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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 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, October 18th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Grade 7 Class Mass, For Shirlee Nevin, 7th anniversary, requested by the Hammond Family;*
- **Sunday, October 19th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Stanislaus Skolimowski & Felix Rutkowski, requested by Stella & Arthur;*
- **Sunday, October 19th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Cara Lonergan, 35th birthday remembrance, requested by her family;*
- **Monday, October 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe, requested by Manuela Hanshaw;*
- **Monday, October 20th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary;*
- **Tuesday, October 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Angela Martins & family;*
- **Tuesday, October 21st @ 9:00 a.m.** *Adoration;*
- **Wednesday, October 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Jean Devine, birthday blessings, requested by the Champaney Family;*
- **Wednesday, October 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary;*
- **Friday, October 24th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Megan Gilhooley, requested by Gene & Deb Trovato;*
- **Friday, October 24th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet/Rosary;*
- **Saturday, October 25th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Margaret Hark, requested by the Andrews Family;*
- **Sunday, October 26th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Genowesa Minuto & family; requested by Stella & Arthur; and,*
- **Sunday, October 26th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Katie D'Amato, requested by the Helitzer 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:	\$ 5,271.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,072.08
Total:	\$ 9,343.08
Repair & Refurbishment:	\$ 1,947.00
Various	\$ 120.00

This weekend's second collection is for World Missions.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

October

- Sat, 18th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 18th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 18th-Mon, 20th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 18th—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sat, 18th—Grade 7 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 19th—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 19th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 12 noon
- Sun, 19th—Confirmation 1 & 2, RH, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 20th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 21st—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 22nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 22nd—Wm's Bible Study, Rooney-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed 22nd—Jr. High YM Cook & Bake, RH, 6 p.m.
- Wed, 22nd—Wm's Bible Study, MR, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, 24th—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 24th—Senior Breakfast, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Fri, 24th—*YM Flashlight Corn Maze, 6 p.m.*
- Sat, 25th/Sun, 26th—K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
- Sun, 16th—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 26th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 27th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 27th—*Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.*
- Mon, 27th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 28th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



For
John Polio,
10th anniversary,
requested by his family.

29th Week in OT:

Persistent Prayer & Unwavering Faith

Our gospel's key theme is about the power of persistence in prayer and the timing of God's response; it is also about the motivating factor behind God's Love versus the reason why today's judge finally gives in to the persistence of the widow.

There are three key themes of this gospel: (1) the power of persistent prayer, (2) God's justice and timing, and (3) Faith in God's Faithfulness. The gospel invites us in our daily lives to bring our needs, and those of others, and the world to God with perseverance. Prayer is meant for more than me, myself, and I. This parable encourages hope and confidence in God's attentive love (the search for our excellence) and reminds us to remain faithful in prayer, **trusting** that God's justice shall prevail.

So like the widow don't give up on prayer, trust that God hears you. Prayer is not about a one-shot deal and then move on to the next item on our list. It is a continual dialogue that is meant to shape our hearts—transform and conform—us to God. Unlike the judge, God is loving and just and while His answers may seem delayed, and not what we directly asked for, His timing is perfect and He knows what exactly we need—and even what we need to go through in order to accept His answer. The question Jesus ends with in the gospel, *“But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”* should challenge us to cultivate a persistent and living faith that Trusts in God's promises (real Hope), especially when our circumstances seem impossibly difficult.

Archbishop Coyne's Episcopal motto is “Trust in the Lord,” and this weekend the deep meaning of that phrase is to Trust in His Promise of salvation, even when times are difficult, and to believe that His Love seeks the excellence of who He created us to be. It begins, ends and is prayer...

Nighttime Adoration?

Currently here at St. Catherine of Siena we have weekly adoration on Tuesday mornings, directly following the daily Mass (at 9 a.m.). Obviously, that is not convenient for those who work. Last year, I tried to have it one night per week, but for a host of reasons, that did not work out. A few younger parishioners have asked for Adoration to be reestablished in our parish at night. My schedule at night is such, that many nights of the week there are already meetings on a regular schedule.

What I would like to do is to train some lay people to expose and repose the blessed sacrament, and there is a ritual in the Church for lay leadership in this area. If you are interested in being trained and in leading some of these Adoration hours, please call the parish office (658 1642) or speak to me after Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is known for growing parishes and it is increasingly a desire of young Catholic men and women.

Altar Linens & the Mass

Who likes to do laundry? Maybe you find ironing relaxing, an accomplishment? Well, if God gave you that Grace, perhaps you would like to join our altar linen group? Easy instructions, and the more hands we have helping, the lighter the workload is for each... Clean altar linens help the priest celebrate a reverent and beautiful Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please call Fr. Michael at 658 1642. Many, thanks and blessings.

All Soul's Prayers

Prayers for the faithfully departed are part of the Catholic faith and Tradition. Here at St. Catherine, we continue each year, especially in November, to remember the dead and to pray for their noble souls into Eternal Life.

On Sunday, November 2, at the 11 a.m. Mass we shall remember and pray by name for those who were buried from our parish between November 2024 and November 2025. We also recall and pray for all of our deceased family members and friends for the whole month of November. As your priest, I hope to collect their names—using the ALL SOULS ENVELOPES—please write their names and place in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office. I will use these names privately at Mass when I elevate the bread, and in morning and evening prayer as I pray the Hours. Let us keep this Catholic Tradition alive.

