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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

Mass/Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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. in Russell Hall.

Youth—Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

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, April 1st @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Elaine Montano, birthday remembrance*, requested by Rosann & Philip DiMartino;
- **Sunday, April 2nd @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Alice Cattanaach & Gloria Palmeri*, requested by Pat Sotis;
- **Sunday, April 2nd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Bill Bitterli*, requested by the St. Catherine Book Club;
- **Monday, April 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Kevin Lynch*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- **Tuesday, April 4th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Theresa Antonaccio*, requested by Robert Cirvelli & Anne Lavoie;
- **Tuesday, April 4th @ 9 a.m.** *NO Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, April 5th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Jeremy, Karen & Baby Boy Boehne*, requested by Claire Hayes;
- **Wednesday, April 5th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
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- **April 6th—Holy Thursday**
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper;
- **April 7th—Good Friday**
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
7:30 p.m. Seven Last Words
- **April 8th—Holy Saturday**
12 noon Blessing of the Food
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, Mass for *Jack & Gwen Berry*, requested by their family;
- **April 9th—Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Mass for *Bill Bitterli*, requested by the Small Christian Community;
10:00 a.m. Mass for *Dolph Fusco, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
12:00 p.m. Mass *Pro Populo*.

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 continuing 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:	\$ 4,321.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,144.54
Total:	\$ 8,465.54

Other Generous Giving

Easter Flowers	\$ 1,605.26
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 355.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events in April

- Sat, 1st—Men's Ministry, 9 a.m., firepit.
- Sat, 1st—First Communion Family Day, RH, 1 p.m.
- Sat, 1st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 2nd—*Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 2nd—Children's Lit. the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 2nd—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 2 p.m.
- Sun, 2nd—Conf. Interviews, all rooms, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon, 3rd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Final before Easter.**
- Mon, 3rd—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6:00 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—Office closed for Chrism Mass.
No Adoration
- Tues, 4th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—RCIA Rehearsal, Church, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 5th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 5th—Mission Trip Wrap-up, RH, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, 6th—Holy Thursday,
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, 7th—Good Friday,
Good Friday Service, 3 p.m.
Seven Last Words, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, 8th—Holy Saturday,
Blessing of the Food, 12 noon
Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.
- Sun, 9th—Easter Sunday,
Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
- Mon, 10th—Easter Monday—Office closed.

Sanctuary Lamp



In memory of
Peter Hayes, 27th anniversary,
requested by his wife.

Prayer for Vocations?

As we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the most Sacred time in our liturgical year, we shall celebrate God's Love for us and His desire to suffer, die and be raised from the dead so that we—all of us—might live forever.

This weekend we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus entered triumphantly into Jerusalem. Shortly thereafter, the elders and the people turned on Him; they scourged and mocked Him, nailed Him to the Cross and then once dead, buried Him. However, God had a plan.

His Plan:

Next week—Holy Week—we celebrate:

The Chrism Mass on Tuesday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph is a Mass when the priests of the Archdiocese will join the Archbishop and renew their ordination promises to him and his successors, including their promise of obedience as Chief Shepherd of the Archdiocese. The Cathedral filled with Catholics of all ages, will see the sacred oils used in the Sacramental Life of the Church shall be consecrated by the Archbishop. Those oils are: (a) the Oil of Catechumen for Baptism; (b) the oil of Sacred Chrism for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination; and, (c) the oil of the Sick for the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Last Supper, complete with the institution of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ; the Mandatum—the washing of the feet; the transfer of the Sacred Eucharist and adoration thereof; and, finally the leaving in silence until we join again for Good Friday's Passion.

Good Friday: we celebrate the Passion of the Lord, complete with the readings in parts to tell the story of the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord; and, the veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion and the Great Silence.

Holy Saturday and the Great Easter Vigil. At this solemn Mass, there are many parts: the Lucernarium with the Exsultet (the chanted story of human Salvation), the Liturgy of the Word, the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion), and the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Communion and the Great Dismissal (the Easter Alleluia!).

