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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

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

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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, January 10th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Megan Lynn Gilhooley*, requested by *Claire Hayes*;
- Sunday, January 11th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Theresa Carew*, requested by *Lynn Ryan*;
- Sunday, January 11th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Jim Sullivan*, *birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- Monday, January 12th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Annie Affelder*, requested by her family;
- Monday, January 12th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Monday, January 12th @ 6:30 p.m. *Adoration*;
- Tuesday, January 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lewis Brucker*, *46th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- Tuesday, January 13th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, January 14th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Leonard Price*, requested by *Joan Gould*;
- Friday, January 16th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Patrice McGregor*, requested by *Jean Pepin*;
- Friday, January 16th @ 9:00 a.m. *Chaplet/Rosary*;
- Saturday, January 17th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Norman Salt*, *birthday remembrance*, requested by *Janet Haley*;
- Sunday, January 18th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Jean O'Trema Murphy*, *50th anniversary*, requested by her family; and,
- Sunday, January 18th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Margaret Hark*, requested by the *Keating 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:	\$ 7,642.27
Faith Direct /P arish Soft:	\$ 4,072.08
Total:	\$ 11,714.35

Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,398.00
Various	\$ 185.00

For those who are interested in online giving, you may use this link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-1077> or the QR code below.



Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events January

- Sat, 10th-Sun, 11th—Sock and Underwear Drive
- Sat, 10th—New Altar Server Training, Church, 10 a.m.
- Sat, 10th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 11th—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 11th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 11th—St. Elizabeth House, parking lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Sun, 11th—*Sr. High Youth Ministry at St. Mary's, 6 p.m.*
- Mon, 12th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 12th—De-decorate the church, 10 a.m.
- Mon, 12th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 12th—*Jr. High Youth Ministry, St. Mary's, 6 p.m.*
- Mon, 12th—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 13th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 14th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—NIN Cook & Bake, Kitchen, 9:15 a.m.
- Fri, 16th—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 17th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th-Mon, 19th— Street Sandwich Weekend

Sanctuary Lamp

For
*Susan Caldwell &
Hugh Jack Caldwell*

requested by
their family.



St Catherine of Siena Eucharistic Adoration: Opportunities for Growing Closer to Christ.

Each week, Tuesday mornings following the daily Mass and Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m., our Parish offers opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound practice in the Catholic faith where believers spend time in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, which is the consecrated host and the True Presence of Jesus Christ, a central tenant of Catholic doctrine.

Catholics hold Eucharistic Adoration because it offers a unique opportunity to connect intimately with Jesus outside of the Mass. It is a moment to pause from the busyness of life, to worship, seek forgiveness, and find spiritual strength. The silence and stillness of Adoration allow for deep personal prayer, fostering a sense of peace and closeness to God.

What are the personal benefits of Eucharistic Adoration?

The personal benefits are many—those who practice this devotion report a strengthened faith, increased clarity in making life decisions, and a profound sense of comfort and hope. It nurtures a deeper understanding of God's love and mercy, helping individuals to grow in holiness. Additionally, it cultivates virtues such as patience, humility, and gratitude. *Something we and the whole world can benefit from.*

Moreover, Eucharistic Adoration helps to encourage a lifestyle of continual prayer and a recognition of God's presence in our lives, of His desire to be with us in all aspects of our lives. It invites all Catholics to develop a habit of turning their hearts toward God even in the mundaneness of everyday life, and of cultivating a spirit of gratitude and surrender. Many people today will say "I don't know what God wants me to do or to be..." and the more we spend time with God, like a friend, we come to know Him better and to listen to Him as He stirs our hearts with His love. The communal aspect of Adoration also strengthens the Church, by fostering unity when we gather together for Adoration, we join in a shared expression of reverence and love for Christ, creating bonds of faith and community. This collective worship reinforces the belief that the Church is One Body in Christ, united in prayer and mission.

I hope we can all partake of these opportunities to come before the Lord, bring Him our wants, needs and desires, allow Him to guide us in our decision making, and to grow our unified faith in Him and His Church. That our Eucharistic Adoration opportunities may bring us closer to Him, grant us peace and grow our personal relationships with the God who loves us all beyond all telling. **Monday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm and Tuesday mornings from 9 am-9:30 am. Come for whatever time you have to meet the Lord.**

New Parish Operations Hours

I want to acknowledge an update to the hours that our parish is open, the following are our new operations hours: The Church schedule is dependent upon day and scheduled activities, see below:

Sunday morning opens at 7:30 am until 5 pm, unless a Faith Formation or Youth Ministry event takes place.

Monday morning opens at 8:00 am until 7:30 pm.

Tuesday morning open at 8:00 am until 8:00 pm (when choir/OCIA meet).

