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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 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: Summer Hiatus

Adult—Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Church.  
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.**

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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 28th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *John Murphy, 2nd anniversary*, requested by his wife;
- **Sunday, June 29th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Special Intention*;
- **Sunday, June 29th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Carolyn Sharbaugh, 3rd anniversary*, requested by Alex Nolan;
- **Monday, June 30th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Hourican*, requested by the Carello Family;
- **Tuesday, July 1st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Cornelius Duggan*, requested by Julia & Myles McCabe;
- **Tuesday, July 1st @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, July 2nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *People with dementia*;
- **Wednesday, July 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, July 4th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Stephan De Minico*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- **Saturday, July 5th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Antonio Pires, 23rd anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, July 6th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *James Salerno, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, July 6th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Special Intention for Mary Pera, as well as her 87th birthday remembrance*, requested by Beatrix Jahr.

**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 using both our online Faith Direct services or for mailing your envelope to:  
Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092*

Last week's collection information will be noted in next week's bulletin due to Vacation Bible School.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events**

*June*

- 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—Postponed—Men's Club Set-Back.  
New date: July 23rd.

*July*

- Tues, 1st—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 2nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 3rd—New Day Bereavement, R/A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 4th—Office Closed, Independence Day.
- Fri, 4th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 5th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 6th—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Wm's Min. Planning Mtg, Rooney-A, 7 pm
- Tues, 8th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 9th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 11th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. & 12 noon.
- Sun, 13th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:30 p.m.



**Sanctuary Lamp**



For  
*Julia McCabe*

## Understanding the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

This Sunday's solemnity celebrates the most foundational and most important apostles in Christianity. Let's take a look at their meaning and significance in our own faith lives:

- **Historically**, Saints Peter and Paul are recognized for their pivotal roles in the establishment and spread of the Christian Church, in particular the Roman Catholic Church. Peter, a fisherman, was selected by Jesus to be the leader of His disciples and the first pope. Paul, a former persecutor of Christians, underwent a transformation—a dramatic conversion—and became one of the most zealous apostles, spreading the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire.
- **Theologically**, this solemnity highlights the unity of the Catholic Church, as both saints represent different aspects of the Christian faith—Peter as the apostolic foundation and Paul as the missionary spirit of the Church. Together, they represent the Church's mission to evangelize and spread the teachings of Christ.
- **Liturgically**, our readings this Sunday will highlight the lives and the contributions of Peter and Paul, and there are specific prayers to honor both.
- **Reflection on Church's Apostolic Mission** is seen as the ongoing faithful reflect on their own call to discipleship and the importance of continuing mission of these two apostles—just consider the various ministries and organizations within the entirety of the Christian faith and in particularly the Catholic faith, parish by parish, diocese by diocese. Today we celebrate the need for unity within our Church, and the importance of Tradition (Peter) and the ongoing mission of the Church (Paul).
- **Cultural impact** as represented by both Peter and Paul are illustrated from the early Church (first centuries), having a significant impact on Christian art, culture, literature, and theology. Many churches are dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, and their lives inspire many, many believers to live out their faith actively (Catholic Action) in the world.

Thus, today we are asked to remember, recall and to move forward with the celebration of Saints Peter and Paul's contributions to the Church, and as a reminder of the importance of unity in our faith, and an encouragement for all Christians to engage in the lived apostolic mission of the Catholic Church.

### NOTE NEW DATE:

## Men's Ministry Change of Date for next meeting, from June 30 to July 23, 2025.

Due to a change in parish plans, the Men's Ministry will meet on JULY 23rd instead of JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>.

This new meeting is open to ALL MEN of our parish, young, middle-aged, and more senior. I am asking all men of our parish to come and learn about the new direction of our Men's Ministry and how we expect it to help build community in our parish, illustrate to the men what it means to be a Christian man in the modern world, and how we can support our local neighbors. Please consider this as a new opportunity to become involved in Christ through our parish! –Fr. Michael

# St. Catherine of Siena (Faith Formation)

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Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026 is now open. Please register as soon as possible by going to 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>

The due date for Lessons 1 & 2, Empowering God's Children (Grades K-10) was June 15th! If you have not yet completed them, please do so ASAP. Thank you! These lessons are available on the Faith Formation page of our website.

## Attn: Men of the parish

1. Join the Men's Club on Wednesday, July 23rd, 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>

2. Calling all golfers to save the date, September 19th, for *The Halo Open* in support of Youth Ministry and Men's Ministry. (Golf includes lunch and dinner. There is also the option of just joining for dinner). September 19th will be a beautiful day to hit the links. Volunteers are needed and we are requesting raffle items. Signup genius forthcoming. Questions? Contact Steve Cerchia by phone or text 860 478 9560.

## YES YOU "CAN"

### TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

We continue to look to refill our shelves. If you are able to help, this week we are looking for canned meats, coffee and tea, hot and cold cereal, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups. 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.*

# 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.

### 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*

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### SUMMER CALENDAR

- 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*

## SANDWICHES HELP FEED CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER WHILE OUT OF SCHOOL...PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING SANDWICHES FOR OUR STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY FOR JULY

Summer is here, and families and children in Hartford that rely on in-school breakfast and lunch programs, no longer have that option available during the summer months. Instead they rely on sandwiches from local area shelters to help with meals.

Although it is summer, please continue to consider making sandwiches to help the homeless and families in shelters. It has been difficult keeping up the same level of sandwiches collected during the last couple of months.

July sandwiches will be collected on the weekend of Saturday, July 19th from 8-9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 20th, from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, July 21st, from 8-9:30 a.m. 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 delivered 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/3HwOVoe>

### **St. Elizabeth's House- Drop off is SUNDAY, July 13th.**

*Thank you for your service!* Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521541-stelizabeth>

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### **PANTRY PARTNERS! The next distribution date for will be July 19th.**

This ministry partners with Big Y in Simsbury to provide fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to over 30 families in the community. **Thank you so much for your continued support!**

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### **FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, July 19th.**

Please sign up by Weds, July 16th. There are 4 ways to help:

- 1. Serve Lunch In-Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine's 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's Russell Hall Kitchen between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sat., 7/19.
- 3. NEW - COOKIES:** Make some sweet treats. Make 24 cookies and drop off on Sat, 7/19 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.

<https://bit.ly/FTHLunchJuly19>