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# Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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.*

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

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrative Assistant-Parish Office**

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#### **Youth Ministry Office**

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### **Parish Council President**

Mrs. Kathleen Mangiafico, 860 869 8468

### **Finance Council Chairman**

Mrs. Jennifer Orzell, 860 729 1079

### **Parish Legacy Fund Chairman**

Mr. Peter Pabich, 860 810 5069

### **Parish Lay Trustees**

Mrs. Colleen Langlais, 860-508-0487

Mr. Robert Hensley, 860-916-5057

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, May 6th @ 11:00 a.m.**  
*First Holy Communion;*
- **Saturday, May 6th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for  
*Eugenia Pires, 2nd anniversary,*  
*Sylvia Brimmer, birthday remembrance,*  
*requested by their family;*
- **Sunday, May 7th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for  
*Ingrid Clee, 7th anniversary,*  
*requested by her husband;*
- **Sunday, May 7th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for  
*Marian Chrosniak, 3rd anniversary,*  
*requested by her family;*
- **Monday, May 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for  
*Adele Fogg, requested by Ruder Family;*
- **Tuesday, May 9th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for  
*Natalie Rice, requested by the Ruder Family;*
- **Tuesday, May 9th @ 9 a.m.** *Adoration;*
- **Wednesday, May 10th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for  
*Brian Schoppmann,*  
*requested by the Hark Family;*
- **Wednesday, May 10th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary;*
- **Friday, May 12th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for  
*Mary Elizabeth Kennedy Keedy,*  
*requested by Tom & Ellen Andrews & family;*
- **Friday, May 12th @ 9:00 a.m.**  
*Chaplet of Divine Mercy;*
- **Saturday, May 13th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for  
*All Mothers;*
- **Sunday, May 14th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for  
*All Mothers;* and,
- **Sunday, May 14th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for  
*All Mothers.*

## 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:	\$ 6,431.33
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,144.54
Total:	\$ 10,475.87

### Other Generous Giving

Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 165.00
Pantry Partners	\$ 3,150.00

### Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events May

- Sat, 6th—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 11 a.m.
- Sat, 6th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 7th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 7th—MAY PROCESSION, 12 NOON.
- Sun, 7th—Homebound Communion.
- Sun, 7th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 8th—Breakfast for Seniors, RH, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 8th—Confession, Church, 6 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.
- Wed, 10th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Wed, 10th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, 11th—Women's Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 12th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 13th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 14th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 15th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 15th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 16th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 16th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 16th—Adult Choir, RH, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 17th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 17th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Wed, 17th—Vigil Mass, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, 17th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 7:30 p.m.

## Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of  
**Special Intention,**  
requested by  
the Helitzer Family.



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*"What's Love got to do with it?"* **Everything.** It is the source, the summit and the font of Life in Christ. (It is way much more than a popular song sung by Tina Turner and written by Graham Lyle and Terry Brittan).

Love is *the* Commandment of Christ. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (John 21) God's Divine Love created us. God's Divine Love has redeemed us by Christ's Blood on the Cross. In addition, it is God's Divine Love with Christ, the Holy Spirit, that guides us in faith and wisdom, defends us and protects us in the trials and tribulations of life. **Love is everything.**

Moreover, this everything, God's Love, calls us into a life of Love. A Sacramental Life of Love for the good of our own excellence and for the abundant life, which Christ ended last week's gospel with, that we may have His abundant and Divine Life of Love for all eternity.

We shall receive that Divine Love Life (eternity) by sharing in His Love today. By accepting the gifts of His Divine Love in-and-through the sacramental life of the Church. We acknowledge God's Love in the graces (another word for Love) of the sacraments—in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Christ enters into the marriage to raise it to a Sacrament and give it loving strengthen. In Baptism and Confirmation, we receive His Love in the Holy Spirit, that when nurtured by faith in the family, the baptized child and confirmed young adult learn how to return God's Love through righteous decisions in their lives. In Confession, we receive His Love in forgiveness and strengthen to fight temptations and grow in faith. And so on and so on—in all Seven Sacraments of the Church.

Moreover, when we receive those Sacramental Graces—Love—we live the life that God has called us to, His Discipleship. "Jesus answered and said to him, whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me." (John 21) This is what we are all called to—a life of Love, Divine Love, that will lead to doing noble good in this world and living Nobly in the world to come. And one more gift of Love from God, the sending the Holy Spirit to guide us in Wisdom, Courage and Fortitude, among other gifts and fruits. Amen!

