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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 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:

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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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, March 14th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *William Benoit, 9th anniversary*, requested by Jill Perreault;
- Sunday, March 15th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *John Raymond*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, March 15th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Anthony Gerard Walsh*, requested by his family;
- Monday, March 16th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Margaret Sennott, 4th anniversary*, requested by her family;
- Tuesday, March 17th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Julia McCabe*, requested by David & Maryellen Bailey;
- Wednesday, March 18th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Julia & Michael Donahue, birthday remembrances*, requested by their family;
- Friday, March 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *John Regish*, requested by Lyn Brucker;
- Saturday, March 21st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Myles McCabe, birthday blessings & Julia McCabe*, requested by Colby & Anita Thresher;
- Sunday, March 22nd @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *William Kaliden, Jr., birthday remembrance*, requested by his family; and,
- Sunday, March 22nd @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Theresa Parisi DeDominicis, 60th anniversary*, requested by her family.

Sanctuary Lamp

For

Jill Betters, 4th anniversary,
Jim Farley, 21st anniversary,
Paul Jagla, 24th anniversary,

requested by their 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!*

*Please use either our online giving company, Parish Soft, the collection basket or mail your envelope to:
Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092*

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$	9,280.00
Parish Soft:	\$	4,072.08
Total:	\$	13,352.08
Repair & Refurbishment	\$	335.00
Various	\$	60.00

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

March

- Sat, 14th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 15th—*NO Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 15th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 16th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 17th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon, 16th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 16th—NO Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon, 16th—Lenten Penance Service, Church, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 17th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 17th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 17th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 17th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 18th—Rosary, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 18th—Lenten Bible Study, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, 18th—Lenten Bible Study, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 20th—Stations of the Cross, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 20th—Mary's Way of the Cross, Church, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 21st—Feed the Hungry, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 21st—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 21st-Mon, 23rd—Street Sandwiches
- Sat, 21st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 22nd—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 22nd—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 22nd—Confirmation, 1 & 2, RH, 6 p.m.

**LENTEN MERCY PROJECT WEEK 5
MARCH 21st & 22nd**

American Legion Post, 182, Granby

St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation

This Sunday at 2:30 pm Archbishop Christopher Coyne will bestow the Archdiocese's medal of appreciation, the St. Joseph Medal, on those nominated by their pastors for outstanding service to the parish. This year, like all years, it is difficult to select just one person or couple as our parish is blessed with numerous choices of talented people who spend themselves for the good of our parish community.

This year, Peter Pabich was selected as our community's nominee and he was accepted by Archbishop Coyne. The ceremony will take place Sunday, March 15, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Farmington Avenue. Our parishioners are welcome to attend the ceremony, which is a brief liturgy of the Word and the bestowing of medals by the archbishop.

Peter has been a member of our parish from the time his family, Ed and Patty Pabich joined in 1976. Today, Peter is a Catechist in our Faith Formation Program, a regular Sunday morning Mass attendee and serves as a Sunday morning usher, and is a member of our Finance Council bringing his wealth management expertise to the table, and is involved in many parish events with his family members.

We are honored to award Peter with this acknowledgement of his lived-Catholic faith here in our parish, in his family, and in the greater Simsbury community.



Congratulations, Peter!

Being Late to Mass, May I still Receive Holy Communion?

Often I have heard the question, "How late can one arrive to Mass and still receive the Eucharist?" The Answer is: The Church has very simple requirements: Canon 843.1 notes that Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited from receiving them. And Canon 912 notes that "Any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to holy Communion." Mass is not required to simply receive Communion, as Communion takes place outside of Mass at various times and occasions. All that is left to fulfill is being *properly disposed*, i.e., free of mortal sin, fasted for one hour, and spiritually attentive to the sacrament. Being a little late to Mass might not throw off the opportunity to be properly disposed, but being very late could well lead someone to not be properly prepared to receive so great a sacrament. However, there could be legitimate reasons and exceptions.

So, here's a little more to chew on when thinking about the headlined question:

- **Timing Matters:** If you arrive after the consecration, it is generally advised not to receive Communion. This is because you have not fully participated in the Mass.
- **Proper Disposition:** To receive Communion, one must be properly disposed, meaning free from mortal sin and having fasted for at least one hour before receiving.
- **Exceptions:** If you arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances, such as traffic, you may still be able to receive Communion, especially on weekdays. However, it is recommended to attend another Mass if you arrive late on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

Pray for Boston Mission Trip Attendees

Our youth ministry Boston mission trip is underway this week and weekend, let us keep our youth and their chaperones in our prayers for success, spiritual growth, and safe travels. They are keeping our parish in their prayers as well as at the Masses they are attending in Boston.



