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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 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, May 27th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Phyllis Benoit, 15th anniversary*, requested by the Perreault Family;
- **Sunday, May 28th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *J. T. La Spada, anniversary*, requested by Gene & Deb Trovato;
- **Sunday, May 28th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *John & Betty Hunt*;
- **Monday, May 29th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *47th Wedding anniversary remembrance* for William & Germaine Bridgman;
- **Tuesday, May 30th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Raoul Hansen, 27th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Tuesday, May 30th @ 9 a.m.** *Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, May 31st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Robert Rupp, 25th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, May 31st @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, June 2nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Baleshiski, 21st anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Friday, June 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- **Saturday, June 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Eleanor and Jack Cloud*, requested by their family;
- **Sunday, June 4th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Maria Messina*, requested by the Pickett Family, and,
- **Sunday, June 4th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Jim Sullivan, 5th anniversary*, requested by his 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:	\$ 5,684.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,144.54
Total:	\$ 9,828.54

Other Generous Giving

R&R	\$ 135.00
Various	\$ 72.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events May

- Sat, 27th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 29th—Memorial Day, Office Closed.
- Mon, 29th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 30th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 30th—Adult Choir, RH, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 31st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.

June

- Thurs, 1st—Bereavement, RH-A & B, 10 a.m.
- Thurs, 1st—Men's Club Mtg, Firepit, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 2nd—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 3rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 4th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 4th—Homebound Communion.
- Mon, 5th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 5th—Parish Council, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 6th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 6th—Adult Choir, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 7th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 7th—Women's Service Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, 8th—Women's Service Min., RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs, 8th—Bereavement Min., RH, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 9th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 10th—Welcome Pot Luck, RH 6 p.m.
- Sun, 11th—Eucharistic Procession, 12 noon,
followed by 20th anniversary Ordination
Party for Fr. Whyte, RH, 1:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

**In memory of
Daniel Bouquillon.**



Altar Server Training

I will be holding an altar server (*acolyte*) training on Tuesday, June 6th, 3:30 p.m. for those who are in fourth (4th) grade and up and would like to serve as an altar server during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. You will learn all about the Mass, its order, the ritual and the powerful role of the altar server. I would ask that you sign up for the training, by using the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Please provide complete information that is requested on the sign-up sheets.

Your parents may attend the training also, and there will be handouts prepared for you. I want to thank those who are interested for your service to the Church. Thank you!

New England Catholic Biblical School

The NECBS has open registration for those who are interested in deepening their relationship with Christ by learning more about His Word in Sacred Scripture.

St. Jerome, a Doctor and Father of the Church noted, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." St. Jerome (feast day is September 30) insists that all Christians are called to know the Truths of God and to recognize that serious Bible study is a necessity, not an optional luxury. In fact, St. Paul reiterates this by stating, "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We should all readily agree that we do not wish to be ignorant of the power and wisdom of God. That must be a given if we wish to live our lives in such a way that we can journey in this life into the Eternal Life of Christ.

St. Jerome was born in 342 AD on the Adriatic Coast. He was ordained a priest, traveled to Rome and became the secretary to Pope Damasus from 382-385. Upon the pope's death, Jerome traveled to Bethlehem and founded a monastery and dedicated himself to study and the translation of the Scriptures from the original languages into Latin. St. Jerome's translation, known as the Vulgate, was used in the Latin rite of the Catholic Church for more than 1,000 years. His biblical scholarship was extraordinary and he remains one of the greatest Scripture scholars; St. Jerome is known as a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church. He died in 420 AD.

If you would like to learn more about Christ, deepen your own spiritual life and pave the way for a more fulfilling spiritual journey toward God, then investigate the New England Catholic Biblical School, considered one of the best in America, fully accredited, and open to all. Feel free to reach out to Judy Kostelni, director of the New England Catholic Biblical School at 860 242 5573, or email at newenglandcatholicbiblicalschool.com

Eucharistic Procession

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. A Eucharistic procession, therefore, is a public witness of the veneration toward the most holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets. It takes place in this way: A consecrated host – that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity – is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession. Like a pilgrimage, a Eucharistic procession normally starts at one holy place and ends at another. This earthly journey reminds the Catholic faithful of their spiritual journey toward eternal life with God." (Source: Faith Magazine, September 2018)

"Eucharistic processions first became a popular practice in the life of the Church during the celebration of Corpus Christi, traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The idea for this solemnity is attributed to St. Juliana, who lived in the 13th century. As Pope emeritus Benedict XVI eloquently noted in a homily in 2007, "It was born for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the people of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues 'to love us to the end,' even to offering us his body and his blood." Though directly connected to the liturgical feast of Corpus Christi, Eucharistic processions may take place at other appropriate times and places under the authority of the bishop and following liturgical norms." (*ibid*)

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Faith Formation Class Calendar 2022-2023
Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

- **FAITH FORMATION** Registration has begun. Please use this link to register by June 30th: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=3fb7036f-1436-4110-97cc-76a32183eb88>

The 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 gather in Russell Hall and in the yard out back to celebrate. Please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-welcome> .

