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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25 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, July 24th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Peter Carey*, requested by the *Zummo Family*;
- Sunday, July 25th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Karin Krenek*, 3rd anniversary, requested by her family;
- Sunday, July 25th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Rose Renna*, 13th anniversary, requested by her family;
- Monday, July 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Polly Bellingrath*, requested by Jack Lyon;
- Tuesday, July 27th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for the *Kevin Henry* requested by the *Connolly Family*;
- Tuesday, July 27th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, July 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Eileen Mary Lamb*, requested by the *Bailey Family*;
- Wednesday, July 28th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Friday, July 30th @ 8:30 a.m. for *Michael Curcio*, requested by the *Zummo Family*;
- Friday, July 30th @ 9 a.m. *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, July 31st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Margaret Moss*, requested by Ann & Bill Foster;
- Sunday, August 1st @ 8:00 am Mass for *Ingrid Elsa Clee*, wedding anniversary remembrance, requested by her husband; and,
- Sunday, August 1st @ 11:00 am Mass for *Garry Lonergan*, requested by Terri Hollis.

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:
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Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 6,453.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 3,768.38
Total:	\$10,221.38

Other Generous Giving:

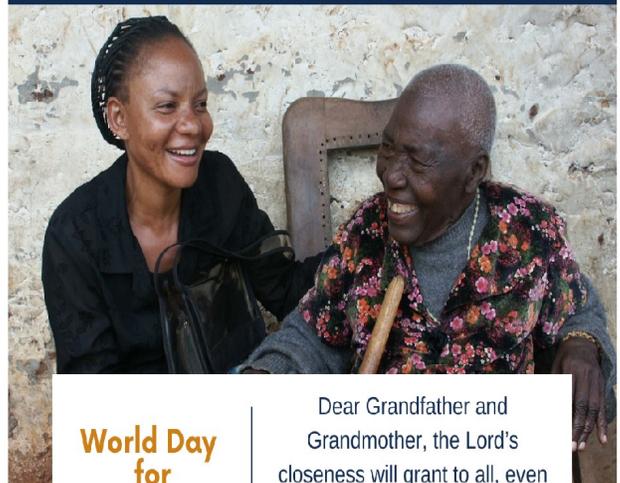
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 235.00
Maranatha Mission	\$2,345.00

Next week's 2nd collection is for Repair & Refurbishment.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

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requested by the
Order Family.*

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**World Day
for
Grandparents
and
the Elderly**

Dear Grandfather and Grandmother, the Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

Fiacre's Gardeners



We have beautiful grounds and an amazing setting here at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, as we are blessed in many ways...including the fact that our parish property is consecrated grounds. It has been my goal, with the help of many, to make the outside property part of the liturgical space of our church. In a document of the Catholic Church entitled, "Built of Living Stones," the outdoor setting should encourage and inspire people entering our property to know that they are in a special place, something set apart from the norm, the everyday experience of life. I believe we have accomplished this with the upkeep of the property including but not limited to the plantings—trees, plantings and flowers; the maintenance of the walkways and the upkeep of the parking lots, as well as the outdoor gardens as places for prayer and reflection. In fact, on Sunday afternoons in the good weather one can even find families picnicking on our grounds, and the Farmington Valley Butterfly Association has been known to visit our property—nets in hand—seeking rare butterflies.

To that continued end, I would like to invite those who have an interest and a green thumb to be part of a new ministry, the "Fiacre's Gardeners," named after the Catholic patron saint of gardeners.

St. Fiacre has been recognized as patron saint of gardeners (as well as cab drivers and florists, among other things) since medieval times. Born in Ireland in the 7th century, Fiacre was raised in a monastery. During the Dark Ages, monasteries were repositories of learning, and it is here that Fiacre became a skillful user of healing herbs. As he earned fame for his knowledge of plants and healing abilities, disciples flocked to him. Fiacre sought more solitude and left Ireland for France where he established a hermitage in a wooded area near the Marne River. Here Fiacre built an oratory in honor of the Virgin Mary and a hospice where he received strangers. He himself retreated to a solitary cell, living a life of prayer and manual labor in his garden.

