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Mass at
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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 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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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, September 26th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for **Bill Adams, 5th anniversary, (Grade 6 Class Mass);** requested by Nancy, Craig & Ryan;
- Sunday, September 27th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for **Richard Gallagher, 4th anniversary,** requested by MaryLou Gallagher;
- Sunday, September 27th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for **Nancy Cannariato, 31st anniversary,** requested by her family;
- Monday, September 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for **Judie McDonald, birthday blessings;**
- Tuesday, September 29th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for **Maura Kostelni, birthday blessings,** requested by her family;
- Wednesday, September 30th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for **John Martin, 1st anniversary,** requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry;
- Friday, October 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for **William & Mae Boyle,** requested by Lisa & Peter Sheary;
- Saturday, October 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for **Rob & Mike Larose, 4th & 3rd anniversary,** requested by their family;
- Sunday, October 4th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for **Mickey Barlow, 16th anniversary,** requested by Lyn Brucker;
- Sunday, October 4th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for **John Donahue, 7th anniversary,** requested by his family.

Sanctuary Lamp
For
Maura Kostelni,
birthday blessings,
requested by her 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: \$ 5,815.30
Parish Soft: \$ 7,490.53
Total: \$ 13,305.83

Catholic Elementary Schools: \$ 4,136.51
Repair & Refurbishment: \$ 315.00 (add'l)

***This week's second
collection is for Haiti.***

For those who are interested in online giving,
you may use this link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-1077>

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

September

- Sat, 26th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 26th—Grade 6 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 27th—Faith Formation Classes, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 27th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 28th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 28th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 28th—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 29th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—OCIA, Meet & Greet, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 30th—Prayer Workshop, RH, 10 a.m.
- Wed, 30th—Jr. High YM Adoration, Church, 6 p.m.

THE NOR'EASTER HAS POSTPONED A COUPLE OF EVENTS!

Our evening Prayer Retreat (9/26) and our Youth Ministry Car Wash (9/27) have been rescheduled. The Car Wash will be held on 10/11; stay tuned for the new Prayer Retreat date.

Thinking About an Annulment?

For many Catholics, the word “annulment” conjures up confusion: What is an annulment? How can a Catholic marriage be “invalid”? What does an annulment do to my child’s legitimacy? Does it really cost \$10,000?

On Tuesday, October 13th at 7 p.m., attorney-by-profession as well as Catholic-trained Tribunal Advocate and St. Catherine parishioner, John Ginnetti, will answer these and other questions about annulments and the Tribunal process for the nullity of (annulment) marriage. Whether you or someone you know who has been thinking about the annulment process, come and get clarity on issues and learn the “Where, When, How and How Much of the Annulment Process.” Open to all, a lite collation will be available. Register at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-66170682-thinking>

Want to Serve Your God and Parish, While at Mass?

As pastor, I am extending an open invitation to parishioners to consider serving God and your fellow parishioners as either a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, or Altar Server. **For the smooth execution** of the sacred liturgy, it takes many hands to celebrate well the Mass of Jesus Christ. We need a priest to consecrate; We need lectors to proclaim the Word of God and engage parishioners in the full participation of the Mass; We require Eucharistic Ministers to help reverently distribute Holy Communion (just think how much longer it would take if only the priest distributed the Body and Blood of Christ); and, if there were no ushers to greet and help first-timers to attend Mass with us, and if no altar servers were at the altar, your priest would look like a one-man band. When Vatican II called the laity to join in with the “full participation of the Mass,” it wasn’t simply just talking about singing, kneeling, responding in dialogue and praying, but it was actively fulfilling the role of the laity in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers and more.

As I invite you to pray over how you can help me celebrate the Mass, please email me at fr.whyte@aohct.org, and let me know what you would consider doing, and I will set up training sessions. Lisa, our parish secretary, will reach out to you and schedule the training sessions. THANK YOU!

What is great about these roles in the parish is that they happen while you are already at Mass —no extra time, no extra driving. Could I make it more convenient?

