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11 a.m. Mass at  
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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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

#### PARISH STAFF

##### Administrative Assistant-Parish Office

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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 31st @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Peter Zichello*, requested by Ritacco Family;
- **Sunday, June 1st @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Albert & Marylou Sheary*, requested by their family;
- **Sunday, June 1st @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, 7th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Monday, June 2nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Cornelius Duggan*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- **Tuesday, June 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Special Intention*;
- **Tuesday, June 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, June 4th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Ron Dudley*, 2nd anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, June 4th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, June 6th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Julia & Myles McCabe*, birthday blessings, requested by Colby & Anita Thresher;
- **Saturday, June 7th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Mary Hampton*, 94th birthday remembrance, & 9th anniversary, requested by her family;
- **Sunday, June 8th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Jack & Eleanor Cloud*, requested by the their family;
- **Sunday, June 8th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *John Baleshiski*, 23rd anniversary, requested by his family.

**Sanctuary Lamp**



**For  
*Ron Dudley*,  
2nd 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: \$ 4,732.90  
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08  
Total: \$ 8,804.98

Various \$ 230.00

This week's second collection is for Catholic Communications.  
*Next week's is for  
Repair & Refurbishment.*

**Carolyn's Place  
Baby Bottle Boomerang Event**  
*Please return the purple envelopes by  
June 11th and make checks payable to  
"Carolyn's Place".  
Thank you for your participation!*

**Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events**

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-Sat, 31st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

*June*

- Sun, 1st—Living Your Faith, Rooney-A, 12:15 p.m.
- Sun, 1st—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Mon, 2nd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 4th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 4th—Wm's Bible Study, R-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 4th—Wm's Bible Study, R-A, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, 5th—Wm.'s Ministry Cooking, Kitchen, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 5th—New Day Bereavement, R-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 6th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 7th—New Altar Server Training, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 7th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 8th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m. & 12 noon.
- Sun, 8th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:30 p.m.

## Altar Servers Needed

If you are in **Fourth grade or older** and would like to be an altar server to help Fr. Michael celebrate the Mass here at St. Catherine of Siena, join your friends (and make new ones) and become part of our liturgical team!

Training for Altar Servers is scheduled for **Saturday, June 7th, 10 a.m.** at the Church. Fr. Michael will lead the training session. You will be signed-up on our Ministry Scheduler Pro and you and your parents can control your times which you serve as an altar server.

Being an altar server is a great way to serve God while you are already at Mass, and to learn more about God and His Love for you. So if you think you would like to be a St. Catherine of Siena Altar Server, call the parish office at 860 658 1642 and register for the training session on **Saturday, June 7th, 10 a.m.**

I look forward to working with you! -Fr. Michael

## Attention All Men of our Parish

I am inviting all the men of our parish to consider joining our new **Men's Ministry** here at St. Catherine of Siena. It is easy to do, go to the following link, <https://www.stcatherine.info/documents/2025/5/Mens%20Ministry%20Interest%20Volunteer%20Information.docx> and fill out the form. Either email it to the parish office at [stcathy@comcast.net](mailto:stcathy@comcast.net), drop it in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Michael.

**What's it all about?** Well, it is less about meetings and more about doing and being. We will meet every other month and communicate by email or text, depending on your preferred method. Our **Men's Ministry** is a combination of building a men's community in our parish, deepening our own understanding of faith and the role of a Christian man in our families and communities (group discussions, guest speakers, and Bible studies), and we will be about growing the St. Catherine of Siena community in fellowship (an annual picnic or golf outing, family day and more).

**How do I sign-up and learn more?** Go to the following link, <https://www.stcatherine.info/documents/2025/5/Mens%20Ministry%20Interest%20Volunteer%20Information.docx> and register, send your information to us, and then wait to hear what happens next. Your information and ideas of interest will mold our Men's Ministry and we will provide opportunities for fellowship, community service and deepening your faith life, all depending on your time and interests. Thank you for your consideration and interest in making our faith more active and mutually beneficial. Any questions, just ask me. -Fr. Michael

**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

**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 on June 4th & 11th, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. 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.

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

Thank you for any donations that you can make to our pantry. We please help with cereal, fruit, tomato sauce, peanut butter & jelly, and canned meats. Our pantry is open to all from 9:00 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.*

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IN ENFIELD**

Copies of the Little Sister’s “Wish List” are available in the Atrium and the Vestibule for those of you who might be interested. Items may be brought to them or shipped to them directly at 1365 Enfield Ave, Enfield, CT 06082.

*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, [Enasstdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:Enasstdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**Senior 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***

## 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/9UrKtcZK5cH6aMVZ8>

## 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.

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**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](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com)

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.**

## **JUNE STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**

The weekend of June 21st, 22nd and 23rd is our June Street Sandwich collection. Sandwiches can be dropped off on:  
**Saturday, June 21st, 8-9:30 a.m.,  
Sunday, June 22nd, 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.,  
Monday, June 23rd, 8-9:30 a.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/3FzZaYx>**