

For our homebound and sick parishioners:
Livestream our 11 a.m. Mass at stcatherine.info



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 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, 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;
- **Sunday, August 3rd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Diane Rozwadowski, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- **Monday, August 4th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Warden, Jr.*, requested by his family;
- **Tuesday, August 5th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Catholic Nurses*, requested by Fr. Whyte;
- **Tuesday, August 5th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, August 6th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Rebecca Mimeault*, requested by the Rosary Group;
- **Wednesday, August 6th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, August 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Raoul Hansen, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Saturday, August 9th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Caren Schoenberger*, requested by her husband;
- **Sunday, August 10th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Hodge, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family; and,
- **Sunday, August 10th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Dolph Fusco, 6th 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: \$ 5,854.21
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,371.31
Total: \$ 10,225.52

Repair & Refurbishment \$ 40.00(addtl)
Various \$ 100.00
Mission Co-op \$ 905.00

Next weekend's second collection is for Repair & Refurbishment.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

- 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—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 5th—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.
- Sun, 10th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m. & 12 noon
- Sun, 10th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon, 11th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 12th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 13th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 14th—New Day Bereavement, R/A, 10 a.m.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation**

- Thurs, 14th—Mass, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 15th—Mass at 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, 15th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 16th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 16th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 16th-Mon, 18th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 16th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



For
Lois Hines,
requested by
Manuela Hanshaw.

Welcome New Faith Formation Director

Helen Treacy and her family became parishioners of St. Catherine's nearly 20 years ago. They were immediately taken by the sense of community and the strong Religious Education program available for her young children. Religious education has been a defining and reoccurring tenet in her life.

Helen grew up as the second youngest in a family of 10 children, and her mother had two desires for each of her children. One, to earn a college degree, and two, to go to Mass! She attended Mass as a family every Sunday, regardless of any sports or extracurricular activity that was scheduled.

Upon graduating from Villanova University, Helen became a missionary in Japan where she taught English Conversation to middle and high school aged students, as well as served the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless in her community. After three years, Helen returned to the United States to pursue her teaching credential and reconnect with Greg Treacy. She and Greg have been married for almost 30 years and have been blessed with four wonderful children who are now having children of their own!

While raising her children, Helen earned her Master's in Educational Leadership. She was able to teach elementary children part-time, coach high school volleyball, and become a Board of Education member in her hometown of Canton. After she finished her degree, Helen became a Catholic school principal at St. Augustine School in Hartford, CT. Three years later, she was hired to be the principal at St. Matthew School in Forestville, CT. For personal reasons, Helen and her husband moved to Oklahoma City and Helen was hired at Bishop John Carroll Cathedral School as the school principal. This past summer Helen and her husband returned home to Connecticut.

Each of these roles has reaffirmed Helen's commitment to service. She strongly believes that children at any age learn best through service and that we as the adults are the greatest teachers and must be strong examples for them. Helen looks forward to working with the St. Catherine's team as well with each of you! *Welcome, Helen!*

Welcome New Youth Ministry Director

Maureen Vargas comes from a dual background of Accounting and Teaching. She joined St. Catherine's through the Archdiocese, providing Accounting support since October 2024. Even in that role, she could feel the strength, generosity and fellowship of our parish. Soon after, she expressed interest in the Youth Ministry events taking place right outside her door. From the enthusiasm of the kids to the apparent love of their faith, she immediately knew she wanted to be involved in the program in some way and began volunteering at some of the meetings. She is now thrilled to be able to support them as our new fulltime Youth Ministry Director, along with her continued financial role as our Parish Business Manager one-day per week.

A graduate of Providence College and a CPA, Maureen started out in Public Accounting Auditing and has held numerous financial positions in corporate and service-related companies. Coupled with that, she was a substitute teacher for over ten years for all age groups, but primarily middle school and high school. Also over that time, she served as a Girl Scout Leader for her daughter's troop, PTO Vice-President and Treasurer at the schools her children attended, as well as a volunteer leader in various religious, education and community service programs, offering support and companionship for the homeless, special needs children and adults, and senior citizens in nursing homes.