The legend upon which Fiacre's sainthood rests is this: Fiacre asked the local bishop, Bishop Faro, for more ground on which to plant food and herbs. Faro told him he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. After prayer, Fiacre used the point of his staff to turn the earth, topple trees and dig up briars and weeds to prepare the land for a garden.

If you would be interested in this new ministry aimed at keeping our outdoor grounds a beautiful and sacred space, please call the parish office—658 1642—and leave your contact information. We will have an organizational meeting in early August.

Thank you!

John: And the Bread of Life Discourse

As I mentioned at last weekend's Masses, we move from the gospel of Mark into the gospel of John for a few weeks as we listen to Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse. While the synoptic gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke—place the teaching on the Eucharist within the Last Supper narrative, John brings us Jesus' Eucharistic teaching during chapter six, the Bread of Life Discourse.

Over the next few weeks we shall hear from the Lord on the meaning of this life-giving and life-saving Sacrament, a sacrament of unity and peace—which our world needs now more than ever. We shall hear what differentiates our Christian church, Roman Catholic, from the denominational churches—Episcopalian, Lutheran, etc., they do not have Apostolic Tradition nor the ability to have the Real Presence (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament. This among other things, sadly separates us as churches and leads to the lack of what the Lord Himself called for a true catholic—meaning universal—and one, united church serving the One, True God. More to come over the next few weeks.

Faith Formation News

GOOD NEWS!!! Our Faith Formation Classes will again be held at Henry James Memorial School on Sunday mornings! The school has completed some wonderful renovations and our students will be at home in their classrooms again. Watch for any details concerning protocols for children and catechists.

"TEEN AMBASSADORS" are needed for the first few weeks of Faith Formation Classes to help new children and families navigate their way through Henry James Memorial School. We have 4 slots- two for upstairs and two for downstairs. Please contact Mrs. Kathi Bonner, Kathidre@aol.com to sign up! Confirmation hours are available.

Faith Formation Re-registration continues-please register as soon as possible so we can plan for catechists, classrooms and books! Click here to register online using PayPal <https://conta.cc/3fzSfha> New Registrations for students should use the blue forms in the atrium and vestibule. Classes are filling up!

We have openings for catechists (Religion Teachers), Grades Five & Seven. 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 participating in the "Falling for Faith Festival" Oct 1st-3rd. 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.

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!

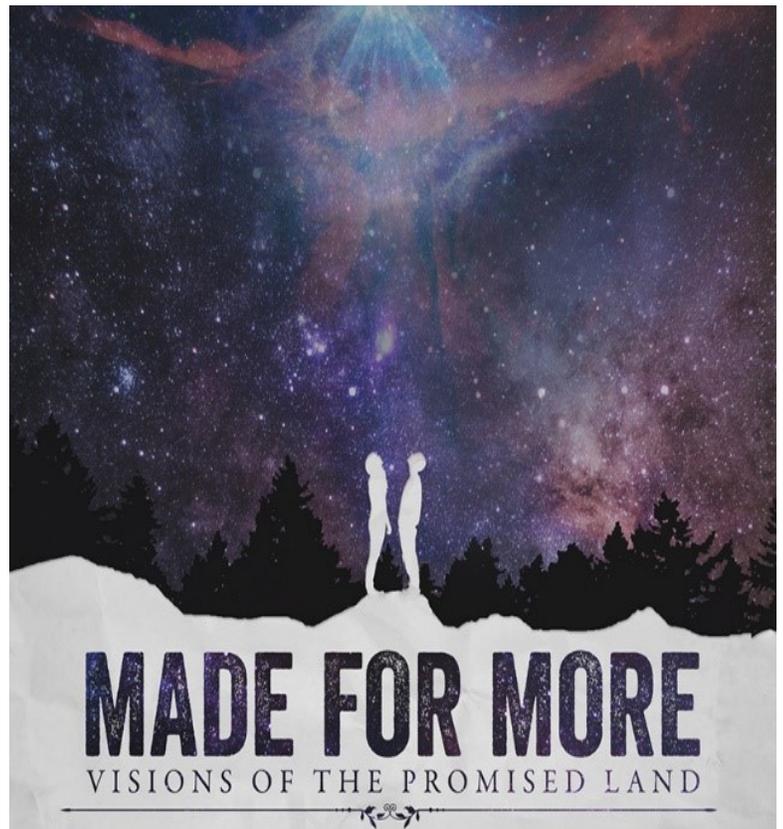
Made for More tickets:

