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# Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 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](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.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

## **PARISH STAFF**

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### **Parish Lay Trustees**

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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, October 23rd @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Murray Weiss*, requested by Fran Sethre;
- Sunday, October 24th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Bill Adams*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- Sunday, October 24th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Evelyn Smith*, requested by Frank & Barbara Thomann,
- Sunday, October 24th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Grade 6 Faith Formation Class*;
- Monday, October 25th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lewis Brucker*, 43rd anniversary, requested by his family;
- Tuesday, October 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *William Hagerty*, requested by John & Betty Oakes;
- Tuesday, October 26th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, October 27th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lyn Trumbull*, 5th anniversary;
- Wednesday, October 27th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Friday, October 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Donna Haverly*, requested by the Kalamarides Family;
- Friday, October 29th @ 9 a.m. *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, October 30th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Thomas Marshall*, 1st anniversary, requested by his family;
- Sunday, October 31st @ 8:00 am Mass for *Tony Drapelick* 5th anniversary, requested by his family;
- Sunday, October 31st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Michael Cirafici*, 3rd anniversary, requested by his family, and,
- Sunday, October 31st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Philip J. DePasquale*, 3rd anniversary.

## 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!*

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Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092*

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 6,660.50
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 3,828.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,488.50</b>

<b>Other Generous Giving:</b>	
Repair & Refurbishment..	\$ 45.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 20.00

**Please congratulate**  
***Rachel Kathleen Valdivieso &  
Justin Patrick Williams***  
***who were married here***  
***on October 16, 2021.***

## Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

**Jim Sparkowski,**  
**requested by his family.**



## The Lector Workbooks



for the upcoming year are labeled and available on the credenza in the vestibule. Please pick them up after Mass this weekend. Thank you.

## **Welcome Carmen Altamirano, Interim Director of Faith Formation**

I am pleased to announce and to welcome Mrs. Carmen Altamirano as our new interim Director of Faith Formation effective Monday, 18 October 2021.

Carmen is a member of our Catechist team, under Kathi Bonner, and will now assume the role of Faith Formation Director. Carmen comes highly recommended by Kathi Bonner and after my first meeting with her I saw why. *Carmen has both a deep and abiding faith as well as a great love for the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel message and the teachings of Jesus Christ through His Church.*

In addition to her authentic faith, Carmen is highly educated with her bachelor, multiple graduate degrees and a nursing career. Organized beyond belief, her energy will only add to the already amazing Faith Formation program we have here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Stepping right into the busy life of a parish faith formation program, she has already begun the process of meeting your children, parents and preparing for some new additions to the program.

As the Church proclaims, “Good is good all the time!” and right from our midst He provides us with the leadership, love and hope that we need to do His Will.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Carmen and our best wishes for the success of seeking the excellence of your children and our faith community! You may reach Carmen at 860 658 4737 or @ [carmen@stcsimsbury.org](mailto:carmen@stcsimsbury.org).

## **Parents, Parishioners and “Breakfast with Santa”**

As we head toward Halloween, Thanksgiving and then smack into Advent and Christmas, the preparations for our traditional “Breakfast with Santa” need to get underway to ensure that St. Catherine of Siena Parish is on Santa’s schedule and he has a great turn out for this parish-wide event.

I am asking parents of young children and parishioners who are young-at-heart and would like to make this event a great success call the parish office (658 1642) to sign up for the program and come to an initial meeting. Please make the call now so that we can schedule a meeting to put this event on the calendar and on the road to success. THANK YOU!

## **Do You Really Know Your Church—and all She Does?**

There are many myths and misinformation about the Catholic Church. Sure, people know all the “Thou shall nots” but do you really know the heart of the Church, and what she does in the world and in this Nation, all the good?

The Roman Catholic Church is the largest private entity providing food, shelter, healthcare, education and other social service resources in our Nation, aside from the federal and state governments, which have taxing authority to pay for welfare, hospitals and schools. BUT our Church provides these services through charity and volunteerism—from people like you—who accept the social responsibility to care for others. From the Gospel of Matthew (22) the Lord responds to the question, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. “The second is like it”: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**And we take it to heart!** That is why I write to you today and ask you to prayerfully consider a donation, no matter the size, to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, the arm of the Archdiocese of Hartford that supports so many of the Church’s programs to help those in need right here in the Archdiocese and through many parish programs. You can make a donation through our parish collection system, or by going to [Donate Online to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal \(archdioceseofhartford.org\)](https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/donate). And be part of the only Church that feeds people no matter their faith, educates the ignorant in elementary, secondary and college; provides hospitals in nearly all states, homeless shelters in city after city, resources for mental health support through Catholic Charities, supports the Knights of Malta and other charities of the Church to help lift up any child of God, and so much more. Drive through New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport or any other city and you will find hospitals, shelters, food pantries, schools, healthcare clinics with Catholic names—that provide help to anyone in need, simply because they are children of God. Who else does so much for so many?

