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



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 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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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 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;
- **Sunday, August 24th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Eileen Landi;
- **Monday, August 25th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Carl Ajello*, requested by the Magnani Family;
- **Tuesday, August 26th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Lois Grady*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- **Tuesday, August 26th @ 9:00 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, August 27th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Rebecca Mimeault*, requested by the Rosary Group;
- **Wednesday, August 27th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, August 29th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *William Carello*, requested by his family;
- **Saturday, August 30th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Barbara Hopkins;
- **Sunday, August 31st @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*, requested by Jody & Susan Cranmore; and,
- **Sunday, August 31st @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Rosemarie Coppinger McNally, 1st 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: \$ 5,605.63
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 9,677.71

Feast of the Assumption: \$ 680.00
Repair & Refurbishment \$ 176.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

- 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.
- Tues, 26th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 27th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 28th—Bereavement, Rooney-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 29th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 30th —Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

September

- Mon, 1st—Labor Day, Office closed, No Confession.
- Tues, 2nd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 3rd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 5th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 6th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 6th—Confirmation Enrollment Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sat, 6th—Confirmation Parent Mtg, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 7th—Catechist Orientation, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Sun, 7th—Catechist Mass, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 7th—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Sun, 7th—Sr. High Youth Min. Kick-Off, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 8th—Jr. High Youth Min. Kick-Off, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 8th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 9th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 9th—Children’s Choir begins, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 9th—Adult Choir begins, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 10th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 11th—Bereavement, Rooney-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 12th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



For
Alyse Joy Freire Odlum,
RIP.

Prayers and Good Wishes to our college students
heading off to or returning to college.
And to our elementary and high school students,
a blessed year ahead.

—Fr. Michael

Best Shrines of
FRANCE
Pilgrimage

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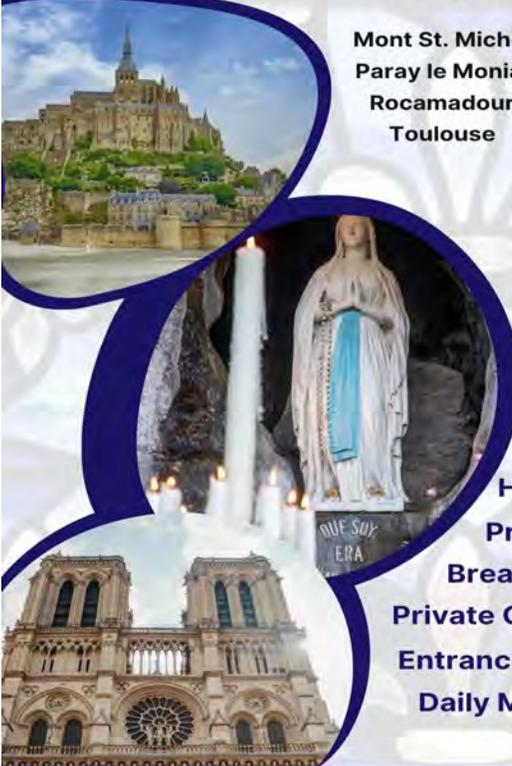
Join New England Catholic Biblical
School on a pilgrimage with
Fr. Christopher Ford and Jason Rinaldi

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Rocamadour	Nevers	St. Vincent de Paul
Toulouse	Paris	St. Catherine Laboure
		St. Margaret Mary Alcoque

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St. Catherine of Siena (Faith Formation)

Helen Treacy, Coordinator, helentreacyff@gmail.com

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Faith Formation will begin in in 3 weeks on September 14th 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 the 2025-2026 School Year Now!

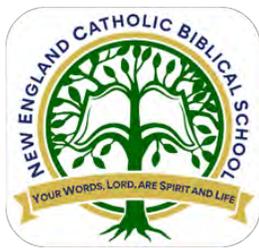
Please consider joining your student in their Faith Formation by volunteering as a catechist. Teachers are needed in Grades 1, 3, 4 and 6!!!

Please contact Helen Treacy at helentreacyff@gmail.com if you are interested.

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.



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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior and Junior High Youth Ministry

REGISTER FOR:

YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. PRE-REGISTER NOW and receive a **free t-shirt at our Fall Kickoff Meetings!** Even if you registered in prior years, you need to register using this link: <https://forms.gle/6xwkJira6jdiwpuc8>

SUMMER CALENDAR

THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 24th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Leadership Team Training Meeting at St. Catherine of Siena, Russell Hall.
All leaders are expected to attend.
We will review our theme, roles and expectations & calendar. If you haven't already, sign up using the link below and select a food item to bring for our dinner we will be cooking together:
<https://bit.ly/468f1HA>

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at
stcatherine_youthministry

SAVE THE DATES

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. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Bring one women's toiletry item (deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc) to donate. **FREE T-SHIRT** if you are registered for YM.

SR. HIGH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 6-8 p.m.

Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/4I7SVdt>



JR. HIGH: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 6-8 p.m.

Sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/40HmuLq>



ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Teens return to St. Catherine of Siena from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to play games, have S'Mores and relax at the fire pit.

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 school snacks such as pre-packaged goldfish and pretzels, juice boxes, large bottles of juice, coffee, rice and canned proteins (Spam, tuna, chicken). 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.

NOURISH WITH *Hope*

St. Elizabeth's House

Drop off is Sunday, September 14th.

Thank you for your service!

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-54521748-stelizabeth>

Pantry Partners

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be September 20th. This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to over 30 families in the community. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Save the date!

The next Feed the Hungry on Saturday, September 27th.

Sign up will be in next week's bulletin.

SEPTEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

September sandwiches will be collected on the weekend of Saturday, September 27th from 8-9:30 a.m., Sunday, September 28th, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Monday, September 29th, 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, wax paper or cellophane) and deliver 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/4oCHld4>