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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 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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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 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;
- **Sunday, August 10th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Dolph Fusco*, 6th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Monday, August 11th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Elsa Varghese*, requested by the Rosary Group;
- **Tuesday, August 12th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Catherine Hourican*, requested by the Carello Family;
- **Tuesday, August 12th @ 9:00 a.m.** NO Adoration;
- **Wednesday, August 13th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *J. Matthew Collins*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- **Wednesday, August 13th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;

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*Feast of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation*

- **Thursday, August 14th @ 6:30 p.m.** Mass for *Christopher Erwin*, requested by the Von Bartheld Family;
- **Friday, August 15th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Peter Platek*, requested by his family;
- **Friday, August 15th @ 6:30 p.m.** Mass *Pro Populo*;

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- **Saturday, August 16th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Michael Brienza*, birthday remembrance, requested by his wife;
- **Sunday, August 17th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Henry Thevenin*, 14th anniversary, requested by the Cranmore Family; and,
- **Sunday, August 17th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Ashley Egan*, 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*

Financial information will be available in next week's bulletin.

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

- 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.

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**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.
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- Fri, 15—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.
- Sun, 17th—Youth Ministry Water Wars, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 18th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 18th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 19th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 19th—Wm's Bible Study, RH, 7 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



*For Dolph Fusco,
6th anniversary,
requested by his family.*

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Join New England Catholic Biblical
School on a pilgrimage with

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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; 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

August's meetings will be held on Monday, August 18th at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 19th 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.

Attn: Ladies of the Parish

Please join the Women's Ministry on Tuesday, August 19th at 7 p.m. in Russell Hall for a Bible Study discussion on the *Women of the New Testament.*

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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior and Junior High Youth Ministry

REGISTER YOUTH MINISTRY

2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. Preregister now and receive a free t-shirt at our Fall Kickoff Meetings. REGISTER NOW! Even if you have registered in prior years, you will need to register using this link:

<https://forms.gle/6xwkJira6jdiwpuc8>

SUMMER CALENDAR

SUNDAY AUGUST 17th — WATER GAMES, JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS and so much more! SO many new water games and events, you won't want to miss it. BRING A TOWEL! Invite a friend too and sign them up here:

REGISTER NOW using this link:

<https://bit.ly/3lqse62>

*Please be sure to follow us on
Instagram at
stcatherine_youthministry*

SAVE THE DATES

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 6-8 p.m.—KICKING IT AT KICKOFF. Be prepared for one amazing Kickoff Night!! Bring a towel, you will get wet, but this is NOT water wars. Expect the unexpected! Pizza will be served. Bring one women's toiletry item (deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc) to donate. FREE T-SHIRT if you are registered for YM. Sign up for this meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/4l7SVdt>



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 6-8 pm-KICKING IT AT KICKOFF (Grades 6-8). Be prepared for one amazing Kickoff Night!! Bring a towel, you will get wet, but this is NOT water wars. Expect the Unexpected! Light refreshments will be served. Bring one women's toiletry item (deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc) to donate. FREE T-SHIRT if you are registered for YM. Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/40Hmulq>



NOURISH WITH *Hope*

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)

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 HUNGRY Lunch

Service on Sat, August 16th.

Please sign up by Weds, August 13th.

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., 8/16.
- 3. NEW - COOKIES:** Make some sweet treats. Make 24 cookies and drop off on Sat, 8/16 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/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

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 a.m., Sunday, August 17th, from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, August 18th, 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/3IHVDVH>