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Matthean Gospel, 21:28-32, invites us to reflect upon and embrace ongoing conversion in our faith, to live our faith authentically through actions (Catholic Action), to Trust in God’s Mercy, and guard against spiritual complacency and hypocrisy. Here are some key points to consider:

1. **The Primacy of Conversion and Repentance:** The son who initially refuses but then later obeys symbolizes sinners who repent and follow God. Catholic teaching emphasizes that it is never too late to come to God through *sincere repentance and conversion*.
2. **Faith and Works Together:** Saying the right thing (the second son who says “I Will!”) is insufficient without corresponding action. The Catholic faith teaches that both faith and works (obedience, charity, living the gospels) are essential. (cf. James 2:14-26)
3. **God’s Mercy and Inclusion:** Jesus highlights that those who society often deems unworthy (tax collectors and prostitutes) can enter into the Kingdom before the self-righteous religious leaders if they repent and believe. This highlights God’s Mercy and the call to humility.
4. **The Danger of Hard-Heartedness:** To reject, by the religious leaders, John the Baptist’s message reveals the perils of stubbornness and pride. Hardening of the heart, spiritually, resists His Grace.
5. **Discerning True Obedience:** Authentic obedience—not just lip service—challenges the believer to examine their own actions and sincerity of heart in following the commands of God.

The above might just be a good daily examination of conscience.



K-10 Classes have begun at Henry James Memorial School. Class time is 9:30- 10:30 AM.

K-2 grades will sign in and out in the cafeteria. All 3-10 grades can go to their own classes at 9:30AM.

6th GRADE CLASS MASS is THIS SATURDAY, September 26th @ 5 PM Vigil

First Reconciliation Meeting is THIS Sunday, September 27th in the HJMS Cafeteria @ 9:30 AM

Coffee and Danish follow the Healing Mass on Friday October 2nd in Russell Hall. Come visit with friends and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or juice and a breakfast treat. All welcome!

Wedding Banns III

Meghan Sickinger & Jonthan Blake,
October 1, 2026

Wedding Banns I

Kathleen Kuzmin & Mitchell Glasgow,
October 17, 2026

Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders needed!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 11a.m. Mass during the school year and we are in need of more volunteers to lead. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Julianna Capozzoli, julthompson@aol.com for more information.

Women's Ministry Morning Bible Study: "Women in the Old Testament".

Join us on 5 consecutive Wednesday mornings beginning **October 21st from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** We will encounter God and His people through the lives of the earliest women of salvation history. No Bible study experience? No problem! All are welcome. *Because of space considerations, the number of participants may be limited.* To ensure your place, **you must register** by e-mailing [Judy Manza at jmanza@verizon.net](mailto:jmanza@verizon.net). Details about book purchase and the first class will be given upon registration.

Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Joseph's Residence

1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082



Annual Spaghetti Supper

OCTOBER 17TH
3PM - 7PM

TICKETS

\$20 Adult

\$10 Child
(8 & up)



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or call (860) 265-1872

Thank you for supporting our Mission! ♥

Saint Catherine of Siena

Junior High Youth Ministry

01 OCT 6-8 PM

MOVIE NIGHT

POPCORN, CANDY, DRINKS!
Russell Hall
Bring a friend!

SIGN UP HERE!




Saint Catherine of Siena

Youth Ministry

is excited to bring you

Steubenville Speaker Tanner Kalina!

Thursday November 5, 6:00-7:15PM
Russell Hall




COME LISTEN AS TANNER DIVES INTO HOW TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN YOUR DAILY LIFE AS A CATHOLIC TEEN!

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

SCAN TO SIGN UP!




Senior High Youth Ministry

FLASHLIGHT CORN MAZE

AT BROWN'S HARVEST

Friday October 30
7:00PM-9:00PM

SIGN UP HERE!




Free Car Wash

STC YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY 10/11
12:00-2:00PM



EARN CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP HERE

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARKING LOT




NOURISH WITH *Hope*

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.



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 veggie side or a salad?

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 October 11, 2026!

Contact Beth Bouchard with questions~ 860.402.5096

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/30E044BAFAE2BA3F85-64535118-saint#/>



Each month, the Pantry Partners Ministry supplements food for local individuals and families who are in need. With rising food prices, this ministry is especially important to relieve food insecurity. The next distribution is October 17th.

LIFESONG - Fall is coming soon! Might you have clean gently used coats and jackets that are collecting dust? Love to distribute them to people in need. Please drop them in the bin in front of the LIFESONG wooden cabinet outside the sacristy door. Thank you and God bless. Questions, contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.