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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 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 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.**

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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, July 19th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Caren Schoenberger*, requested by her sisters-in-law;
- **Sunday, July 20th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Barbara Nascimbeni, 4th anniversary, & Ben Nascimbeni, Jr, 20th anniversary*, requested by their family;
- **Sunday, July 20th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *James Breeney*, requested by Joan Klem;
- **Monday, July 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Albert Landi, 1st anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Tuesday, July 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Rita Ahrens*, requested by the Von Bartheld Family;
- **Tuesday, July 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, July 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Robert Paul Hyatt*, requested by Tom Colangelo;
- **Wednesday, July 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, July 25th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Pat Emelio*, requested by Terri Longo;
- **Saturday, July 26th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Max O'Meara, 2nd anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, July 27th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Smith*, requested by the Kaliden Family; and,
- **Sunday, July 27th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Rose Renna, 17th anniversary*, requested by her 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: \$ 5,750.10  
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,371.31  
Total: \$ 10,121.41

Repair & Refurbishment \$ 2,274.00  
Various \$ 45.00

Next weekend's second collection is for Mission Cooperative.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events**

*July*

- Sat, 19th—Youth Ministry to Boston, 7:30 a.m.
- Sat, 19th-Mon, 21st—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 19th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 19th—Pantry Partners, Rear Sidewalk, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 19th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon-21st—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—Youth Min, Cook & Bake, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 22nd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 22nd—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 22nd—Women's Bible Study, RH, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 23rd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 23rdMen's Ministry, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 25th—Chaperone Meeting, RH, 11 a.m.
- Fri, 25th-Sun, 27th—Steubenville East
- Fri, 25th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 26th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 28th—Mass at McLean, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 28th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 30th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 31st—New Day Bereavement, R/A, 10 a.m.

*August*

- Fri, 1st—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 2nd—Youth Ministry to Boston, 7:30 a.m.
- Sat, 2nd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 3rd—Living Your Faith, Rooney-A, 12:15 p.m.
- Sun, 3rd—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.

**Sanctuary Lamp**



For  
*40th Birthday Blessings  
for Ben,  
requested by his family.*

## Men's & Women's Ministry News & Update

The Men's Ministry (MM) has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm which will have a brief meeting and update on future plans. I hope that men of all ages—from early 20s and up—will attend and learn about ways to be involved in a new ministry that aims to deepen our Christian lives and spirituality as well as present opportunities to become involved in the parish and local community.

It is my hope that we will gain insight into roles of Christian men in the family, the parish and community — and find new ways to grow our parish through camaraderie and purpose through a revitalized MM. When I first arrived here the Men's and Women's "clubs" were very active and centerpieces of parish life. My desire is to regain that momentum with a spiritual purpose as a new focus for service and fellowship. It is also my hope that the men of the parish also share this intention. Please come on Wednesday the 23rd at 6:30 pm and find out more and then join in on this both personal and community growth.

The Women's Ministry (WM) is also seeking a new route to growth and strength. Currently, they have a survey up, <https://forms.gle/Ezbtyhr8S59DBQPU8>, and are asking all women of all ages in the parish for your input into desired subject matters of interest, projects and purpose. Please give them your input and your hopes on what a newly designed WM can do for you and for our parish community. A stronger spiritual self will strengthen the individual woman, the family and the greater community.

Research (CARA 2023) illustrates that in fact we do learn from our parents about the practice of faith. That can be good and bad. As a priest, I hear far too frequently from adult parents that their adult children "don't practice the faith anymore," and they are saddened beyond belief. It is time to restore lived faith to our younger families.

This doesn't mean lectures or "I told you so" annoyances, what it does mean is to be clear about Church teachings and our own application of the faith in our lives—testimonials—when we talk about Christ and Church in real, practical terms, we make it real and applicable. Beginning this Fall we will have brief testimonials at various Masses highlighting the meaning of our faith in our own lives. "Rock Solid" stories—something new and unusual, but certainly Catholic—and meaningful from the heart.

