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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 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:

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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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PARISH STAFF

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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 31st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Dominic & Rose Marandino, wedding anniversary remembrance, requested by their family;*
- Sunday, February 1st @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Caren Schoenberger, 1st anniversary, requested by her family;*
- Sunday, February 1st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Joseph Heiser, requested by Kathryn Rothstein;*
- Monday, February 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Bob Belden, requested by his wife;*
- Monday, February 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary;*
- Monday, February 2nd @ 6:30 p.m. *Adoration;*
- Tuesday, February 3rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Tom Moody, requested by the Ballenger Family;*
- Tuesday, February 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration;*
- Wednesday, February 4th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Lewis Affelder, requested by his family;*
- Friday, February 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Margaret Hart, requested by Terri St. Denis;*
- Friday, February 6th @ 9:00 a.m. *Chaplet/Rosary;*
- Saturday, February 7th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Eileen Adams, 10th anniversary, requested by Nancy, Craig & Ryan Taylor;*
- Sunday, February 8th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *90th birthday blessings for Barbara Hopkins, and,*
- Sunday, February 8th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Julia McCabe, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia.*

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:	\$	3,330.00
Faith Direct /Parish Soft:	\$	4,072.08
Total:	\$	7,402.08

Annual donations	\$	5,120.00
Various	\$	625.00

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. If you are currently receiving church envelopes please call the office so that we may discontinue them. Thank you.



Please call the office, 658-1642, if you contribute through regular church envelopes and would like a year-end tax statement.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

January

-Sat, 31st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

February

- Sun, 1st—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 1st—NO Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Sun, 1st—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Sun, 1st—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 2nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 2nd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 2nd—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Valentine Service Project, RH, 9:15 a.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Children’s Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 3rd—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 4th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 6th—Chaplet & Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 6th—Senior Pancake Breakfast, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Sat, 7th—Service Project, 9 a.m.—11 noon.
- Sat, 7th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp



For

*Frederick Giardino,
birthday remembrance,*

requested by
Susan Watson.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Needs

On **Saturday, February 21st**, our parish will host opportunities to train both “Eucharist Ministers” and lectors here at St. Catherine of Siena. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be trained from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.**, and **lectors will be trained from 11 a.m. until 12 noon**. I am extending this opportunity to those who feel a calling to these lay roles in the Church.

Lectors: Proclaim the Sacred Scriptures at Mass and other liturgies of the Catholic Church, notice that the word “Proclaim” is used rather than “to read it,” since the role of the lector is to engage the congregation by knowing the scripture and proclaiming it and making some eye contact with the congregation. This requires practice as not to stumble over the individual names and locales in the readings, and to well emphasize words, bringing the accounts of Christ, prophets, kings and everyday people of the ancient world to life. Lectors also offer the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass as we collect our parish voices for the needs of the Church, the world, our nation, and our communities. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please call the parish office, 658 1642, and leave your name with Lisa Cerchia.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: First of all, the term “Eucharistic Minister” cannot be found in the Code of Canon Law, even though almost every parish and priest in the United States uses it. The correct term for this lay role is *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*. Canon 910.1 states that the ordinary minister of Holy Communion is a bishop, priest or deacon. In other words, the cleric is supposed to distribute Communion. The exception to this rule is found in canon 910.2, which notes that the extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is either an “acolyte,” or another member of the faithful deputed in accord with canon 230.3. *Acolyte used here is a seminarian who has been received by the Church through his education and spiritual formation and who is on his way to the Catholic Priesthood, a permanent, life-long role (Canon Law uses the word “temporary” when referring to Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion since those roles are not meant to be a life-long commitment, e.g., the Catholic Priesthood).*

Thus, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are both lay-men and lay-women, who are trained, and offer service in the distribution of Holy Communion when no able-bodied cleric is present at the Mass.

