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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 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, October 21st @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Leona Singleton*, requested by *The Kostelni Family*;
- **Sunday, October 22nd @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Marian Grey*, 1st anniversary, requested by her family;
- **Sunday, October 22nd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Carmela DiMaio*, requested by *Lorraine Bernier*;
- **Monday, October 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Natalia Dudzinski*, requested by *Greg Burke*;
- **Tuesday, October 24th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Mickey Barlowe*, 8th anniversary, requested by *Lyn Brucker*;
- **Tuesday, October 24th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, October 25th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Lewis Brucker*, 45th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, October 25th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, October 27th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Smulders*, 2nd anniversary, requested by *Teri & Carmen Mascaro*;
- **Friday, October 27th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- **Saturday, October 28th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hopkins*, requested by *Barbara & Gary Winalski*;
- **Sunday, October 29th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *James Dempsey*, 2nd anniversary, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, October 29th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Thomas Marshall*, 3rd anniversary, requested by his wife, *Jean* and 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:	\$ 5,926.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,094.54
Total:	\$ 10,020.54

Other Generous Giving

World Mission	\$ 45.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 155.00

This week's second collection is for
World Mission Sunday.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

October

- Sat, 21st-Mon, 23rd—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 21st—Feed the Hungry,
- Sat, 21st—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 21st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 22nd—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m. & noon.
- Sun, 22nd—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 22nd—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 22nd—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun, 22nd—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 23rd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 23rd—Adult Faith Formation, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 24th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 24th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 24th—Adult Choir, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 25th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 25th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, 26th—Halloween Card Workshop, 3 p.m.
- Fri, 27th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 27th—Trunk or Treat, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sat, 28th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 29th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 29th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 29th—Youth Ministry, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- Mon, 30th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For Peace in the World.



The Divine Mercy Holy Hour
 will be celebrated on Sunday, October 29th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Ann's in Avon. Our Lord told St. Faustina "aching mankind will not have peace until he turns to My Mercy."

Letter from Archbishop Blair

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Annually, during the month of October, the Church observes and celebrates **World Mission Sunday**. This year our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world will be held on the weekend of October 21st-22nd. Pope Francis chose a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): *"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"*.

In his message for this year's celebration, Pope Francis explains that the two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

I invite all of us in the Archdiocese of Hartford to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment to follow in the footsteps of those two disciples on their way to Emmaus, the mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. All of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness. The Pontifical Mission Societies are the privileged means of fostering this missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. For this reason, the collection taken on **World Mission Sunday** is devoted to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Like the disciples of Emmaus, listen to the risen Lord, and carry out his mission in the world. Let us set out with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

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

Oct. 22nd K-8 & Confirmation I & II

Oct. 29th K-8

Sat, Nov. 4th—Class Mass for grades 3 & 4

Sun, Nov. 5th—NO CLASSES. Classes resume Sunday, November 12th.

Join us for our next session of Adult Faith Formation with Zach Wood for a discussion about The Real Presence. What does the church teach about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? What does Real Presence mean? What does Scripture and the Church Father's have to say? How do I explain this teaching to Non-Catholics? Have you ever asked yourself any of these questions? Would you like some answers? **Join us Monday October 23rd from 6:30-8 p.m. as we discuss this central teaching of our faith. Please RSVP by going to this link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAC2DABFDC70-44920439-kerygma>

Join us for pizza and trunk-or-treating on Friday,

October 27th! All children, families and parishioners welcome!

Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. with trunk or treating to follow at 6 p.m.

Where: Pizza will be served in Russell Hall and all cars should be set up in the back parking lot for trunk or treating. Please clicking on the picture to sign for each person that you would like to eat pizza and separately sign up for one parking spot slot per vehicle for your family if you will be participating in trunk or treating. Each family participating in trick-or-treating must also set up their car up to hand out candy. Decorating your trunk is encouraged but not required.

Donations: If you will not be participating but you would like to donate candy, there will be boxes available in the vestibule for donations.

Please Note: Costumes such as witches, devils and other overt evil should be avoided for this church event.

All "Trunk or Treat" participating parents are to bring candy for the Trunk or Treat.

Adult Parishioners wishing to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" event should also bring candy.

Park your cars for the Trunk or Treat event in the Rear parking lot by 5:45 p.m. sharp!



