

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



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 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

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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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PARISH STAFF

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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 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;
- **Sunday, August 17th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Ashley Egan, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- **Monday, August 18th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Frank Guilfoyle, IV, birthday remembrance*, requested by Peter & Donna Gawronski;
- **Tuesday, August 19th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Elizabeth Brodeur*, requested by The Neureither Family;
- **Tuesday, August 19th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, August 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Florence Ciccarello*, requested by the Carello Family;
- **Wednesday, August 20th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, August 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *David O'Hanlon*, requested by the Von Bartheld Family;
- **Saturday, August 23rd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Leslie Brimmer, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, August 24th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Feeheley, 3rd anniversary*, requested by Steve Sennott; and,
- **Sunday, August 24th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Eileen Landi.

Sanctuary Lamp



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*

Week of August 3/4

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks: \$ 4,733.43
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 8,805.51

Week of August 9/10

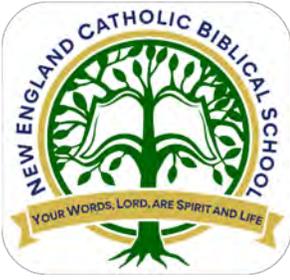
Weekly Loose Cash/Checks: \$ 6,952.16
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 11,024.24

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

- -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—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- -Tues, 19th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- -Tues, 19th—Women's Bible Study, RH, 7 p.m.
- -Wed, 20th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- -Fri, 22nd—Chaplet, Chur.ch, 9 a.m.
- -Sat, 23rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- -Sun, 24th—Youth Min. Leaders Mtg, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- -Mon, 25th—*Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.*
- -Mon, 25th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.

Congratulations to the three scholarship winners from St. Catherine of Siena who were awarded \$1000 each; Cole P. Chapman, Russell Bilodeau and Carson Knapp. We wish them good luck in college and all their future endeavors.
The Knights of Columbus.



Enroll in the **New England Catholic Biblical School** to study all 73 books of the Bible! Unlock the meaning and purpose of your life!

In-person and online classes begin September 6, 2025. For more information visit www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com.

Tentative locations for Fall classes:

[Online \(Virtual\), Spanish, Monday, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm](#) **New class**

[Online \(Virtual\), Friday, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm](#) **New class**

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Monday 10 pm-12 pm

Sacred Heart, Bloomfield, Tuesday, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

St. Aloysius, Plantsville, Monday, 10 pm-12 pm

Prince of Peace, (Hybrid) Woodbury, Monday, 10 am-12 pm

O.L. of Fatima, Wallingford Tuesday 10 am -12 pm

Online (Virtual), Thursday 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Visit: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com



The Office of Missionary Discipleship Presents:

The Housing and Homeless Crisis; Breaking the Cycle. September 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main St. Cheshire 06410

Come to learn the latest information surrounding the housing and homeless crisis and what the church and lay ministry can do to restore dignity and break the cycle in your community. The evening will conclude with a panel of experts discussing your questions.

Reserve your seat today. Go to Ana.plaza@aohct.org

About the presenter: Jered Bruzas

For more than a decade, Jered has been a driving force for positive change across both Plainville and the Greater Waterbury region.

In 2022, Jered was appointed Chief Impact Officer at [United Way of Greater Waterbury](#). Recognizing his integrity, leadership, and record of meaningful community work, Jered was entrusted with overseeing one of the region's most influential portfolios. In this role, Jered leads the design and execution of United Way's strategies across Basic Needs, Education, and Financial Stability, aligning investments, partnerships, and performance metrics to improve lives at scale.

Prior to joining United Way, Jered spent a decade at Connecticut's largest homeless shelter, [Saint Vincent DePaul Mission Shelter, Inc.](#) Starting as a case manager and rising to Director of Operations, he worked directly with individuals and families experiencing homelessness—supporting them with housing stabilization, financial coaching, treatment planning, job placement, and access to vital services. He also spearheaded the organization's data and outcome systems, turning insights into action and driving continuous improvement across programs. He established the Merriman Culinary Job Training program, a flagship program for the Mission.

St. Catherine of Siena (Faith Formation)

Helen Treacy, Director, helentreacyff@gmail.com

Phone: (860) 658-4737

Summer is coming to a close and Faith Formation will begin in September so it is imperative that all families register ASAP so that we have the appropriate number of teachers and supplies for all our classes. Please register by going to the church website, www.stcatherine.info, under the Faith Formation tab or follow use this link: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=c406ae27-73b6-4b94-b4bc-b58720fcdc5a>

Teachers are needed for Grades 1, 3, 4, 6, and 8. Please contact Helen by email or phone; helentreacyff@gmail.com, (860) 658-4737.

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*.

WOMEN & MEN OF THE PARISH—We are in great need of Lead Ushers for our Saturday & Sunday Masses. You can select your Mass preference and availability as schedules are done 3 months in advance! And training is provided. Please consider being a part of this valuable Ministry & contact Eileen Landi (860-490-5472) or email at eileenlandi@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets are also available in the vestibule and atrium. *Faith and service cannot be separated; on the contrary, they are intimately linked, interwoven with each other" - Pope Francis.*

Music Notes

We are so fortunate in our parish to have so many dedicated volunteers in our Music Ministry – from our choir members and instrumentalists to our cantors who have been such a wonderful help this summer leading our congregational singing. **Have you ever considered joining our Music Ministry?** Have people turned around in the pew and suggested you join the choir? If so, we invite you to slide out of your comfort zone in the congregational pews and join us in the choir section this fall. ***We are looking for new members in all voice parts.*** We offer both a Children’s Choir, which is open to our youth in grades 2-8, and an Adult Choir which is open to both high school students and adults. Music is an essential element of our weekend and Holy Day liturgies and we are dedicated to that ministry. **Come and experience the beauty and joy of Christ in a new way when you sing in the choir!**

Tuesday Rehearsal Schedule (beginning Sept. 9)

Children’s Choir: 6:30-7:20 p.m. in the Music Room; Adult Choir: 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the Church

Mass Schedule

Children’s Choir: sings twice per month (Sept. – April), *email Susan for complete schedule*

Adult Choir: 11 AM Masses each week from Sept. 14 – June 7, Christmas Eve 10 PM, Triduum

No auditions are needed, but if anyone interested in the Adult Choir would like to meet with the director to see what voice part you are, please contact Susan Zybert at susanzybert@comcast.net to schedule a time. If you have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Susan.

We encourage you to give it a try and we look forward to meeting you soon!

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 p.m.-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*

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat., August 16th. HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

- 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>

THIS SUNDAY - FEED THE CHILDREN – SANDWICHES STILL NEEDED FOR OUR AUGUST STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY. SANDWICHES HELP FEED CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER WHILE OUT OF SCHOOL

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 17, from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, August 18, 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>

Pantry Partners

The next distribution date is
September 20th

Thank you to all who helped with the August distribution. It is greatly appreciated.

St. Elizabeth's House

The next drop off is
SUNDAY, September 14th.

Thank you for your service!