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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 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](mailto:StCatherineWebMaster@Comcast.net)

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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, September 20th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Grade 6 Class Mass; for Dick Hopkins, birthday remembrance & 66th wedding anniversary remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, September 21st @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Teresa & Joseph Laskowski*, requested by their children;
- **Sunday, 21st @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Rob & Mike Larose, anniversary*, requested by their family;
- **Monday, September 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Warden, Sr., birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Monday, September 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Tuesday, September 23rd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *John Francis Mahoney*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- **Tuesday, September 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.** NO Adoration;
- **Wednesday, September 24th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Anthony Spencer*, requested by Manuela Hanshaw;
- **Wednesday, September 24th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, September 26th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Dan Reilley*, requested by Eileen Landi;
- **Saturday, September 27th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Ralph Ritacco, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, September 28th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Frances Koczera; and,
- **Sunday, September 28th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Nancy Cannariato, 30th 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:	\$ 6,316.66
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,072.08
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,388.74</b>
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 2,349.00
Various	\$ 65.50

This week's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events**

*September*

- Sat, 20th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 20th—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sat, 20th—Grade 6 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 21st—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 21st—Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 21st—YM CAR WASH at ST. MARY, 12:15 p.m.
- Sun, 21st—Living Your Faith, Rooney-A, 12:15 p.m.
- Sun, 21st—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- Mon, 22nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 22nd—*Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.*
- Mon, 22nd—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 22nd—PARISH PRAYER SERVICE, 7 P.M.  
PLEASE JOIN US!
- Tues, 23rd—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 23rd—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 23rd—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 24th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 24th—Wm's Bible Study, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 24th—Jr. High Cook & Bake, Kitchen, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, 25th—NIN Cook & Bake, Kitchen, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 25th—Bereavement, Rooney-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 26th—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 27th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 27th-Mon, 29th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 27th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 29th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 28th—Confirmation 1 & 2, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
- Mon, 29th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 29th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.

**Sanctuary Lamp**



For  
*Rosemary Fusco,*  
*90th birthday blessings*  
requested by  
Nancy, Craig & Ryan Taylor.

## Seeking Peace through Prayer: Join Us

From school shootings to killings on mass transit, from hate-filled and corruptive language to political assassinations, our Nation is in need of peace. And, not just our Nation but our Church, our families, our marriages, our children, our politics, our social media and our public discourse, our very selves. Hate, the Evil One's specialty, has found a way to seep into everyday life.

Let us pray for the graces of the Theological Virtues—Faith Hope and Charity—that lead to salvation so that our words and deeds will help to heal and grow the common good amongst us.

Prayer not only changes the “other,” whoever or whatever that “other” may be or is, but prayer also heals and changes us—the one who prays by—conforming and transforming us closer to the Will of Christ—The source, the summit and the font of Love. I think we all might agree on that and that our country is in need of His healing Love.

To that end, St. Catherine of Siena Parish will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word (a prayer service) for the peace of our Nation, our families and our very hearts. Let us ask the Lord to look kindly upon America and to lead each of us to His Love, so that we may become His Love in our conversations, families, political- and social-discourse, and in our interactions with those with whom we disagree.

**When: Monday, September 22**  
**Where: St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
**Time: 7 O'clock in the Evening**

Come as you are, imperfect and in need of His Grace; come with your families, come with your spouse, maybe come with those you disagree—and find Peace in the Presence of God. A Peace that can lead you to share it with everyone.



## The Archbishop is coming; the Archbishop is coming...

In two weeks, Archbishop Christopher Coyne will be the principal celebrant of our **11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Along with offering a homily, the Archbishop hopes to have the pleasure of your company and to meet you and hear your thoughts about our faith, our parish and our archdiocese.

Immediately following the Mass, we will host a lite collation of breakfast and luncheon foods in Russell Hall and have an opportunity to meet-and-greet with him. Archbishop Coyne is quite approachable and very friendly and looks forward to meeting his flock. *For those who might wonder, “what do I call him?”* protocol is either “Archbishop” or “Your Excellency.” As I have known him for 29 years, I call him “Your Grace.” Lol

Please join us in welcoming Archbishop Coyne here to St. Catherine of Siena as his first time as our archbishop. **Sunday, October 5 at 11 a.m. Mass.**

### **THIS SUNDAY, YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

Support our teens and treat your car to a shine! We'd love to keep our 70 teens busy with plenty of cars to wash, and your support helps them stay active and engaged. Plus, you'll drive away with a sparkling clean car—thank you for being part of it! Free hot dog lunch too. Donations accepted and welcome.

**SEPTEMBER 21 at St. Mary's Parking Lot from 12:15-2:15.**

**St. Catherine of Siena Church ~ Faith Formation**  
**Helen Treacy, Director, [helentreacyff@gmail.com](mailto:helentreacyff@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: (860) 658-4737**

- Faith Formation Classes have begun! We had a great first day!
- We are still in need of some volunteers to be hall monitors. Please consider giving your time to volunteer for this important role in Faith Formation! Contact Helen Treacy if you are interested or need more information, [helentreacyff@gmail.com](mailto:helentreacyff@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT Dates:**

- Saturday, September 20th will be the 6th Grade Mass at 5pm.
- Sunday, September 21st there will be a First Reconciliation Meeting at 9:30 AM in Henry James's cafeteria.
- October 5th @ 11 a.m. Faith Formation Families join us to meet Archbishop.

