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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 11, 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 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;
- **Sunday, June 11th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph Spada, 8th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Monday, June 12th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Ben Nascimbeni, Jr, 18th anniversary, Barbara Nascimbeni, 2nd anniversary*, requested by their family;
- **Tuesday, June 13th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Joanne Whittemore, birthday remembrance*, requested by Manuela Hanshaw;
- **Tuesday, June 13th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, June 14th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Patty Andersen, birthday remembrance*;
- **Wednesday, June 14th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, June 16th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Madeline Silvester*, requested by Carmen & Teri Mascaro;
- **Friday, June 16th @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, June 17th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *All Fathers*;
- **Sunday, June 18th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *All Fathers*; and,
- **Sunday, June 18th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *All Fathers*.

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: \$ 6,240.00
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,144.54
Total: \$ 10,384.00

Other Generous Giving

Various \$ 786.00

*This week's second collection is for
Repair & Refurbishment.*

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

June

- Sat, 10th—Confession, Church, 4 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.
- Sat, 17th—Street Sandwich Weekend; Pantry Partners, Feed the Hungry.
- Mon, 19th—Prayer Shawl, RH, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—NO Confession, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—Prayer Shawl, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 21st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 23rd—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 24th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 25th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 26th-Fri, 30th—Vacation Bible School; No Adoration, No Rosary, No Chaplet
- Mon, 26th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Joseph T. Little, Sr,
birthday remembrance,
requested by
the his family.



Why do we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi?

In the news of late, locally and across the nation, there has been reports of miracles in the Catholic Church. This is nothing new to be honest. Throughout our Church's history, the Lord has performed miracles of all types and in many parts of the world. And, yes it is certain to say that miracles happen all the time—and I am not talking about raising people from the dead or turning water into wine. I am talking about the miracles of people caring and sharing with those in need. In addition, if you do not think that that is a miracle in this world, which can be all too selfish and self-centered, then... Miracles happen! Look at our parish—from Pantry Partners, Feed the Hungry, St. Elizabeth House and the Street Sandwich ministries and to Comitas...people are caring all the time. From our Lenten Mercy Project and Advent Giving Tree to the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Francis Hospital, and the Malta House of Care...and that's just one parish. Look at our Archdiocese and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and all the way to the Rome and beyond... miracles happen. But of all the miracles, there is one that is the greatest: and just look below to understand the miracle that happens at every Mass in every Catholic Church on every day of the week! And yet some people will still question "if miracles happen?!?"

The year 1264 saw the proclamation of a new feast for the Catholic Church. Years before, a holy nun had received a dream indicating the need for this feast. Various delays slowed its institution, until a Eucharistic miracle in 1263 finalized the Church's decision to declare the feast. It's lovely Office (prayers)—admired to this day by Protestants and Catholics—was written the Catholic theologian and saint, Thomas Aquinas.

This feast (or solemnity) known today as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Feast of the Body of Christ. As with the recently celebrated feasts in the Church—Easter, Pentecost, and Most Holy Trinity—Corpus Christi solemnly celebrates one of the fundamental mysteries of the Catholic Church. In the celebration of this particular feast (solemnity), we honor Jesus as He is among us in the Holy Eucharist. This feast focuses specifically on "transubstantiation" the miracle of the change of "substance" which the bread and wine undergo at Consecration. Originally, this Solemnity was celebrated on a Thursday but now is transferred to the second Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity.

Today, we celebrate and adore Jesus—truly Emmanuel, God with us, through the Eucharist—telling Him with jubilation and solemnity how much we love Him. *That is the point of the Solemnity—and why we celebrate it—to adore Christ and illustrate publically our love for Him.*

At the end of the Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally in a monstrance. The procession is followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which we shall do. In Rome, the Pope holds a notable Eucharistic procession that begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and passes to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Corpus Christi wreaths of flowers are hung on the front doors of the homes of faithful Christians. This celebration was suppressed in Protestant churches during the Reformation for theological reasons—they do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, for them it is merely symbolic. However, the Church of England, which abolished it in 1548 and then later on reintroduced it in some churches, calling it "Thanksgiving for Holy Communion". The Lutheran Church is the only Protestant church to maintain the confession of the Real Presence.

For us this Sunday at St. Catherine of Siena Church, we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi at each of our Masses this weekend, but at the 11 a.m. Mass we shall have a procession at the end of the Mass, taking the Eucharist in the monstrance, to an outdoor altar near the Mary Garden. We shall sing a few songs, proclaim the Litany of the Saints during the brief procession, and then have benediction and a final blessing with the Eucharist. Once that is concluded, about 15 minutes after the Mass, we shall gather for a collation in Russell Hall to celebrate the Solemnity and an Ordination anniversary.

Let me quote Jesus for this processional invitation: "*Come, follow me!*"

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>

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

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.



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

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 26th- Friday, June 30th from 9:15 a.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>



Prayer Shawl—Our June meetings will be held on Monday, June 19th at 3:00 and Monday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. Please note that we will not meet on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm. New members may join anytime! For any questions or to request a prayer shawl, please contact Kathy Oaks at ktoaks@gmail.com or 860-651-5267.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

TIME TO REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY— Welcome ALL middle and high school teens! You are invited to sign up and register now for youth ministry for Fall 2023. **Free t-shirt on KICKOFF meeting night if you have registered. Sign up using this link:** forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88 for junior or senior high. All are encouraged to join and check out what we are all about. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Senior High

SAVE THE DATES: WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 p.m.—CARNIVAL help. Tonight we will continue to paint, build and test games. Please join us in work clothes behind Russell Hall to help!

Confirmation Service Hours available.

FRIDAY, JULY 14th-6-8 p.m. for our Summer BBQ and game night. Please use this link to register in advance so that we can order enough food: <https://bit.ly/42lecGS>

Junior High

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th -ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND GAMES - 6-7:30 p.m. ALL Junior High Youth Ministry teens including ALL CURRENT 6th graders (rising 7th graders) are invited this evening. Join us for games, prizes, ice cream sundaes with all the fixings and more! Rain or Shine. Please sign up to attend using this sign up genius 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 [scatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/scatherine_youthministry) and check out our pictures.

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, September 16th, 2023



CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED – Teen and adult volunteers are needed. 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.

Earn Confirmation service hours while having fun with your family and friends.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th -6:30 p.m. behind Russell Hall. Come ready to paint, assemble, sand, glue, build, and test games. If you are able to help this evening (or other dates during the summer), please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run games at the Carnival, and other activities. Choose from games/activities such as the Porkchop Speedway, Monsters Inc, Football Toss, Bucket Golf, Lucky Key face painting, face painting, fairy dusting, Leap Frog and so much more. Use this sign up genius link to sign up to help with your family or friends. Sign up for one shift or for all day! There is something for everyone. <https://bit.ly/430dDU5>

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be June 17th. This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein over families in the community. Donation envelopes for the Ministry can be found in the vestibule. Thank you so much for your continued support!"

NEXT WEEKEND - STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for next weekend on **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.

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 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. 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.