Finally, the **Alleluia Party** in Russell Hall! Come meet the new Catholics those in full communion with the Church. Celebrate the glory of Life Everlasting and the Love of God for the whole of His Creation. Eternal Life is ours!

Therefore, what is the point of “headlining” this page with “**Prayer for Vocations?**” It is because “at that first Eucharist before He died,” at the first Holy Thursday, Christ Himself instituted the Priesthood (of Jesus Christ) for memorializing the Last Supper each time the Mass is celebrated. As Roman Catholics we do not “reenact” the Mass, it is not a play; it is in fact the memorializing of the First Eucharist. The priest, acting *In Persona Christi*, brings the Last Supper into being once again, as a memorial. *The priest stands In Persona Christi—in the person of Christ at that Mass.*

Priests are required for the continuation of the Church, the celebration of the Eucharist, and for the sacramental life of the Church. **We all have a role to play in the growth of vocations to the priesthood.** In fact, the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood says it most beautifully in the third stanza: “**Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.**”

My parish should be a place where we recognize those in prayer and ask the simple question, “Have you ever thought about being a priest or entering religious life?” A simple statement, “you would make a fine priest...” Should be part of our family discussions?

My home, is that a place where a priestly vocation might sprout? I am not talking about the Normal Rockwell painting of the home. However, do we say grace at mealtime? Do we speak of Christ or of faith at all—especially when topics of import are raised in the news?

My heart, is it open to the Holy Spirit? Do I act on my desire, if I have one, to serve God and His Church? Am I programed only to consider what the material world considers success—good paying jobs, material wealth, power and prestige; or, do I consider adding to the common good by way of faith?

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My parish, My home and My heart. Fruitful ground for Christ and for His Call. I hope that this Easter Season will spark a 50-day renewal in our praying this prayer, especially these very personal and important words. May all our hearts be open?

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday: Vigil at 5 p.m.; Sunday Masses 8 and 11 a.m.

Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Passion, 3 p.m.; Seven Last Words of Christ, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday's Great Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Alleluia Party after.

Easter Sunday Masses, 8, 10 A.M., and 12 Noon.

+ A Blessed Easter to all!

Come to the Alleluia Party!

Please join us in Russell Hall following
the 8p.m. Easter Vigil Mass to celebrate that the Lord has Risen.
Please bring the kids!



Men's Club Ministry

Please join us Saturday, April 1st at 9 a.m. Meet at the Backyard firepit. Coffee, conversation, bagels and the Bible will be served.

We will be setting up the 3 Field Crosses for Holy Week.
All are welcome!

Women's Ministry upcoming events: All are welcome!

A CHILI NIGHT: Enjoy making Chili? Please make your favorite batch of chili for the residents at South Park Inn. We will be making dinner for 80 people. Dinner will include Chili, salad, cornbread and dessert. Enjoy baking? Desserts are also appreciated. **Please drop off your chili and desserts anytime Sunday 4/2 or until 3 pm on Monday 4/3.** Thank you for your consideration. Please use this sign up genius <https://bit.ly/3Xtv0cx>

LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE BIBLE STUDY begins on April 12th at 9:15 a.m. or 7 p.m. Contact Michelle Page at pagekoe@gmail.com for details and to purchase the book.

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: A Senior Breakfast will be served on **Monday May 8th at 9:15 a.m.** in Russell Hall. **Please use this sign up genius link to make a reservation or to volunteer to help at the event:** <https://bit.ly/41QJ4jw>

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GATHERING to hear Franciscan Media author Maureen O'Brien speak about her new book of hope, "Gather the Fragments: My Year of Finding God's Love". **May 11th at 7 p.m.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Teens are needed to help deliver Spring gifts to our most senior parishioners. Deliveries can be made at your convenience anytime between April 26—May 10. If you are able to help, please use this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/3LV48jj> Confirmation service hours available.

Senior High

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd—COOKING WITH SENIOR HIGH from 2-4 p.m. in Russell Hall.