## **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) was created in 1981 with a goal of \$1.6 million yet raised \$2,466,310. Since 1981, the AAA has funded Catholic charities and built up the common good to the tune of more than \$277,329,662. Since 2006, the Appeal has raised some \$9-\$10 million per year for the benefit of those in need. Take a moment and consider the noble good the Catholic Church has accomplished.

We as a Catholic Archdiocesan community provide food, medicine, education, emotional and mental healthcare services to all in need, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. We as Church fund and provide adult food shelters, care and compassion to domestic abuse victims; educational opportunities at the elementary, secondary and collegiate levels. We support the common good with Catholic hospitals and organizations such as the Knights of Malta; and we offer our services through Catholic charities to immigrants, working poor, and Pre-K services to their children. The Catholic Church is one of the largest private entities that provides social services in the world—at the global, national, diocesan and parish levels. Even governments that have the authority to tax cannot match the generosity and compassion, the healing hope, that the Catholic Church offers in serving humanity—and she does it for all peoples; her miracles happen every day in-and-through the Church and her volunteers in the name of Christ.

It is my hope and prayers that our parishoners (and I) join in with all the other parishes of our Archdiocese to continue raise the bar of **Catholic Action and prayer** in our communities, soothing the anger, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, educating the poor, and building stronger, more functional families to better the common good. This is God's Plan, and we are called to be part of it.

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**Currently, the AAA statistics for St. Catherine of Siena Parish for the 2023 are:**

Parish Goal*:	\$100,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$74,920.00
Total Paid:	\$68,318.00
Total Gifts:	160
Average Gift:	\$468.25
Participation Rate:	12.72%
Total families Registered:	1,258

His Sacrifice and Ours.  
Ministering to God in the Way we Minister to  
One Another

Please consider a prayerful gift  
to help those in need.

**Surrounding Parish Goals\*:**

St. Mary, Simsbury:	\$190,000.00
St. Ann, Avon:	\$175,000.00
St. Theresa, Granby:	\$120,000.00
Sacred Heart, Bloomfield:	\$78,000.00

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**  
**134 Farmington Avenue**  
**Hartford, Conn 06105**

**800 781 2550**

\*Parish Goals are based upon a percentage of the weekly collections totals.

**Please note: St. Catherine of Siena Parish, West  
Simsbury on your donation.**

## THE CARNIVAL IS BACK!

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our first Carnival planning meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.** in Russell Hall. Join the Carnival committee and help to plan our Carnival events, build and paint games this summer, and sign up to help with various committees. **We can't do it without your help.**

**If you are interested in helping, even if you can not make this meeting, please sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://bit.ly/43DAwgY>** This is a great way for individuals of all ages and families to get involved with our parish! All are welcome and invited to join us! Confirmation service hours available.



### Women's Ministry upcoming events: All are welcome!

1. **LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE BIBLE STUDY** continues on Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Contact Michelle Page at [pagekoe@gmail.com](mailto:pagekoe@gmail.com) for details and to purchase the book.

2. **All women are invited to the Faith & Fellowship gathering of the Women's Ministry on Thursday May 11th at 7 p.m.** This will be our last gathering this spring and it will be a really special one as we finish our year based on our theme of "hope". Our guest, Maureen O'Brien, an author with Franciscan Media, will be presenting a talk on her new book, *"Gather the Fragments: My Year of Finding God's Love"* which is all about hope.

### Attention Seniors: Please be our breakfast guest on Monday May 8 at 9:15 a.m. in Russell Hall.

Please be our breakfast guest. Come enjoy a delicious hot breakfast with live music, catch up with friends and make some new ones. Feel free to invite a friend! Sponsored by The Women's Service Ministry. For questions, please contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241. Please sign up using the sign up genius listed here <https://bit.ly/41QJ4jw> or feel free to call Diane and make your reservation. Looking forward to meeting you.



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**NEED CONFIRMATION HOURS?** Join the Carnival committee and help us build and paint games this summer. The first Carnival planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. in Russell Hall. Please sign up to help using this link: <https://bit.ly/43DAwgY>

### Senior High

**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE**—Applications are currently being accepted through **May 28th**. All high school teens, including entering freshmen are encouraged to attend. Conference dates: **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> (leave at 2 p.m.) and return mid-day Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The Steubenville conference connects thousands of Catholic teens all around the nation in a conference designed exclusively for high school teens. Leadership opportunities also available. An opportunity for a fun-filled weekend of friendship, and faith.

