

Livestream our
11 a.m. Mass at
stcatherine.info



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 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

267 Stratton Brook Road, Box 184

West Simsbury, Connecticut 06092

Tel: 860 658 1642 /Fax: 888 297 3134

Email: stcathy@comcast.net

Website: www.stcatherine.info, Facebook Page:

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

Mrs. Lisa Cerchia

860 658 1642 or stcathy@comcast.net

Faith Formation Coordinator,

Ms. Grace Treacy, 860-658-4737,

gracetreacyff@gmail.com

Director of Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Office

Mrs. Manuela Hanshaw, 860 658 1642 or

Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com

Director of Music Ministry

Mrs. Susan Zybert

860 217 0600 or susanzybert@comcast.net

Facilities Manager

Mr. Christopher Berg, 860 658 1642

Sacristan

Mr. Michael Grappone, 860 658 1642

Parish Council President

Mrs. Kathleen Mangiafico, 860 869 8468

Finance Council Chairman

Mrs. Jennifer Orzell, 860 729 1079

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, 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;
- **Sunday, June 15th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Hodge, Jr.*, requested by Brian & Edie Lavallee;
- **Monday, June 16th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Jack & Gwen Berry*, requested by their family;
- **Tuesday, June 17th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Dick Van Sickle*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- **Tuesday, June 17th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, June 18th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Germaine Bridgman*, birthday remembrance, requested by her family;
- **Wednesday, June 18th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, June 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Deceased members of the Duggan and McCabe Family*;
- **Saturday, June 21st @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Robert Jablonski*, 20th anniversary, requested by the Couture Family;
- **Sunday, June 22nd @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Anthony Brancato*, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, June 22nd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Joseph Spada*, 10th 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: \$ 5,646.00
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 9,718.08

Repair & Refurbishment \$ 1,806.00
Various \$ 110.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

June

- Sat, 14th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 15th—Youth Ministry Manhunt, RH, 6:30p.m.
- Mon, 16th-Fri, 20th—VBS set up/RH
- 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.
- Sat, 21st-Mon, 23rd—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 21st—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 21st—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 21st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 23rd-Fri, 27th—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- Mon, 23rd—*Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.*
- Mon, 23rd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Sat, 28th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 29th—Living your Faith, Rooney-A, 12:15 p.m.
- Mon, 30th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 30th—Men's Club Set-Back, RH 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



For
Donald Warner,
1st anniversary,
requested by his family.

**A huge thank you to all
who donated to the tag sale!**

**Your kindness and generosity is
appreciated. A special thanks to the
hard working volunteers that helped
sort, price, sell, check out, haul and
more.**

God bless you all!-Diane

Understanding the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in the Catholic Church is an opportunity for every Catholic practitioner to consider the profound mystery of God's nature—and invites each of us—to deepen and expand our own relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It also enables us, with this understanding, to conform our own relationships in love, community and unity.

We celebrate this solemnity liturgically and spiritually with special prayers, with a focus on the Gloria and Creed's meanings, e.g., the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, which is central to our Christian faith and doctrine. Following last weekend's celebration of the birth of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit, we are now called to consider how each of us identifies, relates and illustrates the relationship within the three distinct persons of our Triune God.

Let's consider the question put to Alfie," "What's it all about...?"

- The Holy Trinity speaks to the belief of One God in three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; and while each person is distinct, they are all of one essence, co-equal and co-eternal, as we say each Sunday in the Creed, *Consubstantial*.
- The roots of the doctrine of the Trinity are found in Sacred Scripture, Mathew 28:19, when Jesus commissions His disciples to “baptize in the names of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” as well as in John 1:1-14 and 2 Corinthians 13:14, by way of example.
- Church teachings illustrate the nature of God and the relationship between the three Persons of the Trinity as comprised of love, community and unity. We, too, are called to develop these ideas of love, community and unity in our relationships as Christians, whether between spouses, within families or amongst the Church or community; we are called to seek the common good and its excellence.
- In our Mass this weekend the Solemnity is marked with special prayers and readings that emphasize the unity and diversity within the Trinity. The Gloria is sung, and the recited Nicene Creed profess our belief in the Trinity.
- As we leave this Sunday's Mass we need to ask ourselves what we shall carry from the liturgy out into our cars, homes, workplaces, school, on the sports fields or in our private and public discourses? *What kind of impact will my faith have on me and the world around me?* Will it inspire my Catholic actions in our day-to-day living...our care for all creations, our granting and seeking redemption, our call to sanctification personally and how we offer it to others; will we go forth united and in community, with love, to heal the people around us or will we be divisive, obstructive and separated? Our world and our politics and culture have enough of that already. Our understanding of living in community and being united to others—both in action and in need—should call us to try to mimic, in a very human way, the unity of the Trinity by way of our own relationships.

