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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 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 30th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Barbara Hopkins;
- Sunday, August 31st @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Marylou Whyte*, requested by Jody & Susan Cranmore;
- Sunday, August 31st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Rosemary Coppinger McNally*, 1st anniversary, requested by her family;
- Monday, September 1st @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Bob & Ginny Belden*, wedding anniversary remembrance, requested by Melanie Davis;
- Tuesday, September 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Catholic Nurses*, requested by Fr. Whyte;
- Tuesday, September 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. Adoration;
- Wednesday, September 3rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rosemarie Ciccarello*, requested by the Carello Family;
- Wednesday, September 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. Rosary;
- Friday, September 5th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Yolande Casey*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- Saturday, September 6th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Our Confirmation I students*;
- Sunday, September 7th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Lois Hines*, requested by the Hanshaw Family; and,
- Sunday, 7th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Our Catechists*.

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: \$ 5,579.50
Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08
Total: \$ 9,651.58

Feast of the Assumption: \$ 60.00 (add'l)
Repair & Refurbishment \$ 2,080.00 (add'l)

Next weekend we will have a second collection for emergency aid to Gaza.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

-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—Rosary, Church, 9 a.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.
- Sat, 13th —Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 14th—Faith Formation begins, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 14th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Sun, 14th—Confirmation 1 & 2, RH, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For

*George D. Clee, Jr. &
Marie-Claire van Rooy*

RIP



PRAY THE ROSARY—Everyone is welcome to join the Rosary Group and pray the Rosary after daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Honors, Titles and Humility”

Thinking about humility as a theme of our gospel, two former first ladies come to mind. **Barbara Bush** once offering the commencement speech at Smith College told the audience that, and I paraphrase, *on your deathbed you will not miss having finalized one more contract or missing out on another deal, rather the times missed with children, spouses, friends, and in doing good in our community will be our regrets.* It implies humility and selecting the righteous things in life. **Eva Duarte de Peron**, “**in the play Evita**,” the Argentine first lady sings a song as she is dying from cancer and acknowledging being defeated from within by her husband’s government for her run for vice president, makes her “Final Broadcast” attempting to rewrite history with these words: “I want to tell the people of Argentina I have decided I should decline all the honors and titles you’ve pressed me to take...” in her attempt to blame the people for her desire for power, position and wealth...I did it for you...for all of you. She lacks humility.

Humility inspires us to seek the righteous over the self; the desire for power, or prestige or position can take us away from the righteous and into ultimate sadness. The context of today’s gospel has Jesus teaching us—at a meal—about the importance of humility and the proper attitude for us to have toward others. In the application for everyday Catholic living, we are called to practice humility and to live out in our daily lives a respect for all others, especially the marginalized. We are urged to actively participate in charity and hospitality, thus reflecting Christ’s love. Spiritually, this gospel asks us to recognize that true greatness in the Kingdom of God is not found in status, wealth, street addresses or in the clothes we wear. It is found in the good (righteous) things we do.

Women’s Ministry Fall Bible Study

Morning Session. Questions? Contact Judy Manza, jmanza@verizon.net

Encountering the God of Faith, Hope and Love in the Bible, by Fr. George Smiga. All women are invited to join us beginning September 24th and continuing through October 29th from 9:30–11:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning. In *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible*, award-winning Scripture commentator Fr. George Smiga explores how God is revealed through various stages of salvation history—from the call of Abraham through the resurrection of Jesus—and how faith, hope, and love have evolved as our understanding of God grows. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. The morning sessions will be led by Judy Manza and Theresa Bellacosa. **All women are welcome, regardless of Scripture experience.** Books will be available in the parish office to purchase for \$17.95.

Please register here: <http://bit.ly/4fX0Qt1>

Evening Session. Questions? Contact Michelle Page, pagekoe@gmail.com

All women of the parish are invited to join our evening bible study beginning on Wednesday October 8th from 7-8 p.m. and continuing weekly through October 29th for a total of 4 weeks. We will be using Stephen J. Binzer's book *Angels of God* and our discussion will be led by Diane Lipari. This study enhances today's fascination with angels with an overview of the Bible's presentation of God's angels as guardians and messengers. Understanding their presence throughout biblical history will enhance your awareness of their invisible presence with us today. **All women are welcome, regardless of Scripture experience.** Books will be ordered for those who register by September 15th. Cost of the book will be determined by the number ordered but will range between \$11-18.

Registration is required for the evening session: <http://bit.ly/4fX0Qt1>

St. Catherine of Siena (Faith Formation)

Helen Treacy, Director, helentreacyff@gmail.com

Phone: (860) 658-4737

Faith Formation will begin in 2 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.

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. 14th–June 7th, 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 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>

SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH

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/4l7SVdt>



JR. HIGH: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 6-8 pm. Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/40HmuLq>



SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church parking lot– Rain or shine! A free hot dog & chips lunch will be served to our parishioners as they get their car washed. Sign up for Youth Ministry to receive a free t-shirt! Need confirmation service hours? Volunteer to wash, dry & fold towels after the car wash. **TEEN & PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 11:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** Sign up for one or more shifts using this link.: <https://bit.ly/46a3Wpd>

SR. HIGH TEENS: Sunday, September 21st, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Return to St. Catherine of Siena to play fun games, have S'Mores and relax at the fire pit.

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

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!

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch

Service on Sat, September 27th.

Please sign up by Weds, September 24th. 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., 9/27.
- 3. NEW - COOKIES:** Make some sweet treats. Make 24 cookies and drop off on Sat, 9/27 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/FTHLunchSept27>

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>