**THIS SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup> - SENIOR CELEBRATION AND TRIBUTE - ALL SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGE TO COME!** Please plan to join us from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate this end of year dinner for all youth ministry, and to honor all our graduating seniors. This event is our last before summer, and we want to celebrate and honor the achievements of our graduating seniors from youth ministry. Help us to recognize them at this dinner in their honor. **We invite and encourage ALL of youth ministry to attend!** Please use this sign up genius link to register: <http://bit.ly/41e5Y3h>

**SUNDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>—(Rescheduled from April 30<sup>th</sup>) SCAVENGER HUNT ON HOPMEADOW STREET.** Think Amazing Race! **5—8 pm** (Note earlier start time). We will begin at St. Mary's with pizza for dinner. Wear your sneakers and comfy clothes. We will be traveling up and down Hopmeadow Street using clues as you go on the Hunt! **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED FOR THIS EVENING!** To register, please sign up using this sign up genius link: <http://bit.ly/3md6WOx>

### Junior High

**THIS MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>—END OF YEAR PICNIC AND OUTDOOR GAMES AND MORE - 6:30-8 p.m.** Join us for games and prizes, gagaball, popsicles and so much more! Please bring a favorite dish to share for our buffet table. Dessert and drinks will be provided. To sign up, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3MOXcEQ>

### SAVE THE DATE:

Welcome Ministry Team invites you to join us at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 10th, to



welcome all of our newly registered parishioners. Following the Mass, we invite everyone to bring a potluck item to share with those joining as we all come together to meet our new parishioners. Weather permitting we will come together

in Russell Hall and in the yard out back to celebrate.

If you have any questions, please reach out to John McDonald([sasmcj1@gmail.com](mailto:sasmcj1@gmail.com)), or 860-655-4676) or Michelle Helitzer, [michelle.helitzer@comcast.net](mailto:michelle.helitzer@comcast.net) or 860-878-7544). Additional details to follow as we get closer to the date.

**The Simsbury Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club will have a joint scholarship Breakfast on Saturday, May 13th at St. Mary Church from 8-11 a.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased at the door.**

**Eligible: High School Seniors and any higher education students who have not previously received this scholarship.**



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

**Comitas is a parish ministry** created to give parishioners/families nutritional support and to allow them to focus on other important needs such as bereavement or recovery from illness. Comitas volunteers receive occasional requests for help in providing meal assistance to and can choose to assist if it works with their schedule to the family in need.

Please consider joining this amazing volunteer ministry. What's needed? A desire to cook and help out. No meetings. All is handled online. Prayerfully consider joining the 20+ year ministry.

If you are in need of support or know someone in need of meal assistance help, please reach out to the office or to Karen Corriveau at [stcathycomitas@gmail.com](mailto:stcathycomitas@gmail.com).

### STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our May Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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: <https://bit.ly/3UJFi8x>

Confirmation service hours available.

### Pantry Partners!

The next food distribution for Pantry Partners will be **May 20th**. Thank you for the continued support of this ministry which provides fresh food to families in need. Your generosity is very appreciated.

**FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on May 20th.** Please sign up by **Weds, May 17th**. We're **barbecuing** and the need is real! Can you volunteer? There are 3 ways to help:

- 1. Serve Lunch In-Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine 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 will be done by 1:00 p.m. and return to Simsbury afterwards.
- 2. Prepare a cold salad.** Make your favorite macaroni or potato salad to serve 10-12 people. Deliver your dish in a disposable container to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, May 20 between 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 3. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchMay20>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940. [richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com).

**May 21st is the Service Date for St. Elizabeth House. Sign up at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth34>

**LIFE SONG MINISTRY is going strong and is in need of your help.**

Spring has sprung and we are very much in need of spring and summer clothing. (All sizes accepted) New and clean gently used clothing are appreciated. Tops, t-shirts, shorts, polos, blouses, dresses, skirts, sneakers, summer shoes and light weight slacks are great.

A huge thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you for helping our neighbors in need. Questions, please contact Diane Whittemore, 860-913-0241.

### YES YOU "CAN"

*Located in St. Catherine's kitchen*

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our food pantry. This week, we are looking for donations of **coffee and tea, canned or jarred fruit/applesauce, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam), hot and cold cereal, PB&J, and juice of any kind**. 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.