

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



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 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 5th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Shirlee Nevin, 8th anniversary*, requested by the Hammond Family;
- Sunday, September 6th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Janet Orefice*, requested by Peter & Karen Zummo;
- Sunday, September 6th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Steve Skaret, 2nd anniversary*, requested by his family;
- Monday, September 7th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *John Warden, Jr., birthday remembrance*, by his family;
- Tuesday, September 8th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Joseph Caruso, birthday remembrance*, requested by family;
- Wednesday, September 9th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Dorothy Warden, anniversary*, requested by her family;
- Friday, September 11th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Anne Cooney*, requested by Diane Kalamarides;
- Saturday, September 12th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Marylou Whyte, birthday remembrance, & 67th wedding anniversary remembrance for Barbara and Dick Hopkins*;
- Sunday, September 13th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Ralph Ritacco, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, September 13th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Mary McGrath, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family.

Sanctuary Lamp

For
The parishioners at
St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



Wedding Banns III

*Daniel Vladimirovitch Petrenko
& Victoria Anna Zysk*

September 19, 2026

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:	\$ 5,500.50
Parish Soft:	\$ 7,285.43
Total:	\$ 12,785.93

Repair & Refurbishment:	\$ 70.00 (add'l)
Various:	\$ 40.00

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, 5th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 7th—Labor Day—Office Closed,
No Confession, No Adoration.
- Mon, 7th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 8th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 9th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 10th—Jr. High Youth Ministry Kick-Off, 6 p.m.
- Fri, 11th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confirmation Enrollment Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sat, 12th—Confirmation Parent Meeting, RH, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—Catechist Orientation, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 13th—Catechist Commissioning Mass, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 13th—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Sun, 13th—Sr. High Youth Ministry Kick-Off, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 14th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Mon, 14th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 14th—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 15th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 15th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 16th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 16th—Women's Min. Pot Luck, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed, 16th—Sr. High YM Adoration, Church, 6 p.m.
- Wed, 16th—Carnival Committee Mtg, Church, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, 17th—Jr. High YM. Sandwich Prep, RH, 6 p.m.
- Fri, 18th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.

Repair & Refurbishment Update



First and foremost, a huge **thank you** to all who support our monthly Repair and Refurbishment Maintenance collection, which enables us to do regular maintenance and upkeep to our parish facilities (church proper, Russell Hall, offices and rectory) as well as the 18-plus acres upon which our parish sits.

Recent work done in the last few weeks includes power washing the entire church building and sidewalks, especially the northeast side where mold collects; restriping the main parking lot and entrances/exits, trimming the trees and shrubs; repairs to the winter leaks and repainting in the atrium and youth ministry offices. In addition, maintenance for the HVAC system; and, planned work on refurbishment/repainting of Russell Hall as well as some roof repair work prior to the winter season, which sadly is close around the corner.

Thank you for your continued support of the wonderful home we call St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Catholic Elementary School Collection

On September 19th & 20th the archdiocese asks all parishes to take up a collection for our Catholic elementary schools, known as the HOPES Collection. And while some people have said to me, “my children went to public schools, why should I support Catholic education?” Of course all collections are voluntary, but this collection has one heck of a communal aspect to it. And as Catholics we should all be proud of what our Catholic schools (CS) do:

First, CS provides one of the best educational settings—often times surpassing high cost private schools and outperforming public school systems—for a great deal less per-pupil cost;

Second, we acknowledge the individual student, especially as a beloved child of God, but also to promote and teach individual accountability. Jesus loved everyone and expected much of each; and,

Third, we teach the whole child—body, mind and Spirit. We seek everyone’s excellence—the “A” student and the student-in-need—our goal is to create well-educated good citizens who will benefit our culture and local society rather than simply produce “good consumers.”

Certainly Catholic schools benefit the individual child while at the same time seek to create and educate future leaders with a moral compass who will not only succeed in businesses, non-profit and faith-based organizations, but also as leaders in science and the public arena. Next week: The Catholic perspective on AI and forming the whole child, no matter their individuality.



Retreat: **The Power of a Praying Parent**

What type of parent would you like to be? More patient? More present? More loving? Less stressed?

Join us for a four-session retreat to discover the power of a praying parent.

“Come” (Matt. 14:29).

Morning session offers a light lunch: Weds. 10-12:30 pm

[Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14];

Evening session offers hors d’oeuvres and small plate meal: Sats. 6:15-8:30 pm

[Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17].

Location: St Catherine of Siena, 267 Stratton Brook Rd,
West Simsbury - Russell Hall

Register: Scan the QR code or contact Judy Kostelni at
kostelni@cua.edu.



Faith Formation News

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

Faith Formation Classes will begin on September 20th for grades K-10 at Henry James Memorial School from 9:30- 10:30 AM

Please use the link/QR code below to register your child/ren

<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/f1cab790-b22e-4a20-b09e-b024254d92c8>



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

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Welcome Ministry Team invites you to join us at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 20th, to welcome all of our newly registered parishioners. Following the Mass, we invite everyone to join us in Russell Hall for a reception to meet our new parishioners.

