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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 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, September 16th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Shirlee Nevin, 5th anniversary*, requested by the Hammond family;
- **Sunday, September 17th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Bob Bellacosa, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, September 17th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Arthur Messina*, requested by the Pickett Family;
- **Monday, September 18th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Nancy Salt, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- **Tuesday, September 19th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Dick Gallagher, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Tuesday, September 19th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, September 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Warden, Sr., birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, September 20th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, September 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Betty Ann Doyle*, requested by the Hark Family;
- **Friday, September 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, September 23rd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Timothy Sotis*, requested by Ed & Pat Pabich;
- **Sunday, September 24th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *John O'Connell*, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, September 24th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Robert Larose, 1st anniversary*, requested by his family.



Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Bob Bellacosa,
birthday remembrance,
requested by his family.

Please note:

If you have recently changed your email address please send your new information to the office, stcathy@comcast.net so that we can update our database. **Thank you.**

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:	\$ 8,711.33
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,151.46
Total:	\$12,862.79

Other Generous Giving

Various	\$ 175.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$2,453.00

Next week's second collection is for
Catholic Elementary Schools.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events September

- Sat, 16th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 16th—PARISH CARNIVAL, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Sat, 16th—NO Confession.
- Sun, 17th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m., & 12 noon.
- Sun, 17th—Faith Formation Classes begin, K-8, 9:30 a.m. at HJMS.
- Sun, 17th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 17th—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 18th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 18th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 19th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 19th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 19th—Adult Choir, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 20th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 20th—Women's Retreat, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs, 21st—Bereavement, RH, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 22nd—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 23rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 23rd—Storytime, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 24th—Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m., HJMS.
- Sun, 24th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 24th—Youth Ministry Car Wash, 12 noon.
- Sun, 24th—Youth Ministry Color Wars, 2:30 p.m.
- Sun, 24th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 pm

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

GET YOUR CAR WASHED!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th 12-2 PM



Enjoy a free hotdog and chips lunch with every wash! Donations accepted for outreach and support for the homeless, underserved, elderly, and our neighbors in need.

VISIT OUR DONATION TABLE IN THE ATRIUM OR VESTIBULE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE THROUGH FAITH DIRECT USING THIS LINK:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/CT1077/39764>

Youth Ministry Teens Present:

**Once Upon A Book (A storytime for young children ages 3-8)
Saturday, September 23, 6 p.m. in Russell Hall**

This year, youth ministry has started a new program to have our teens engage with the younger children in our parish. Our youth ministry teens are great role models for our younger children, and the children in our parish look up to them.

Once a month through December, youth ministry is piloting a program called Once Upon A Book. Our first program is Saturday, September 23, immediately following the 5 pm Mass. Children ages 3-8 are invited to join us in Russell Hall for a brief Storytime and light refreshments/snacks with our youth ministry teens. Father has even suggested that young children can come to Mass in their pajamas if they are comfortable. And they are welcome to bring a blanket to sit on in Russell Hall too.

Depending on how many children sign up, we may break the group into two, a 3-5 year old group and a 6-8 year old group. All the books will be available in the youth ministry office, and all are great children's stories with a good moral to the story. Some programs may also have an age-appropriate song/music or craft component.

Some of the books that we will read during these months include Cynthia Rylant's *Give Me Grace*, Nicholas Oldland's *Up The Creek*, *Drawing God* by Karen Kiefer, *The Tale of Three Trees* - A Traditional Folktale retold by Angela Hunt, and many others.

Parents are required to stay during our program, and we expect it to last about 30-40 minutes. Parents can stay with their child, or they can gather either in a conference room or in RH, depending on the number of children that we have and what room we use.

To register your child for this program, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3ZhTSGE>



St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

Faith Formation Classes Begin TODAY, Sunday September 17th.

K-8 meet at HJMS 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Confirmation I meet in Russell Hall 6-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation II meet in Russell Hall 7:15-8:30 p.m.

If you have not Registered for Faith Formation please do so

As soon as possible by using the link below!

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

The Men's Club Ministry of St Catherine of Siena would like to invite all parishioners & friends to AN EVENING WITH FATHER MICHAEL

Friday September 29th, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in Russell Hall.

This will be a question-and-answer forum. Bring your questions regarding the Church, Theology, or our Catholic Faith. Light refreshments will be served.

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 **Wed., Sept. 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/3Oc15W3> by **September 11th**. An accurate headcount is necessary for food and workbooks. **Please bring:** your bible, a pen and rosary. Optional: any other reading material you wish to bring. **We will provide** a workbook, Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, snacks and beverages. Any questions, email Michelle Page with any questions pagekoe@gmail.com

Sept. 28th at 6 p.m. (NOTE: New date and time) 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. Please bring your favorite dish to share and sign up now by clicking on this <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-womens> Friends are always welcome. For further information or questions, please contact Eileen Landi at eileenlandi@gmail.com or call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241. Hope to see you soon.

Fri., Oct. 6th, 9:15 a.m.- Senior Prayer Breakfast. Please join us for a delicious hot breakfast hosted by the Women's and Men's Ministry. All are welcome. More details will follow.

Thurs., Oct. 12th, 7 p.m.- Faith & Fellowship Gathering. Parishioner Mary O'Bryan will lead us in a talk about the beauty of the rosary.

Thurs., Oct. 26th- Halloween Card Workshop-at the Hartford Public library. Come work aside 7-12 year olds creating cards. leaving the church at 2:30, workshop is 3:30-4:30 p.m. Let's carpool. If interested, call Diane Whittemore @ 860-913-0241.

