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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2023

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

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, August 5th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Sandra Bowe*, requested by Susan and Dick Lindberg;
- **Sunday, August 6th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Diane Rozwadowski*, birthday remembrance, requested by son, George;
- **Sunday, August 6th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *The Conway Family*, requested by the Acker Family;
- **Monday, August 7th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Max O'Meara*, requested by Tom & Rosemary Clarke;
- **Tuesday, August 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Mary Michelle Macfie*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- **Tuesday, August 8th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, August 9th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Ralph & Agnes Fedorchak*, birthday remembrances, requested by their family;
- **Wednesday, August 9th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, August 11th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Max O'Meara*, requested by Colby & Anita Thresher;
- **Friday, August 11th @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, August 12th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dolph Fusco*, 4th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, August 13th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Annette Davieu*, requested by the Kostelni Family, and,
- **Sunday, August 13th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Catherine Hourican*, 5th anniversary, requested by her 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: \$ 7,238.00
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,151.46
Total: \$ 11,389.00

Other Generous Giving

Various \$ 45.00
Next week's second collection is for Repair & Refurbishment.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events August

- Sat, 5th—Confession, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 6th—Homebound Communion
- Mon, 7th—Confession, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 8th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 9th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 11th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 12th—Carnival Meeting, RH, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 12th—NEW Altar Server Training, 10 a.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confession, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.

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- Mon, 14th—NO Confession
 - Mon, 14th—Vigil Mass for Assumption, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tues, 15th—Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m./Adoration, 9 a.m.
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- Wed, 16th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Thurs, 17th—Bereavement, RH -A & B, 10 a.m.
 - Fri, 18th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
 - Fri, 18th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
 - Fri, 18th—Youth Ministry Leader Mtg, RH, 6 p.m.
 - Sat, 19th—Carnival Meeting, RH, 9 a.m.
 - Sat, 19th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
 - Sat, 19th—Feed the Hungry
 - Sat, 19th-Mon, 21st—Street Sandwich Weekend.
 - Sat, 19th—Confession, 4 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Theresa Cerchia,
32 anniversary,
requested by her family.





LAST CALL! Altar servers wanted!

If you are in 4th grade and have been considering being an altar server—and wish to serve God and your parish church—then join the altar server squad. Call the parish office at 658-1642. **The next training will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 12th.** It is so easy, fun and you get to serve the Lord while you are already at Mass!

—Fr. Michael

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Feast of the Transfiguration (Source: Catholic News Agency)

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration today, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars.

The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus preyed upon the mountain, a brilliant white light, which shone, changed his appearance from him and from his clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14).

In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the “full manifestation of God's light.” This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over “the power of the darkness of evil.”

The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as “the light of the world,” and to experience the kind of conversion, which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. “In our time too,” Pope Benedict said, “we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!” For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 “great feasts” of Eastern Catholicism. Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of “enlightenment” is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving.

A revered hierarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the late Archbishop Joseph Raya, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration in his book of meditations on the Biblical event and its liturgical celebration, titled “Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” “Transfiguration,” Archbishop Raya wrote, “is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness.”

From a Roman Catholic perspective, the spiritual application of this feast is to understand how our life today—lived out in faith—can be a road to Emmaus for each of us. We can breathe our faith into everyday activities: feeding the hungry—our neighbors in need; caring for the sick and ‘imprisoned’ by supporting the Knights of Malta or visiting someone in a nursing home; and, by teaching the ignorant about Christ—our children and our parish community in faith formation classes. Our world is full of darkness, it needs light of Truth and it needs compassion. We need to be His Light and Love so that we too can become bright as Light and be called His beloved daughter or son. “...Listen to Him!” Listen to Him and become His ongoing Light into today's world of darkness.

St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation
Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

Please use this link to register your children for our upcoming faith formation classes as soon as possible:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=3fb7036f-1436-4110-97cc-76a32183eb88>

Faith Formation is seeking additional teachers for a variety of grades. Please contact Zach Wood at the number above if you are interested in joining this important ministry!

CARNIVAL LUNCH SIGN UP

Join us for lunch at our Carnival on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th from 11-3:30 pm. FREE lunch will be served from 12-2 and includes hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot dogs, veggie burger (you must sign up for this), chicken, macaroni and cheese and potato salad. Sign up for lunch now so that food orders can be placed.

