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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Easter Sunday

April 9, 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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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



- **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*;
- **Monday, April 10th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Elisa & Bernardino Andrade*, requested by their family;
- **Tuesday, April 11th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Elizabeth Drapelick*, birthday remembrance, requested by her family;
- **Tuesday, April 11th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, April 12th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Richard Ahrens*, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, April 12th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, April 14th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Bob Lichota*, requested by David & Maryellen Bailey;
- **Friday, April 14th @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, April 15th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hopkins*, requested by the Gorecki Family;
- **Sunday, April 16th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *John & Theresa Murphy*, wedding anniversary remembrance, and,
- **Sunday, April 16th, @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Greg Collins*, requested by the Helitzer Family.

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:	\$ 6,565.57
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,144.54
Total:	\$ 10,710.11

Other Generous Giving

Easter Flowers	\$ 595.00
Various	\$ 295.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events in April

- 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, No Confession.
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- Tues, 11th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 11th—No Children's/Adult Choir
- Tues, 11th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, 12th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 12th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Wed, 12th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, 13th—Bereavement, RH, -A & B, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 14th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 15th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 15th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 15th-Mon, 17th—Street Sandwiches, Kitchen
- Sun, 16th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 16th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Parish Council, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 18th—Children's Choir, MR. 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 18th-Adult Choir, RH, 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of

Dolph Fusco,
birthday remembrance,

requested by his wife.



Joyful and Blessed Easter †

This Sunday we celebrate Easter and the gift of Eternal Salvation for all who choose to follow Christ. As the Apostolic Church on earth, the Catholic faith avails to every believer the Sacramental Life of Jesus Christ. From our beginnings—Jesus and His twelve apostles—we have received every spiritual blessing from the God of the universe; and, we as His Apostolic Church, have been called to guard and transmit that Sacramental Life unto the world.

This is an awesome gift and it is equally an awesome responsibility. That is why, to the chagrin of some people, they feel the Church is out of touch in its ancient traditions, its rituals, and its beliefs. But, and that is one of the most important words in the English language, *but* this gift and responsibility has been given to us by Christ Himself as He founded, instituted and blessed His Church on earth. From Christ, Peter, and Paul to Francis, we have an unbroken line (apostolic) or lineage through which we have been commanded to pass on the Truths of Christ.

His Truths are absolute and are comprised of Truth, Goodness and Beauty. Truth in that His Word is absolute and for the excellence of all. Goodness in that God will only do that which is logical, He will not put a square peg in a round hole, and His Goodness is for our Eternal Joy. Beauty in that all that He creates—every person, the entire universe, is filled with His Image and Likeness and thus His Beauty. Moreover, that especially includes each person created, as we share in His Divine attributes—and when those divine attributes are nourished and fed by His Grace—i.e., Love—in the Sacramental Life of the Church, then we are able to be His Image to the world around us. In our families and marriages, in our communities, at work or school—wherever sadness, sorrow and fear abound, we can be present in faith to sooth the world, the family, ourselves.

Easter is wrapped up in Trust, faith, and God shall prevail. We can trust in this because of His Power, which is Love, for our good. As I mentioned at Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, we must see God as the solution to our woes, not the cause. I noted that ancient man—from the Resurrection forward until about 100 years ago, humankind saw God as the savior of the world, the hope for all that is ill in our communities, world, and ourselves. Today, "modern man" sees Him as the cause of sadness, cancer, anxiety and confusion. By Way of example, just a few weeks ago, a local newspaper carried a story on faith, and the social media response was beyond bazaar; the writers wrote of hateful, cruel and absurd thoughts of "how can a good God allow..." Some of those ills are caused by our choices, both personal and collective; it is much like the Last Supper account of Judas—where not all choose God, not all will make righteous decisions. Even the words of Consecration note this: "Will be poured out for you and for many..." as not all will follow Him.

However, the lifesaving constant in all of this is Love: God's Love, which shows itself in His healing power in body, mind and spirit. It shows itself in His concern for the hungry and His call to us to do something. It shows itself in His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession, and He shows it to us in His call to follow Him, as He died on the Cross, was Raised from the dead, and Ascended into Heaven. Why? Because He loves you. It is all about Truth, Goodness and Beauty.

Blessed and Happy Easter Season, fifty days until Pentecost when we shall celebrate Love once again—the Love between the Father and the Son, which is the Holy Spirit, sent to guide, heal and lead us to His Truths.

Faith Fun Fact: The God of all Creation!

