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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrative Assistant-Parish Office**

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### **Parish Council President**

Mrs. Kathleen Mangiafico, 860 869 8468

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### **Parish Legacy Fund Chairman**

Mr. Peter Pabich, 860 810 5069

### **Parish Lay Trustees**

Mrs. Colleen Langlais, 860-508-0487

Mr. Robert Hensley, 860-916-5057

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, January 20th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hammond, 13th anniversary*, requested by the Hammond Family;
- **Sunday, January 21st @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Isabelle Leek*, requested by the Shanley Family;
- **Sunday, January 21st @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Ann Boerio*, requested by the Kostelni Family;
- **Monday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Joseph Cranmore*, requested by his family;
- **Tuesday, January 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Mary T. Cranmore*, requested by her family;
- **Tuesday, January 23rd @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, January 24th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Christopher Kiniry*, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia;
- **Wednesday, January 24th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, January 26th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for a *Patricia Weiss, 1st anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Friday, January 26th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- **Saturday, January 27th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Eugenia Pires, 3rd anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Sunday, January 28th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Raymond L. Fiasconaro*, requested by the Kostelni Family; and,
- **Sunday, January 28th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Bob Bellacosa, 3rd anniversary*, requested by his 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:	\$ 7,261.50
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,093.38
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 11,354.58</b>

<b>Other Generous Giving</b>	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 1,774.50
Various	\$ 185.00

## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events January

- Sat, 20th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 20th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 20th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 20th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 21st—Grade 5 & 6 Class Mass, 8 a.m.
- Sun, 21st—NO Faith Formation, HJMS.
- Sun, 21st—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 21st—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- Mon, 22nd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 22nd—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6:00 p.m.
- Tues, 23rd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 23rd—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 23rd—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 24th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 25th—Bereavement, RH, 10 a.m.
- Thurs, 25th—Women's Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 26th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 27th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—Faith Formation, HJMS.
- Sun, 28th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 28th—FIRST RECONCILIATION, Church, 3 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—St. Elizabeth House, pkg lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 29th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 29th—Kerygma Series, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 30th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 30th—OCIA, Rooney-A, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 31st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.

## Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of  
*Theresa Bouquillon,*  
*5th anniversary and*  
*birthday remembrance,*  
requested by her family.



## Can you help?

I would love you to consider being a lector, Eucharistic minister, or altar server. The church runs smoothly when the priest and the laity all perform their roles both in the liturgy (at Mass) and in the parish (in ministries).

Vatican II called for the “full and active participation of the laity in rhetorical Church. That means at Mass to respond to the prayers of the priest (Mass is a dialogue), in singing, and in the running of the parish, i.e., being active in ministries, supporting the church through time, talent and treasure. When this happens, then the church is enriched by all her members.

So please consider and pray about being a **lector** and proclaim the readings at Mass; consider being an **extraordinary minister of the Eucharistic** and distribute Christ in Mass at Communion time; and, **serve at the altar** assisting the priest with the celebration of the Holy Mass. these are all proper roles of the people—and aide in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

So how does this all work?

1. Pray and consider serving God and your parish in one of these ministries.
2. Call the parish office (658-1642) and have your name added to our schedule.
3. You will be trained at a near future date.
4. You will receive (for lectors) a training book for readings, pronunciation of words and names. You are not left alone.
5. Ministry scheduler, in light of your choices (times, dates, etc.) will schedule you for service at Masses.
6. Then we're off! Thank you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask me or call the parish office.

## For those already on our “Mass team”

If you currently are a lector, Eucharistic minister, or altar server and you see:

1. That we only have one or two altar servers (we need 3 at each Mass), please come out of the pews, vest and join us in the sanctuary.
2. For lectors, there should be two in the procession, if not, offer to assist; and,
3. For Eucharistic ministers, we need a total of 6 including the priest celebrant. If you are at Mass and are trained as an EM, please come up at the appropriate time in the Communion Rite.
4. And, kindly pay close attention to the “sub request” on the automated Ministry Pro Scheduler.

**Thank you!**

## Open House



**The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS)** invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life! Come visit a class any time between January 22 – May 1<sup>st</sup>! Visit: [www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com](http://www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com) or call 860-242-5573.

## **St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation**

**Zach Wood, Director; [zwood@stcsimsbury.org](mailto:zwood@stcsimsbury.org); 860-658-4737.**

January 21st -Class Mass 8 a.m. for grades 5 & 6, No Faith Formation classes.

January 28th- K-8, Confirmation 1 & 2.

January 28th—First Reconciliation, 3 p.m.

**\*\*Confirmation date has been set: May, 11, 2024, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral.**

### **Women's Service Ministry - Upcoming Events:**

Thursday January 25th at 7 p.m. the Women's Ministry will be having a Faith & Fellowship gathering. Fellow parishioner Mary O'Bryan, RD will give a presentation on "Faith, Food & Fitness: How to Integrate All 3 for a Lifetime of Healthy Habits". Bring a friend!