**NO CONFIRMATION** Classes this week. Next class will be Sunday, September 28th.

**Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study - All women are welcome, regardless of Scripture experience.**

- **Morning Session-Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11 a.m., Sept 24th-October 29th. Please register here: <http://bit.ly/4fX0Qt1>.** The book "In Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible" by award-winning Scripture commentator Fr. George Smiga may still be available in the parish office, 658-1642. Cost is \$17.95. Please try to read the first chapter prior to the first session. Questions? Contact Judy Manza, [jmanza@verizon.net](mailto:jmanza@verizon.net)
- **Evening Session-Wednesday Evenings, 7-8 p.m. October 8th-October 29th. Please register here: <http://bit.ly/4fX0Qt1>** We will be using the bible study Angels in the Bible and our discussion will be led by Diane Lipari. This study examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Books have been ordered and will be available in the office. *Questions?* Contact Michelle Page, [pagekoe@gmail.com](mailto:pagekoe@gmail.com)

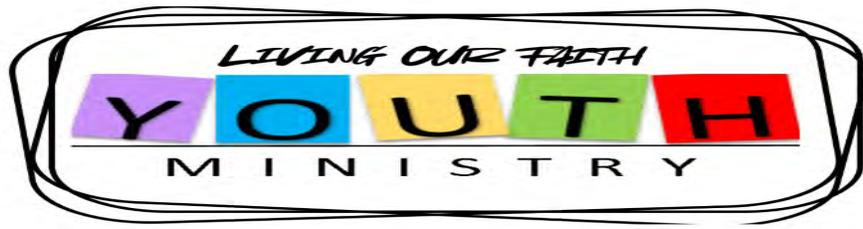
All women of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of Faith and Fellowship as we launch the new season of our Women's Ministry! Our kick-off dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 PM and will be catered by New England Pasta Co. Bring a favorite dessert to share if you wish. **Registration is required**—don't miss this chance to connect, be nourished, and grow together in Christ! Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/47u44C2>



**Event sponsored by Youth Ministry**

**SAVE THE DATE...** FRIDAY, OCT 3rd from 6-8:30 p.m. in Russell

Hall. Join us for our 3-Parishwide Trivia Night hosted by Youth Ministry for anyone ages 5-105. We will have appetizers, desserts and refreshments, and some amazing prizes too. Fun for all ages! Grand Prize to the overall winner of trivia – 4 tickets to a Bruins Game at TD Gardens – date of game TBD. Play as a team (max of 4) or individual. Use of cellphones will not be allowed during play. Sign up now using this link: <https://bit.ly/4n0UqvG> This is for our entire parish!



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR:

## **YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026**

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. **REGISTER NOW** and receive a **free t-shirt** using this link:

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

Did you miss our KICKOFF meeting? No worries, get your t-shirt at the CAR WASH this weekend.

#### **Youth Ministry Mission Statement :**

*To foster a group of compassionately engaged teenagers, energized for service, open to spiritual growth, willing to build community in the context of faith, friendship and fun.*

### SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH YM

## **THIS WEEKEND—VOLUNTEER FOR OUR ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st,**

**12:15 - 2:15 pm**

**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. **Wear your new red YM t-shirt.** We will have lots of snacks too. **PARENTS—help us keep our teens safe and sign up to volunteer, and, please bring your cars for them to wash too. PARENT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** Sign up for one or more shifts using this link: <https://bit.ly/46a3Wpd>

*Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at  
stcatherine\_youthministry*

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY**

**AFTER THE CAR WASH...**

**BONFIRE AT THE FIRE PIT AND MORE**

**THIS SUNDAY—Sunday, September 21st, 5:30-**

**7:30pm, all SHYM is invited to join us by the bonfire at St. Catherine of Siena. BRING AN APPETIZER to share, we will provide the desserts, games and drinks. Relax by the fire pit with friends for some s'mores and more.**

### **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY**

**CHEFS NEEDED FOR OUR COOK & BAKE**

**Wednesday, September 24th, 6-8 pm:** Join us for a fun evening of cooking & baking as we prepare meals & treats to donate to local families in need.

Don't know how to cook? No worries. We provide the ingredients, recipes and step by step instructions.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME!**

Parents and Teens can sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/4mJtjF4>

### **PARISH-WIDE FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD. 6:00-8:30PM—**

In Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena . ALL ARE INVITED to join us - **ages 5-105. TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help distribute prizes and to help MC/ read questions! AND you can definitely play too to win some amazing prizes!** Appetizers and light refreshments will be served. Sign

up as a team (up to 4 team

members) or as an individual.

Use this link to sign up now:

<https://bit.ly/4n0UqvG>



# NOURISH WITH *Hope*

## HELP US COOK FOR **Neighbors in Need**™!

Put on your apron and come cook dinners on Thursday, September 25th, 9 a.m. If interested, call Diane at (860) 913-0241.

## **FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch**

### **Service on Sat, Sept. 27th.**

Please sign up by Weds, Sept. 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>

## **St. Elizabeth's House**

Drop off is Sunday, October 12th.

*Thank you for your service!*

Please use this link to sign up:

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

## **NEXT WEEKEND – SANDWICHES STILL NEEDED SEPTEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**

September sandwiches will be collected on the weekend of Saturday, September 27 from 8-9:30 am, Sunday, September 28, from 9-6 pm, and Monday, September 29, from 8-9:30.

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>

## **Pantry Partners**

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be October 18th. This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to over 30 families in the community.

Thank you so much for your continued support!