Thur., Nov. 9th, 7p.m.- Faith & Fellowship Gathering. ELIZABETH and GRACE and ME: The story of a girl from Queens, a New York debutante and a journey shared. A presentation by parishioner Theresa Bellacosa on Saint Elizabeth Seton and the Sisters of Charity in Russell Hall.

Thurs., Nov. 16th, 9:30 a.m.- Warm Me Up Service Project in Russell Hall. Come make no sew fleece blankets and hats for shelter residents. Details will follow.

Wed., Dec. 6th, 7 p.m. & Thurs., Dec. 7th, 9:30 a.m. Stitch and Stuff Service Project, Please join us in making Christmas stockings for the Children in the shelters. No sewing skills needed.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd—ONCE UPON A BOOK at 5:45 p.m. in Russell Hall-Join us tonight as YM pilots a new program—our storytime hour for children. Teens will engage with and read to our younger parishioners during this teen-led storytime. Storytime will last 30-40 minutes, then ym will head to pizza dinner in Canton. We will leave St. Catherine no later than 7 pm and return approximately 8:45 p.m. To sign up to read, distribute a snack, or to sit with the children (3-8 years old), please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3RCPMav>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th-CAR WASH AND FREE LUNCH from 12 noon-2 p.m.-Please join us at our annual CAR WASH fundraiser and FREE hot dog lunch to help raise funds for our youth ministry's outreach programs to the homeless, elderly and underserved. Immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. Our car wash begins at 12 noon and ends at 2 p.m. **TEEN AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !** Teens needed as washers, rinsers, dryers, cooks to help serve our hot dog lunch, and more! **To sign up, please use this link:** <https://bit.ly/3pPmqKc>

Looking for Confirmation Service Hours? 5 teens are needed to wash, fold and dry the towels from the Car Wash, and return them the following week. Please contact Mrs. Hanshaw if you are able to help. First come-first serve.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th-COLOR WARS from 2:30-4 p.m. (WHAT TO BRING: A white t-shirt and an old towel to sit on in the car) This is sure to be a good time! It is time to relax and have some fun after a long day at the Car Wash. This will be an event you won't want to miss! Invite a friend too. **To sign up, please use this link:** <https://bit.ly/44SBwhq>

Junior High

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th—CAR WASH AND FREE LUNCH from 12 noon-2 p.m.-Please join us at our annual CAR WASH fundraiser and FREE hot dog lunch to help raise funds for our youth ministry's outreach programs to the homeless, elderly and underserved. Immediately following the 11 am Mass. **Please plan to arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. so that you can be assigned to a station, and wear your new YM t-shirt.** Don't have a T-shirt yet? Register for YM and receive a t-shirt at the Car Wash. Our car wash begins at 12 noon and ends at 2 p.m. **TEEN AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !** Teens needed as washers, rinsers, dryers, cooks to help serve our hot dog lunch, and more! **To sign up, please use this link:** <https://bit.ly/3pPmqKc>

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th-COOK AND BAKE from 6-8 p.m. Join us as we prepare a full-course dinner for local families in need. **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NEEDED.** We supply everything, the recipes, the ingredients and step-by-step instructions. Invite a friend-all are welcome. Please be sure to sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/48i1tJi>

Follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry)
Fall calendars are available in the Atrium and Vestibule.



Prayer Shawl Ministry - Our next meeting is on Monday, September 18th from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Russell Hall-B. Our night time meeting is moving back to Tuesday nights, and we will meet on **Tuesday, September 26** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Russell Hall-B.

New members are always welcomed! If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, please consider joining this fun, rewarding, and prayerful ministry!

Also, we'd love to have a few more crocheters to help with our Christmas cross project! Any questions, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773 or ktoaks@gmail.com.



The Welcome Ministry Team invites you to join us at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 30th, to welcome all of our newly registered parishioners. Following the Mass, we invite everyone to join us in Russell Hall for our Sips and Scoops reception, 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.

Here is the Sign Up Genius link to register: <https://bit.ly/3OEWqLj>

If you have any questions, please reach out to John McDonald (sasmcj1@gmail.com, or 860-655-4676).

Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield Missionary Disciples Service & Discernment Weekend: October 20-22. For single Catholic women 18-35. Come and join other discerning young women and the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield and discern how God is calling you to live out your vocation to missionary discipleship. To register: srcaolyn.martin@lsp-usa.org or (860) 402-4478.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

September 24th is the next service date for St. Elizabeth House.

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth38>

YES YOU "CAN" – TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

Our food pantry is low on supplies as the need continues to help families in our local community. Please help us restock our shelves with **coffee, boxed/dry pasta and tomato sauce, rice, canned/jars of fruit, peanut butter, any kind of canned meats, and hot and cold cereals.** 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. **PLEASE-NO EXPIRED FOODS OR OPENED CONTAINERS.**

LIFESONG Ministry: The cool mornings and evenings are on their way, in need of fall clothing for all ages. Sweatshirts, jackets, coats and fleece are appreciated. New and gently used clean clothing are appreciated. Want to get involved with LIFESONG ministry, I would kindly welcome your help. Call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 if interested. Thank you for your generous donations.

PANTRY PARTNERS

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with Saturday's food distribution. Through the generosity of our parishioners and partnership with Super Foodtown in New Hartford, we are able to provide fresh food to over 20 families in the community. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

October Dates for planning purposes:

21st—Pantry Partners, Feed the Hungry
21st-23rd—Street Sandwiches
22nd—St. Elizabeth House