

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, July 30th, @ 5:00PM, 1st Anniversary Mass for **Gerald Boudreau**, requested by the Catholic Transcript.
- Sunday, July 31st, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Jean Gormley**, requested by Richard & Mary Lou Gallagher.
- Sunday, July 31st, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Saturday, August 6th, @ 5:00PM, Special Intention, 12th Wedding Anniversary Mass for **Cari & Ken Donaldson**.
- Sunday, August 7th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Vivian Shramek**, requested by Sue & Bob Hensley.
- Sunday, August 7th, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Tommy Tanski**, requested by the Amenta Family.
- Monday, August 8th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by Julia & Myles McCabe.
- Saturday, August 13th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Tommy Tanski**, requested by Lisa & Steve Cerchia.
- Sunday, August 14th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Jim Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Sunday, August 14th, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by the Wall Family.
- Monday, August 15th, @ 8:30AM, 1st Anniversary Mass for **Andy Potoczny**, requested by the Potoczny Family.
- Tuesday, August 16th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **David Ryan**, requested by Sheila Rae & Charlie Vendetti.

Please call the office @ 658-1642 for Mass Intentions. If you would like to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession, please let the usher know when you arrive at church. Mass Intentions remind us of our Christian duty to pray for our dearly departed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ATTENTION PARENTS: ALL FORMS, DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE available in PDF format for your convenience. Simply go to our website www.stcatherine.info and you'll be connected to our site, click on "Ministry" and the drop down under Religious Education.



RE-REGISTRATIONS - registration forms are on the website, or email Kathidre@aol.com to receive a form via email. All re-registration forms must include the \$50.00 late fee as the books have been ordered and the contract mailed to the Board of Education. **NEW BLUE STUDENT REGISTRATIONS** - to our Religious Education Program can be found in the vestibule and atrium of the church. Please attach a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you were baptized at a parish other than Saint Catherine of Siena.



CATECHISTS NEEDED!! We presently have openings in Grade 2, 4 and 8. For more info & details please contact Kathi Bonner, DRE, @ Kathidre@aol.com or call 860/658-4737.



SCRIP TIP



Well, what are you waiting for? By purchasing scrip cards after Mass or on-line to your frequently shopped stores, you will be contributing a gifted percentage that your store has agreed to give back to Saint Catherine of Siena. Get your groceries at Stop and Shop? Then buy a \$100 scrip card for \$100 and \$5.00 goes back to Saint Catherine's. Are you a big Lands End shopper? A \$100 scrip card will kick back \$16.00 to Saint Catherine's. If everyone participated, think of the possibilities. If you have any questions on how the program works, visit us after every Mass in the atrium. And don't forget your checkbooks!

Remember, when purchasing cards on-line, please use the Saint Catherine of Siena enrollment code number 7A65C56C279L1, stop by the scrip desk to order or look in the atrium for order forms. Fill one out and drop it off at the parish office with your check, we'll be happy to process your order!

CARDS ON SALE - for the weekend of August 6/7, cards will be on sale after all the Masses.



Who has had the single-most influence on your faith life? A parent? A priest? A friend or family member? Why not make a gift to the parish Legacy Fund in honor of his or her name. Memorial gifts are a wonderful opportunity for you to remember a loved one in a very meaningful way, and help support the eternal work of Saint Catherine of Siena.

Offertory Collection - July 24, 2011



Weekly Collection:	\$ 8,209.25
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,058.25
Envelopes	\$ 7,151.00
Budgeted for Week:	\$ 9,000.00
Shortage:	-\$ 790.75
Cathedralicum*	-\$ 451.50
School Tax*	-\$ 451.50
Haiti Mission Collection	\$ 3,756.60

Thank you for your generous support!

* 5.5% of Collection paid to the Archdiocese.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 4th, 6:30PM - **LEGACY FUND** - Library

Wir haben ein Licht aus Italien // We have a light from Italy... In the rear of the church there is a hanging light (pendent) that has been out for nearly five months. The story of this particular light—and of our hanging lights in general—is a saga, and since a number of folks have noted and brought to my attention the unlit light of late, I thought I would brief you on the “journey” we have been on to get the light lit!