Wednesday morning open at 8:00 am and closes at 5 pm.

Thursday morning (No Mass) open at 9:00 am and closes at 5 pm.

Friday morning open at 8:00 am until close at 5 pm.

Saturday morning open at 8:00 am and close after the Mass, approx. 6:30 pm.

The Parish Office is open M-F, 9 am till 2 pm.

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Faith Formation News

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IMPORTANT dates:

January 11th: Grades K-8 Classes ONLY

January 18th: NO CLASSES ~ MLK DAY

January 24th: Grade 5 Class Mass

January 24th: Confirmation Q & A meeting after the 5 PM Vigil Mass in Russell Hall.

January 25th: Grades K-8 Classes, Confirmation I & II

February 1st: Grades K-8 Classes ONLY

February 1st: First Holy Communion Meeting, 9:30 AM, HJMS Cafeteria

*** *Weather Closings* ***

In case of inclement weather, please look to WFSB Hartford/New Haven with up-to-date information on classes and cancellations.

See you at Mass!!

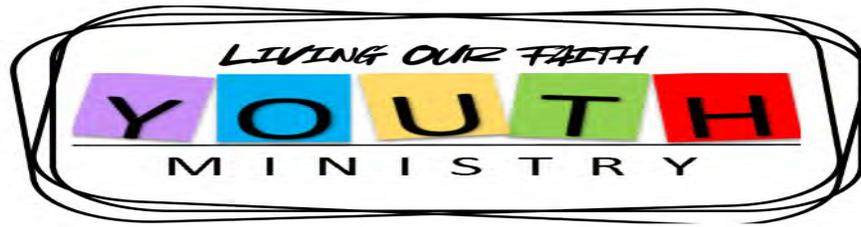
Warm Winter Meals with the Women's Service Ministry Wednesday January 14th at 9:15 a.m., church kitchen.

Join us to prepare meals for Neighbors in Need. Want to help... call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.

SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE, THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 10TH & 11TH.

NEW SOCKS & UNDERWEAR for those in need. Help us keep others covered and warm. Men's, women's, all sizes. Thank you as always for your continued generosity. All donations stay LOCAL. Sponsored by the Women's Service Ministry. Questions-call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241. Collection boxes are in the vestibule and the atrium.

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Ministry Faith & Fellowship gathering on Wednesday January 21st at 7 p.m. A presentation by Diane Lipari will help us discover the story of Saint Mary Magdalene through the lens of the Western Traditional viewpoint—a perspective held for over a thousand years that shaped how the Church understood her identity, witness, and holiness. This talk will explore that tradition, highlighting Mary Magdalene's profound adoration, deep penitence, and the extraordinary favor God bestowed upon her. Join us as we come to understand why the Church honors her with the timeless title "Apostle to the Apostles." Please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/49yJWhv>



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 12th—OPEN GYM NIGHT at St. Mary's from 6-8 p.m. Join us for some fun and unexpected activities! Be prepared for anything. Light refreshments will be served.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th—OPEN GYM NIGHT at St. Mary's from 6-8 p.m. Join us for some fun and unexpected activities! Be prepared for anything. Pizza and dessert will be served.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](#)

Fr. Michael continued...

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (“Last Rites”)

The Sacrament of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It is meant for the healing of the body, when physical illness is being treated; for the mind, when emotional, mental or spiritual concerns are manifested; and, for the soul, when one is near death and preparing for the final healing, when the soul is to be readied to enter into God's Presence. In this sacrament, the Catholic who is unwell, should be able to receive Holy Communion, absolution of the sins (reconciliation) for peace and strength, and the final blessing for union with Christ. This was formally more well known as Extreme unction.

The key to this Sacrament is that it is best offered when the ill person is awake and is able to participate in the Sacrament, meaning they are conscious and able to confess their sins and/or speak with the priest. *It is very important not to wait until the person is within hours of death. Practically speaking, with fewer priests available you might not be able to have one come to the person within such short periods of time. In fact, when someone is diagnosed with a serious illness and outcome, the spiritual strength gained from the Sacrament can also give a good perspective for the ill person. Keeping in mind that sometimes the final healing is not another round of chemo or another surgery, but rather to be made in right relationship with the Savior of the World.*

Senior Winter Pancake Breakfast, Friday, February 6th-Gather with your friends for a delicious pancake breakfast. Sponsored by the Men's Ministry but for questions, call Diane Whittemore 860-913-0241. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

[Senior Winter Pancake Breakfast](#)

We are looking for two additional “teams” to help with our monthly Coffee & Donuts.

Training is available.

If we have three teams it is just a four-times-a-year commitment. Please contact the office if you are interested, 860-658-1642. Thank you!