You may find information about the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal in our parish vestibule and atrium, or online at [Donate Online to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal \(archdioceseofhartford.org\)](https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/donate). THANK YOU!

## Faith Formation News for this week:

- **The grade class 6 Mass is Sunday , October 24th at 5 p.m.** Please have your child at the church at 4:30 p.m. so they can practice the procession.
- **The grade 6 catechists will be at the church at 4:30 p.m.** Please have your child bring a non perishable food item for the Saint Catherine of Siena food pantry in the vestibule.
- **The next confirmation classes** are on Sunday October 31st.

### **TONIGHT! JOIN YOUTH MINISTRY FOR DINNER AND FAITH**

*RSVP Requested – See link below*

Youth Ministry invites you to dinner and more! Let us treat you tonight!

Please join us for our **FLIPPING FOR PANCAKES—FAITH ON FIRE** dinner. Our youth will prepare and serve fluffy egg stratas and pancakes for dinner in the hopes that, in return, you will share your faith journey with them. Share a meal with our teens and tell us “how did you get to where you are, was your road winding and twisting or a straight path, and how has your faith changed over the years?”

**WHEN:** TONIGHT-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th from 6-8 p.m. immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass.

**WHO:** All of our most “seasoned” parishioners are invited (no age restrictions)

**WHERE:** RUSSELL HALL

**RSVP:** Use this link to rsvp and let us know that you can come! <https://bit.ly/3lo0eRp>

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**THIS IS OUR STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY WEEKEND.** Earn Confirmation hours and make sandwiches for the homeless in Hartford. To sign up, use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/3DfdajJ>

### **SENIOR HIGH**

**TONIGHT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th—FLIPPING FOR PANCAKES DINNER**—Join us this evening for a fun dinner with great company. Pancakes and egg stratas will be served, we’ll have some games and competitions, and an evening with our guests too!

We need help with cooking dinner for our guests. **Cooks and set up crew should plan to arrive at 3 p.m., servers need to arrive at 5:30 p.m.** Otherwise, join us for **dinner from 6-8 p.m.** in Russell Hall.

Confirmation hours available. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO.**

To register for this evening so we plan how many will join us for dinner, or to come in advance to cook, please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/3COOPAU>

**TEEN WEEKEND AWAY** is scheduled for **Friday, November 5th–Sunday, November 7th.** Please plan to meet at St. Catherine of Siena at 5:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. departure. Don’t forget to dress in layers. Check your email this week for the packing list and for more information.

### **JUNIOR HIGH**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**—What do Lumiere and Codsworth, Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis, and Timon and Pumbaa have in common? Find out tonight when you join us for an evening of **“FRIENDSHIP” in Russell Hall from 6:30-8 p.m.** Our games and activities will help you determine how to be a great friend and who your friends truly are! **BRING A “FRIEND” TOO!** Light refreshments will be served.

Please register in advance using this link: <https://bit.ly/3C1PrTR>

Please follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine\\_youthministry](#) and on Facebook at St. Catherine of Siena Youth Ministry – our picture is a blue anchor within an orange circle.



## Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

### THIS WEEKEND IS STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

This weekend, we are collecting sandwiches for the Street Sandwich Ministry, serving the Hartford homeless community. Drop off sandwiches on **Saturday, October 23rd from 8-9:45 a.m., Sunday, October 24th from 8-6 p.m. and Monday, October 25th, from 8-10 a.m. Confirmation service hours available.**

Sandwiches of any kind are needed—rolls, bread, pita bread, wraps, filled with deli meats/cheese of any kind, or any kind of protein, etc. **Please NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE.**

Please deliver individually wrapped sandwiches to the kitchen using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed). **Please do not use the atrium entrance to deliver sandwiches.**

When you sign up, please note that signing up for 1 means 1 dozen sandwiches, 2 means 2 dozen or 24 sandwiches, or 12 means 12 dozen sandwiches or 144 sandwiches. Thank you for supporting our parish and its commitment to helping to feed the hungry. Please use this link if you are able to help:

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

### 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.

Next service date is today, Sunday, Oct. 24th.

**YES YOU “CAN”** continues to support our St. Catherine of Siena food pantry that also supports the Eno Hall food pantry and St. Justin's/St. Michael's parish in Hartford. Your generosity and ongoing support and compassion for the hungry helps this ministry thrive!

This month, we are focusing on the following items: **Bottled juice (apple, cranberry), coffee and tea, tomato sauce, cranberry mix and stuffing mix, trail mix and nuts, peanut butter and jelly, cold breakfast cereals and oatmeal, and fruits (jarred or canned).**

*Thank you again for your ongoing generosity!*



### HOODIES, T-SHIRTS AND JEANS

This is **the last weekend** to support youth ministry's

collection of Hoodies, t-shirts and jeans. Are you cleaning out your closets for the season? With fall and colder weather is just around the corner, **Youth Ministry is collecting Men's new and gently used hoodies or fleece jackets, t-shirts (long and short sleeved) and men's jeans for the homeless.** All sizes are welcome, but we are primarily looking for Med. –XXXL. Thank you for helping us care for the homeless. Please look for our boxes in the atrium and vestibule and thank you in advance for all your help.