Maureen grew up in Southington, CT where she still lives with her family, including her husband of 25 years, her two children, ages 19 and 21, and her father, whom she moved-in with her upon her late mom's illness in 2021. She attends Mass with her father in her home town at St. Luke's Parish. Family and faith are extremely important in her household and she is excited to be able to extend that to St. Catherine's. She is committed to being a mentor to our Youth Ministry children, providing a positive and supportive environment to help shape their values, guide their spiritual journey, and help foster growth in their relationship with God through many good works and engagement opportunities. *Welcome, Maureen!*

Farewell from Manuela Hanshaw

Dear Parishioners and Youth Ministry Families,

As I prepare to retire from my role as Director of Youth Ministry, my heart is overflowing with gratitude and love. It has truly been one of the greatest blessings of my life to serve alongside such an incredible community and to walk with so many amazing teens on their journey of faith.

To our parishioners - thank you. Your constant support and generosity have helped make our Youth Ministry vibrant and impactful. It is this unwavering support that has been a constant source of encouragement and strength to me. Whether you attended a car wash, contributed to the Boston Mission Trip Silent Auction, donated to our homeless collections, or made sandwiches for those in need, you've shown our teens what it means to live out the Gospel with love and action. We are all better for your example.

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St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

Helen Treacy, Director, stcathy@comcast.com

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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.

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.

Heads up, St. Catherine of Siena golfers!

We're swapping pumpkin spice for spring sunshine — our church golf outing is moving from fall to spring! More birdies, fewer leaves to rake.

Stay tuned for the new date!

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

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. If you are able to donate, this week we are looking for rice, hearty soups, canned proteins (Spam, tuna, chicken), and canned fruits and 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.

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

- This 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>

DONATIONS NEEDED

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

Farwell from Manuela continued from page 3...

To the teens - working with you has been nothing short of inspiring. Watching you grow in your relationship with Jesus, build lasting friendships, and serve with compassion and joy has brought me so much happiness and hope. You are the heart of this ministry. Your energy, openness, and courage in living your faith are powerful reminders that God is doing great things in and through you.

To the parents - thank you for encouraging your teens to be part of Youth Ministry. Your witness, your presence at Mass, and your commitment to faith in your homes plant seeds that flourish here in Youth Ministry. Faith begins at home and is nurtured by your love and example. Thank you for trusting me to walk alongside your children.

To our Teen Leaders - past, present, and future - your leadership has been the lifeblood of this program. You make everyone feel welcome. You guide with joy, pray with sincerity, and share your faith without hesitation. You really know how to have fun too! Our gatherings would not be the same without your dedication and heart.

To my assistant Sandra - thank you is not enough. As I step away from my role, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such a steady, joyful, and creative partner in Youth Ministry. You've embraced all my wild ideas with enthusiasm—and somehow managed to improve them every time. Your love for the teens, your care in every detail, and your incredible organization have been such a gift to this ministry and to me personally. I will miss you deeply, but I'm so grateful that you are staying on to work with Maureen. I know the program will thrive with your heart and talent guiding it forward.

To all the staff, parish priests and liaisons – thank you for being more than just coworkers—you've truly been like family. You've supported Youth Ministry with open hearts (and amazing patience), listened to me on the good days and the not-so-good ones, and never batted an eye at my many “just one more thing” requests. I've always felt I could count on you for anything—and I usually did! Your kindness, humor, and friendship have meant the world to me.

And to Father Michael - thank you for your guidance, your encouragement, and your steadfast support of Youth Ministry. Even when we may have tested the boundaries of creativity (think Yankee signs all over the property), your forgiveness and understanding never wavered. You've always seen the value of this ministry and its place in the life of our parish, and I am so grateful for your spiritual leadership.

As I step into retirement, I look forward to spending more time with my family and enjoying our new home in Delaware. St. Catherine of Siena has been my home for over 25 years, and I will always remain connected to this parish and all of you. I plan to stay active in our community, and I will carry the memories of our Youth Ministry—at St. Catherine's, St. Mary's, and St. Therese—with deep affection and gratitude.

Thank you for being such a meaningful part of my life. You are in my prayers always.

Many thanks and blessings,

Manuela Hanshaw, Director of Youth Ministry
St. Catherine of Siena, St. Mary's and St. Therese Parishes

Pantry Partners

The next distribution date for
Pantry Partners will be August 16th.

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521635-stelizabeth)

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch

Service on Sat, August 16th.

Please sign up by Weds, August 13th.

sign-up. <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchAug16>

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

Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3IHVDVH>