

For our homebound and  
sick parishioners:  
Livestream our 11 a.m.  
Mass at  
[stcatherine.info](http://stcatherine.info)



# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Nov. 2, 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:

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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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.*

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

## 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, November 1st @ 10:00 am. *Pro Populo*;
- Saturday, November 1st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*, requested by Ed & Mary Bouquillon;
- Sunday, November 2nd @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Anthony Brancato*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, November 2nd @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Michael Cirafici*, 7th anniversary, requested by his wife;
- Monday, November 3rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Catholic Nurses*, requested by Fr. Whyte;
- Monday, November 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Tuesday, November 4th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Tony Drapelick*, 9th anniversary requested by his family;
- Tuesday, November 4th @ 9:00 a.m. *Adoration*;
- Wednesday, November 5th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Robert Vincent Marchetti*, 1st anniversary, requested by his family;
- Wednesday, November 5th @ 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- Friday, November 7th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Mary Lou Whyte*;
- Friday, November 7th @ 9:00 a.m. *Chaplet/Rosary*;
- Saturday, November 8th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *A Special Intention*;
- Sunday, November 9th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Janina & Wladyslaw Skolimowski*, requested by Stella & Arthur; and,
- Sunday, November 9th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Philip Pilon*, 4th anniversary, requested by his 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: \$ 6,632.50

Faith Direct weekly giving: \$ 4,072.08

Total: \$10,704.58

Various \$ 175.00

This weekend's 2nd collection is for  
Repair & Refurbishment.

Next week's is for the Military (every 3 years)

### Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

#### November

- Sat, 1st—All Saints Day Mass, 10 am.
- Sat, 1st—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sat, 1st—Fireside Rosary, Firepit, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 2nd—Daylight Savings Time Ends,  
Fall Back 1 hour at 2 a.m.!
- Sun, 2nd—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 2nd—*Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.*
- Sun, 2nd—Confirmation 1 & 2, RH, 6:00 & 7:15 p.m.
- Mon, 3rd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 3rd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 4th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 5th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 6th—New Day Bereavement, Rooney-A, 10 am.
- Thurs, 6th—Wm's Bible Study, RH, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, 7th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 8th—Confession, Church, 4p.m.
- Sun, 9th—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun 9th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m & 12 noon.
- Sun, 9th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 9th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Sun, 9th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 10th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 10th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 10th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.



### Sanctuary Lamp

For  
*60th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Blessings for*  
*Carmen and Teri Mascaro.*

There will be a Mass on November 1st at 10 a.m. for All Saints Day.  
It is a Holy Day but not one of Obligation.

**Father Michael Invites ALL-  
THIS SATURDAY EVENING—NOVEMBER 1st  
TEENS, FAMILIES AND ALL PARISHIONERS**

Please join Youth Ministry THIS Saturday, at St. Catherine of Siena for the 5 p.m. Mass. Immediately following Mass, we will light our firepit and spend 20 minutes praying the Rosary together. Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3L0AJFX>

Hot cocoa and zeppole will be available after our prayer service.

This event is for ALL parishioners and is sponsored by our Youth Ministry.

**Calling all bakers—it's your time to shine! Little Sisters of the Poor are having their annual Christmas bazaar and bake sale and we promised to provide baked goods. Can I count on you to bake something delicious? Please drop off your baked goods either Thursday, November 13th in the church kitchen or Friday the 14th by 9:30 a.m. Questions? Call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.**

**Thank you so much for your consideration and God bless.**

**St. Joseph's Residence Presents**

1365 Enfield St. Enfield, CT 06082

**Christmas  
Bazaar**

**14th  
November  
TAG SALE  
ONLY  
10am – 3pm**



**15th  
November  
Bazaar &  
TAG SALE  
10am – 3pm**

**Raffles, Baked Goods, Food, Games, & much more**

**For more info call 860-265-1872**



## Faith Formation News

**THANK YOU to all who helped replenish our St. Catherine's food pantry this past weekend for Pajama Day!!**  
**We collected over 130 items which calculates to about 100 + meals!!**



### IMPORTANT dates:

**November 1<sup>st</sup>: Fireside Rosary Event after the 5PM Vigil**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: K- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes and Confirmation I & II

November 9<sup>th</sup>: K -8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes ONLY

November 16<sup>th</sup>: K- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes and Confirmation I & II

**November 16<sup>th</sup>: First Reconciliation @ 3PM in the church.**

**\*\*\* 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.**

## Save the Date

**Come join Father Whyte and Youth Ministry for a Fireside Rosary Event on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the 5PM Vigil Mass.**

**See you at Mass!!**

**Calling all kids!** Halloween is filled with treats. Share the fun and donate a portion of your Halloween candy to give treats to Feed the Hungry. All treats will be distributed by The Feed the Hungry Group at the November visit to Saint Elizabeth House. Donations may be dropped off in the candy boxes in the Atrium and Vestibule.

