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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022

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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PARISH STAFF

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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, February 5th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Eileen Adams, 6th anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Sunday, February 6th @ 8:00 am** Mass for *Frank Bevilacqua, 100th birthday blessings*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, February 6th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Joseph Oleskewicz, 2nd anniversary*, requested by his family,
- **Sunday, February 6th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Eugenia Pires, 1st anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Monday, February 7th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Susan Swanson*, requested by the Hanshaw Family;
- **Tuesday, February 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph T. Little, Sr.*, requested by David & Judy Pluta;
- **Tuesday, February 8th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, February 9th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph T. Little, Sr.*, requested by Dick & Barbara Hopkins;
- **Wednesday, February 9th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, February 11th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Marlyce Rooney*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- **Saturday, February 12th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass *Alberta White, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- **Sunday, February 13th @ 8:00 am** Mass for *Murray Weiss, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, February 13th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *George Van Warmer*, requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and,
- **Sunday, February 13th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Grade 5 Class Mass*.

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: \$ 4,452.93
 Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 3,876.46
 Total: \$ 8,329.36

Other Generous Giving:

Repair & Refurbishment.. \$ 45.00
 Archdiocesan High School \$ 235.00

Year-end Tax Statements are available. Please contact the office, stcathy@comcast.net, 860-658-1642. If you contribute through Faith Direct, you will receive a statement directly from them.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

February

- Sat, 5th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 5th—Confirmation Parent Meeting, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 6th—Children's Lit. of the Word, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 6th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Monthly Rosary, Church, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—Children's Lit. of the Word, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 13th—Grade 5 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Mon, 14th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—Parish Council, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—RCIA, MR, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—Evening Adoration, Church, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 16th—JR. High YM, RH, 6:15 p.m.
- Thurs, 17th—Men's Club, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 18th—Jr. High YM, RH, 5 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

In memory of
John D. Eichner,
birthday remembrance,
 requested by his family.





100th Birthday Blessings

**to our parishioner
Frank Bevilacqua**

“THE ABCs of Annulment Program”

**Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal,
Bloomfield**

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of St. Margaret Parish, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, CT, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall , 24 Academy St, Madison, CT.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

First Communion Parent Meeting

Date: Sun Feb 6 at 9:30 am

Location: Henry James Memorial School

Join us for an informational session. Breakfast will be provided.

RSVP Signup in genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEAD28A4FEC25-first>

Faith Formation Class Mass-The grade 5 class Mass is Sunday, Feb 13th at 5 pm.
Parents, please have your child at the church at 4:30 p.m. for rehearsal.
Feb 20th -No Faith Formation class.

Faith Formation Class Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 13th-Children may attend Sunday class in their favorite football team attire if they bring a non-perishable can of food and put it with the team for whom they are rooting. (This is optional). Any parents willing to help load food in boxes and bring them over to the church would be appreciated.

Confirmation Conversations-The Interviews or conversations are scheduled for March 27th at 7:15 pm. We will meet at Russell Hall.

Confirmation Ceremony-The confirmation ceremony is scheduled as follows: Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, Time: 2:00 p.m., Place: Cathedral of Saint Joseph 140 Farmington Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06105

Soup Sale

Little Sisters of The Poor
1365 Enfield Street - Enfield, CT 06082
860-265-1872

March 2nd

12pm - 4pm

Drive-Thru

Place orders Online: <https://LSPsoup22.givesmart.com>

Broccoli & Cheddar



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Take it Home

New England
Clam Chowder



\$10.00

Broccoli & Cheddar



32oz

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Hartford, CT / March 23, 2022



Holy Family Men's Retreat

March 18th-20th.



Questions may be
directed to

Tom Lonergan,
txlone@cox.net or

Steve Cerchia,
fscerchia@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SENIOR HIGH

THIS WEEKEND-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th—A PERFECT MATCH—from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Is anything ever perfect? Ever found the perfect friend? This evening, we will be teaming up for **A Perfect Match!** Dinner will be served. Please register for this event using this sign up genius link:

<https://bit.ly/3H2xs2b>

STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE INFORMATION (ZOOM) MEETING—Steubenville has just released updated information regarding the **EAST** conference. Please join us for a brief informational **ZOOM** meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 7:30 p.m. using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88354499437?pwd=SlVTaG12Zl4SmdDQ0c1OWhhRzRtdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 5449 9437

Passcode: 197508

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—YM is looking for volunteers to help make a batch of chili and/or corn muffins to help feed a warm winter meal to our neighbors in need. Drop off is Saturday, February 12th or Sunday, February 13th between 8-6 p.m., or Monday, February 14th before 10 a.m. For more information, or to sign up, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3ocZm48> **Confirmation service hours available.**

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th—St. Catherine's Kitchen—A Piece Meal/Peace Meal—5-8 p.m. in Russell Hall.