LIFESONG Ministry-With chilly days on the way, coats, fleece, jackets, sweatshirts, etc in all sizes are needed for our neighbors in need. (Clean, new or gently used please) Boots, gloves and hats are needed as well. Thank you in advance and God bless you. Questions-call Diane at 860-913-0241.

SOMETHING GREATER HERE!

St. Mary's School Open House
PreKindergarten thru 8th Grade
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
OR 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Join Us & Discover something greater here!
Register Today!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th—PAINTING, TOP GUN AND PARACHUTES! from 5:30-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Join us this evening for a relaxing and fun evening out with friends! We will play some games, and our own previous YM assistant, Diane Whittemore returns to give us a step-by-step guide for painting on canvas. Diane was an art teacher for over 30 years. No painting talent is needed or required! Pizza will be served. Parent volunteers are also needed. If you are able to attend, please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3M2w4kw>

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-Teens are needed to help deliver small gifts to our most senior parishioners. You will receive approximately 10-12 gifts, and deliveries can be made at your convenience, any time between **Monday, October 30th through Tuesday, November 7th**. **It means a lot to our senior parishioners, and they truly enjoy a quick visit from YM teens.** If you are able to help, please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3rV2Ugx> . **Confirmation service hours available.**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR TEEN DAY AWAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th. Please join us for this one-day event just for teens-it has always been the highlight of the Fall for our teens. A relaxing day, full of fun, food, faith and games. **This year's theme-Just Stand Up.** Includes breakfast and lunch, games, a scavenger hunt, hike, ropes course, bonfire, service project and so much more. **Free sweatshirt too.** Cost is \$25 per person, and confidential financial aid is available upon request. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, and a minimum of 10 teens is required.** Please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/vHJHSoNfVqm8JPHW6>

Junior High

THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th-COOK AND BAKE from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Please join us this evening as we prepare a full course dinner for local families in need. **Invite a friend to join us too. NO COOKING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.** We provide the recipes, the ingredients and the step-by-step instructions. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3LOqIJB>

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Follow us on Instagram at [scatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/scatherine_youthministry)

Come Visit the table for *Logan's Foundation for Childhood Cancer* that will be set up in the Atrium after every Mass during this weekend. Parishioner Mary Sirianni will be there to provide material, answer questions and collect any contributions to this local non-profit that helps support families who have a child diagnosed with cancer, and are being treated at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Please visit their website: <https://logansfoundationforchildhoodcancer.org/> and learn more about Logan, a Simsbury resident, in whose honor this foundation was formed via the ESPN clip: <https://www.espn.com/video/clip?id=18266035>
Thank you!

On the weekend of November 26th our parish will have its Missionary Collection. This year, we will have the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart who work among some of the poorest people, bringing the basic needs of everyday life to people who have “absolutely nothing”.

We hear that statement often—it’s like saying “I love chocolate...” Do I really “love” chocolate or is this hyperbolic speak? Trust me, when it comes to the people who the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, they have *absolutely nothing*.

As we “suffer” today in the midst of confusion, untruths and economic stress nationally, we can certainly say we are suffering. But, what is our level of suffering—do I still see my blessings?

Please pray over our role as Catholic Christians in the world and ask the Lord to open our eyes to the needs of others in relation to our abilities to “do something.” Give only what you can give, but give from the heart—your “sacred heart,” for you are a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. “What you do for the least of My brothers, you do for Me.”

Thank you.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR OCTOBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY COLLECTION, Sat, 21st-Mon, 23rd.

Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday and

Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. on that weekend.

A sign up quantity of 1 means 12 sandwiches, or 1 dozen, etc.

Sandwiches of any kind are needed-sub rolls, bread, pita bread, wraps, filled with deli meats/cheese of any kind, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein such as PB&J.

Please **NO CONDIMENTES OR LETTUCE**.

Also, if making PB&J, please spread PB on both slices of bread and then put the jelly in between. This prevents the jelly from seeping into the bread.

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: <http://bit.ly/3Z4fNRI> Confirmation hours available.

October 22nd is the next service date for
St. Elizabeth House.

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth39>

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.

YES YOU “CAN” – TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

This week, we are looking for boxed (shelf) milk, coffee, hot cocoa, tea, cans of hearty soup, broth, pasta, vegetables, beans, rice, all tomato products (sauce, diced, etc), cereal (other than cheerios), juice, condiments, marinades, salad dressings canned tuna & chicken. 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.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT EXPIRED FOODS OR OPENED CONTAINERS.

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, Oct 21st.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchOct21>

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