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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 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, November 15th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Jerry Winters, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Hopkins Family;
- **Sunday, November 16th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Stephanie Nasuta, 25th anniversary*, requested by Debbie Nasuta & Robert Schermerhorn;
- **Sunday, November 16th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia;
- **Monday, November 17th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*, requested by Nancy, Craig & Ryan Taylor;
- **Monday, November 17th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Tuesday, November 18th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Helen Gianfranceshi, 1st anniversary*, requested by her family;
- **Tuesday, November 18th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, November 19th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Linda Gaddi*, requested by Lisa & Steve Cerchia;
- **Wednesday, November 19th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, November 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Dan Reilley*, requested by Nancy, Craig & Ryan Taylor;
- **Friday, November 21st @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet/Rosary*;
- **Saturday, November 22nd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hopkins, 3rd anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, November 23rd @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Walter Nasuta, 19th anniversary*, requested by Debbie Nasuta & Robert Schermerhorn; and,
- **Sunday, November 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by Fr. Whyte.

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: \$ 6,692.50

**Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08

Total: \$ 10,764.58

Military Collection \$ 2,617.00

Various \$ 160.00

This weekend's second collection is for Campaign for Human Development.

****Great news—your Faith Direct account has now been upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving! No action required: Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred at your current gifting schedule. Please note, if you were a weekly giver your gifts will now process each week instead of once a month.**

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

November

- Sat, 15th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 15th-Mon, 17th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 15th—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sun, 16th—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 16th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 16th—**FIRST RECONCILIATION, 3 p.m.**
- Sun, 16th—Confirmation 1 & 2, RH, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 17th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 17th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 18th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 18th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 19th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 20th—New Day Bereavement, R-A, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 21st—*Apple Pie Night at St. Mary, 6 p.m.*
- Fri, 21st—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 22nd—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 22nd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 23rd—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 23rd—Gabel Brigade Distribution, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun, 23rd—Apple Pie Night Here/Kitchen, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For
Dick Hopkins, 3rd anniversary
requested by his family.



Malta House of Care Visits St. Catherine of Siena Sunday, November 16th

Malta House of Care extends heartfelt thanks to the St. Catherine of Siena community for its steadfast generosity and partnership in bringing compassionate, high-quality primary healthcare to uninsured adults across Greater Hartford. The parish's support and the dedication of its many Malta volunteers have made a lasting difference in the lives of our patients.

Following the **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 16th**, all parishioners and friends are warmly invited to **tour the Malta House Mobile Medical Clinic** outside the church. Take a brief tour, meet members of the Malta team, and learn more about how your generosity helps deliver vital healthcare with dignity and respect to our neighbors in need.

An Advent Bible Study with Mary

Wednesdays • 9:30 AM or 7:00 PM • Russell Hall

Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

"Mary did you know?"

Walk the road to Christmas through Mary's eyes. Over three weeks, we'll pray with Scripture and explore:

- **The Annunciation** — saying "yes" to God
- **The Visitation** — carrying Christ to others
- **Christmas & the Epiphany** — welcoming the Word made flesh

Join either morning or evening each week—same content. All are welcome; bring a Bible.

Facilitator: Lou Daniels — MA in Theology; 4-year New England Catholic Biblical School graduate; Archdiocese Lay Ministries graduate.

Save the Date -Celebrate the Savior with Santa Saturday, December 13th, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

St. Catherine's families are invited to join Santa Claus as we kick off the Advent and Christmas seasons to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We will have cookies and hot cocoa available to you as you write your letter to Santa and listen to a Christmas story. We will have a photographer available to snap a family photo with Santa and you will be given a take home goody bag with reindeer food and slips of paper to write out acts of kindness on to soften Jesus' manger. Throughout Advent, every family can perform acts of kindness which you can write down on the paper (piece of hay) to add to the manger that will be located in the atrium of the church.

Instead of a birthday present for Jesus, we ask that you bring a non-perishable item for our food pantry. *There will be an RSVP sign up genius link available in next week's bulletin.*

St. Catherine of Siena Church ~ Faith Formation
Helen Treacy, Director, helentreacyff@gmail.com
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IMPORTANT dates:

November 16th: K- 8th Grade classes and Confirmation I & II

November 16th: Altar Server Meeting at HJMS Cafeteria with Father Whyte @ 9:30 AM for grades 4-8

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

November 23rd: K -8th Grade classes ONLY

November 30th: NO Classes ~ Happy Advent!