**1. Volunteers needed for the Senior breakfast on Friday February 2nd**, set up 8:15 a.m., kitchen help, serving and clean up. Call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 or use the sign up genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BADAF2AA6FC1-46980505-volunteers>

**2.Attention Seniors-please join us for another Senior Breakfast on Friday February 2nd after Mass, 9:15 a.m., Russell Hall.** Friends are welcome. Please use the following link to sign up, <https://bit.ly/41CU8Be> . See you there! For questions or comments please call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.

**3. Valentines for Veterans card workshop- Wednesday February 7th, 9:15 a.m. and/or 7 p.m.** Please join us again to make valentines for our Veterans. Refreshments served. Please sign up using this link, <https://bit.ly/3TGGXgO>

### **Kerygma Series: Marian Apparitions** (presented by Zach Wood)

**Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje!** Have you ever wondered what we mean when we talk about Marian Apparitions? What are they? How many are there? What do they teach us? How does the church decide what's real and what isn't? **Join us on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 p.m.** in Russell Hall for Part II of our study of Mary where we will be having primer on Marian Apparitions.

Sign up here <http://bit.ly/3Ha9Vhm>

### **St Catherine of Siena Bereavement Ministry-**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25th in Russell Hall, 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Eileen Landi at 860-490-5472 or Lorraine Cosgrove at 860-841-2367.

### **Save the date:**

**Men's Retreat at  
Holy Family Retreat Center,  
March 15th-17th**

**Register at [holyfamilyretreat.org](http://holyfamilyretreat.org)**

Any questions please contact  
Steve Cerchia, [fsцерchia@gmail.com](mailto:fsцерchia@gmail.com) or  
Tom Lonergan, [txlone@cox.net](mailto:txlone@cox.net).



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Senior High

**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> – MINUTE TO WIN IT REMATCH from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Russell Hall.** Please join us this evening for a fun and challenging rematch **PARENTS NEEDED!!!!** Dinner will be served. **PARENTS AND TEENS** can sign up using the same link: <https://bit.ly/48I92Z8>

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>—MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA AND KARAOKE NIGHT** and who knows what else, in Russell Hall from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** Please join us this evening for some relaxing fun! We will make our own pizza for dinner and then sing some Karaoke (or watch) and more! **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3So7vT0>

**SHYM TEENS-CAN YOU HELP BAKE FOR OUR BOSTON MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE?** Even if you are not attending our trip, could you help us by baking for our bake sale to help raise funds? **All baked goods should be dropped off by no later than 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 3rd in Russell Hall.** Please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/48OCL2V> If you don't bake, please consider supporting our sale by purchasing some baked goods.

## Junior High

**THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – MINUTE TO WIN IT—PARENTS v TEENS from 6:00-8:00 pm in Russell Hall.** Please join us this evening for a fun night out! **PARENTS NEEDED!!!!** Light refreshments will be served. **PARENTS AND TEENS,** please sign up using the same link: <https://bit.ly/3S49ZV9>

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>—MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA AND THE HUNGER GAMES** in Russell Hall from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** Please joins us this evening for pizza and our own version of the Hunger Games. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Parents and teens, please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3U1StmY>

**JHYM TEENS-CAN YOU HELP BAKE FOR OUR BOSTON MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE?** Even if you are not attending our trip, could you help us by baking for our bake sale to help raise funds? **All baked goods should be dropped off by no later than 2 pm on Saturday, February 3rd in Russell Hall.** Please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/48OCL2V>

*Follow us on Instagram at stcatherine\_youthministry*

*Please support the Youth Ministry...*

**BOSTON MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION AND BAKE SALE,** Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
In the Atrium following all Masses.

Teens will be available to help with the bidding process. There will be a second collection at each Mass that weekend, and of course, donations can be made through Faith Direct.

Auction closes Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Please see our Silent Auction Preview in the bulletin.

## Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

### THIS WEEKEND JANUARY STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our January Street Sandwich Ministry collection will take place this weekend **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Sandwiches can be dropped off **Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. on 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, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein such as PB&J. Please **NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE.**

Also, if making PB&J, please spread PB on both slices of bread and then put the jelly in between. This provides extra protein and 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:

<https://bit.ly/41DLdQb>

Confirmation service hours available.

### FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat., Jan 20th. There are 4 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.

**2. Prepare a hot dish:** We'll supply the ingredients for you to make a hot dish at home for us to bring to Hartford. Pick up the ingredients on Thursday, 1/18 at Fitzgerald's and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, 1/20 between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with recipe and more information if you haven't done this before.

**3. NEW - Make Cupcakes:** Let's add some winter cheer. Make festive cupcakes and drop off on Sat, 1/20 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchJan20>  
Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940.  
[richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com)

**St. Elizabeth House-January 28th.**

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-47011203-stelizabeth>

**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*

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. This week, if you are able to help, we continue to look for donations of **hot and cold cereal and oatmeal, coffee, pasta and sauce, crackers, organic soups and vegetables, and jars of fruit.** All donations can be delivered using the kitchen entrance. Our pantry is open to all from 9 am – 6:00 pm, but not available during Mass.

**WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT EXPIRED FOODS OR OPENED CONTAINERS.**