday, May 22nd from 8-10 a.m., Sunday, May 23rd from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, May 24th from 8-10 a.m.** Sandwiches are needed for various homeless shelters in Hartford, including Loaves and Fishes, Immacare and House of Bread. Sandwiches on any type of bread (rolls, sliced bread, wraps, etc) of any kind are needed—deli meat and/or cheese, chicken, tuna or egg salad, or any type of protein. Please **NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE**. If you are able to help, please sign up using this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/33bB140>
Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!

WHAT DO “OLD MOTHER HUBBARD” AND YES YOU “CAN” HAVE IN COMMON?

Old Mother Hubbard, went to her cupboard, and found that her cupboards were bare... As summer is approaching, food insecurities increase since many families rely on school lunch programs to help feed their children. St. Catherine of Siena will continue its commitment to our local neighbors through Eno Hall and the food pantry in Hartford at the House of Malta. **This month, we are focusing on some new items.** Ongoing weekly drop offs are greatly appreciated and can be left in the vestibule.

“Canned”

Peanut butter and jelly

Fruits – jarred and canned

Tuna and chicken and Spam

Breakfast cereals and oatmeal

Vegetables

Rice

Beans of any kind

Pasta, pasta salad mix, and canned pasta

Pancake mix and maple syrup

Coffee and tea

and...

TOILET PAPER (individually wrapped or 4 packs)

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

MAY

- Sat, 8th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 10th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 11th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 12th—Vigil Mass for the Ascension, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, 13th—Holy Day Masses, 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, 15th—Pantry Partners, outside, 9 a.m.
- Sun, 16th—Youth Ministry, RH, 12:15 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Prayer Shawl, RH, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 18th—Fall into Faith planning mtg, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Evening Adoration, Church, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 19th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 22nd—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 22nd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 23rd—St. Elizabeth House, prk. lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Tues, 25th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 25th—Youth Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 26th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 29th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 31st—Memorial Day, office closed.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH

Join us on our **HUNGER AWARENESS WALK – SUNDAY, MAY 16th at 1 pm.** Let's raise awareness for the hungry and food insecure. **Rain or shine.** Meet at 12:45 pm at St. Mary's (Hopmeadow Street). Together, we will raise funds (through sponsors) and awareness to end hunger. **Free t-shirt.** Please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3sXudkK> Meet at St. Mary's side school parking lot at 12:45, for a 1 p.m. start time to St. Catherine of Siena. Ice cream sundaes and popsicles will be served at St. Catherine's, followed by some games for all. Pick up at 3:30 pm. The event will support the House of Malta Food Pantry in Hartford.

SENIOR HIGH

Last week to sign up for **SUMMER SERVICE/MISSION TRIP Team– Monday, June 14th-Thursday, June 17th, 2021 (4-days).** Free team t-shirt. Registration is due no later than **Sunday, May 16th.** The cost is \$40, which includes daily transportation, parking, breakfast (4) and dinners (2), and other special events. To register, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/2RWLBcw>

Please look for our **SHYM Summer schedule** in the next few weeks. Our summer program will include, but is not limited to the Summer service trip, “dinners in the park, bonfires and evening gatherings and more!

JUNIOR HIGH

Summer is just around the corner, and we will be publishing our **JHYM Summer schedule** in the next few weeks. Please join us this summer for mini-golf, an ice cream social, and fun and games at St. Catherine of Siena.

Fr. Michael continued...

Perhaps soon all the pews will be open for seating, but until that time—slide in and make room for others to join us in praise of God and to receive His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord!

Thank you!

Ascension Thursday: May 13th

While most ecclesiastical provinces (dioceses and archdioceses) in the United States have transferred Ascension Thursday to the 7th Sunday in Easter, the archdioceses of Boston (which includes 5 New England states) with Hartford as the 6th New England state; New York, Philadelphia and the Diocese of Omaha continue observing the Holy Day of obligation on Thursday. There should be a whole bigger debate as to why most provinces have moved the celebration and gotten rid of the obligation, but that's for another time.