Faith Formation News

Helen Treacy, Director of Faith Formation
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IMPORTANT dates:

March 15th: NO CLASSES

March 22nd: K-8 Grades, Confirmation I & II Classes

March 27th: Grade 3 Stations of the Cross at 7PM (3rd Grade students arrive at 5:30 PM)

March 28th: First Holy Communion Family Day (1-3:30 PM in Russell Hall)

March 29th: Last Day of Faith Formation @ 9:30 AM in HJMS Gym

See you at Mass!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This month's meeting will be Monday, March 16th at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. Don't know how to knit or crochet, no problem, we can teach you. For more information or to request a prayer shawl, contact Kathy Oaks, 860-614-2773/
ktoaks@gmail.com

Connecticut March for Life, Wed., March 18th

Life is a gift from God

*March for Life around Bushnell Park
A bus will leave St. Ann Church, Avon
at 10:15 p.m.*

Rally at the Capitol at noon.

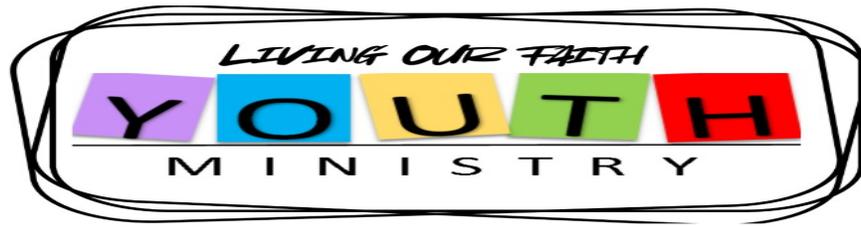
March is at 1:00 p.m.

Return to St. Ann around 3:00 p.m.

*No cost for the bus, but sign up is required.
Sign up sheets are in our church atrium.*

It's that time of year again to celebrate our ever popular and most loved Alleluia Party!

We are looking for three or four parishioners who would be interested in assisting with the set-up of the party the morning of Saturday, April 4th. All are welcomed. The Alleluia party is celebrated directly after the Easter Vigil Mass in Russell Hall. Please contact Lourdes Pincus at 203-241-8348. Thank you kindly.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join the Archdiocese of Hartford and hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville EAST** in **Springfield, MA** on **July 24-26, 2026** to be transformed by the love of Christ. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

More information to come! Sign up here —> <https://forms.gle/U6Piay6yWqsKepmz9>



SUNDAY, MARCH 29th —MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT—6-8 p.m. Join to make your own pizza with all the toppings, and for a hands-on service project for our most senior parishioners and more at St. Catherine of Siena in Russell Hall from 6-8:15 p.m.! Gluten free crust is available. Join us for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship. Sign up here —>

>><https://bit.ly/3PfRr6t>

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY March 25th—MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT, while we make Easter Baskets for children that are **living in shelters**. We will meet at St. Catherine of Siena in Russell Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Gluten free crust is available. Join us for an evening of faith, fun friendship.

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring items to help stuff the baskets. We will provide the basket and grass. Sign up here <https://bit.ly/4asybuL>



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

Lenten Bible Study: Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love continues Wednesday: March 18th; 9:30 AM or 7:00 PM in Russell Hall.

All are welcome—whether you are new to the faith, returning to the Church, or simply seeking to understand better what we believe and why. **Facilitator:** Lou Daniels, Th.M.

All women of the parish are invited to join our 6 week Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study. There are 2 sessions from which to choose. Beginning Tuesday April 7th from 7-8 p.m., led by Diane Lipari, we will study the topic of *Forgiveness*. Beginning Wednesday April 8th from 9:30-11 a.m., led by Theresa Bellacosa and Judy Manza, *Women of the New Testament* will be the study. Details about each study and book purchase can be found on SignUp Genius:

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

NOURISH WITH *Hope*

MARCH STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY-Sandwiches will be collected Sat., March 21st, Sun., March 22nd from 9-6 p.m., and Mon., March 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. TO SIGN UP, PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/404Fq6f>Any questions, please contact Manuela Hanshaw at Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, March 21st. Please sign up by Weds, March 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's 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, 3/19 at Fitzgeralds and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, 3/21 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, 3/21 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30am.
4. **Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchMarch21>

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

**The next Pantry Partners distribution is March 21st.
This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables, and protein to over 30 local families.
Thank you for your continued support!**