For our homebound and sick parishioners: Livestream our 11 am Mass on our Facebook page



Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

All Saints | November 1, 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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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 31st Mass @ 5:00 p.m. for *Jonathan Helitzer,* requested by his family;**
- **Sunday, November 1st @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Tony Drapelick, 10th anniversary, requested by his family;***
- **Sunday, November 1st @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Kevin Kain, requested by the Adult Choir;***
- **Monday, November 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Elinor Feihel,* requested by Maryellen & David Bailey;**
- **Tuesday, November 3rd @ 8:30 a.m. for *Joanne Brookman;***
- **Wednesday, November 4th @ 8:30 a.m., Mass for *our grandparents*, requested by the Kaliden Family;**
- **Friday, November 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *John Finan*, requested by his family;**
- **Saturday, November 7th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Larry Rose, 4th anniversary,* requested by his family;**
- **Sunday, November 8th@ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Barbara & Ben Nascimbeni, Jr., 6th and 22nd anniversary,* requested by their family;**
- **Sunday, November 8th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *John Zybert,* requested by the Adult Choir.**

Sanctuary Lamp



For

Jonathan Helitzer, birthday remembrance,

requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia.



Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour for Sunday morning Mass.

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:	***$***	***6,238.00***
Parish Soft:	***$***	***3,021.51***
Total:	***$***	***9,259.51***
Various	***$***	***450.00***

Notice of Financial Correction

Over the last two months, it has appeared in the bulletin that our collections have increased a substantial amount, especially the online giving, over last year.

Sadly, that is not the case. An internal filtering mistake included in the weekly collections all second collections and faith formation fees. As a result, I want to clarify that our collections are continuing at the same rate as 2025. Next week, I will report to the parish, via the bulletin and through Mass announcements, a parish report on where we stand financially.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

October

-Sat, 31st—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.

November

-Sun, Nov. 1st—Daylight Savings Time ends.
-Sun, 1st—*Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.*
-Sun, 1st —Mass for our deceased parishioners with reception to follow in RH, 11 a.m.
-Sun, 1st —*Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.*
-Sun, 1st —Confirmation Interviews, 6 p.m.
-Mon, 2nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
-Mon, 2nd—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
-Mon, 2nd—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
-Tues, 3rd—No Adoration
-Tues, 3rd—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
-Tues, 3rd—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
-Wed, 4th—Wm's Bible Study, R/A, 9: 30 a.m.
-Thurs, 5th—Speaker, Tanner Kalina, RH, 6 p.m.
-Fri, 6th— Coffee & Danish after Mass, RH, 9 a.m.
-Sat, 7th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
-Sun, 8th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 & 12 noon.
-Sun, 8th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
-Sun, 8th—*CONFIRMATION, 2:30 p.m.*

From Fr. Michael

The Return of "Apple Pie Night & You"

The Youth Ministry (YM) will lead a parish-wide event to benefit the homeless at Thanksgiving. My hope is that our parishioners will join them in the production of 300 apple pies to help those who are less fortunate on Thanksgiving Day.

The YM of St. Catherine of Siena have for many years brought comfort and hope to the difficult life of the homeless. They have led our parish in making apple pies for Connecticut homeless shelters in the greater Hartford area, from downtown Hartford to Torrington, and by doing so they have answered the call of Christ to "do something for those in need." **Let's join our YM in one of the following ways:**

1. Come with your family, bring a friend, or come by yourself and meet new friends as our parish attempts to **bake 300 pies** for local area shelters. You bring the 10 lbs. bag of apples, a paring knife and cutting board—we'll provide the rest along with snacks—and join the YM on one of two nights: **November 21st with junior high YM or November 22nd with senior high YM students**.
2. Make the apple pie at home with a friend or family members and deliver your pie to St. Catherine of Siena kitchen on **November 21st or 22nd.**

By doing so you will help in more ways than you can imagine: help the homeless enjoy Thanksgiving dinner; meet new friends at the apple pie making event; or show your family what the call to discipleship entails—sometimes it is simple and fun to be a disciple of Christ. Finally, show the Youth Ministry teens you support them and want to see their ministry and their ideas to grow our faith-in-action by your support. I hope to see you on November 21st and/or November 22nd.

31st Sunday, All Saints...All Souls...

This Sunday is the solemnity of All Saints' Day, when the Catholic Church celebrates a solemn feast day to honor ALL the saints, known and unknown, who attained heaven and the glories of the Kingdom of God. From the old Baltimore Catechism, we know that the purpose of our life is "to know, love, and serve God in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next world." In a nutshell, to become a saint. That is why we refer to the living disciples of Christ as saints-in-the-making-in-the-pews.

