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11 a.m. Mass at
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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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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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, 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;
- **Monday, June 9th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Jeremiah Murphy*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- **Tuesday, June 10th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Brendan, Julia & Michael Donahue, birthday remembrances*, requested by their family;
- **Tuesday, June 10th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, June 11th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph Little, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Wednesday, June 11th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, June 13th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Brenda Balon*, requested by the Carello Family;
- **Saturday, June 14th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hammond, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Hammond Family;
- **Sunday, June 15th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Andrew Guidetti, 1st anniversary*, requested by the his family; and,
- **Sunday, June 15th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Hodge, Jr.*, requested by Brian & Edie Lavallee.

Sanctuary Lamp



**For
A Special Intention
For health & healing.**

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: \$ 5,038.00
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 9,110.08

Catholic Communication \$ 2,895.00
Ascension \$ 848.00
Various \$ 80.00

This week's second collection is for Repair & Refurbishment.

LAST CHANCE to return your envelopes for Carolyn's Place Baby Event (June 11th)

Please checks payable to "Carolyn's Place". Thank you for your participation!

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

June

- 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.
- Mon, 9th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 9th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 10th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 10th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 10th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 11th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 11th—Wm's Bible Study, R-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 11th—Forward with Joy, RH, 10 a.m.
- Wed, 11th—Wm's Bible Study, R-A, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, 13th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 13th—Six Flags for Altar Servers, 10 a.m.
- Sat, 14th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 15th—Youth Ministry Manhunt, RH, 6:30p.m.
- Mon, 16th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 17th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 17th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 18th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 20th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.

Thank you, faithful folks!

Thank you to our faithful parishioners who support our monthly Repair and Refurbishment Collection each month. This collection enables the parish to handle all maintenance and repair projects in a timely fashion without have “urgent and alarming” requests for money. It also enables us to pay our bills in full, without interest and even obtaining discounts from vendors for quick payments.

Recently, by order of Catholic Mutual Insurance Company, we had to repair our sidewalks both at the vestibule entrance and along the walkway to the kitchen, near the shed. In addition, we recently had to repair the gates and enclosure around the dumpster due to wind damage and we also had to have some work done on our church speaker system and live-stream system. Maintenance, just like at your home, is ever increasing in costs and always unexpected. **I thank you for your timely and generous support of maintaining our church facilities and property.**

Pentecost

This Sunday we close out the Easter Season (50 days) with the celebration of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Happy birthday, Catholic Church! Our liturgical colors are red, white and even yellow or gold. This is also the weekend in many dioceses, no longer in Hartford, when seminarians are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

This weekend we celebrate the Love between the Father and the Son, which is the Holy Spirit, being sent into the Church, the world, and quite honestly, into each of us.

The Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, meaning an Advocate, comforter and wonder Counselor, was sent into the world after Christ, the First Advocate, returned to the Father since He promised that He would send “another Paraclete” so that His followers would not be orphans. The Holy Spirit guides the Church (Pope) from error, the Magisterium; the Holy Spirit sanctifies souls through preaching God’s Word in the Church; the Holy Spirit teaches and bears witness to the Father and “to convince the world of sin”, is the Love of God producing the effects of divine grace on earth, and appropriated to the third Person of the Trinity. This meaning comes to us from the Greek etymology *para - meaning beside and -kalein, to call: parakletos, advocate.* Source: Catholic Dictionary

So, with all that said, let us mark this Sunday with an open heart and mind to welcoming the Holy Spirit into the Church universal but also into our hearts, homes and families. When you don’t know what or who to pray for or to, ask the Holy Spirit; when in the midst of an “debate” and are being aggravated, call on the Holy Spirit; and, when we are confused or in doubt about a Church teaching, invoke the Holy Spirit—Wonder Counselor—to guide and enlighten us. After all, this is a “birthday” celebration and there are plenty of gifts, *gifts of the Holy Spirit include wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear (awe) of the Lord. Fruits of the Holy Spirit include charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.* Amen, celebrate!

YES YOU “CAN”

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Many thanks for your ongoing support of our pantry. This week, we continue to look for cereal, jarred fruit, Spam, hearty soups and peanut butter. Our pantry is open to all from 9 a.m. to 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.

St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation
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VBS 2025 – "True North" June 23–27 | \$65 per child

Register now for Vacation Bible School! Children entering grades K–5 are invited to join us for a fun-filled week of faith, games, music, crafts, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to grow in their faith while enjoying exciting activities and making new friends. Families do not need to be parishioners to participate—everyone is welcome, so feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors to join the fun! 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, grades K-10. The due date for both lessons in June 15th.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY 2025 concludes on June 11th, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Rooney-A.

Save the date for the next Men’s Club Event on Monday, June 30th, 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall. All men are welcome to join us for hot dogs and a game of set-back. BYOB. A sign-up genius will be available in next week’s bulletin so that we have an accurate head-count. Thanks.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS...

As a thank you from Father Michael for your service, you are all invited for a day at Six Flags New England. Manuela Hanshaw, our Director of Youth Ministry, along with other chaperones, will take the group on **Friday, June 13 to Six Flags**. The park is open at 11 a.m. that day so we will **meet at St. Catherine of Siena at 10 a.m. on Friday**, and will **plan to return between 4:30-5 p.m.** The cost of park tickets will be paid for by St. Catherine of Siena, **but you will be responsible for bringing enough money for food, snacks and drinks.** No outside food or drink may be brought into the park. Small backpacks are permitted. An RSVP is needed asap, and permission forms and waivers are available when you RSVP to Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com and **must be returned by no later than Monday, June 9th at noon.** Tickets will be purchased at that time so please be sure to respond in time. **Please let me know if your child has any allergies at the time you rsvp. Tickets will be purchased for the park only, we will not be doing the water park that day.** We hope you will join us for a great day.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The monthly meetings will be held on **Monday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m.** Please consider joining this ministry. Don’t know how to knit or crochet? No problem, we can teach you! Any questions, please contact Kathy Oaks at ktoaks@gmail.com of 860-614-2773.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior and Junior High Youth Ministry

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.

TEENS NEEDED TO DELIVER GIFTS

Teen volunteers are needed to help deliver small gifts to our most senior parishioners. Deliveries can be made at your convenience anytime between June 5—June 25. If you are able to help, please sign up using this link:
<https://bit.ly/4jreNzr>

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>

*Please be sure to follow us on Instagram
at
stcatherine_youthministry*

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
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The next
Pantry Partner distribution
will be June 21st.

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>