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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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.

Adult Choir accompanys the 11 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Website News: email to:

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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 worshiping with us.

If you would like to join our parishfamily, fill out a yellow membership foirm found in the vestibule or atrium and mail it to us, drop it in the collection basket or call us at 860-658-1642.

**We Welcome You to Our
Family of Faith!**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, October 10th Mass @ 5:00 p.m. for *Fred T. Pera*;
- Sunday, October 11th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Joan Klem, birthday blessings*;
- Sunday, October 11th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Claire Palmer, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Hiscoe Family;
- Monday, October 12th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Gerry Potoczny*;
- Tuesday, October 13th @ 8:30 a.m. for *Neda Weathers*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- Wednesday, October 14th @ 8:30 a.m., Mass *Rod Hartung*, requested by the Neureither Family;
- Friday, October 16th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Benvindo Luis and deceased family members*; requested by Angela Martin;
- Saturday, October 17th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *45th wedding anniversary blessings for Joe & Patty Little*, requested by their family; *Grade 7 Class Mass*;
- Sunday, October 18th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Beverly Syed, 8th anniversary*, requested by Emily Walsh;
- Sunday, October 18th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Irene Bennett*, requested by the Hayes Family.

Wedding Banns III

Kathleen Kuzmin & Mitchell Glasgow
October 17, 2026



Sanctuary Lamp

For
Kenneth Doe,
Cornelius Duggan &
Arunas Bagdonas,
RIP.

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, CT, 06092

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks: \$ 6,979.00

Parish Soft: \$ 7,285.43

Total: \$ 14,264.43

Various: \$ 375.00

**2nd Collection this weekend
for Repair & Refurbishment.**

*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 October

- Sun, 11th—Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. & 12 noon
- Sun, 11th—NO Faith Formation, HJMS
- Sun, 11th—NO Children's Lit. of the Word
- Sun, 11th—CAR WASH, 12 noon.
- Sun, 11th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon, 12th—Office Closed (Columbus Day)
NO Confession/NO Adoration.
- Mon, 12th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 13th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 14th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—Prayer Workshop, RH, 10 a.m.
- Wed, 14th—Women's Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 16th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Mon, 19th—Street Sandwiches
- Sat, 17th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 17th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sat, 17th—Grade 7 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sat, 17th—Prayer Workshop, RH, 6:15 p.m.
- Sun, 18th—CONFIRMATION RETREAT, 8 A.M.

Supporting Life Through Baby Bottles

October is one month in a particular way that the Catholic church celebrates human life and dignity. This October 2026, St. Catherine of Siena Parish will join with the **St. Gerard Center for Life**, a Catholic organization that helps pregnant women bring their unborn child to life in a healthy and happy environment.

St. Gerard is the patron Saint of pregnant women and the saint to whom we pray for a happy, safe and healthy delivery. The Center, bearing the Saint's name, has a mission to empower women facing crisis pregnancies to make life-affirming decisions. They provide educational, spiritual, emotional, and material support to help women gain control of their lives.

While the Center is a Catholic organization, they serve all women regardless of their faith journey, and they are dedicated to upholding the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Their Services Provided:

- Free and confidential on-site pregnancy tests.
- Free and confidential ultra sounds, if tests are positive.
- Parenting support and material assistance up to 24 months.
- Consultations to review the three options for her pregnancy: parenting, adoption, and abortion (they do not provide or refer to abortions but provide factual, medically based information about the procedures, side effects, and potential physical and emotional risks).
- Post abortive care for men and women grappling with the after affects of abortion.
- Men's services to help equip them for fatherhood.

How can You help St. Gerard?

Take a baby bottle and fill it with spare change, cash or checks and bring it back on the first weekend of November. St. Gerard Center for Life will collect the bottles, count the money and report back to us on the collection...and then use the money to help support their mission to care for the unborn, bring them to life, and support the family they will need to have a fruitful and happy life. **Thank you for your support of the St. Gerard Center for Life and for mom's and babies.**

Divorces, Annulments, and Sacraments...Oh, My!