So our Ascension Thursday Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, 12 May at 6:30 p.m. for the Vigil Mass, and Thursday, 13 May at 8:30 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

JUNE 25, 2021 — AT 5^{PM}

Rain Date 6/26/21

Where: 1365 Enfield Street Enfield, CT



To Register for your spot call 860-265-1872

or Email - LSPCars72@gmail.com

“Falling for Faith Festival!”

A three-day multi-media festival of music, relationships, and community

WHAT: Three day event including “Made for More” multi-media event; Ryan Tremblay concert with themed talks by Ryan and his wife, Elizabeth; Sarah Swafford talks on Emotional Virtue and drama-free relationships; Kevin Dowd explains the arguments for the existence of God; and the importance of social justice in the Church. Catered lunch, food trucks and ice-cream included with Saturday/Sunday registration! The Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4 PM and 5 PM Mass with music by Ryan Tremblay!

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 1 (Made for More), Oct. 2 (Ryan, Sarah, Kevin), Oct. 3 (Sarah and Kevin).

WHERE: Saint Catherine of Siena Parish; Inside the Church and outdoors under a massive tent!

WHY: To celebrate the Catholic Faith in a Festival atmosphere as we return to faith activities.

WHO: ALL are invited to register for the Made for More Event on Oct. 1st (\$25.00 per ticket) and for the combined Saturday & Sunday events including all food, entertainment, themed talks.

For more information contact Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com or Manuela Hanshaw, Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com. REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS, DETAILS to COME!



The Vincent Family Serving Your Family Since 1902



VINCENT
FUNERAL HOMES INC.

Providing the comfort of the only on-site crematory in the Farmington Valley

www.vincentfuneralhome.com

Simsbury 860-658-7613 Canton 860-693-0251

KEVORKIAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
Attorneys At Law

*Estates / Trusts / Elder Law / Probate
Real Estate and Commercial Transactions*

Gary R. Kevorkian, Esq. 18 Hartford Avenue
Kathleen M. Congero, Esq. Granby, CT 06035
Eileen C. Moskey, of Counsel 860-653-5521

Website: www.kevorkianlawfirm.com

KEARNS & KEARNS
ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS

Estate Planning,
Special Needs Trusts,
Probate, and
Medicaid Planning

860-233-1281
West Hartford, CT
www.KEARNSandKEARNS.com.

CALDWELL'S
EXCAVATING AND GRADING
INC.

Site Work and Paving

*Drainage - Sewers - Septic Systems - Topsoil
Demolition - Snow Plowing - Fill Materials - Patch &
Driveway Paving - Small Commercial Parking Lots*

72 Floydville Road, East Granby, CT 06062
Ph. 860-653-6090 • Fax. 860-658-7751



COUNTRY DELI

Breakfast All Day, Every Day
Signature Sandwiches and Catering
136 Simsbury Rd.,
Riverdale Farms, Avon
(860) 676-2866
www.avoncountrydeli.com

AUTO • HOME • LIFE

Call me today for a free quote!

860.217.0080
DANA KOSIOR
522 HOPMEADOW STREET
SIMSBURY, CT 06070



FRANKLIN
Painting LLC

Your Neighborhood Painters

Interior & Exterior
Residential Specialists
Cabinet Refinishing

860-651-7701

www.franklinpainting.com

DILLON
DESIGN > PRINT > MAIL

Targeted marketing
to grow your
business

860.953.2100

info@dillonmailing.com

www.dillonmailing.com



CARMON
Funeral Home & Family Center
Funerals • Cremation • PrePlanning

860.673.8610
301 Country Club Road, Avon
www.carmonfuneralhome.com



**Manny's Simsbury Pizza
and Family Restaurant**

244 Farms Village Rd.
West Simsbury, CT 06092
860-658-0002

**Catering menu and
party room available**
(Seating for 80-100 people)

THE 
NEXT LEVEL
CUSTOM WOODWORKING LLC

Jeff Kelly
860.924.8565

- Built-ins • Mantels
- Mudrooms • Shelving
- Crown Moulding
- Wainscotting
- Finish Carpentry

nextlevelwoodworking@gmail.com
Insured • Licensed CT #0634690

Support your parish bulletin!
Reach a whole new market?
Place your business ad in our bulletin by calling
the parish office, 860-658-1642.
This Bulletin is paid for by our Advertisers
And for our part, *Please shop local!*