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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 26, 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 25th @ 5:00 p.m Mass for *Margaret Hark*, requested by the Andrews Family;
- Sunday, October 26th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Genowesa Minuta & family*; requested by Stella & Arthur;
- Sunday, October 26th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Katie D'Amato*, requested by the Helitzer Family;
- Monday, October 27th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*, requested by the Rosary Group;
- Monday, October 27th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Tuesday, October 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Jim Dempsey*, 21st anniversary, requested by his family;
- Tuesday, October 28th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, October 29th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Richard Duhaime*, requested by The Neureither Family;
- Wednesday, October 29th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Friday, October 31st @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lauren Chicoine*, requested by the Andrews Family;
- Friday, October 31st @ 9:00 a.m. *Chaplet/Rosary*;
- Saturday, November 1st @ 10:00 am. *Pro Populo*;
- Saturday, November 1st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*, requested by Ed & Mary Bouquillon;
- Sunday, November 2nd @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Anthony Brancato*, requested by his family; and,
- Sunday, November 2nd @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Michael Cirafici*, 7th anniversary, requested by his wife.

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:	\$ 4,633.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,072.08
Total:	\$ 8,705.08

World Mission	\$ 3,673.33
Various	\$ 265.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

October

- Sat, 25th/Sun, 26th—K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
- Sat, 25th—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sun, 26th—*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—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 27th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 28th—OCIA, Rooney-A, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 29th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 29th—Wm's Bible Study, Rooney-A, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 29th—Wm's Bible Study, RH, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, 31st—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.

November

- Sat, 1st—All Saints Day Mass, 10 am.
- Sat, 1st—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sat, 1st—Fireside Rosary, Firepit, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 2nd—Daylight Savings Time Ends,
Fall Back 1 hour at 2 a.m.!
- Sun, 2nd—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 2nd—*Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.*
- Sun, 2nd—Confirmation 1 & 2, RH, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For
*Special Intention
for healing.*



- There will be a Mass on November 1st at 10 a.m. for All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day but not one of Obligation.
- The next church envelope mailing has been mailed but had been delayed by the government shutdown.

30th Week in Ordinal Time: In a word, humility

In a nutshell, the Catholic meaning of “humility” is a virtue that acknowledges God as the author of all good, emphasizing His greatness over our own. St. Augustine states that the most important virtue is “humility, humility, humility.” (Eph 118.22)

Our gospel this weekend, Luke 18:8-14), calls us to reflect deeply on humility and the disposition of our hearts before God. We hear a parable by Jesus that tells of two men who go to temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stands up proudly and thanks God aloud—making His praise of God a public testimony—and telling God he is thankful that he is not like the others, thus listing all of his virtues and good deeds. The tax collector, on the other hand, stands off to the side at a distance unable to even lift his head and says simply, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector who leaves the temple justified, not the Pharisee. You see, God values a humble and contrite heart over pride and self-righteousness. After all, this parable is to remind us that no one is perfect, save for God; we all need His Mercy. It is true holiness that begins with our recognizing our own need for grace and favor, and for opening our hearts to God’s loving forgiveness. It is all about the willingness to open up to His power to be conformed and transformed by Christ.

In a practical way, how do we grow in our own humility, what are the things we can do to illustrate our belief that ALL our gifts come from God? Prayer that calls us to recognize God as the Creator God is a good place to begin. My “brains,” my “gifts and talents,” my abilities to “do my job well and earn a good living,” all stem from Him. He created me and gave me my gifts. If we adopt the attitude of the tax collector in today’s gospel and acknowledge our own sinfulness, if we come before God honestly and humbly, aware of our weaknesses but also trusting in His infinite mercy, then that’s the beginning of our holy journey in faith. Avoid the temptation to compare ourselves to others, e.g., the Pharisee, not judge them and rank ourselves “a better sinner.” But instead grow in love and compassion and humility. Then we shall be on the “path to Christ, complete with humility.”

Five Ways to Grow in Humility:

1. Recognize your dependency on God; *Prayer and thankfulness of-and-for our gifts reminds us that we are not self-sufficient;*
2. Practice honest, self-examination; *Reconciliation helps defeat pride and opens the way to grow in holiness;*
1. Serve others with love and without seeking recognition; *humility is shown in acts of charity;*
2. Accept correction and be open to learning from others; *humility breaks down pride and build-up community, and,*
3. Avoid judging others. *Pride leads us to judge others.*

Sunday, November 2: All Soul’s

Reminder of our celebration at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday for those who died in our parish from November 2024 until November 2025, a ceremony at the Mass to recall their names and honor their Christian lives and immortal and noble souls. Kindly use your ALL SOULS ENVELOPES to list their names.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2 A.M.
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!**

St. Catherine of Siena Church ~ Faith Formation
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It's PAJAMA DAY!!!
OCTOBER 26th



Bring in an item to support our St. Catherine of Siena food pantry and wear your favorite warm pajamas to your Faith Formation class!!! Some items that our pantry is in need of: cereal, boxed milk, plain oatmeal, coffee, canned fruit, canned chicken, tuna, and spam.

