

For our homebound and
sick parishioners:
Livestream our 11 a.m.
Mass at
stcatherine.info



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 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.

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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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, August 22nd @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Leslie Brimmer, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, August 23rd @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Richard R. Russell*, requested by the parish;
- Sunday, August 23rd @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Marge Storrs*, requested by Gene & Allison Falcone;
- Monday, August 24th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Archbishop Henry J. Mansell*, requested by the parish;
- Tuesday, August 25th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Steve LaBarge*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- Wednesday, August 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass *Pro Populo*;
- Friday, August 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Rev. Josh Wilbur, speedy recovery*, requested by the parish;
- Saturday, August 29th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Nicholas Peter Leary*, requested by the Magnani Family;
- Sunday, August 30th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *George Archambault, 1st anniversary*, requested by the parish;
- Sunday, August 30th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Peter Schumacher, 10th anniversary*, requested by Joe Renna.

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

Week of August 9th

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 5,075.00
Parish Soft:	\$ 6,928.49
Total:	\$12,003.49

Repair & Refurbishment:	\$ 2,330.00
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Week of August 16th

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 6,083.00
Parish Soft:	\$ 7,285.43
Total:	\$13,368.43

Repair & Refurbishment:	\$ 850.00 (add'l)
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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.

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events August

- Sat, 22nd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m..
- Mon, 24th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 25th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 25th—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 25th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 26th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 26th—Confirmation II Teacher Mtg, RH, 6 p.m.
- Fri, 28th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 29th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m..
- Mon, 31st—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 31st—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 31st—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.

September

- Tues, 1st—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 2nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 4th—Chaplet, Church, 9 a.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

For
Special Intention
for a good outcome.



Wedding Banns I

*Daniel Vladimirovitch Petrenko
& Victoria Anna Zysk*

September 19, 2026

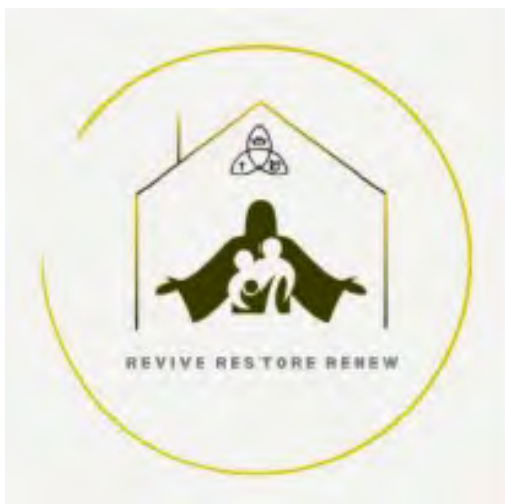
Thank You for an Amazing Reel Family Fun Night!

What started as a crazy idea turned into an unforgettable night of faith, family, friendship, and fun!

A huge thank you to Father Whyte, Colleen Langlais, Allison Couture, Manuela Hanshaw, Sandra Cinquegrana, Beckie and Grace Bilodeau and our student volunteers, Irene and Lucia Koob, Sydney Kosky, Cora Higham, for bringing this night to life, and to all the families who joined us!

From games, singing, popcorn and a movie to flashlight tag, cozy sleeping, a beautiful sunrise Mass, and breakfast, it was a night filled with laughter and wonderful memories.

Thanks to all of you, our first Reel Family Fun Night won't be our last! We've started a new tradition!



Retreat: The Power of a Praying Parent – what would happen if your family made a space for God in your home? Grandparents, parents, and expecting parents are invited to a four-session retreat to create a little oratory in their home and discover how to unlock the power of a praying parent.

Morning session with light lunch:

Wednesday 10-12:30pm [Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14];

Evening session with hors d'oeuvres and small plate meal:

Saturday 6:15-8:30pm [Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17].

Location: St Catherine of Siena Russell Hall

Register: <https://forms.gle/wxdGyV3VU6nmTJ529> or



Yes, We Can, Nourish, Love, Support and Care for our local community.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our food pantry. This week we are looking for hearty soups and stews, canned or jarred fruit/applesauce, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam), hot and cold cereal, PB&J, and lunch box crackers and healthy snacks. We are now accepting toiletries for children and adults. If you don't have time to shop, look for the Food Pantry Donation Box, at the back of the church, and we will do the shopping.

All donations can be delivered using the kitchen entrance. Our pantry is open to all from 9 a.m.–6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass. Please don't leave perishable items and please check expiration dates. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

Helen Treacy, Director of Faith Formation
(860) 658-4737, helentreacyff@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation classes for
the 2026-2027 school year **IS NOW OPEN!!!**

Please use the link below to register your children:

<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/flcab790-b22e-4a20-b09e-b024254d92c8>

Registration will be open until September 1, 2026.