Scientists say that if you hold a dime in your hand, stretched out at arm's length, there are some 5 million galaxies beyond your arm, and each galaxy contains 100 billion stars. Multiply those numbers and the result is 5e17...17 zeros and there is no word to use to describe that amount. **Psalm 147:** "God determines the number of stars and calls them each by name; great is our Lord and mighty in Power. His understanding has no limit."

In addition, God knows each of us by name (Luke 12). "...Even the hairs of your head have been counted." So let us not limit Jesus, or make Him the cause of all that is not beauty, not goodness, not truth.

(Source: EvangelicalCatholic/Youtube; God of the galaxies)

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Faith Formation Class Calendar 2022-2023

Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

Apr. 23rd **Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, 2 p.m.**
May 6th **First Holy Communion, 11 a.m.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

It's not too late! There's one more knitting lesson planned for Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall-B.

Have you wanted to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, but can't make the Monday 3:00 p.m. meetings? Now you CAN join! In addition to the Monday afternoon meetings, we will also be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30. **The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall-B.** Any questions or to request a prayer shawl, contact Kathy Oaks at ktoaks@gmail.com or 860-614-2773.

Women's Ministry upcoming events: All are welcome!

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.

A Huge Thank You to all that cooked and baked for our South Park Inn Chili dinner. The chili, cornbread and desserts were delicious and appreciated by all. Such a wonderful variety of goodies! The residents came back wanting more. So glad we were able to serve a wonderful meal with your help. *A very Happy Easter to all.*

Calling All Seniors: Come enjoy Breakfast and live music on Monday May 8th at 9:15 a.m. in Russell Hall. Connect with friends and treat yourselves to a hot breakfast. Please be our guest. The Women's Service Ministry invites all Seniors. Please sign up using the sign up Genius: <https://bit.ly/41QJ4jw> . Hope to see you there. Questions or comments, contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-02412, whittemorediane@yahoo.com

: **St. Catherine of Siena Bereavement meetings** will be held on Thursday, April 13th and :
: April 27th. All people of faith are welcome. Meetings held in Russell Hall from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. :

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>. The Magi followed the Star to find the newborn King. Make the same journey with your spouse to bring your relationship to Jesus. Sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together:
Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY, Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA, Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Easter!

Senior High

CAN YOU HELP? 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**. To help, please use this sign up genius link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/3LV48ji> Confirmation service hours available.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th -HOT DOGS, GAGABALL, AND PEEPS 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 and join us for our PEEPS COMPETITION.

Invite a friend to join us too. Please register using this link so that we can plan the food:

<http://bit.ly/3Zl3jn1>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th—STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE ZOOM INFORMATION-AL MEEING-All high school teens including graduating seniors and rising freshmen) are invited to attend this amazing teen conference. Conference dates: **Friday, July 21st (leave at 2 pm) and return mid-day Sunday, July 23rd**. Steubenville is national conference created exclusively for teens, where thousands of Catholic teens gather to experience energetic speakers, amazing music and powerful praise and worship and so much more. This 3-day weekend helps to strengthen faith and deepen relationships in the context of fun, friendship music and faith. Please join our **ZOOM MEETING at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26th to learn more about this trip. Registration closes May 24th.**

TO JOIN THE MEETING:

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84458262914>
Meeting ID: 844 5826 2914

SAVE THESE DATES:

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th—SCAVENGER HUNT ON HOPMEADOW STREET

Think Amazing Race! 5—8 p.m. and bring your phones!

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

Junior High

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th—APRIL COOK AND BAKE from 6:15-8 pm in Russell Hall.

This is the last of our Cook and Bake's for this season, so we hope you will join us tonight as we prepare dinners for local families that are food insecure or in need. **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE** is necessary. We provide the recipes, ingredients, and step-by-step instructions. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Light snacks provided and Confirmation service hours available. Please use this sign up genius link to register for this evening: <https://bit.ly/3Kue1Uf>

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, MAY 8th—END OF YEAR PICNIC AND OUTDOOR GAMES.

Follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry) and check out our pictures

Come to the Alleluia Party!

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

Please bring the kids!

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.**

Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday and 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

We are grateful to you for all your support of our food pantry. This week, we are collecting: **Coffee and tea, tomato sauce, rice, canned meat (tuna, chicken and spam), 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!

SCPP provides fresh vegetables and protein to families in need. The food is purchased from Super Foodtown in New Hartford and they are a wonderful partner in this ministry. **The next distribution date is Saturday, April 15th. Happy Easter!**

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's 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 Fitzgerald's 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>