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11 a.m. Mass at
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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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:

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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.

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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 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*;
 - Sunday, May 25th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Gladys McCaughey*, requested by *Kathryn Rothstein*;
 - Monday, May 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Paul Simeon*, requested by *Peter Finken*;
 - Tuesday, May 27th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Jane Johnson*, requested by *Bridget Shanley*;
 - Tuesday, May 27th @ 9:00 a.m. Adoration;
 - Wednesday, May 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Deacon Ivan Hawk*, requested by *Joan Gould*;
 - Wednesday, May 28th @ 9:00 a.m. Rosary;
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- Holy Day of Obligation—Ascension of the Lord***
- Wednesday, May 28th @ 6:30 p.m. Mass for *James & Beth Breeney*, *health and healing*, requested by *Joan Klem*;
 - Thursday, May 29th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Raoul Hansen*, *29th anniversary*, requested by his family;
 - Thursday, May 29th @ 6:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*;
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- Friday, May 30th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Bill & Germaine Bridgman*, *49th wedding anniversary remembrance*;
 - Saturday, May 31st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Peter Zichello*, requested by the *Ritacco Family*;
 - Sunday, June 1st @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Albert & Marylou Sheary*, requested by the their family;
 - Sunday, June 1st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, *7th anniversary*, requested by his family.

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: \$ 4,815.50
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 8,887.58

Pantry Partners \$ 2,881.00
Various \$ 425.00

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Communications.

**Carolyn's Place
Baby Bottle Boomerang Event**

There are still some purple envelopes in the atrium and the vestibule to benefit Carolyn's Place, a pregnancy counseling center 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!

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

May

- Sat, 24th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 26th—Office Closed, NO Confession, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 27th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 27th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 28th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 28th—Wm's Bible Study, Rooney-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 28th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Wed, 28th—Wm's Bible Study, Rooney-A, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, 30th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 31st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For *Kathy Jenkins*,
birthday remembrance,
requested by her family.



Men's Ministry Follow Up

Last Tuesday night about 35 men from our parish met and discussed renewal of the Men's Ministry. A good mix of both the seasoned and our more youthful men came forward—as well as a number of the younger men who could not make Tuesday night but did let me know that they wanted to learn more about the Men's Ministry's future. In the vein, I offer the following to **ALL** of the men of St. Catherine of Siena Parish:

Our vision for the Men's Ministry has a three-pronged approach:

1. Deepen one's spirituality as a Christian man so that they may engage with Christ and develop their Christian role as an individual or in their family as a parent, as well as in the wider community;
2. To join with other men in providing Catholic Action—good works—to our parish community and the greater Farmington Valley, particularly with the elderly or others in need; and,
3. To grow a community spirit among the men of our parish that helps foster the faithful to believe in the promises that Christ offers to everyone, thereby illustrating the power of Christian love to lead others to Christ.

The Men's club is intended to support the men of all ages in our parish by creating fraternal spirit and then gather them into community and comradery to unleash their spirit in our parish and within the broader community from which our congregation hails.

Our goal is to design an organization that has a sufficient number of meetings per year to create friendships and comradery and then utilize that connection to accomplish our goals of good works and spiritual growth. In the style of the Jaycees Club, our Men's Ministry will provide for social gatherings, building male Christian friendships of the like-minded people, for the service of our parish and community.

If that sounds interesting...

Here is the next step:

Go to the following link <https://www.stcatherine.info/documents/2025/5/Mens%20Ministry%20Interest%20Volunteer%20Information.docx> and register you name, best contact (email or cell phone) and fill out the brief informational sheet about your skills or gifts, your interest in programs, activities, community building, work projects, and interest in taking a limited project leadership role from time-to-time and then return it to the parish (Fr. Michael) for inclusion in our database.

We will then inform you of our plans and then you select what interests you based on your availability and interest level.

And then we are off.

