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# Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 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](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.**

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

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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 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*, requested by her family;
- Sunday, January 18th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Margaret Hark*, requested by the Keating Family;
- Monday, January 19th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Daniel Reilley*, requested by Ginny Belden;
- Monday, January 19th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Monday, January 19th @ 6:30 p.m. *NO Adoration*;
- Tuesday, January 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Fran Bednar*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- Tuesday, January 20th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, January 21st @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rose Colantoni*, requested by Maryellen Bailey;
- Friday, January 23rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Carmen Mascaro, 90th birthday blessings*;
- Friday, January 23rd @ 9:00 a.m. *Chaplet/Rosary*;
- Saturday, January 24th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Grade 5 Class Mass for the intention of Susan Caldwell, 10th anniversary and Hugh Jack Caldwell, 15th anniversary*, requested by their family;
- Sunday, January 25th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Pasquale DeNovellis*, requested by Peter & Lisa Sheary; and,
- Sunday, January 25th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Virginia Springfield*, requested by the Lajoie 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:	\$ 15,725.00
Faith Direct /P arish Soft:	\$ 4,072.08
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 19,797.08</b>

Various	\$ 1,038.00
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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. If you are currently receiving church envelopes please call the office so that we may discontinue them. Thank you.



### Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events January

- Sat, 17th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 17th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Mon, 19th—Street Sandwich Ministry
- Sat, 17th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 18th—*NO Faith Formation, No CLW*
- Mon, 19th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 19th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—No Confession, No Adoration (MLK).
- Tues, 20th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 20th—OCIA, RH, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—Buildings & Grounds, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 21st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 21st—Women's Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 23rd—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 24th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 24th—Grade 5 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sat, 24th—Confirmation Q & A, RH, 6 p.m.

### Sanctuary Lamp

For  
*Mary Lou Whyte,*  
*6 month remembrance,*

requested by  
Teri & Carmen Mascaro



## Sacrament Information: *Just some thoughts*

**The Funeral Mass** is one of the sacraments that a practicing Catholic not only has the right to but desires. For one who attends Mass regularly every weekend and even weekdays, the Mass holds a vitally important place in their spiritual life. It is something that should be respected by the Church—and it is—as well as by the family of the deceased.

It is sad to see the passing of an active parishioner and then see that the family decides not to have a funeral Mass to celebrate their loved-one's faith life and to praise God for the gift of the deceased. Often times the reason given for not having a funeral Mass is that "we don't practice the faith anymore." Well, the funeral Mass is not about the children or grandchildren, or the friends. It is about honoring the beliefs of the deceased, who did go to Mass and who did believe in a loving and merciful God who desires them to be with Him for eternity. A funeral Mass takes approximately 55 minutes—depending on the eulogy—and is a sacred event meant to praise God for the gift of life and faith, and to recall and pray for the deceased's noble soul.

As we ourselves consider our own funeral Mass, it is wise to have a plan in writing and to speak about it to our children/executor, and to meet with the parish priest to plan it in total—readings, roles of individuals, music and other specifics. Then we can be confident in our final wishes being carried out.

**Baptism and Godparents** are important considerations to give great thought to and to bring to prayer. The Sacrament of Baptism, as we heard in last weekend's Gospel of Matthew (3:13-17), was created by and deemed important to Jesus...telling John the Baptist that he needed to baptize the Lord Himself, even though He is the Holy One of God. To paraphrase Jesus, *it is that important of a sacrament that if you baptize me the people in all generations will understand why I created it and desire them to baptize their children...*

So, let us then deduce a few things: **First**, we should baptize our children at an early age, infancy, so that the child is filled with a supernatural grace from God, that if nurtured and fed by the family (meaning specifically the parents and godparents) that the child will then learn how to love righteously love God back by loving and honoring all human dignity given to us by God. It is guiding our children to see in themselves the image and likeness of God, which calls us to seek the excellence of our own lives and the lives of those around us. **Second**, who is to be a godparent? A godparent's role is two-fold, first to join in with the parents as living examples of faith to a child, to illustrate what it means to be a Catholic disciple of Christ in the choices we make in our daily activities of life. And, second, should anything happen to the parents then the godparents are the primary teachers of the faith to that child.

Therefore, the qualifications of a godparent are (1) be a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic, attend Mass regularly and receive Holy Communion, provide for the Church and/or be active in a ministry, and live one's life according to Catholic teachings, and be a person of prayer. A godparent is not simply a best friend or college buddy; it is not an honorarium in-and-of-itself, but rather is a person of faith who will instruct and exemplify the faith through action. By way of information, there should be one godfather and one godmother, to image the parents, not two godfathers or two godmothers; however, only one godparent is required.

## Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Over the next few weeks I would like to ask our parishioners to consider either being a lector at the Mass or a Eucharistic Minister. Such members of the ministerial team are needed in order that the Mass be celebrated reverently and smoothly. Both a lector and Eucharistic Minister should serve terms, so that new faces and voices are always welcome. This is meant to be a sign to others of welcoming all in service to God.

I will be holding training sessions in the near future for both ministerial positions. I ask all our parishioners to pray to God and ask for guidance on just how you might best serve God and His Church. I will be asking people after the Masses to consider one of these positions, but you need not wait to be "invited." *Volunteerism is a wonderful thing!* Next week's bulletin will list training date options.

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## Faith Formation News

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### IMPORTANT dates:

January 18<sup>th</sup>: NO CLASSES ~ MLK DAY

January 24<sup>th</sup>: Grade 5 Class Mass

January 24<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Q & A meeting in Russell Hall following the 5 PM Vigil Mass

January 25<sup>th</sup>: Grades K-8 Classes, Confirmation I & II

February 1<sup>st</sup>: Grades K-8 Classes ONLY

February 1<sup>st</sup>: 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!!**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - January meetings will be held on Monday, January 19th at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. To request a prayer shawl or if you have any questions about joining this ministry, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773 or [ktoaks@gmail.com](mailto:ktoaks@gmail.com).

**All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Ministry Faith & Fellowship gathering on Wednesday January 21st at 7 p.m. in Russell Hall.** 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>

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

[\*\*Senior Winter Pancake Breakfast\*\*](#)



# NOURISH WITH *Hope*

## JANUARY STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY THIS WEEK

January sandwiches will be collected  
Saturday, January 17th,  
Sunday, January 18th from 9-6 p.m., and  
Monday, January 19th, 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/4iw9rnO>

**FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on  
Sat, January 17th.** Thanks for volunteering,  
"Your reward in Heaven will be great!"

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 hot dish:** We'll supply the ingredients for you to make a hot dish at home for us to bring to Hartford. Pick up the ingredients on Thursday, 1/15 at Fitzgeralds and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, 1/17 between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with the recipe and more information if you haven't done this before.
3. **Make Cupcakes:** Make 12 cupcakes and drop off on Sat, 1/17 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.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchJan17>  
Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940.  
[richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com)



**SPREAD VALENTINE'S LOVE**



Thinking of helping others for Valentine's Day?  
The St. Elizabeth House Ministry provides dinner once a month.  
Consider signing up to make a food donation or donating your time!  
Next date is **February 8, 2026!**

Contact Beth Bouchard with questions~ 860-402-5096  
For more information or to sign up, follow the link or scan the QR code!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BAFAE2BA3F85-61702387-saint#/>