Tuesday, October 13th at 7 pm, come and hear about the meaning, purpose and process of a Catholic annulment. St. Catherine of Siena will host an informational conversation on the Catholic annulment, offered by lawyer and Catholic-trained Advocate, John Ginnetti. Refreshments will be served.

Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-66170682-thinking>.

Come and find out the answers to many of the common questions people have about a Catholic annulment.

28th Sunday: A King, An Invitation, and Response

This Sunday's Gospel from Matthew is about a parable of a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The king sends out his servants to invite the guests, but they refuse to come. More servants are sent to collect the guests, and again the invitees ignore the invitation and mistreat his servants. Now angry, the king kills the murderers and burns the city. Then the king opens wide the gates to the wedding feast to anyone—good or evil, high society or common folk, so that the hall is filled with guests for his son. Someone shows up dressed inappropriately, maybe in sweatpants (lol), and is thrown out.

Fr. Michael continued...

Moral and spiritual lesson for Catholics: This initiation we receive, which we heard about last weekend, is one that requires us to respond to God (His invitation) with faith, repentance, and holiness. It emphasizes the necessity of living a life transformed by grace, not merely relying on external association or privilege. Oh, and the wedding garment, the right and appropriate dress, represents those who come to the Lord without proper conversion and righteousness. The wedding garment is often understood as the grace of God, faith, and good works—necessary to enter into heaven.



Faith Formation News

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

Sunday, October 11th: NO CLASSES (Columbus Day)

Saturday, October 17th: Grade 7 Mass at 5PM (Vigil)

Sunday, October 18th: Grade 8 CONFIRMATION RETREAT at St. Catherine of Siena Church (8AM – 12PM). Lunch is provided. (NOT mandatory for 7th Grade)

Sunday, October 18th: K-6, 9th & 10th Classes ONLY @ HJMS

Sunday, October 25th: K-6, Confirmation I & II & Grades 7-8

Sunday, October 25th: Lesson #1 ~ Waking Up to Habits of the Household 9:30/ (HJMS Cafe)



Women's Ministry Events:

Praying in Color: An Evening of Prayer & Creativity

All women are invited to join the Women's Ministry on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM for a peaceful and inspiring evening of prayer expressed through painting. Diane Whittemore will guide us in Praying in Color, an opportunity to slow down, listen to God, and allow creativity to become a form of prayer.

No artistic experience is needed—just come with an open heart! Come pray, create, and enjoy fellowship with other women of faith.

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. Details about book purchase and the first class will be given upon registration.

Save the date: Wednesday November 11 at 7 p.m.

The holidays can be a beautiful time of joy and togetherness—but for those experiencing loss, they can also bring sadness, loneliness, and difficult memories. Join Josephine Schoenhardt as she offers compassionate insight and practical guidance for navigating grief and managing the holidays.

Come as you are, whether you are grieving a recent loss or carrying a loss from years ago. Together, we'll explore ways to acknowledge our grief, care for ourselves, and find hope, peace, and God's presence during the holiday season.

Saint Catherine of Siena



Youth Ministry & Faith Formation

are 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!



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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#



Feed The Hungry Lunch Service on Saturday, October 17th.

Please sign up by Wed., October 14thth.

- 1. Serve Lunch In Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine at 9:45 a.m. to St. Elizabeth 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 the Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, October 17th between 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 3. Make some sweet treats:** Make 24 cookies to drop off on Sat, 10/17 to the Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchOct17>

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

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY-Oct. 17th-20th.

October sandwiches for our Street Sandwich Ministry will be collected Sat., Oct. 17th from

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Sun., Oct. 18th, from 9-6 p.m.; and Mon., Oct. 20th; 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 Nancy Kostal, nancymkostal@comcast.net

Pantry Partner's next distribution will be on October 17th.

This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables, and protein to over 30 local families.

Thank you for your continued support!