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Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 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:

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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, June 19th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hammond, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, June 20th @ 8:00 am** Mass for *All Fathers*;
- **Sunday, June 20th @ 11:00 am** Mass for *All Fathers*;
- **Monday, June 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Marie M. Mulcahy*, requested by The Ruder Family;
- **Tuesday, June 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for the *Muriel Warden, anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Tuesday, June 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** *Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, June 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Carol Ann Hay, 2nd anniversary*, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia;
- **Wednesday, June 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, June 25th @ 8:30 a.m.** for *Dorothy Warden, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- **Friday, June 25th @ 9 a.m.** *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- **Saturday, June 26th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Tommy Tanski, 10th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, June 27th @ 8:00 am** Mass for *Barbara Nascimbeni*, requested by Betty West; and,
- **Sunday, June 27th @ 11:00 am** Mass for *Bob Bellacosa, wedding anniversary remembrance*, requested by his wife.

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:	\$6,145.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$3,608.00
Total:	\$9,735.00

Other Generous Giving:	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$1,314.00

Next week's second collection
is for Peter's Pence.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

Bob Bellacosa,
wedding anniversary
remembrance,
requested by his wife.



Wedding Banns III

*Megan Frazier &
Walter Ranchinsky;*

June 26, 2021

Wedding Banns III

*Sarah Winterbottom &
Taylor Jette*

June 26, 2021

Do You Not Have Faith?

A simple question posed by Jesus to His apostles, as He calms the storm in which they find themselves on the seas crossing to the other side, and the rough winds and waters cause the apostles to be filled with fear as they wonder how to pass through the storm. Jesus, after teaching them and illustrating His miraculous power in healings, feed the hungry, and raising the dead, wonders “what more do you need to see and experience to know that I AM?”

Apparently more—or do they?

Today’s Gospel of Mark (4: 35-41) also speaks to us as we traverse the “rough seas” of our lives—the trials and tribulations of marriage and family, of faith as it intersects with culture, of aging and the loss of loved ones and friends and the onset of illness or the navigating of a less flexible body; and from the struggles we all have with the ways in which our Nation and world are turning. Do we feel rudderless becoming a boat tossed about amid the winds of change; are we struggling with where and in whom to place our faith, our trust, and our hope?

This simple question from Jesus, “Do you not have faith?” can and must be asked of ourselves as we are called to deal with difficult or challenging situations in our own lives and families. But the bigger question for us today is not just, “Do we not have faith—but how do we develop a deeper, broader and lasting faith in our merciful and loving God. It is easy actually to seek someone or something else—other than God—in which or whom to place our faith. Like most things in life, Truth challenges us and is not ever easy. The easy way out is to find a false prophet or a shiny object that never requires accountability or choice. It gives comfort immediately but the shine never lasts, it dulls quickly as its truth dims once challenged.

Faith—and prayer—lead us to Truth. It is in conversation with God, each and every day that we develop a relationship with God and come to know Him (for He already knows us) and we come to listen to His Voice in our lives, leading us to righteousness and Truth—which gives us confidence in the choices we make and the journey we are navigating in this life. Remember the Gospel of Doubting Thomas...rather than kicking Thomas out of the elite group of the apostles and sending him to a lousy pastoral assignment, Jesus *calls Thomas closer to Him and tells him to see His wounds and know that I am Risen.*

For us today, we must ask ourselves *how do I communicate with Christ? How do I listen to His Words and seek His counsel?* If not in prayerful consideration—and that means setting some time each day aside to tell the Lord of my concerns, my fears and my hopes, and to listen in silence to God speak to me in the heart, directing my life towards what is the excellence for me, then how can I expect to hear Him? Turn off the radio or TV, silence the house—go to another room alone—and speak with God: conversation can be prayer, but it is always good to center oneself in prayer...a Hail Mary, an Our Father, the Glory Be or any other prayer...and then talk to this Friend we call God. After all, He made you out of Love; Redeemed you out of Love in Christ’s death and Resurrection; and, then sent Their Love, the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal to you all Truth.