All Saints' Day recognizes the holy men and women who have lived virtuous lives and are now in the presence of God. It is a celebration of their faith, their holiness, and the example they set for Christians to follow. We know this solemnity covers the Communion of Saints, such as Mary, St. Catherine of Siena, St Padre Pio, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and all the other names recorded in the Litany of Saints.

But,it also includes the unknown saints, such as our grandparents and parents who emptied themselves for their families, communities and Nation. It includes the people who got up each day and went to work—even when they didn't want to; it includes our neighbor-citizens who worked hard, paid taxes, obeyed the laws, raised their families, attended church and built up the faith, who sacrificed for others above themselves; and, for those who have prayed and prayed for the unwell, for an end to wars, for the strength of marriages and families, and so much more. This day is a celebration and recognition to both honor those who have done good works and to encourage all others to practice our faith, run the good race, and live hope-filled lives even when it is difficult to so. To have faith and to believe it, live it and share it with others. We are called to be examples and guides to others that God is good all the time, and that all the time God is good. To all in our pews, I say a happy and blessed All (and almost) Saints Day!

All Souls' Day, officially celebrated on November 2 on the Church's calendar, but locally we acknowledge the deceased members of our parish and families in a public liturgical celebration on the Sunday closest to November 2nd. Today at St. Catherine of Siena, we shall make this a "two-for-one" celebration on Sunday, November 1st at the 11 a.m. Mass.

All Souls' Day celebrates the noble souls of the faithfully departed. Here in our Parish at the 11 am Mass, we will mark this solemn occasion by placing the Book of the Dead with the names of parishioners who have died in the last year; then we shall toll the bells in commemoration, and incense their names in the Book of the Dead as we pray for their Eternal Happiness.

We shall also remember all of our deceased family members and friends by praying for their noble souls at each of our Masses during the month of November. A bowl before the altar, bearing the names of our deceased loved ones, along with a lit candle representing the light of Christ shining on them. Each Mass during the month will have a prayer of the faithful for them collectively; and, their names individually will be divided into 20 names per day and during November, at my morning and evening prayers, they will be prayed for. As the Church commands us to pray unceasingly for our beloved dead, prayer is the most powerful thing we can do.

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Fr. Michael continued...
So together, let us pray for our parents, grandparents, children, siblings, aunts, uncles and friends—all who have gone before us—and let us pray for their noble souls, that they are in Peace with Christ. Amen.



Faith Formation News

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

Sunday, November 1st: K-6, Confirmation I & II & Grades 7-8

Sunday, November 1st ~ Confirmation II (10th Graders) Interviews @ St. Catherine of Siena Church from 6-8 PM

Thursday, November 5th ~ Tanner Kalina ~ A Steubenville Speaker comes to St. Catherine's from 6-7:15 PM for the whole parish to enjoy J Come and bring a friend!!

Sunday, November 8th ~ K-6, Confirmation I ONLY & Grades 7-8

Sunday, November 8th ~ CONFIRMATION @ The Cathedral of St. Joseph (2:30 PM)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Have you experienced the recent loss of a loved one or still struggling on your grief journey? Please consider joining us for the upcoming 10 week New Day Program that will help you work through the tasks of grief. Our program is open to " all people of Faith" . Join us as we come together for the purpose of providing comfort and peace to one another through prayer, faith and fellowship. For more information or to register, please contact Eileen Landi at ***eileenlandi@gmail.com*** or 860-490-5472.



We will have our next "Coffee & Danish" on First Friday, November 6th following the Healing Mass at 8:30 a.m. ***Sponsored by the Men's Ministry.***

Women's Ministry Event: 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.

This event is open to all the ladies in the parish. Please sign up here so that we have an accurate head count: https://bit.ly/4z1Pm09



CALLING ALL KIDS! Share the fun and donate a portion of your Halloween candy and give treats to Feed the Hungry. All treats will be distributed during the November visit to St. Elizabeth House. Donations may be dropped off in the Atrium & Vestibule. Thanks!

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!

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

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*. Thank you.**

GOT FRUIT???

How will you donate to St. Elizabeth House this month? It's as easy as buying some fruit or bread! Or maybe make a casserole or vegetable side?

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!

Next date is Sunday November 8, 2026!

Questions? Contact Nancy Kostal at: 860-655-5033 For more information or to sign up, follow the link below, scan the QR code or see paper sign up in the Atrium!

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E044BAFAE2BA3F85-66632394-saint?useFullSite=false

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY-November 14th-16th.

November sandwiches for our Street Sandwich Ministry will be collected Sat., Nov. 14th from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Sun., Nov. 15th, from 9-6 p.m.; and Mon., Nov. 16th; 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.

Sign up here*: *https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-67160512-street

Questions? Contact Mark Greene, 860-305-7387 / mark.greene@raveis.com

Pantry Partner's next distribution will be on November 14th.

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.

Feed The Hungry Lunch Service on Saturday, November 21st.

More info next week.