Join us on this Friday evening in winter. Together we will prepare dinner in the kitchen, set the table and then share a feast together. We will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by all, some lively conversation, and games too! Please use this link to **RSVP** if you would like to attend so that proper meal preparations can be made.

Each participant will be asked to bring something, "their piece" to add to our meal preparation.

<https://bit.ly/3KCd3mJ>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th—MOVIE NIGHT—6:30–8:45 p.m. in Russell Hall. Popcorn and movie munchies will be provided. Bring comfy pillows, blankets, etc. for your viewing comfort. Pajamas

(appropriate) are welcome too. Please register using this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/3luMgqI>

JUNIOR HIGH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th—HAVE A HEART—from 6:30-8 p.m. in Russell Hall—Join us for a heart-warming Valentine's Day celebration filled with games and fun as we learn to **HAVE A HEART** for our friends, family and others too. Confirmation service hours available. Invite a friend too. If you plan to attend, please use this link to register you (and your friend): <https://bit.ly/3rtVP2d>
Light refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Teen volunteers (and their families) are needed to help deliver Valentine's Day surprises to our senior parishioners. Volunteers will pick up between 5 - 10 "surprise gifts" and deliver anytime between **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th through SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th**, at your convenience. If you are able to help, please use this sign up genius: <https://bit.ly/3fX9h9t>

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Confirmation service hours available.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry

"LIFESONG" MOBILE MINISTRY

DONATIONS NEEDED: LIFESONG is collecting new or gently used winter coats, hoodies, winter boots, and fleece jackets for men and women, sizes L - XXL. Items are distributed in Simsbury to individuals vetted by social services. Thank you in advance for any items that you may be able to donate toward this new ministry. Donation box can be found outside the youth ministry office in the vestibule.

For more information, please contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.

Pantry Partners

Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the SCPP food distribution. We serve families in Simsbury who experience food insecurity by providing fresh and frozen food on a monthly basis. The next distribution date is February 19th.

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, February 20th.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth19>

YES YOU "CAN"

St. Catherine of Siena food pantry supports local families, the Town of Simsbury/Eno Hall food pantry and the Cathedral, and the House of Malta food pantry in Hartford. These organizations continue to express their continued gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing support and compassion!

We continue to look for items such as coffee and tea, hearty soups and stews, chili, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, tuna or chicken, fruit and applesauce, hot and cold breakfast cereals and oatmeal.

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch

Service on February 19th. Please sign up by Weds., Feb. 16th. There are 3 ways to help:

1. Prepare a hot dish: We'll supply the ingredients for you to make a hot dish at home for us to bring to Hartford. Pick up the ingredients on Thursday, Feb 17 at Fitzgerald's and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, Feb 19th

between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with a recipe and more information if you haven't done this before.

2. Serve Lunch In-Person: We will carpool from St. Catherine's at 9:45 am to St. Elizabeth's House in Hartford. At the shelter we will serve a hot meal for residents as well as for other food insecure guests. We should be done by 1:00 p.m. and will return to Simsbury afterwards.

3. Make sandwiches: Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up to make sandwiches that we will bring to Hartford for this visit.

Sign Up at

<https://bit.ly/FTHLunchFeb19> or

www.stcatherine.info. Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940,

richsickinger@gmail.com. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION.

We serve a vulnerable population and our priority is to protect them and our volunteers as well.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our next sandwich collection is scheduled for Saturday, FEBRUARY 19th drop off between 8-9:30 am, Sunday, FEBRUARY 20th drop off between 8-6 pm, and Monday, FEBRUARY 21st, morning drop off between 8-9:30 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 (foil, baggies, or cellophane) to the kitchen using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed). **Please do not use the atrium entrance to deliver sandwiches.**

If you are able to help, please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3FzxdTW>