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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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. (Livestreamed)  
Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., 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.

**Choirs accompany the 11 a.m. Mass.**

### Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 10:00 a.m.

#### Website News: email to:

[StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net](mailto:StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net)

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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.

***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

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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, May 17th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Fred & Grace Hammond, birthday remembrances*, requested by the Hammond Family;
- **Sunday, May 18th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Blessings on Pope Leo, XIV*;
- **Sunday, May 18th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Hodge*, requested by the Adult Choir;
- **Monday, May 19th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Regish*, requested by Lyn Brucker;
- **Tuesday, May 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Myles McCabe, birthday blessings*, requested by David & Maryellen Bailey;
- **Tuesday, May 20th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, May 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Bob Belden*, requested by the Taylor Family;
- **Wednesday, May 21st @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, May 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Lewis Affelder, 8th anniversary*, requested by the Gould Family;
- **Saturday, May 24th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Donald Corriveau*, requested by Judith Krohomer;
- **Sunday, May 25th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Rosemary Mullen*, requested by the Raiano Family; and,
- **Sunday, May 25th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Gladys McCaughey*, requested by Kathryn Rothstein.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events**

*May*

- Sat, 17th—Tag sale, RH, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Sat, 17th—NO Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 18th—Final CLW, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 18th—Senior High Youth Min., RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 20th—Men’s Mins. BBQ, Firepit, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 21st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 21st —Wm’s Bible Study, Rooney-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 21st—Wm’s Bible Study, Rooney-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs, 22nd—New Day Bereavement, R-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 23rd—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Our Sunday Collections constitute the operating funds for the parish. You make it possible for us to continue serving you each week. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you always. *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: \$ 6,813.00  
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08  
Total: \$10,885.08

Little Sisters of the Poor \$ 9,348.50  
Various \$ 190.00

This week’s second collection is for Pantry Partners .

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Event  
NEXT WEEKEND, May 24th & 25th**

Since 1992 the caring staff and volunteers at Carolyn’s Place, the pregnancy center in Waterbury, have assisted in the pregnancies of 1,900 babies. In addition to providing a life-affirming direction to pregnancy decisions, Carolyn’s Place provides parenting training programs for expectant mothers and caregivers which allow them to earn necessary items to care for their newborn.

We will be distributing purple envelopes at all the Masses next weekend to benefit Carolyn’s Place, which relies totally on individual donations so your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Please make checks payable to “Carolyn’s Place” and return them through the collection basket or to the office by June 11th. Thank you for your participation!*



**Sanctuary Lamp**

For *David Smith, successful surgery and healing, requested by his sister.*

## **Men's Ministry Meeting—May 20 at 6 p.m.**

Reminder of my invitation to all mem of our parish to join us on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the fire pit behind Russell Hall for BBQ and conversation.

With a great history in our parish, the Men's Ministry is undergoing a revitalization to meet the busy schedules of modern day folks—less meetings and more doings, as well as a spiritual side to it that will help men understand their Christian role in the parish, the family and our world.

Great conversations and some good planning for a fun and fruitful year ahead.

**I hope to see you at the fire pit on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m.**

-Fr. Michael

## **Fifth Sunday in Easter**

The Roman government obliterated the city of Jerusalem in 78 AD, and then destroyed the place of Jesus' death and resurrection. But, the followers of Christ were able to recall and venerate this locale even with the destruction.

Our second reading this Sunday from Revelation (21:1-5a) begins with some very powerful words and beautiful passage of eternal hope: "Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race...'"

These words had to be encouraging and filled with hope for a people who have lived in a very corrupt time, a pagan time, and under the despotism of the Roman authority and culture. These words speak to the new creation of God, for His people, and for their eternal salvation. God shall heal us. He shall nourish us. He shall care for us both physically and spiritually—in the material world and in the world to come.

These words, powerful for the people of the day, are also powerful for us in the pews today. If we are suffering pain from the loss of a loved one. If there is pain due to illness or dysfunction; if a marriage is breaking apart and "our worlds" with it. If we are at our wits' end and feel there is no safe harbor to turn to, and the storms of life will destroy us, then we should pray these words with hope. Our God is among us, He shall not abandon us, and His Love is unending and enduring – and all things shall be healed.

These words, on a wider scale of the current human condition, can also strengthen us in the United States fearing a culture in decline due to a loss of traditions and cultural norms as well as for people of the world in the midst of starvation, wars and brutal corruption that are seen in Africa, Ukraine and elsewhere when humanity is infected with greed and hatred. May they too be a part of our prayer for the fullness of the beautiful words of Revelation today. For His rain and sun falls on the whole world.

## **Belated Easter Thanks!**

Thank you to parishioner Lourdes Pincus who has done a wonderful job organizing and delivering on the parish Alleluia Party again this year. The food, the music and the decorations were wonderful and perfectly began the Easter celebrations at the Easter Vigil. After a long Lent, a grand way to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Thanks to Lourdes and her volunteers for the excellent celebration and style!

**St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation**  
Grace Treacy, Coordinator, [gracetreacyff@gmail.com](mailto:gracetreacyff@gmail.com)  
Phone: (860) 658-4737  
VBS 2025 – "True North" June 23–27 | \$65 per child

**Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open!** All Faith Formation families should have received a Constant Contact email with the registration link. Children entering grades K-5 are welcome to sign up for a fun-filled week of faith, games, music, and more. Adult volunteers are also needed—come be a part of this joyful week!