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

What is "Made for More"?

Click here to see:

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Calling all teens in grades 7-12. If you are new to youth ministry, or thinking about registering, please register now for Fall and see what youth ministry is all about. **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

This SUNDAY, JULY 25th–6-7:30 p.m.–Please join us for another **PICNIC IN THE PARK**–All are welcome. We will meet under the big tree in front of the church, or in Russell Hall (if it rains). **What to bring:** Bagged dinner and drink and a chair/blanket to sit on. We will bring dessert, games, fun and friendship. Invite a friend to join us too. Please register for this event using this link: <https://bit.ly/3jtcv7v>

FRIDAY, JULY 30th is our SECOND ANNUAL “LOCKDOWN SLEEPOVER”- Join us for an amazing evening of fun, games, “water” activities, prizes, dinner, snacks and so much more. Lockdown begins at 11 p.m.–choose a pick up time of 11 p.m. or join us for more (locked down) fun, stay for breakfast with pickup at 8:30 a.m. **Advance registration required. For more information, or to register in advance, please use this link:** <https://bit.ly/3bGIegT>

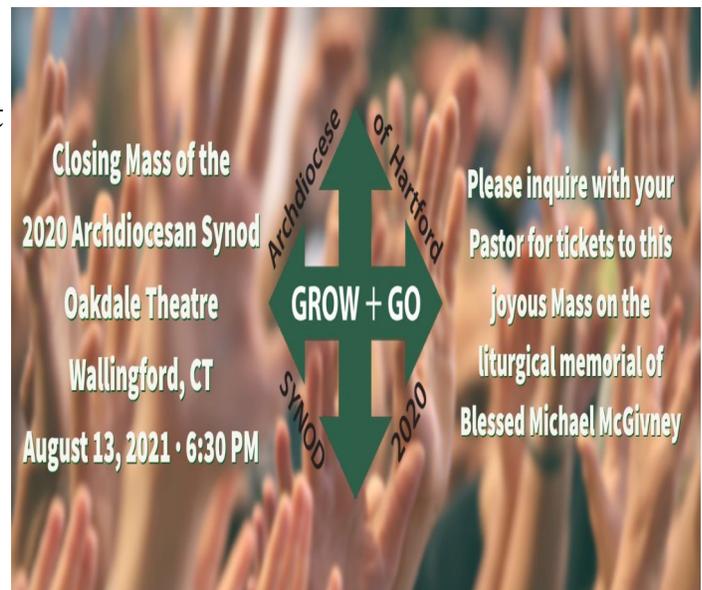
JUNIOR HIGH

TUESDAY, JULY 27th–All rising 7th and 8th graders, please join us for a fun evening of MINI-GOLF AND ICE CREAM from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Matterhorn Mini Golf, 10 Dyer Cemetery Rd, Canton, CT. Enjoy a relaxing evening of fun and friendship, and maybe a little competition too. **Bring a friend too!** Cost is \$5. **Prizes awarded.** Please use this link to register for this event: <https://bit.ly/3f4BzPU>

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CLOSING OF THE *GO and GROW Synod.*

After many cancellations due to Covid, please join us for this joyful event at the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, Friday, August 13th!

An air-conditioned bus will be leaving St. Catherine of Siena Parking lot at 4:30 pm. Call Kathi Bonner, 860.658.4737 or email Kathidre@aol.com for your reservation. Seating is limited!



Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

It's that time of year again. SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE-SCHOOL SUPPLIES are needed to support Hartford students.

Family Life Ministry needs supplies for 250 children this year! They are in need of children and teen sized masks, hand sanitizer,



backpacks, calculators, notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, 3 ring binders,



loose leaf paper, markers, crayons, erasers, glue and usb drives. All items can be placed in the box in the Atrium.

Please help these students be all they can be!

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 this Sunday, July 25th.** Please sign up via SignUp Genius-see link below. Thank you!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth12>

The next date is August 22nd.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth13>

Pantry Partners

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted at Saturday's distribution. We supported 24 families. We appreciate the financial support from parishioners who make this ministry possible.

The next distribution is August 21st.

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service

In-person volunteers are needed.

In July we served 80 hamburgers and 80 hot dogs plus BBQ fixings to residents in transitional housing and clients of St. Elizabeth House and the Friendship Center. We also gave out 100 grab & go lunch bags from the Street Sandwich ministry donations.

On **Sat., August 21** we will carpool from St. Catherine at 9:45 a.m. to Hartford. Volunteers are needed to drive, prepare and serve lunch or make a side dish for delivery to Hartford.

All volunteers need a COVID-19 vaccine. Our priority is protecting the vulnerable population we serve as well as the volunteers.

Contact Rich Sickinger, richsickinger@gmail.com or 860-558-6940 for more details.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FTHAug21>

THANK YOU FROM OUR STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

A sincere thank you and our deepest gratitude to all who helped prepare sandwiches for the homeless this past weekend. Once again, we received almost 1400 sandwiches that were delivered to St. Elizabeth's/Mercy Housing, Loaves and Fishes, and House of Bread. Thank you also to our drivers—Peter Sheary, Lou Daniels and his daughter Sally, for helping with the deliveries. We could not have done it without your help!

Our next sandwich drop off is Saturday, August 21st from 8-9:45 a.m., Sunday, August 22nd from 8-6 p.m. and Monday, August 23rd, from 8-10 a.m. If you are able to help, please use this link for more information and to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/3eFSS9k>



St Catherine of Siena Prayer Ministry Members Needed!

Our Prayer Ministry is a small group who are dedicated to praying daily for the intentions presented through the prayer line. We are anxious to grow our ministry as Pope Francis reminds us "*The key that opens the door to the faith is prayer*". If you would like to request prayers for a family member or friend, please call the parish prayer line at 860-658-1642/option 8. All requests are held in strict confidence. If you would like to join The Prayer Ministry or would like more information, please contact Eileen Landi @ eileenlandi.com or 860-490-5472.

YES YOU "CAN"

St. Catherine of Siena continues to help feed our local neighbors through our food pantry program in cooperation with Eno Hall and the food pantry in Hartford at the House of Malta. We greatly appreciate your continued support and generosity to help contribute for the upcoming summer months. **Please continue to check expiration dates** for any items donated (no expired food products or soon-to-expire).

"Canned" Anything!

Peanut butter and jelly
Fruits – jarred and canned

Canned meat of any kind-tuna and chicken and Spam

Boxed breakfast cereals and oatmeal

Vegetables, Rice and beans of any kind, Pasta salad mix, Tomato sauce, Pancake mix and maple syrup, Variety of coffee and tea and Paper towels and toilet paper (individually wrapped or 2/4 packs)

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!

Made for More tickets:

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

JULY

- Sat, 24th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 25th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun 25th—Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 26th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 27th—Adoration, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 27th—YM Mini-Golf, offsite, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed, 28th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 30th—Youth Ministry Lock Down/RH, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 31st—Youth Ministry pick up, RH, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat, 31st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

August

- Mon, 2nd—Confession, church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 2nd—Monthly Evening Rosary, church, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Adoration, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 4th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 7th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 9th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 10th—Adoration, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 11th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 13th—Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sun 15th—Leadership Team Mtg. YM, RH, 5p.m.

What is "Made for More"?

Click here to see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfzzK0NmUjQ>



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