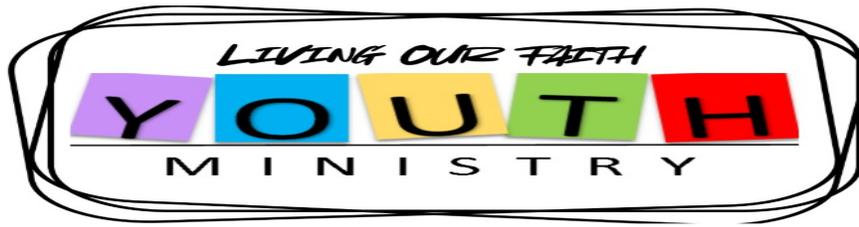
All this to say **our parish is in need of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and lectors for the smooth and timely celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and I am asking our parishioners to consider assisting me.** As noted above, there will be training sessions, and if anyone has any questions or concerns, they should feel free to call or speak with me, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Winter’s Weather in New England...

We are blessed in New England with the changing of seasons and the beautiful landscapes, from mountains and fields to rivers and oceans...snow, sleet, humidity, mosquitos and ticks. But alas, I digress...

With winter snow, things become more difficult, and I don’t just mean the driving conditions, I also mean the running of the parish operations. From higher heating costs to avoid freezing pipes, to snow plowing and side-walk shoveling and salt and sand. Add to that, the very low (and very understandable) attendance rates, and the next thing on my “talking points” are the lower collections.

So here is my ask: as we experience a snowier than usual winter and lighter Mass attendance, we still have to pay our operational expenses and employee costs. I am asking, gently, that if one is unable to attend Mass that you can hopefully remember those weekend envelopes at the next Sunday Mass. Sadly, Eversource, CNG and our employees continue to send us bills and expect their paychecks?!? Can you imagine that? And, while I am asking...may I suggest online giving through Parish Soft, then I won’t have to raise this unpleasant subject again. **Thank you!**



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

SURVEY SAYS... this evening is going to be a BLAST!! Bring your family, friends, and best answers to Friendly Feud! Sign up to play or just sit back and watch. Light refreshments will be served. **Friday, February 6th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in Russell Hall.**

SIGN UP TODAY!! bit.ly/4bPgQNA



SAVE THE DATE TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS-FATHER MICHAEL INVITES ALL TEENS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th from 6-9 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena—TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FOLLOWED BY GAME NIGHT AND DESSERT BAR. Father Michael invites ALL teens to participate in the **Teen Stations of the Cross.** Teens are asked to hold a candle, hold the cross, read a station, hand out programs, or just attend. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING,** join us in Russell Hall for an amazing selection of desserts, games and prizes. **Earn Confirmation Service Hours.**

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



BOSTON MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION AND BAKE SALE will be held on **Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, February 22nd** at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.

Please look for flyers and signs in the parish and consider supporting our fundraiser. Teens will be auctioning off services and preparing baked goods in exchange for donations.

The Silent Auction will close promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Monday.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

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TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Earn Confirmation Service Hours too! Teens are needed to help deliver Valentines to our most senior parishioners before February 14th! Teens will not only be delivering Valentines but also charity in the visit itself-sharing smiles, joy, and reminding our cherished seniors that they are a beloved and important part of our parish family. These moments of connection bring warmth and gratitude to all involved.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA5AF2EABFEC07-61909493-valentine>

Youth Ministry Boston Mission Trip Hoodies for the Homeless

From March 12th to March 15th, a group of youth ministry teens will be traveling to Boston for our annual Mission Trip to help with a variety of service projects at various worksites such as a church, shelter, food bank or non-profit agency. The purpose of these projects is not simply to perform tasks, but to provide a unique opportunity to visit unfamiliar neighborhoods and experience what it means to serve others.

Beginning February 21th through February 28th, we are collecting **HOODIES** for the homeless, sizes **medium - XXXXL**. Thank you for your support of our Youth Ministry Mission Trip. Collections boxes are located in both the Atrium and the Vestibule.

NOURISH
WITH *Hope*

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 8th, 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#/>



Pantry Partners

***The next distribution date
is February 21st.***

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat.,

February 21st. Please sign up by Weds.,

**February 18th. 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 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, 2/19 at Fitzgeralds and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, 2/21 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, 2/21 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.

FEBRUARY STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

**February sandwiches will be collected Saturday,
February 21st, Sunday, February 22nd from 9-6 p.m.,
and Monday, February 23rd, 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 use this link to sign up to help:

<https://bit.ly/3O78Fck>

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchFeb21>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940. richsickinger@gmail.com.