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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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 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;
- Sunday, September 24th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Robert Larose*, 1st anniversary, requested by his family;
- Monday, September 25th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Scott Gill*, requested by the Hark Family;
- Tuesday, September 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Murray Weiss*, 2nd anniversary, requested by his wife;
- Tuesday, September 26th @ 9 a.m. Adoration;
- Wednesday, September 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Richard (Dick) Potter*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- Wednesday, September 27th @ 9:00 a.m. Rosary;
- Friday, September 29th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Michael Smulders*, 2nd anniversary, requested by Carmen & Teri Mascaro;;
- Friday, September 29th @ 9:00 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- Saturday, September 30th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *The McNamara Family*, requested by Terri Hollis;
- Sunday, October 1st @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Richard Burns*, requested by The McCabe & Jahne Families; and,
- Sunday, October 1st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Bill Connors*, 1st anniversary, requested by his family.



Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Susan Grislis,
birthday remembrance,
requested by her friend.

Please note:

There will be NO daily Masses, Confession, Adoration or Rosary on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th due to an Archdiocesan Priest Convocation.

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:	\$ 9,781.14
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,151.46
Total:	\$13,932.60

Other Generous Giving	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 365.00

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events September

- Sat, 23rd—Confession, Church, 4 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
- Mon, 25th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 25th—Adult Faith Formation, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 26th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 26th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 26th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 26th—Adult Choir, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 27th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 27th—Jr. High YM, RH, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, 28th—Women's Min. Pot Luck, RH, 6 p.m.
- Fri, 29th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 29th—Evening with Fr. Michael, RH, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 30th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 30th—Welcome Event for New Parishioners, RH, 6 p.m.

October

- Sun, 1st—Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m., HJMS.
- Sun, 1st—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 1st—HOMEBOUND COMMUNION, 12 noon.
- Sun, 1st—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.

Thanks to one and all

I wish to express my most sincere and grateful thanks to Manuela Hanshaw and all those who volunteered over the last five or six months for the preparation and execution of our Backyard New England Carnival held last weekend.

What an amazing success! The turnout of parishioners, the food cooked by the Men's Ministry volunteers, the set-up and tear-down crews, the painters and creators of the games and the designers of the prizes, the planners for food and ice cream, the organizers of the games, and the weather (that was all by my prayers, by the way), and so many more.

The wonderful day was the manifestation of the spirit of this parish. I was telling a brother priest about our carnival and he said "we had our parish picnic too, 70 people registered and it was over in a short period of time." I have always said, and I continue to believe, St. Catherine of Siena Parish is a unique place. Situated on beautiful grounds, the Church is the people—and the people here do a wonderful job in trying to live out their faith.

I thank you all for that and for all you do in the name of Christ—in so many ministries, activities and events. It all begins with a spirit of community, and you have built a very good spirit here. Thank you!

Growing our spirit

In order to keep the momentum of the spirit alive and flourishing, we need to build upon our spirit and lead us all deeper into the Truth of Christ, which ultimately brings Joy to all who Hope, Trust and Act in the Lord.

And thanks to the many, many donors to our **Forward with Faith** campaign a number of years ago—and to all who have remained loyal to the campaign commitments, we are able now to truly add more "meat" to the spirit of our community.

Susan Zybert and Zach Wood have been working on an educational program to grow our faith at all ages in our parish. From talks and events that will illustrate the RELEVANCE and BEAUTY of our Catholic faith in the modern world—we will be engaging Liturgy Training Publications in the New Year.

We will also engage various speakers—for all ages—on topics which show the direct link between faith and everyday life in the world around us. Programs for pre-teens (research shows that children make their decisions about faith by the time they are 12 or 13 years of age as well as programs for teenagers and young adults. We shall also bring in events and talks for seniors facing different challenges to faith in later life, and empty nesters who are now learning anew about their marriage relationships. We are also looking into a family-oriented, one-day retreat for the Easter and Pentecost seasons. And this weekend and next weekend, our team leaders for the new Nurturing Seedlings ministry are being trained for this new ministry aimed at engaging young families in the church. *More to come.*

CARNIVAL THANK YOU

Recently, Father Michael's homily described how to express true Gratitude towards God, by serving and loving others. Practicing gratitude helps us to grow stronger in our faith and to strengthen our relationship with God. After all, He is the one who gave us this life and the amazing opportunities that go with it. *Thank you God!*

I would like to express my sincere gratitude, appreciation, and thankfulness to our amazing parishioners here at St. Catherine of Siena. Once again, I am truly humbled by the number of Carnival volunteers, our youth ministry teens, parents and so many other, (over 250), that helped in so many ways. Many of you gave up your summer weekends to build, paint and assemble Carnival games. Many of you volunteered to organize the food and to cook, to help run our games, to bake, to paint signs, to set up and clean up, and so much more.

I am also extremely grateful for all the staff here at St. Catherine's who helped us prepare for the Carnival, and especially for my assistant Sandra Cinquegrana, who worked many evenings and weekends to help make sure everything was ready to go to make our Carnival a great day!

Gratitude goes deeper than simply being thankful, it is a feeling, an emotion, of well-being. "We love, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) And as I am grateful and thankful to all of you, I am thankful to God for showing us His love and kindness towards us through all He has given us. ~ *Manuela Hanshaw*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

THIS 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. 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>**

NEED 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.

THIS 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

THIS 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. **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](#).
Fall calendars are available in the Atrium and Vestibule.

St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

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

Sept. 24th K-8, First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 9:30 a.m./HJMS Cafeteria
Oct. 1st K-8 & Confirmation I & II
Oct. 8th No Classes – Columbus Day weekend



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!

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.

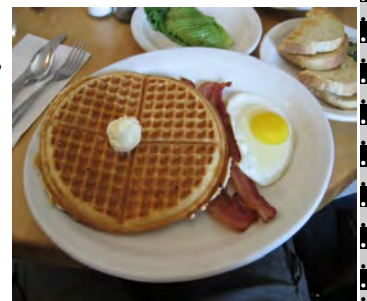


The Welcome Ministry Team invites you to join us at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 30th, to welcome all of our newly registered parishioners. Following the Mass, we invite everyone to join us in Russell Hall for our Sips and Scoops reception, as we all come together to meet our new parishioners. 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 (sasmcjl@gmail.com, or 860-655-4676).

Senior Prayer Breakfast on Fri., Oct. 6th, 9:15 a.m.

Please join us for a delicious hot breakfast hosted by the Women's and Men's Ministry. All are welcome. Please use this link to sign up so that we have an accurate head count: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4CAAEE2FA3F58-44501478-healing>



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

***THIS SUNDAY! PLEASE GET YOUR
CAR WASHED!***



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th 12-2 P.M.



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

**YOU MAY DONATE THROUGH FAITH DIRECT USING THIS
LINK: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/CT1077/39764>**

**POSTPONED—STORYTIME, September 23rd, 6 P.M.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENT ON OCTOBER 7TH!**

Come Join Us!

Do you want to learn more about your Faith? Do you want to grow in your understanding of what we teach and believe in the Catholic Church? Do you want to know more about our traditions and practices? **Join us for the first of our Adult Faith Formation Series on Monday September 25th from 6:30-8 p.m. in Russell Hall.**

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth38)**

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 : The next distribution date
is Saturday, October, 21st.**