## Sixteenth Sunday

How timely! In this Sunday's gospel, Luke 10:38-42, the author highlights the importance of prioritizing Jesus and His teachings over the busyness of everyday life—work, sports, social activities and more—over spending time in the presence of Jesus and knowing the Truth of His teachings. This is not to say that work or sports, the social and communal experiences or that friendships and other activities are not important. We have to work to pay the bills, sports build great human qualities such as teamwork, and social connections make life enjoyable. That's fact.

What Luke is saying—and of which he is reminding us—that spending time in the presence of Christ, at Mass, in Adoration, in prayer time or meditation, are of the highest value for our individual human development, for our family's well being, and for our Eternal Life. It enables us to become, as Catherine of Siena would say, "...Who God meant you to be." And that's a Fact, too!

We hear of Martha and Mary and the different things with which they busy themselves. Mary sits in the presence of Jesus and listens to Him. Martha is busy with hostessing duties. Jesus speaks to Mary's priority—Him.

So perhaps each of us could sit with God's Word, read this gospel again—alone or as a family—and consider it anew: prioritizing the spiritual over the temporal; The dangers of distraction; Different callings; Invitation to reflection; and, Balance in life. Faith lived is not an "either or," it is about priorities and the hope of eternity. Amen!

# 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>

If you are interested in being a Faith Formation teacher or aide, please contact Grace by email or phone; [gracetreacyff@gmail.com](mailto:gracetreacyff@gmail.com), (860) 658-4737.

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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

July's meetings will be held on Monday, July 21st at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please join this rewarding ministry! If you need a prayer shawl or know someone who does, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773 or [ktoaks@gmail.com](mailto:ktoaks@gmail.com).

## **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 and a discussion on our growth plan as a ministry:

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

## **2. Halo Open September 19th—Save the date!**

Event will take place at the Simsbury Farms Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch to follow—proceeds will support Men's Ministry and other ministries. Get your foursomes together today! More to come..

## **Women's Service Ministry**

Calling all salad makers, come join us to make summer salads for our "neighbors in need" on Wednesday, August 6th at 9:15 a.m. in the church kitchen. We will make 12 delicious summer meals with desserts. Interested, call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 by Sunday, July 27th. Thank you for your consideration.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Senior and Junior High Youth Ministry

### PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. Help us to continue to grow our Youth Ministry. Preregister now and receive a free t-shirt at our **Fall Kickoff Meetings**. [Invite a friend to join us too!](#)

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Senior High Youth Ministry Fall Kickoff  
(grades 9-12)-Sunday, September 7, 6-8 pm.

Junior High Youth Ministry Fall Kickoff—  
(grades 6-8)-Monday September 8, 6-8 pm.

REGISTER NOW! Even if you have registered in prior years, you will need to register using this link:

<https://forms.gle/9UrKtcZK5cH6aMVZ8>

### SUMMER CALENDAR

- **THIS SATURDAY, July 19**-Woods Mullen trip to work at women's shelter in Boston (Senior High only)  
**REGISTER NOW** using this link:  
<https://bit.ly/4j79B4o>
- **THIS MONDAY, July 21**- CHEFS NEEDED to help cook dinner for local families in need; Parent volunteers also needed!  
**REGISTER NOW** using this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3HCbp7w>
- 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)  
**REGISTER NOW** using this link:  
<https://bit.ly/4j79B4o>
- Sunday, August 17-Water Games, Jersey Mike's Subs and so much more!  
**REGISTER NOW** using this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3lqse62>

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

# NOURISH WITH *Hope*

## PANTRY PARTNERS!

SCPP provides fresh vegetables and protein to families in need. The food is purchased from Big Y in Simsbury and they are a wonderful partner in this ministry.

**The next distribution date is  
Saturday, July 19th.**

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

Thank you for your ongoing donations. If you are able to donate, this week we are looking for cans of hearty soups, and canned vegetables. 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.*

## **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 at 9:45 a.m. to St. Elizabeth 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., 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>

## **THIS WEEKEND**

**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>**