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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 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, 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;
- **Sunday, June 4th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, 5th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Monday, June 5th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Winston Johnson*, requested by Manuela Hanshaw;
- **Tuesday, June 6th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Margaret Mulcahy*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- **Tuesday, June 6th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, June 7th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Agnes Doe*, birthday remembrance, requested by her family;
- **Wednesday, June 7th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, June 9th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Greehy*, requested by Debbie & Gene Trovato;
- **Friday, June 9th @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, June 10th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hammond*, birthday remembrance, requested by his wife;
- **Sunday, June 11th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Brendan Donahue*, birthday remembrance, requested by his family, and,
- **Sunday, June 11th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph Spada*, 8th anniversary, requested by his family.

This weekend is the Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

If you haven't already made a contribution we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. There are envelopes in the pews as well as information explaining how the money is distributed.

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*

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| Weekly Loose Cash/Checks: | \$ 5,304.00 |
| Faith Direct weekly giving: | \$ 4,144.54 |
| Total: | \$ 9,448.54 |

Other Generous Giving

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| Various | \$ 150.00 |
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*Next week's second collection is for
Repair & Refurbishment.*

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events June

- 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—Children Choir, MR, 6:30 p.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—Confession, Church, 4 p.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.
- Mon, 12th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—Carnival Meeting, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 16th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 16th—Mass at McLean, 11 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Street Sandwich Weekend;
Pantry Partners, Feed the Hungry.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity occurs on the second Sunday after Pentecost. The feast day celebrates the central mystery of our faith, the three persons in one God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

According to Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, of Franciscan Media, "It begins with a doctrine, but ends with intimacy." Fr. Friedman notes that:

"Most Catholics can recite the doctrine of the Trinity: three distinct and equal divine persons, yet one God. That statement hints at the mystery contained in the truth. Trying to explain or even understand it fully is impossible. However, today's Scriptures place us squarely in the midst of the mystery. If we listen with our hearts, we end up with a very personal portrait of God.

In our first reading, from the experience of the Exodus, we hear Moses recalling—with a note of pride—some of the great things God did for the people. Proudly Moses asks: Did anything like this happen before? Has any other nation had such an experience of divine power?

A personal God, who intervenes on behalf of the people with deeds of power: That relationship becomes intimate as St. Paul tells us in the second reading: We've been "adopted" by God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We share the suffering and the glory of Jesus Christ. The Good News of today's Gospel, is that Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us"—and that intimacy continues 'until the end of the ages.'

Invited into the intimacy hidden in the mystery of the Trinity, we can only respond with a heartfelt "Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." (Source: Franciscan Media; Faith and Family, 2023)

As we dive deeper into the readings today, and sticking with the theme of intimacy, we, as Roman Catholics need to understand the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—as LOVE, a Divine, intimate love. Our faith indeed teaches us in the Creed, which we proclaim each Sunday after the prayers of the faithful, that: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets."

So what does that mean? Well, God the Father and God the Son have such pure and noble love for one another that that Love becomes the Holy Spirit. In addition, the Holy Spirit or Love was then sent into the World to heal, to forgive, to reveal God's Wisdom and to fill us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so as to produce the fruits of the Spirit's Love through an active, Christian discipleship.

In the midst of all the craziness of our world—that is created by humans—we must recall that our God is a God who created us out of Love—He did not need us but rather desired us. He then redeemed us out of love by sending His Son to suffer, die and rise again for our Eternal Life. Then He sent the Holy Spirit for guidance in Wisdom and courage to endure the trials and tribulations of the world, to ensure our eternal destiny. Moreover, to all this Love, He gave us the "icing on the cake," if you will, by giving us the gift of Free Will. Not to be automatons, but rather to freely choose Him, the God of Love, to be our source, summit and font of eternal joy.

This is why the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: (234) "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'. [GCD 43.] The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men 'and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin'. [GCD 47.]"

We are called out of Love to be united with Christ. The God who created all things—humanity, the earth and all her beauty, the cosmos and beyond—God who desires to be united with you so that you may share in Him for all eternity. *Love...proceeding from the Father and the Son!*

Mark Your Calendars-June 11th following the 11 a.m. Mass will be a Eucharistic procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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St. Catherine of Siena
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(sasmcj1@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>



THE CARNIVAL IS BACK!

Saturday, September 16, 2023

SUMMER HELP AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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, 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>

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.**

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 using this link: forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88

This form is available for all junior and senior high teens, including current 6th graders and new families and parishioners. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Senior High

Summer calendars are now available. We look forward to seeing you at our summer programs, including our Carnival help this summer as we build, paint, assemble and test games for our Fall Carnival. Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 pm** to help.. Confirmation Service Hours available.

Junior High

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 now available. We look forward to seeing you at our summer programs, including our Carnival help this summer as we build, paint, assemble and test games for our Fall Carnival. Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 p.m.** to help. Confirmation Service Hours available.

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

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11th – a day to celebrate!

We invite all of our parishioners to our Eucharistic Procession immediately following the 11a.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.



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Please join us for Mass and then the procession, lasting approximately 25 minutes. Followed by a lite collation in Russell Hall. Celebrate Christ!

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!

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

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.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our next Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17th, Sunday, June 18th, and Monday, June 19th**. Sandwiches can be dropped off **Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 am, and Sunday from 9-6 pm** this 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, including egg salad, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein. 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/3MxKIFB>

Confirmation service hours available.

Pantry Partners!

The next food distribution for Pantry Partners will be **June 17th**. 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 June 17th. Please sign up by **Weds., June 14th**. 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's at 9:45 am 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 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, June 17th 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/FTHLunchJune17>

June 25th is the next service date for St. Elizabeth House. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth35>

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 **hot and cold cereal, rice, jelly, pasta, canned tuna, canned pasta, and large bottles of juice**. 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.