St. Catherine of Siena Church ~ Faith Formation
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This is Pastor Appreciation weekend. Please remember to thank our wonderful Pastor for all that he does and continues to do!

We are still in need of some volunteers to be hall monitors and aides in the classrooms.

Please consider giving your time to volunteer for these important roles in Faith Formation! We would greatly appreciate any time you could give. Contact Helen Treacy if you are interested or need more information, helentreacyff@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT Dates:

October 18th: Grade 7 Class Mass @ the 5PM Vigil

October 19th: K-8th Grades, Confirmation I & II classes resume

October 26th: K- 8th Grades classes ONLY

*** If you need to pick up your child early, please let Helen Treacy and the teacher know in advance, as it sometimes disturbs the flow of the class.

Save the Date

Come join Father Whyte and Youth Ministry for a Fireside Rosary Event on Saturday, November 1st immediately following the 5PM Vigil Mass.

See you at Mass!!

Exploring Our Call: Vocations Weekend with Father Whyte

In the Catholic Church, there are four primary vocations — Married Life, Single Life, Religious Life, and the Priesthood — each is a unique path to serving God and living out our faith.

During the weekend of October 18th & 19th, the Archdiocese has asked priests to share a special homily focused on vocations and their own journey to the priesthood. Fr. Whyte will do so.

To express our heartfelt gratitude for Father Whyte's 19 years of dedicated service to St. Catherine of Siena Parish, we invite you to join us for coffee & donuts following the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 19th.

Come celebrate his priesthood, reflect on our own callings, and share in this special moment as a parish family.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Starting with our October meeting, we will be making lap blankets and shawls using yarn scraps! Please think about joining us on Monday, October 20th at 3:00 p.m. and/or Tuesday, the 21st at 6:30 p.m. These items will be given to the Youth Ministry for their Boston mission trip in March. For more information, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773 or ktoaks@gmail.com.

Fall Senior Breakfast-Friday October 24th 9:15 a.m. Russell Hall. Come and enjoy a hot breakfast with your friends. Please use the sign up genius to register no later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st..

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4CAAEE2FA3F58-59158949-fall>

Sponsored by the Women's Service Ministry. Questions, call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.



YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry.

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

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.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena. Join us for some real **FALL FUN & a service project** that evening. Pizza will be served as a treat. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME AND NEEDED.** Please register to attend, so that we have enough supplies, using this link:

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

CHEFS NEEDED—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 6 p.m.—OCTOBER COOK AND BAKE. Join us tonight as we prepare full course dinners for local families in need. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.** We provide the recipes, ingredients and step-by-step instructions.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME. Light refreshments will be served. **INVITE A FRIEND TOO.** Just be sure to register for this event using this link:

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

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry)

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th— FLASHLIGHT CORN MAZE at Brown's Harvest —SAVE THE DATE: The event is **FREE** to all as Father Michael will cover the cost of the trip. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS needed.** We will meet at St. Catherine of Siena at 6 p.m. for a quick Jersey Mike's dinner, then head to Brown's Harvest. We start at 7:15 p.m. and after the Maze, we will tailgate with hot cocoa and cookies, then return to St. Catherine of Siena by 9/9:15 pm. Space is limited, so sign up now using this sign up genius link to attend:

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



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY TEENS, FAMILIES AND ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED...

Please join Youth Ministry on Saturday, November 1st at St. Catherine of Siena for 5 p.m. Mass. Immediately following Mass, we will light our firepit and spend 30 minutes praying the Rosary together.

Hot cocoa & zeppole will be available after our prayer service.

Sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/3L0AJFX>

ALL ARE WELCOME!

This event is for **ALL** parishioners and is sponsored by our Youth Ministry.

All women of the parish are invited on Wednesday November 12th at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Sister Barbara Mullen on John's Gospel story of the Wedding at Cana followed by a special wine tasting related to wines similar to Jesus' time.

Registration is required for this event prior to November 7th. Please note: there is a \$20 fee for this event if you wish to participate in the wine tasting.

More details on Sign Up Genius: <http://bit.ly/3INUyjd>

NOURISH WITH *Hope*

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service

on Sat, October 18th.

Please sign up by Weds, October 15th.

There are 4 ways to help:

- 1. Serve Lunch In-Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine 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., 10/18.
- 3. COOKIES:** Make some sweet treats. Make 24 cookies and drop off on Sat, 10/18 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30am.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

<https://bit.ly/FTHLunchOct18>

YES YOU "CAN" TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Colder days have arrived, and our pantry is running colder as well. If you are able to donate to our pantry this week, please consider donating hearty soups, vegetables, bags of rice, hot and cold cereal, fruit, and canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken). Our pantry is open to all from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass. Thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times for families.

We can only accept NON-PERISHABLE FOODS.

Please do not leave bread.

We are unable to accept expired foods or opened containers.

THIS WEEKEND - OCTOBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

We are very short on sandwiches
this month...

October sandwiches will be collected this Saturday, October 18th from 8-9:30 a.m., Sunday, October 19th, from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, October 20th, 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 service hours available

Please use this link to sign up:

<http://bit.ly/3IEN0PJ>

NEXT DATES:

St. Elizabeth House—November 9th.

You may sign-up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF44ADAD2DA64-54522006-stelizabeth>

Pantry Partners—November 15th.