***** 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.**

See you at Mass!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - We are so thankful to welcome two new members to our ministry. Please consider joining us on Monday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. or Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. Any questions or to request a prayer shawl or lap blanket, please contact Kathy Oaks at ktoaks@gmail.com or 860-614-2773.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING! Gather as family and friends to expectantly wait for the birth of Christ!

Come create your own Advent Wreaths with us following the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, November 30th in Russell Hall. Materials will be provided. However, feel free to donate and/or bring your own extra embellishments such as pine cones, berries, ornaments, or ribbon! Light refreshments will be available. You are also welcome to bring a snack to share. Use the signup genius to join the fun:

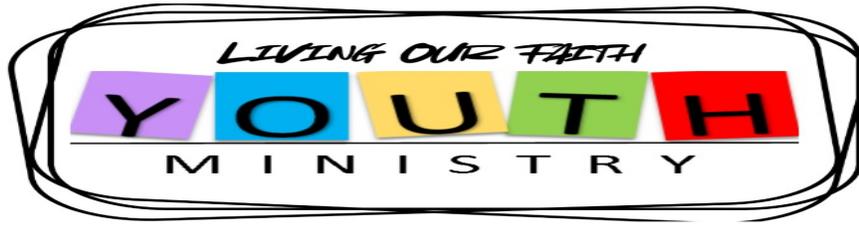
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DACA628ABF49-60386555-advent>

Senior Continental Breakfast-come and enjoy a delicious holiday continental breakfast with friends on

Tuesday December 9th following Mass at 9:00 a.m. Jump in after breakfast for an easy service project if interested, help make someone's day brighter. Please use the sign up genius link to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4CAAEE2FA3F58-60399800-continental>

Questions, call Diane Whittemore @ 850-913-0241.



JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

APPLE PIE NIGHTS! This year, we will bake **300 apple pies** in support of shelters in Hartford. You can help in many ways—choose one or ALL!

WHAT TO BRING if attending in person: **2-4 ten pound bags of apples, a peeler, a cutting board and a paring knife.**

Friday, November 21st—Family ApplePie Night at St. Mary’s Parish Hall from 6-8:15 p.m. You can also take some pies home to help bake them.

Sign up here to join us and to help:

<https://bit.ly/42PWzCt>

Can’t join us? Can you make some pies at home and return them over the weekend to St. Catherine of Siena? <https://bit.ly/47f1myv> Pies can be delivered anytime Saturday, November 22nd or Sunday, November 23rd between 9-6 p.m. to Russell Hall. Tables will be set up for the pies.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

APPLE PIE NIGHT—Sunday, November 23rd— at St. Catherine of Siena from 6-8:15 p.m. Pizza dinner will be served. **ALUMNI INVITED AND WELCOME!** After we finish making pies, stay for a **MOVIE** from 8:30-10:30 p.m. while our pies are baking. Popcorn, concessions and snacks will be served.

<https://bit.ly/4qkM83C>

PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you help drive **APPLE PIES?** All pies will go to the **Archdiocese of Hartford, Monday, November 24th** . Pick up pies at St. Catherine of Siena at 9:30 a.m. and we will help load the pies for delivery. Please use this link to sign up if you can help: <https://bit.ly/47xDelf>

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

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus!

A thank you to all my fellow parishioners regarding our recent Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Your contributions along with several stores, both Stop and Shops, Granby and Simsbury, Geisslers, and Fitzgerald’s, have helped us raise money for several group homes, Favarh and the Special Olympics.

Rich Farrell

SAVE THE DATE for the Men’s Retreat at Holy Family

The dates for the **2026 men’s retreat at Holy Family** are **March 13th-15th**. This year’s theme is **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. Hope you can join us this special year as Holy Family is celebrating its 75th anniversary. More details to follow. In the meantime you are welcome to visit their website: holyfamilyretreat.org or call Steve Cerchia @ 860 478 9560.

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

The Archdiocese of Hartford (AOH) has asked for assistance with Thanksgiving pies for families that rely on the AOH. 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 21st at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6-8:15 p.m., 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.

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

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

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>

NOURISH
WITH *Hope*

THIS WEEKEND NOVEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

November sandwiches will be collected this Saturday, Nov. 15th, Sunday, Nov. 16th from 9-6 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 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>

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of our pantry, especially during these difficult times. Please consider donating thanksgiving supplies such as stuffing mix and cranberry sauce, hot and cold cereal, hearty soups/stews, jarred fruit, and any other non-perishable food item. Our pantry is open to all from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass.

We can only accept NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Please do not leave bread. We are unable to accept expired foods or opened containers.