IMPORTANT dates:

October 26th: K- 8th Grades classes ONLY
November 2nd : K- 8th Grade classes and Confirmation I & II
November 9th : K -8th Grades classes ONLY
November 16th : K- 8th Grade classes and Confirmation I & II

November 16th: First Reconciliation @ 3PM in the church.

***** 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!!

Calling all kids! Halloween is filled with treats. Share the fun and donate a portion of your Halloween candy to give treats to Feed the Hungry. All treats will be distributed by The Feed the Hungry Group at the November visit to Saint Elizabeth House. Donations may be dropped off in the candy boxes in the Atrium and Vestibule.

Keep Them Warm-come join the women's service ministry on Wednesday November 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Russell Hall to make fleece hats and scarves for children living in shelters. No sewing skills necessary. Please bring a pair of children's mittens or gloves. Interested: call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 no later than Sunday, November 9th. Come join us for warm drinks and treats.

All women of the parish are invited on Wednesday November 12th at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Sister Barbara Mullen, CSJ, 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>



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>

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena —Don't miss out on a night packed with games, faith, laughs, snacks, and surprises! Invite your friends and come on out. You never know what kind of fun we'll get into... but you'll definitely want to be there! **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.** Teens and parents can sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/43lugf8>

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena. **Bunco Night – Fast, Fun & Full of Laughs and Faith!** Never heard of Bunco? No worries—it's easy to learn, fast-paced, and seriously fun! Come roll the dice, meet new friends, and enjoy a night full of energy, laughter, and prizes. Pizza dinner included! Invite a friend or make some new friends. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.** Teens and parents can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/478R3fq>

SAVE THE DATES FOR APPLE PIE NIGHTS! This year, we will bake **300 apple pies** in support of shelters in Hartford. Friday, November 21st—Family Apple Pie Night at St. Mary's and Sunday, November 23rd—Apple Pie Night at St. Catherine of Siena!

YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. <https://forms.gle/6xwkJira6jdiwpuc8>

Father Michael Invites ALL...

TEENS, FAMILIES AND ALL PARISHIONERS

Please join Youth Ministry on Saturday, November 1st at St. Catherine of Siena for the 5 p.m. Mass. Immediately following Mass, we will light our firepit and spend 20 minutes praying the Rosary together. Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3LOAJFX>

TEEN VOLUNTEERS are needed to help lead this prayer service. Parishioner Mary O'Bryan will be our facilitator and we will be there to help you. You are volunteering to help with one decade of the Rosary, one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory Be. Earn Confirmation Service Hours too. Teens can volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/4pZ2gI0>

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

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

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teen volunteers are needed to help deliver small gifts to our most senior parishioners. You will receive about 10-12 gifts and delivery can be made at your convenience from 11/3 through 11/24. Be the light that brings joy to our senior parishioners.

Earn Confirmation Service Hours too. To sign up to help, please use this link:

<https://bit.ly/4hcMJ3r>

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at

stcatherine_youthministry

NOURISH WITH *Hope*

St. Elizabeth House—November 9th.

You may sign-up at:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10CoF44ADAD2DA64-54522006-
stelizabeth](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF44ADAD2DA64-54522006-stelizabeth)

Pantry Partners—November 15th.

Got Coats? LIFESONG ministry is looking for warm coats for local residents. Might you have a spare coat collecting dust in your closet that needs a new home? All adult sizes needed.

**Please drop coats in the LIFESONG Cabinet located in the vestibule. Thank you!
Diane Whittemore 860-913-0241**

NOVEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Are you able to help continue to support this ministry?

Father Michael wants to express his gratitude to all our parishioners that continue to support this ministry, as we could not continue to provide for the homeless without your generosity and support!

November sandwiches will be collected Saturday, November 15th & Sunday, November 16th from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, November 17th, 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). Once they are wrapped, you can load them back into the bread bag and deliver to the kitchen using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed).

Confirmation service hours available

Please sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/4n5wVkk>

SAVE THE DATES!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP...CAN YOU BAKE SOME APPLE PIES?

The Archdiocese of Hartford has asked for assistance with Thanksgiving pies for their families that rely on them. They currently serve about 300 families, so Youth Ministry will make 300 apple pies, and we need your help. You can help by 1) attending our Family Apple Pie Night (all are welcome, ages 5-105) scheduled for Friday, November 21 at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6-8:15, or 2) bake pies at home or purchase some pies, or 3) take some pies home from Friday night to bake for us over the weekend.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING OUR ON-SITE BAKING, BRING: 2-4 large bags of apples, a peeler, cutting board and paring knife. We will provide everything else.

Sign up for Family Apple Pie Night, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/42PWzCt>

Sign up to make/purchase apple pies at home, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/47f1myv>

Sign up to take pies home Friday night to bake, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/42PWzCt>

Senior High Youth Ministry Teens and alumni – please also attend our **APPLE PIE NIGHT on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd** at St. Catherine of Siena in Russell Hall from 6-8:15 pm. After we make our pies, we will stay to watch a movie while the pies bake. Feel free to dress in comfy clothes and to bring a pillow, etc. Movie will end around 10:30 p.m.. Popcorn and concessions will be served. <https://bit.ly/4qkM83C>