There are so many different forms and styles and ways of prayer that I believe it is impossible to become bored with prayer. Yes, it can become monotonous if we do not change-it-up from time -to-time, but we cannot exhaust prayer. From sacred music to contemplation, from the rosary to the Memorare, from Scripture study and prayers of Petition, Blessing and Adoration, to intercessory prayers and prayers of thanksgiving and praise, to Lectio Divina—and so much more. It is up to us—to start the conversation with God and to find a new “GPS” for life’s trials, tribulations and every other challenge imaginable. So to quote an old Kellogg’s commercial: “Try it again, for the first time.”

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Re-registration continues! All families with children previously registered have received the Constant Contact email with information, online registration link, parent letters and calendar. If you have not received this email and have had children in the Faith Formation Program, please click here: <https://conta.cc/3fzSfha> **NEW CHILDREN registrations** are done in person with the Blue Forms found in the atrium and vestibule of the church. Please contact Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com to schedule a brief appointment to register your child(ren).

We have openings for catechists (Religion Teachers), in Kindergarten, Grade One, Four, Seven & Eight. Please contact Kathi Bonner for more information! Kathidre@aol.com, 860.658.4737.



Confirmation I & II Parents: The Confirmation Retreat for all 9th Graders and 10th Graders (who did not attend Holy Family last fall), will be participation in the "Falling for Faith Festival" Oct 1-3. The "Made for More" event is required for all Confirmation Candidates, and the Saturday and Sunday events that are chosen will complete the retreat. An email has been sent with all of the details. Tickets are now on sale! You may use the Eventbrite sign up or order tickets using the form that was emailed home. **Since this is a parish-wide event, purchasing tickets early will reserve seats for you and your teen.**

Made for More tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-west-simsbury-ct-tickets-150128511419>

What is "Made for More"? Click here to see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfzzK0NmUjQ>

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS! You don't want to miss the Falling for Faith Festival. Please plan on attending the Made for More event as an important theological understanding of what it means to be "created in the image and likeness of God". The cost is \$25.00-all Saturday and Sunday activities are free! We have no scheduled classes that Sunday to encourage teachers and parents to attend!

THE MADE FOR MORE EVENT.

WHICH KICKS OFF THE FALLING FOR FAITH FESTIVAL ON OCT 1ST HAS MADE THE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE AND IN THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE. Made for More is a multi-media event with music will be held here in the church so there is limited seating. What is MADE for MORE? It is an evening of visual beauty, live music and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.....it is the WHY behind the what of the Catholic Church. You don't want to miss this event!

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Registration for youth ministry (senior and junior high) is open for the summer and Fall 2021. All are welcome! Please use this easy on-line registration form to register for youth ministry by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/Yu8AkCe4LUgDFXJY6>

SENIOR HIGH

REMINDER –KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are offering a **scholarship** to all students in any year of post-secondary education provided that he or she is enrolled for the school year following the award in July. **Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2021.** For more information, contact Mrs. Hanshaw.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th—Our first **PICNIC IN THE PARK** from 6-7:30 p.m. **ALL** are welcome, including rising freshmen! Bring a dinner and drink, and a chair/blanket to sit on. We will bring the dessert and games! A fun evening of games and friendship. **Bring a friend too!** Please register for this event using this link:

<https://bit.ly/3vm6GMs>

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 30th is our **SECOND ANNUAL “LOCKDOWN SLEEPOVER”**—Join us for an amazing evening of games and activities, prizes, dinner, snacks and so much more. Lockdown begins at 11 p.m.—choose a pick up of 11 p.m. or join us for more (locked down) fun, stay for breakfast with pickup at 8:30 a.m. Use this link to register in advance—space limited:

<https://bit.ly/3bGlegT>

JUNIOR HIGH

Please join us this **TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd** on the lawn in front of the church (or Russell Hall if it rains) from **6:30-8 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social, games and prizes.** Come see what youth ministry is all about. **Bring a friend too!** Rain or shine. Please use this link to register for this event:

<https://bit.ly/33XHYWz>

TUESDAY, JULY 27th—All 7th and 8th graders—join us for **MINI-GOLF AND ICE CREAM** from **5:30 pm-7 pm** at the Matterhorn Mini Golf, 10 Dyer Cemetery Rd, Canton, CT. A relaxing evening of fun (and competition?) **Bring a friend too!** Cost is \$5. **Prizes** will be awarded. Please use this link to register for this event:

<https://bit.ly/3f4BzPU>

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

JUNE

- Sat, 19th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—Vacation Bible School, RH, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 21st—NO Confession.
- Tues, 22nd—NO Adoration (during VBS)
- Tues, 22nd—Youth Ministry, outside, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, 23rd—Rosary, Mary Garden, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 25th—Youth Ministry, outside, 6:00 p.m.
- Sun, 27th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 28th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 30th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.