**Please make sure to complete Lessons 1 and 2 of Empowering God’s Children with your children.** These lessons are available on the Faith Formation page and are intended for all students in grades K-10. The due date for both lessons is June 15th.

**Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year is open!** Please register as soon as possible to ensure that we have sufficient classrooms, teachers and books! Thank you. The link is available in the Constant Contact that was sent out earlier this week as well as on our website.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY 2025 continues** every Wednesday through June 11th, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Rooney-A.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Meeting dates for this month are Monday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. **New members are always welcome.** If you’d like a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you know, please contact Kathy Oaks at [ktoaks@gmail.com](mailto:ktoaks@gmail.com) or call 860-614-2773.

**All men of the parish are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship around the church fire pit.** Meet the men you see in the pews each week, enjoy some great grilling, and connect in faith and friendship. BYOB. Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 PM, Church Firepit Area.

In order to get a head count, please sign up at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549AAA92FA5FD0-56634034-mens>.

**SISTER FRANCES FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IN ENFIELD**

**Last week we welcomed Sr. Frances and she provided us with a “Wish List” for her residents. There are copies of that list in the Atrium and the Vestibule for those of you who might be interested. They are also looking for anyone who might want to “adopt” one of their residents for Christmas. If you are interested please contact Christine Gordon at [enasstdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:enasstdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org).**



# YOUTH MINISTRY



## Senior High Youth Ministry

**THIS SUNDAY—SENIOR CELEBRATION AND TRIBUTE TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS AND END OF YEAR CELEBRATION. ALL are invited to celebrate with us this SUNDAY, MAY 18th from 6-8 PM in Russell Hall. ALL teens are encouraged and invited to celebrate our year in Youth Ministry and to help send off our Seniors. Dinner and fun for all! PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!**

Graduating seniors are families register here: <https://bit.ly/3G4z67J>

ALL OTHER YOUTH MINISTRY TEENS register here: <https://bit.ly/44ccrjZ>

STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE - If you are attending, please send in the remaining \$75 to cover the cost of your trip. A \$50 (nonrefundable) deposit was required to hold your spot.

Please mail in or drop off your deposit check payable to St. Catherine of Siena to PO Box 184, 267 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT, 06092, attn: Youth Ministry. For more information or to register, please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/3Rxyxpg>

*Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine\\_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry)*

## Junior High Youth Ministry

### SUMMER CALENDAR

**Saturday, June 7-Woods Mullen trip to work at shelter in Boston (open only to Senior High)**

**Sunday, June 15-School's Out for the Summer—MANHUNT**

**Wednesday, July 16-Color Wars**

**Saturday, July 19-Woods Mullen trip to work at shelter in Boston (Open only to Senior High)**

**Monday, July 21-Cook and Bake for local families**

**Friday, July 25-Sunday, July 27—Steubenville East Conference**

**Saturday, August 2-Woods Mullen trip to work at shelter in Boston (Open only to Senior High)**

**Sunday, August 17-Water Wars**

# NOURISH WITH *Hope*

The next Pantry Partner distribution will be May 17th. During May our distribution partner Big Y of Simsbury will be spotlighting St. Catherine's Pantry Partners as part of their Community giving program. For every reusable Community Bag sold, Big Y will be contributing some of the proceeds to the Pantry Partners. Bags are located near the service desk. Please consider purchasing and thank you for your continued support of the Ministry.

## THIS WEEKEND – SANDWICHES STILL NEEDED FOR MAY STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

This weekend is our Street Sandwich collection due to the Memorial Day weekend. Sandwiches can be dropped off on **Saturday, May 17th, Sunday, May 18th, and Monday, May 19th.**

Sandwiches can be dropped off **Saturday or Monday morning from 8-9:30 am, and Sunday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.** 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.**

If making PB&J, please spread peanut butter on both pieces of bread so that the jelly does not seep through the bread.

Please be sure all sandwiches are **individually wrapped** (foil, baggies, or cellophane) and deliver to the kitchen **using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed).**

Confirmation hours available

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/433GZU1>

**FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, May 17th.** Please sign up by Weds, May 14th. 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 cold salad:** Please prepare your favorite macaroni or potato salad to feed 10-12 people. Deliver your dish in a disposable container to St. Catherine Russell Hall Kitchen between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sat., 5/17.
- 3. NEW - Cupcakes:** Make some sweet treats Make 12 cupcakes and drop off on Sat, 5/17 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/FTHLunchMay17>

*Rich Sickinger, 860-558-6940,  
[richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com)*

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**St. Elizabeth's House- Drop off is  
SUNDAY, June 8th.**

*Thank you for your service!*

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521497-stelizabeth>

or use the sign-up sheets in the atrium and the vestibule.

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**YES YOU "CAN", TAKE WHAT YOU  
NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN.**

Many thanks for your ongoing support of our pantry which is open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. except during Mass. This week, we continue to look for cereal, jarred fruit, boxed milk, tomato sauce, Spam and peanut butter.

***We can only accept NON-PERISHABLE  
FOODS. Please do not leave bread!  
We are unable to accept expired foods  
or opened containers.***