**Keep Them Warm**-come join the women's service ministry on Wednesday November 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Russell Hall to make fleece hats and scarves for children living in shelters. No sewing skills necessary. Please bring a pair of children's mittens or gloves. Interested: call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 no later than Sunday, November 9th. Come join us for warm drinks and treats.

**All women of the parish are invited on Wednesday November 12th at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Sister Barbara Mullen, CSJ, on John's Gospel story of the Wedding at Cana followed by a special wine tasting related to wines similar to Jesus' time.**

**Registration is required for this event prior to November 7th.** Please note: there is a \$20 fee for this event if you wish to participate in the wine tasting.

More details on Sign Up Genius: <http://bit.ly/3INUyjd>



## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena** —Don't miss out on a night packed with games, faith, laughs, snacks, and surprises! Invite your friends and come on out. You never know what kind of fun we'll get into... but you'll definitely want to be there! **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.** Teens and parents can sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/43lugf8>

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall at St. Catherine of Siena. Bunco Night – Fast, Fun & Full of Laughs and Faith!** Never heard of Bunco? No worries—it's easy to learn, fast-paced, and seriously fun! Come roll the dice, meet new friends, and enjoy a night full of energy, laughter, and prizes. Pizza dinner included! Invite a friend or make some new friends. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.** Teens and parents can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/478R3fq>

**SAVE THE DATES FOR APPLE PIE NIGHTS!** This year, we will bake **300 apple pies** in support of shelters in Hartford. **Friday, November 21st—Family Apply Pie Night at St. Mary's and Sunday, November 23rd—Apple Pie Night at St. Catherine of Siena! Can you take some pies home to bake too?** We sure could use the help baking the pies. You can drop them back off any time over that weekend. Thank you in advance.

## YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

ALL Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Ministry. <https://forms.gle/6xwkJira6jdiwpuc8>

## *Father Michael Invites ALL- THIS SATURDAY EVENING—NOVEMBER 1st TEENS, FAMILIES AND ALL PARISHIONERS*

Please join Youth Ministry **THIS Saturday, at St. Catherine of Siena for the 5 p.m. Mass.** Immediately following Mass, we will light our firepit and spend 20 minutes praying the Rosary together. Sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3L0AJFX>

**TEEN VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help lead this prayer service. Parishioner Mary O'Bryan will be our facilitator and we will be there to help you. You are volunteering to help with one decade of the Rosary, one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory Be. Earn Confirmation Service Hours too. Teens can volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/4pZ2gl0>

Hot cocoa and zeppole will be available after our prayer service.

**This event is for ALL parishioners and is sponsored by our Youth Ministry.**

## TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teen volunteers are needed to help deliver small gifts to our most senior parishioners. You will receive about 10-12 gifts and delivery can be made at your convenience from 11/3 through 11/24. Be the light that brings joy to our senior parishioners. **Earn Confirmation Service Hours too.** To sign up to help, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/4hcMJ3r>

*Please be sure to follow us on Instagram at  
stcatherine\_youthministry*

# NOURISH WITH *Hope*

## St. Elizabeth House—November 9th.

You may sign-up at:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10COF44ADAD2DA64-54522006-  
stelizabeth](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF44ADAD2DA64-54522006-stelizabeth)

## Pantry Partners—November 15th.

### 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 21 at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6-8:15, 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 p.m. 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>

### NOVEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Father Michael wants to express his gratitude to all our parishioners that continue to support this ministry, as we could not continue to provide for the homeless without your generosity and support!

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

### FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, Nov 22nd.

Please sign up by Weds, Nov 19th.

Special Thanksgiving meal will be served.

There are 2 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 an early Thanksgiving meal for residents as well as for other food insecure guests. We will be done by 1:00 p.m.
2. **Make Cupcakes:** Make cupcakes and drop off on Sat, 11/23 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30am.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchNov22>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940, [richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com)