If you have any questions, please reach out to John McDonald(sasmcjl@gmail.com, or [860-655-4676](tel:860-655-4676)). **We hope you can join us!**

Women's Ministry Events:

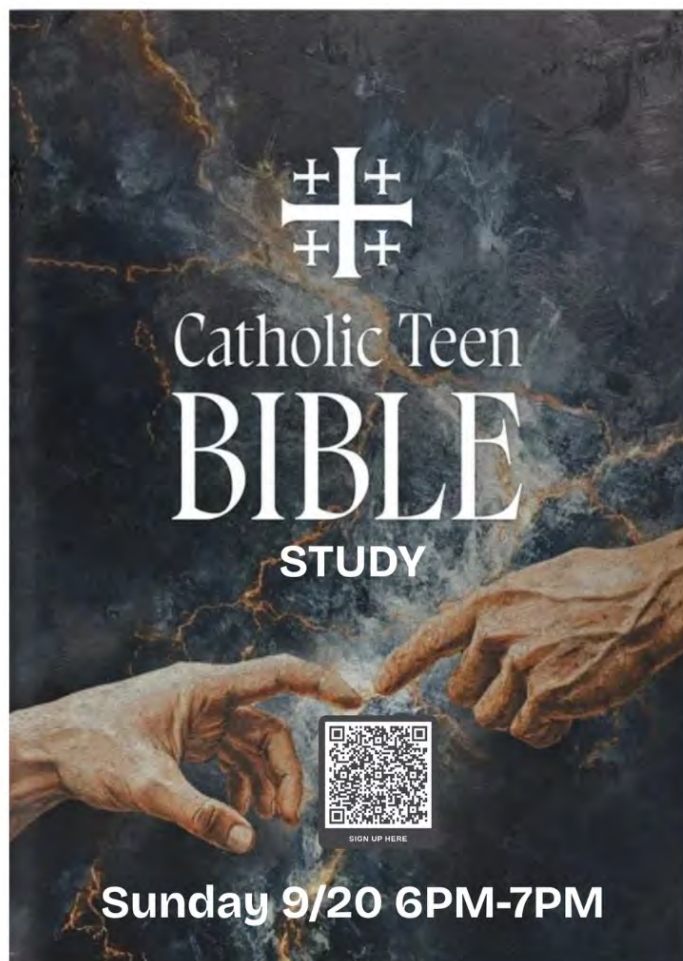
Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 PM: Come join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and delicious food! Our Women's Ministry is gathering for a fun and welcoming potluck dinner—a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and enjoy time together as sisters in Christ. Bring a favorite dish to share and come ready for good conversation, laughter, and community. **All women are welcome!**

We look forward to sharing the evening with you! Sign up [HERE](#):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-65069649-womens>

Fall Bible Study: Join us for our **Evening Fall Bible Study** as we continue our journey through the Parables of Jesus! We'll gather one Thursday evening each month at **7:00 PM** on **September 24th, October 22nd, and November 19th. New to the study? You're welcome to join us!** Our discussions do not build on one another, so you can jump right in—even if you missed the summer sessions. To sign up and to find more details about purchasing the book please go to the [SignUp Genius page HERE](#):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-65069513-womens>




 Catholic Teen
BIBLE
 STUDY


SIGN UP HERE

Sunday 9/20 6PM-7PM

Why join Youth Ministry?...


 Mission Trip

Scan to register for '26-'27 Youth Ministry!




 grow your faith


 help others

and **new** this year

Street Sandwich Ministry

Movie Night

Bible Study

Teen Adoration

Spiritual Hikes


 Car Wash


 Steubenville East


 make friends

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

 YOUTH MINISTRY

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
YOUTH MINISTRY CHARITABLE

CAR WASH

EARN
CONFIRMATION
SERVICE
HOURS!




SIGN UP HERE

TEEN AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WHEN	WHO	WHERE
Sunday 9/27 Volunteer Time 11:30AM-2:30PM Event Time 12:00PM-2:00PM	WASHERS RINSERS DRYERS PARKING SPEAKERS	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARKING LOT SHED

— mgaleotaym@stcyouthministry.org —

Teen Adoration

Wednesdays 6PM-7PM
SHYM 9/16 JHYM 9/23




JESUS

will be waiting for YOU!




During Eucharistic Adoration, you can look at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and you know He looks at you with love.
 Pope Leo, 2025

Remember, YOU are worthy of His love and HE is worthy of Adoration!

NOURISH WITH *Hope*

How will you donate to St. Elizabeth House this month? IT'S SO EASY!!!

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#/>



FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, Sept 19th.

Please sign up by Weds, Sept 16th. There are 4 ways to help: <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchSep19>

- 1. Serve Lunch In-Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine 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 cold salad:** Please prepare your favorite macaroni or potato salad to feed 10-12 people. Deliver your dish in a disposable container to St. Catherine Russell Hall Kitchen between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sat., 9/19.
- 3. Make some sweet treats:** Make 24 cookies and drop off on Sat, 9/19 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30am.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

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

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY HAS RESUMED!

September sandwiches for our Street Sandwich Ministry will be collected Sat., Sept, 19th from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Sun., Sept. 20th, from 9-6 p.m., and Mon., Sept. 21st, 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://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-65431600-september>



Questions? Please contact Peter Sheary, Shearyreal@aol.com, (860) 214-4131.

Volunteer Needed! Feed the Hungry needs a new volunteer to collect candy the few weekends after Halloween. It is a minimal time commitment, and our friends at the shelter look forward to these sweet treats. If you are interested, please reach out to Lisa at the rectory 860-658-1642.