(NOTE: time changed due to Confirmation interviews). Join us this afternoon and help us cook full course dinners and desserts for local families that are in need and food insecure. No cooking experience is needed. We provide the recipes, the ingredients and the step-by-step instructions. We just need the chefs!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED! Pizza will be served. Confirmation service hours available. To sign up please use this link: <http://bit.ly/3YGXi3O>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th—BOSTON MISSION TRIP WRAP-UP MEETING at 6 pm. Please join us at 6 for dinner, a brief video presentation of our trip, and to get some feedback for next year. RSVP asap using this link: <http://bit.ly/3LQ794B>

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th -HOT DOGS, GAGABALL, AND MORE from 6-8 p.m. The end of the year is approaching, so let's take some time to just relax and have some fun! We'll provide the dogs, and all the sides and fixings. You come prepared to play in anything (except maybe snow)! Invite a friend to join us too. Please register in advance using this link so that we can plan the food: <http://bit.ly/3Zl3jn1>

SAVE THE DATES:

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th—SCAVENGER HUNT ON HOPMEADOW STREET

Think Amazing Race!

SUNDAY, MAY 7th—SENIOR CELEBRATION AND TRIBUTE—Dinner for all to celebrate the end of our year and our graduating seniors. ALL are invited and encouraged to attend!

Junior High

MONDAY, APRIL 3rd—MOVIE NIGHT from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall on the big screen. (Note start time!) We'll provide the popcorn and snacks! Feel free to invite a friend, wear comfy clothes or appropriate pajamas, and bring a blanket and/or a pillow to relax this evening! To sign up, please use this link:

<http://bit.ly/3mOlkwy> Invite a friend too!

Follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](#) and check out our pictures.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter_Happy Easter!

Let us celebrate Christ's Resurrection. Let us also celebrate our relationship. Psalm 104: "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." As you renew your faith, your baptismal promises, also renew your loving relationship with your spouse by signing up and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY-WME sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

St. Catherine of Siena's Music Ministry invites you to attend: Seven Last Words, 7:30 PM Good Friday, April 7th

This year we welcome the return of our beloved Seven Last Words service on Good Friday at 7:30 PM in the Church. The service uses reflections, both spoken and sung, to remember the last seven words (or phrases) Jesus spoke before he died. It is an evening of quiet, prayerful beauty that has become a hallmark of our Music Ministry and a wonderful addition to Holy Week. We know many of you are looking forward to this event and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have never attended before, we encourage you to come and experience it for the first time. In the past we have had parishioners ask if they could invite friends from other parishes – please feel free to do so. **All are welcome.**

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our April Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, April 15th, Sunday, April 16th, and Monday, April 17th. Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. on that weekend.** A sign up quantity of 1 means 12 sandwiches, or 1 dozen. A sign up of 12 means 144 sandwiches.

Sandwiches of any kind are needed-sub rolls, bread, pita bread, wraps, filled with deli meats/cheese of any kind, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein such as PB&J. Please **NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE. Please be sure all sandwiches are individually wrapped.**

Please deliver individually wrapped sandwiches (foil, baggies, or cellophane) to the kitchen **using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed).** If you are able to help make sandwiches, please use this sign up genius link:

<http://bit.ly/3KdetWS>

Confirmation hours available.

YES YOU "CAN"

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. This week, we are collecting: **Coffee and tea, tomato sauce, rice, canned meat (tuna, chicken and spam), crackers, and peanut butter and jelly.** All donations can be delivered using the kitchen entrance. Our pantry is open to all from 9 a.m.–6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass.

Pantry Partners!

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be **April 15th.** This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to 20 families in the community. Thank you so much for your continued support!

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on April 15th. Please sign up by Weds, April 12th.

There are 3 ways to help:

1. Serve Lunch In-Person: We will carpool from St. Catherine's at 9:45 a.m. to St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. At the shelter we will serve a 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.

2. 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, April 13th at Fitzgeralds and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, April 15th between 8:30-9:30am. We'll contact you ahead of time with the recipe information if you haven't done this before.

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/FTHLunchApr15>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940, richsickinger@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth House

We have returned to in-person meal service for the residents at St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. **Our next service date is Sunday, April 23rd. Please sign up at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth33>