Attention Current & Future Eucharistic Ministers

If you are unwell in the hospital, nursing home or just at home recovering and haven't been able to receive the Holy Eucharist, this can be a great loss for the faithful and for those who are feeling alone in their illness. Reception of Holy Communion is not just a comfort for many, it is part of the spiritual and physical healing process.

I am reaching out and asking for help from our current Eucharistic Ministers and **FUTURE** Eucharistic Ministers to be part of the St. Catherine of Siena team to deliver Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Here are options as to how it can work for you:

1. Delivering Holy Communion to the Catholic residents at McLean Home in Simsbury happens on Wednesdays after the morning daily Mass. A number of EMs take Holy Communion to the various units at McLean, assigned by the McLean Home, for a brief visit and Holy Communion.

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St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation
Grace Treacy, Coordinator, gracetreacyff@gmail.com
Phone: (860) 658-4737



VBS 2025 – "True North" June 23–27 | \$65 per child

Register for Vacation Bible School! 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!

Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026 is now open. You can register on the church website under the Faith Formation tab or follow use this link: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=c406ae27-73b6-4b94-b4bc-b58720fcdc5a>

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.**

WOMEN’S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY 2025 continues every Wednesday through June 11th, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (7:30 p.m. on May 29th, due to the Holy Day Mass) in Rooney-A.

WOMEN’S SERVICE MINISTRY

1. We are looking for people interested in cooking a delicious summer meal for our “neighbors in need”. Please join us on **Thursday June 5th at 9 a.m.** in the church kitchen. If interested, please call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241. I look forward to cooking with you.
2. **A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the tag sale.** We had a very successful sale that will benefit many of our neighbors in need. God bless you all! -Diane

Fr. Michael continued...

- St. Catherine of Siena provides the Sacramental training as well as the small, brief prayer book to accompany the EM with a pyx;
2. Once-a-month Sunday delivery of Holy Communion to home-bound parishioners. Our parish office schedules you to a limited number of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass for a brief visit and the distribution of Holy Communion. St. Catherine of Siena will train you, provide you with a brief prayer service, the pyx and holy communion. This is done on the first Sunday of the month.
 3. For weekend Masses EMs are needed to help me with the distribution of Holy Communion within the context of the Mass. EMs are dispensed within the Church to help Father distribute Holy Communion. Training takes place with me at the Church for the correct and reverent distribution of the Sacrament within the Mass.

If you are interested in any one or multiple of these opportunities to bring Holy Communion to the sick or at Mass, please either contact the parish office at 860 658 1642 or speak directly to Fr. Whyte after the Masses or anytime you see him. **Thank you!**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High Youth Ministry

STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE - If you are attending, please send in the remaining \$75 to cover the cost of your trip. 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.

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

CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS!

Youth Ministry is excited to announce that beginning in Fall 2026, all rising 6th graders (current 5th graders moving to 6th grade in the Fall) are invited to join our Junior High Youth Ministry program. Register for YM now using the link provided below.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR

YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL 6-12 graders are invited to join Youth Ministry. REGISTER NOW! Even if you have registered in prior years, you will need to register using this link:

<https://forms.gle/7fRKTiAJ04zqP3zH9>

SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER CALENDAR

- **Sunday, June 15-School's Out for the Summer—MANHUNT**
REGISTER NOW using this link:
<https://bit.ly/3H10RP4>
- **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*

**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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521497-stelizabeth)

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

**FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on
Sat., June 21st. Please sign up by
Weds., June 18th**

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., 6/21.
- 3. NEW - COOKIES:** Make some sweet treats Make **24 cookies** and drop off on Sat, 6/21 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section next week to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchJune21>

Rich Sickinger
860-558-6940

richsickinger@gmail.com

**Thank you for
your ongoing support!**

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

Our pantry is low on all items. If you are able, please help with cereal, fruit, tomato sauce, peanut butter & jelly, rice, and canned meats. Our pantry is open to all from 9 a.m.– 6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass. Thank you again for your generosity and support!

We can only accept

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Please do not leave bread

*We are unable to accept expired foods or
opened containers.*

The next Pantry Partner distribution will be June 21st. 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.