JULY

- Sat, 3rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 5th—Office closed, No confession, No Rosary
- Tues, 6th—Adoration, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 7th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 10th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 12th—NO Confession
- Tues, 13th—NO Adoration.
- Tues, 13th—Scripture Series, RH, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 14th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, 15th—Scripture Series, RH, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 17th—Pantry Partners, Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 17th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Adoration, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 20th—Scripture Series, RH, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 21st—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 22nd—Scripture Series, RH, 7 p.m.

VACATION TIME

During the week of 21-25 June, Monday-Friday, the parish office will be opened on a limited schedule as both Lisa Cerchia and Fr. Michael will be away.

If you have an emergency (anointing of the sick) please call the parish office at 658 1642 and press option "0."

For funeral information, please call Kathi Bonner at 658 4737.

For other non-emergency requests, please dial 658 1642 and dial option "2." During the daytime some hours will be "manned" and at other times you may leave a message that will be checked and returned as soon as possible.

The parish office will fully reopen on Monday, 28 June at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

YES YOU "CAN"

Our food pantry continues to need a variety of items as St. Catherine of Siena follows through on its commitment to help feed our local neighbors through Eno Hall and the food pantry in Hartford at the House of Malta. We would greatly appreciate if you are able to continue to help contribute for the upcoming summer months.

"Canned" Anything!!

Peanut butter and jelly

Fruits-jarred and canned

Canned meat of any kind-tuna and chicken and Spam

Breakfast cereals and oatmeal

Vegetables

Rice and beans of any kind

Pasta, pasta salad mix, canned pasta

Tomato sauce

Pancake mix and maple syrup

Coffee and tea and...

TOILET PAPER (individually wrapped or 4 packs)

BAKERS

Youth Ministry would like to thank all our bakers for the delicious assortment of cookies! As part of our Summer Mission Trip, we prepared dinners for some local families as well as some families that are part of the St. Justin/St. Michael faith community in Hartford. For dessert, we assembled cookie trays with an amazing assortment of delicious cookies, and I wish you could have seen their faces light up with delight when they received them! Thank you again for your generosity and baking talent, and for helping to serve others.

Pantry Partners

Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the SCPP distribution.

We served 25 families with the generosity of our parishioners.

The next distribution will be July 17th.

Feed The Hungry Lunch Service

Thank you to our volunteers on Saturday, June 19th. We are now serving a hot meal at lunch. This week we served a nice BBQ lunch with the fixings. Our next 2 service dates are July 17th and August 21st. We are in need of side dish (potato salad, macaroni salad, or fruit salad) donations. See next week's bulletin for more details.

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, June 27th. Please sign up via SignUp Genius-see link below. Thank you!!

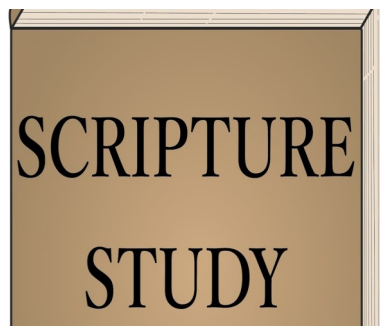
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SUMMERSCRIPTURE SERIES!

Join Kathi Bonner as we examine the Biblical Roots of the Mass and study the Sunday Mass Scripture Readings. Save the dates for this short series on Tuesday, July 13th, Thursday, July 15th, Tuesday, July 20th, Thursday, July 22nd. We will meet in Russell Hall from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3cAQ8ZN>



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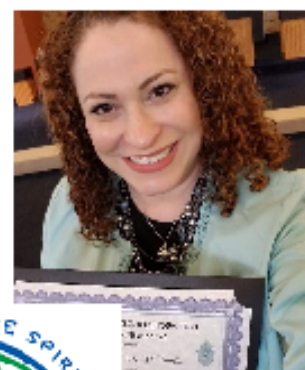


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