John 16:12-15

In today's gospel, Jesus assures his apostles that He will not leave them (or us) abandoned but that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, will come. In verses 13 and 14, Jesus states that the Holy Spirit will not speak on His own but will speak what He hears and will declare the things that are to come. We see in this declaration by Jesus that the perfect unity of the Trinity is lived out in that the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and reveals the Father's Will. This specific relationship of the Trinity illustrates to us believers that we too are called to reflect a similar dynamic: live in communion with one another, and to foster relationships that are built on love, respect and truth. Wow! *Continued on page 4.*

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 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.**

Attn: Men of the parish -Join the Men’s Club on Monday, June 30th, 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall for hot dogs and a game of set-back. BYOB. Please sign up using this link so that we have an accurate headcount for the food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549AAA92FA5FD0-57273544-mens>

Fr. Michael continued from page 3...

God’s Truth is so powerful that we cannot handle all at once, but the Holy Spirit will reveal it over time, and in God’s time, to each of us as we need it, as it serves our intended purpose from God. Our “job” is to be open to the Spirit and to Believe what Jesus told us, to live it in our own relationships, and then to share it with those around us. Believe it, Live it, Share it!

The challenge is ours. And the rewards are ours too.

Can you help me? Will you help me while you are at Mass?

Our parish is in desperate need of ushers, both lead ushers and ushers to help with the weekend collections. And you know what they say, the more hands, the lighter the work.

So what am I asking you to do?

- **Lead Ushers.** Lead usher organize the collection baskets and ask for other to help with the collection during the offertory time. It is not difficult, but it does require that you come to Mass 15 minutes before hand, put out the collection baskets and tamper-proof bags, and organize the collection. Lead ushers also help our visiting guests with questions, such as “where are the bathrooms?” At major celebrations such as Christmas and Easter, they also help with crowd control, which simply means helping people to their pews if seating isn’t readily obvious. Lead Ushers are trained and scheduled using Ministry Pro which automatically schedules you for Masses based on your specific input.
- **Ushers.** Regular ushers help with the Mass collection once the Lead Usher as approached you. You will be given a section of the church to cover at that Mass. You also will be quickly trained.
- **And the best part about this important role..is that you do it while you are already at Mass.** No extra duties, no additional meetings.

I am asking our people to consider this role and step-up-to-the-plate. If you have any questions, please come directly to me after Mass or email me at stcathy@comcast.net. **Thank you!**

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 now and July 3. If you are able to help, please sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/4jreNzr>

PLEASE REGISTER NOW 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

- **THIS WEEKEND—Sunday, June 15-School's Out for the Summer—MANHUNT REGISTER NOW using this link: <https://bit.ly/3H10RP4>**
- **Wednesday, July 16-Color Wars REGISTER NOW using this link: <https://bit.ly/3ZacoC3>**
- **Saturday, July 19-Woods Mullen trip to work at shelter in Boston (Open only to Senior High) REGISTER NOW using this link: <https://bit.ly/4j79B4o>**
- **Monday, July 21-Let's all cook dinner for local families in need;**
- **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 distribution date for Pantry Partners will be June 21st. This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to over 30 families in the community. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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

SANDWICHES STILL NEEDED NEXT WEEKEND FOR OUR JUNE STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sandwiches are still needed for next weekend, and can be dropped off on **Saturday, June 21st, Sunday, June 22nd, and Monday, June 23rd.**

Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday or Monday morning from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 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/3FzZaYx>