### Pantry Partners

**November 20th is the next distribution date for SCPP.** SCPP distributes on the third Saturday of every month in front of the vestibule.

Confirmation students who are in need of hours are encouraged to reach out to volunteer.

Email Mrs. Willis at [scpp2013@gmail.com](mailto:scpp2013@gmail.com).

### FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service

Thank you to our October volunteers for remembering food insecurity doesn't take a day off. **Next service date will be Saturday, November 20th.** Go to [www.stcatherine.info](http://www.stcatherine.info) for more details.



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## Trunk or Treat at St. Catherine

Join us for pizza and trunk-or-treating!

Hosted by the Blessed to be a Mom group,  
all children, families & parishioners welcome!

- When: Friday, October 29, 2021. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. with trunk or treating to follow at 6 p.m.
- Where: Pizza will be served on the picnic tables outside of Russell Hall and all cars should be set up in the back parking lot for trunk or treating
- Donations: If you will not be participating but you would like to donate candy, there will be boxes available in the vestibule for donations.

Please Note: Costumes such as witches, devils and other overt evil should be avoided for this church event. All "Trunk or Treat" participating parents are to bring candy for the Trunk or Treat. Adult Parishioners wishing to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" event should also bring candy. Park your cars for the Trunk or Treat event in the Rear parking lot **by 5:45 p.m.**

**sharp!** Thanks.

If you have questions feel free to contact Tricia Henderson at 281-543-5695.

**Please use this sign-up genius link to register to participate:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ABAF23AAF94-trunkor>**

## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

### October

- Sat, 23rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 24th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun, 24th—Grade 6 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 24th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 25th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 26th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 26th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 27th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 29th—Trunk or Treat Party, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 31st—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.

### November

- Mon, 1st—All Saints Day, not a holy day of obligation this year.
- Mon, 1st—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 1st—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 2nd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 2nd—Adult Choir, RH, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 3rd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 5th-Sun, 7th—Teen Weekend Away
- Sat, 6th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 8th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 9th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 9th—Adult Choir, RH, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 10th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 13th—LEAF RAKE, RH, 7:30 a.m.
- Sat, 13th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 14th—Grade 4 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 14th—Confirmation, all rooms, 6 p.m.



**Calling all kids! Halloween is filled with treats. Share the fun and donate a portion of your Halloween candy to give treats to Feed the Hungry. All treats will be**

**distributed by The Feed the Hungry Group at the monthly visits to the Saint Elizabeth House.**

**Donations may be dropped off in the candy boxes in the Atrium and Vestibule.**







## LEAF RAKE

Autumn is here and soon the leaves will begin to fall. Time again to start planning for our community service project, raking leaves for the elderly in our community as well as those that are not able to do their leaves.

Come out and join other parishioners as we rake lawns for those who need assistance. Bring the whole family, for what has traditionally been a fun filled day. We are looking for people with rakes and blowers. **The date for the leaf rake is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in church parking lot, rain date to be November 20<sup>th</sup>.** There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibules of the church to volunteer as well as to sign up lawns that will need to be raked. Please feel free to contact Bill Tagliatela, (860)930-3322, [wtagliatela@gmail.com](mailto:wtagliatela@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to sign up via e-mail. Thank you for all you do.

COME JOIN OUR



Study

## Bagels and the Bible are back for Advent A bible study for all

**TOPIC:** Recognizing God's Voice.... How to discern God's instructions, a two-part study.

Please join Lou Daniels

Wednesday's December 8 & 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Russell Hall OR  
Saturday's December 11 & 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Russell Hall

*"You will search again for the LORD your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul you will find him." Deut 4:29*

**Questions:** please email [imdaniels57@gmail.com](mailto:imdaniels57@gmail.com).



### Women's Retreats at Holy Family

**Jan. 7-9; Jan. 28-30; Mar. 4-6; Apr. 22-24; Jun 3-5**

When we think about the idea of "trust" we may think about how much we trust the people around us, our family or friends, the communities to which we belong, or the institutions to which we are bound through society, government or religion. But as the scriptures remind us, the most important form of trust we have is our trust in God. To have a relationship with God, we need to be able to trust that God will provide for us and guide us on our journey through life. That kind of trust begins in our relationships with others. Our retreat theme ***In the Spirit of Trust*** will explore the notion of trust and how it is gained, as well as lost. We will share our personal faith experiences of trusting in God's providence and help one another to build a foundation for lasting trust in the one who created us and loves us.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6-7 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. *Offering: \$325.00*

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