*We have openings for Catechists in grades 1,2, 4 and Confirmation.
Please contact Helen Treacy if you are interested.*

Music Notes

We are so fortunate in our parish to have so many dedicated volunteers in our Music Ministry – from our choir members and instrumentalists to our cantors who have been such a wonderful help this summer leading our congregational singing. Have you ever considered joining our Music Ministry? Have people turned around in the pew and suggested you join the choir? If so, we invite you to slide out of your comfort zone in the congregational pews and join us in the choir section this fall. *We are looking for new members in all voice parts.* We offer both a Children's Choir which is open to our youth in grades 2-8, and an Adult Choir which is open to both high school students and adults. Music is an essential part of our weekend and Holy Day liturgies and we are dedicated to that ministry. Come and experience the beauty and joy of Christ in a new way when you sing in the choir!

Tuesday Rehearsal Schedule (beginning Sept. 15)

Children's Choir: 6:30-7:20 PM in the Music Room; Adult Choir: 7:30-8:45 PM in the Church

Mass Schedule

Children's Choir: sings twice per month (Sept. – April), *email Susan for complete schedule*

Adult Choir: 11 AM Masses each week from Sept. 20 – June 6, Christmas Eve 10 PM, Triduum

No auditions are needed, but if anyone interested in the Adult Choir would like to meet with the director to see what voice part you are, please contact Susan Zybert at susanzybert@comcast.net to schedule a time. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Susan. We encourage you to give it a try and we look forward to meeting you soon!

JHYM KICKOFF BONFIRE+

GAGA BALL NIGHT



SCAN TO SIGN UP



DATE: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10
TIME: 6-8PM
SIGN UP BY: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3 @ 4:00PM

ENJOY GAMES, PIZZA, & S'MORES
 BRING A FRIEND & A LAWN CHAIR!



SCAN TO SIGN UP

Saint Catherine of Siena

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Kickoff and Steubenville Reunion!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 6:00-8:00PM
 PIZZA, S'MORES, BONFIRE, GAMES, GAGA BALL
 BRING YOUR FRIENDS & A LAWN CHAIR!
 SIGN UP BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4 AT 4:00PM



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
 YOUTH MINISTRY

'26-'27 Youth Ministry Registration is open!
 Scan the QR code to register now!



Free Car Wash

SUNDAY 9/27
 12:00-2:00PM



STC YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARKING LOT

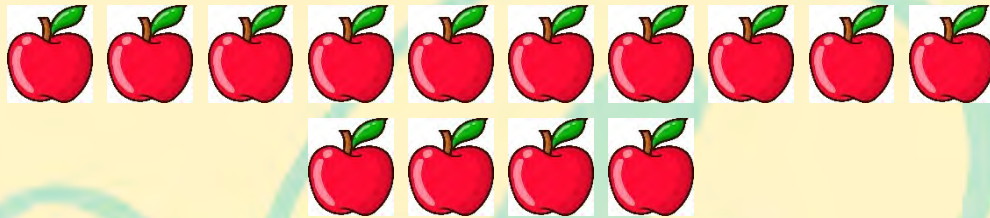
DONATIONS WELCOMED

A Huge Thank You from the Malta Food Pantry Backpack Drive—I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone at St. Catherine of Siena for your incredible generosity during our recent school supply drive. Thanks to your overwhelming support, we collected over 150 brand-new backpacks and a massive amount of essential school supplies!

We had a great day over at St. Justin- St. Michael for the distribution. The Malta Food Pantry serves as a critical lifeline, distributing food every Saturday to over 200 families. Your contributions directly eased a heavy financial burden for parents who are often forced to choose between buying groceries and school essentials. The families who attend the pantry were extremely grateful for the relief and support as they gear up for the new academic year.

By far, the best part of the day was seeing how excited the children were to step up and pick out their very own backpacks. You really came together to make a tangible difference for these kids and gave them a great, confident start to their school year. Thank you again for showing so much love and support for our neighbors!

NOURISH
WITH *Hope*



IT'S SO EASY!!!

How will you donate to St. Elizabeth House this month?

It's as easy as buying some fruit or bread!

Or maybe make a dessert or a casserole?

St. Catherine of Siena provides dinner once a month to residents at the
St. Elizabeth House in Hartford.

Consider signing up to make a food donation or donating your time!

Next date is Sunday September 13, 2026!

Contact Susan Rubenstein with questions~ 860.205.9992

For more information or to sign up, follow the link below,

scan the QR code or see paper sign up in the Atrium!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BAFAE2BA3F85-64535093-saint#/>



PANTRY PARTNERS—SCPP provides fresh vegetables and protein to families in need. The food is purchased from Big Y in Simsbury, a wonderful ministry partner. **Next distribution is September 19th!**