<https://bit.ly/3DDefnA>

Save the Dates for Women's Ministry Events:

- All women are invited to join us for 1 day retreat here at St. Catherine of Siena Church on **Wednesday September 20th from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** *"Becoming Full of Grace: A Quiet Reflective Retreat on Mary, the Mother of God"* is a day of prayer and reflection we delve deep into the profound significance of Mary, the Mother of God, and discover how to cultivate a stronger connection to Jesus through her intercession. Using a workbook specifically created for this day, you will explore the transformative power of the Marian devotions, prayers and scripture. Allow the gentle whispers of Mary's presence to awaken your heart and lead you into a profound encounter with Jesus. Please sign up using this <https://bit.ly/3Qc15W3>. An accurate headcount is necessary for food and workbooks.

Who is it for: All women

When: Wednesday September 20, 2023

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Where: St. Catherine of Siena Church

What to bring: your bible, a pen and rosary. Optional: any other reading material you wish to bring.

What will be provided: workbook, Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, snacks and beverages

RSVP by September 11, 2023 on this <https://bit.ly/3Qc15W3>

Funding provided by the Forward with Faith Campaign

Email Michelle Page with any questions pagekoe@gmail.com

- **September 21st at 7 p.m.** all women are invited to our Faith & Fellowship Potluck Dinner. This is our kick off gathering for the year where we will be breaking bread together and enjoying fellowship while hearing about how our gatherings and activities for the fall incorporate our theme for the year, TRUST.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY 2023-2024. Free t-shirt at our FALL KICKOFF meeting if you have registered. Please use this link to register and/or to update any information. We welcome ALL middle and high school teens! Register using this link: forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88 for junior or senior high. Come see what YM is all about!

Senior High and Junior High

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th—WATER GAMES AND JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS from 6-8 p.m. If you missed last week, join us this week! We will provide dinner (Mike's Jersey Subs), pink lemonade, and dessert. BE PREPARED TO GET WET! Meet under the big tree in front of the church near the parking lot and bring a towel. You'll need it! Join us for some amazingly fun water games, maybe gagaball, and so much more! Rain or shine! If it rains, we'll move inside. Invite a friend too! Please sign up using this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/3QdPsy6>

CARNIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 2023-11 A.M.-330 P.M.

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed for short shifts to help run the games and more at our CARNIVAL. If you and your family or friends are able to help, sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/430dDU5> **CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th, 9-11 a.m. (Russell Hall) - TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed put the final touches on our Carnival games. We will **paint, assemble, and test games** for our Carnival. If you are able to help, **please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>. CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE**

LOOKING FOR CONFIRMATION HOURS? In addition to working our Carnival or helping to prepare games, we are looking for teens that can work from home or the church to prepare some upcoming projects for youth ministry. Something for everyone, and you can earn 1-10 hours. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Hanshaw (Director of Youth Ministry) at Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com.

Family Movie Night, Thursday, August 24th

Fun starts at 6:45pm

Frozen 2

**A feel-good, sing along movie
everyone is sure to enjoy!**

Bring your favorite blanket, pillow and/or chair! Popcorn and water will be provided. This is an outdoor event to be moved inside if weather does not permit. Sign up via the sign-up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EAFaa2FA64-family>



CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED – Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help run our Carnival games. 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! **Earn Confirmation service hours while having fun with your family and friends.**

TEENS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY, August 11th from 9-11 a.m. to help paint, test and put final touches on our carnival games. If you are able to help, please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>. Confirmation service hours available!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS GAME VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run games at the Carnival. Sign up for one shift or all day with your family or friends. Use this sign up genius link to sign up to help! There is something for everyone. <https://bit.ly/430dDU5>



CARNIVAL BAKERS NEEDED

Baked goods are needed for our Family Picnic/ Backyard Carnival on Saturday, Sept. 16th for one of our children's Carnival games – our Cake/Bake Walk. The baked items will be a prize for the kids, so let's have fun with this and be creative! Whatever you like to bake, they will like to eat! Bake your favorite or easiest recipe for cupcakes, brownies, cookies and cookie bars, cakes. Kids love frosting, gummy bears, sprinkles, m&ms, you name it, they like it. If you are able to bake, please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/44DE6HC> More details can be found on the sign up.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, August 19th, Sunday, August 20th, and Monday, August 21st.** 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/3KfduoG>

Confirmation service hours available.

PANTRY PARTNERS

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be **August 19th.** This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to 20 families in the community. Thank you so much for your continued support!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Lunch Service on Aug 19th

Please sign up by **Weds., Aug 16th.** We're serving those in need! 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'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, Aug 19th 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/FTHLunchAug19>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940. richsickinger@gmail.com