If you have any questions, please reach out to

John McDonald(sasmcjl@gmail.com, or 860-655-4676) or
Michelle Helitzer, michelle.helitzer@comcast.net or 860-878-7544).



Please join us for a VBS that is out of this world!

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 26th- Friday, June 30th from 9:15a.m.-12 noon each day. We are accepting children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade (the grade your child will be entering in Fall 2023).

Kindergarten - Grade 5 are called Trekkers (\$65 fee)

Grade 6-8 are Jr. Crew (\$65 fee)

Registration for VBS is open!! Please use the link below to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, please contact Anna de la Fe at anna12210@aol.com

Register at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=57a11ce9-9750-4eb2-8adb-c1efec326519>

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

TIME TO REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY— Welcome ALL middle and high school teens! Please join us and take a moment to register for our Summer and Fall 2023 season using this link: <https://forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88> This form is available for all junior and senior high teens, including current 6th graders and new families and parishioners. Summer calendar are now available for events throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you!

Senior High

CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED. Looking for volunteers to help us build and paint games this summer. Volunteers are needed on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 p.m.** to help paint, assemble, glue, build, assemble and test games. There are five dates this summer that we will meet, so please check the dates out on this sign up genius link and sign up at: <https://bit.ly/425opHz> Earn Confirmation Service Hours too.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE—This is the last week to turn in your application form and deposit—due by **May 28th**. All high school teens, including entering freshmen are encouraged to attend. Conference dates: **Friday, July 21st** (leave at 2 p.m.) and return **mid-day Sunday, July 23rd**.

Junior High

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20th from 6-7:30 p.m. ALL Junior High Youth Ministry teens including ALL CURRENT 6th graders (rising 7th graders) are invited to our **Games and Ice Cream Sundae night**. We'll have games, prizes, ice cream sundaes with all the fixings and more! Rain or Shine. Please sign up to attend using this link: <https://bit.ly/43Rrgpw>

SUMMER CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Sunday, June 11th – a day to celebrate!

Corpus Christi - Sunday, June 11th marks the second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival: The Year of Parish Revival, and Archbishop Blair has asked each parish to celebrate with a public Eucharistic Procession. We invite all of our parishioners to our Eucharistic Procession immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass where we will have a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament outside (weather permitting).

Following the procession, we invite everyone to join us for a reception in Russell Hall to celebrate Fr. Michael's 20th Anniversary of his Priesthood.



THE CARNIVAL IS BACK! Saturday, September 16th!

SUMMER HELP AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED. Looking for volunteers to help us build and paint games this summer.

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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! Young children must be supervised. **Confirmation service hours available.**



Fr. Michael continued...

As I wrote a few weeks ago, at the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and in a particular request of Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of Hartford, our parish will join in to the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of Hartford with a celebration of the Eucharist on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11. At the 11 a.m. Mass, the concluding rite will have us process with the Eucharist, in the Monstrance, outside on the lawn and process toward the Mary Garden, near the flagpole, where we will set up and outside altar and have adoration for a brief period. *The procession itself will be laid out for all to understand and there will be a worship aid for the day.*

As Roman Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence. Meaning, that our faith teaches us that the Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist, is not a re-enactment like a summertime festival remembering the Revolutionary War or the Civil War. What happens at the Mass is not a re-enactment of the Last Supper, but rather a *memorial* of the Last Supper. The priest, *In Persona Christi, in the person of the Christ, memorializes the Last Supper and the Real Presence of Christ is made present in the bread and wine, which becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.*

It is my hope that on this feast, Corpus Christi, June 11 at the 11 a.m. Mass, we as a parish will fully join in on this celebration and the procession to follow. The Eucharistic Procession will add approximately 20 minutes to Mass (the outdoor procession) and adoration, which then will be followed by a lite collation in Russell Hall. It is my hope that as a Catholic community will shall give praise to our God, “who is all good, and deserving of our Love.” Amen!

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

YES YOU “CAN”

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

As summer approaches and school lunches for food insecure families and children are not available, we have a greater need of food in our food pantry. Please consider continuing to donate to help our local families, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

This week, we are looking for donations of **cold cereal, rice, jelly, pasta and jars of tomato sauce, canned pasta, children's snacks such as crackers, fruit and applesauce, and protein bars.** 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.

LET'S MAKE A SPLASH

With the Women's Service Ministry

Please join us on Wednesday, June 7th at 7 p.m. and/or Thursday, June 8th at 9:30 a.m. to fill 100 beach pails with summer fun...bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sunglasses, and healthy snacks for children. ALL ARE WELCOME! Our pails will be donated to local area shelters and to children in Hartford. You are welcome to bring fun snacks and/or goodies for our pails. Please use this sign up genius link to register if you are available to help at either or both sessions: <https://bit.ly/44QzeQ8> If you have any questions, please contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0421.