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



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 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:

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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 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;
- **Sunday, July 27th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Rosa Renna, 17th anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Monday, July 28th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *James Hourican*, requested by the Carello Family;
- **Tuesday, July 29th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Karin Krenek, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Haley Family;
- **Tuesday, July 29th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, July 30th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Elsa Varghese*, requested by the Rosary Group;
- **Wednesday, July 30th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, August 1st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Margaret & Frederick Libera*, requested by their family;
- **Saturday, August 2nd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Violeta, Edwin & Ernesto Cruz*, requested by their family;
- **Sunday, August 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Maria Waterman, 5th anniversary*, requested by her family; and,
- **Sunday, August 3rd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Diane Rozwadowski, birthday remembrance*, 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: \$ 5,422.50
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,371.31
Total: \$ 9,793.81

Repair & Refurbishment \$ 635.00 (addtl)

**This weekend's second collection
is for Mission Cooperative.**

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

July

- Sat, 26th—Confession, Church, 4 p.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.
- Mon, 4th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 5th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 6th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 6th—Wm's Min. Cook & Bake, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Fri, 8th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 9th—NO Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

**Calling All Women of the Parish: Help Us
Create Something Just for You!**

What inspires you? What lifts your spirit? The Women's Ministry wants to know! We're dreaming up new ways to gather, grow, and walk together in our Catholic faith—but we need *your* voice to do it. Take our anonymous survey and share what *you* need most right now—whether it's prayer, connection, learning, or laughter. This is your invitation to help shape something meaningful, refreshing, and made with you in mind! Please share your thoughts here:

<https://forms.gle/EzbtYhr8S59DBQPU8>

Sanctuary Lamp

For
Daniel Reilley,
RIP.



My sincerest thanks!

This past Thursday I celebrated my mother's funeral Mass and I wanted to express my appreciation to so many people for the comfort they provided, for their prayers for my mother's noble soul and for our family, and for their presence at her funeral Mass here at St. Catherine of Siena. My mother lived a long life (88 years), filled with good times and some sadness, as do we all, but her faith was strong and she believed in Christ and His Resurrection. She died quite peacefully though unexpectedly. It was a blessing.

My thanks and appreciation go out to all here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, especially our staff who organized the reception (Manuela, Lisa, and Chris), steadied the liturgy preparation (Lou Daniels and Mike Grappone), ordered the flowers (Chris) for the altar. I appreciate so very much all that they did.

The music for this Mass was exceptionally beautiful—the songs and the voices (Susan Zybert) and our choir, the cantor (Amyjean Eisen), our cellist (Tristan Buttimer)—many, many heartfelt thanks.

I wish to thank my brother priests who attended and concelebrated the Mass in the midst of their busy schedules, and to Archbishop Christopher Coyne, for his presence at the Mass and his prayer of Commendation for my mother, whom he knew. And to the parishioners who attended, my thanks to you also for your prayers. It meant a great deal. My mother very much loved this parish and she attended many parish events always leaving her with the feeling that St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners were a special group of people, faithful disciples of Christ.

Thank you,
-Fr. Michael

Women of our parish

Just a friendly reminder that the Women's Ministry has a link to a survey that will enable you to help form the direction of the Ministry, to serve you in your spiritual and community needs as well as to our parish. I pray you will take a few minutes to give your opinion and direction. Go to: <https://forms.gle/Ezbtzhr8S59DBQPU8>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13 is a gospel on prayer, our spiritual life, and the applicability of prayer to everyday life. There are six (6) key points or themes in this Sunday's gospel, from The Lord's Prayer, the need for the persistence in prayer, God's generosity, reflection as a part of prayer, and the practical application of prayer to everyday life.

Today, let us consider The Lord's Prayer and Persistence in Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer: was given to us by Jesus as a model for prayer. We are called to refer to God as "Father," highlighting a personal relationship between us and God—and that is God's hope. Each line in this beautiful prayer can be "unpacked" to illustrate our dependence on our Father/God, the sanctity of His Name, the coming of His Kingdom, and our daily needs such as forgiveness and guidance away from temptation. *That we are His creation and that as Creator, He wants to care for us, guide us and that His Love seeks only our excellence; we are called not to fight His Will.*

Persistence in Prayer: The parable of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-8) teaches the importance of persistence in prayer. Jesus illustrates that, even if a friend may be reluctant to help at first, persistence can lead to a response. We are told here that the need for us to be persistent in our conversations i.e., "prayers" with God is vital; to be faithful in prayer—especially when we think we are too busy to pray—we must always and everywhere have Trust that God will listen to us. *More in the homily...*

St. Catherine of Siena (Faith Formation)

Helen Treacy, Director, stcathy@comcast.net

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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 Helen by email or phone; stcathy@comcast.net, (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.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is collecting women's toiletries and personal sundries including lotion, face wipes, body wipes, deodorant, full-size shampoo, conditioner, new women's sports bras (med-xxxl) and new women's underwear (med-xxxl) for our **August 2nd** Trip to Woods Mullen Women's Shelter. If you are able to help, please leave donations in the boxes provided. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!!!

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.

Save the date!

Our Men's Ministry will host the Halo Open, September 19th— 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! We will also need volunteers. If you'd like to help please contact Steve Cerchia, fscerchia@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior and Junior High Youth Ministry

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. Bring one women's toiletry item (deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc) to donate.

Junior High Youth Ministry Fall Kickoff— (grades 6-8)-Monday September 8, 6-8 pm. Bring one women's toiletry item (deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc) to donate.

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

- 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>

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NOURISH WITH *Hope*

What is the LIFELONG Ministry many have asked? The ministry just completed its third year of helping neighbors in need in our own community. The ministry volunteers set up clothing “boutique “ on cheese day (a day each month when town residents can shop the food pantry). The clothing collections are from Simsbury resident's to Simsbury residents in need. We also distribute shoes, boots, coats, socks, toiletries, etc. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated.

Your help is needed once again...It is time to think about clearing out your gently used fall/winter clothing (waiting for a cool day of course). We are happy to take clothing from any season but concentrating on fall/winter at this time. If you would like to donate to our cause, please drop your clothing off in the atrium in the brown box by the sacristy door.

For pick up, please call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241. God bless you!

St. Elizabeth's House

Drop off is SUNDAY, August 10th.

Thank you for your service!

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521635-stelizabeth>

Pantry Partners

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be **August 16th**. 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 CHILDREN-AUGUST STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY SANDWICHES HELP FEED CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER WHILE OUT OF SCHOOL...PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING SANDWICHES FOR OUR SANDWICH MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

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.

August sandwiches will be collected on the weekend of Saturday, August 16 from 8-9:30 am, Sunday, August 17, from 9-6 pm, and Monday, August 18, from 8-9:30. 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/3IHVDVH>