The hanging lights in our church are foreign-made. Their origin is the Federal Republic of Germany. And that’s where our saga begins. When the original German manufacturer spoke to our electrician we thought that the solution to our darkened light was a new socket. Simple enough, right? And so we were told that the needed socket was on route from the German Republic, or so I thought. The first rule of anything is “that nothing is ever simple.” It seems that that German manufacturer was the *original manufacturer in our original plans*. But the hanging lights we currently have were modified before their installation, as the original design of these lights was not intended for a “barn-style or sloping” roof. The modification called for the removal of the original socket and a redesigned socket for a hanging light on a slant. “Ach de lieber!!!”

Over the last five months our maintenance man, Mike Grappone, and our electrician, Ed Kowalski of M&E Electric, have been in contact with our German allies to no avail. We were told that the part was shipped and so we waited patiently... Ed then contacted the original architect who directed us to the modified plans which led to a bevy of suppliers and specialist from afar...and May turned into July...need I say more?

Finally, a manufacturing company in northern Italy has come through—on Monday, July 25, 2011, a tiny package arrived from Italy with the modified socket. With hope in our God above, the light will be lit for this weekend—and will stay on for a long time to come. Ed Kowalski never knew he was going to specialize in international negotiations. However, he told me that when he informed the Italian contact in northern Italy that the modified socket was for a Catholic Church named St. Catherine of Siena, they were ever so helpful and wanted to “make things right for Father.” Amen! Grazie! Grazie! Grazie! All I can say is: **Christ be our Light!**

Catholic Q & A: (Q): Why does the priest kiss the altar?

(A): For Catholics, the altar is not merely a piece of furniture. It is loaded with precious symbolism and meaning. Along with the ambo (pulpit), where the Word of God is proclaimed, it is the focal point of our meeting with God the Father in and through Jesus Christ. If the Liturgy of the Eucharist is the central event which brings us to the Father “through Him, with Him, and in Him,” the altar around which it happens holds a place of primary honor and dignity.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) explains: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under the sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.” (296)

The Church extends this by not only referring to the altar as the place of renewing the sacrifice of Jesus, but as Jesus

Himself. The fifth Easter preface to the Eucharistic Prayer proclaims, “As He gave Himself into your (the Father’s) hands for our salvation, He showed Himself to be the priest, the altar and the lamb of sacrifice.”

This is why the church sees the altar (not the crucifix, or even the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament) as the central and focal point of those buildings where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. It is also why tradition has called for the bishop, priest and deacon to venerate the altar, usually with a kiss. Instructions for the Mass direct the priest to kiss the altar at the beginning and the end of Mass (GIRM 49 and 90). Source: Catholic Q&A All You Want To Know About Catholicism

Ordinary Time, the 18th Sunday—sets before us the theme of God’s Wisdom and Bounty, talking about the “one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ” as seen in the altar of the one, perfect sacrifice. It is here that we see in the liturgy the fulfillment of the banquet which God spoke of in and through Isaiah.

In the first reading today it is through Isaiah that God offers His people an invitation to “come, eat, drink, and have life.” There is no cost to this magnificent banquet spread, but there is a “price,” — come and “listen” “heedfully” to God’s word so that God may fulfill His promised covenant with us. The price is thus our response to His generous and free-flowing offering of Himself, meant to lift up our mere humanity and raise it to the heights of His glory, making us one with Him in our thoughts, words, and actions of this world, and one forever with and in Him in the world to come.

Our second reading this weekend is a continuation from Romans. It is about Saint Paul’s understanding of Christ’s *unbreakable love that He has for us*. “Can any human suffering or persecution separate us from Him,” Saint Paul asks? The answer is **No! Nothing on earth or in heaven, nothing in the present or in the future can banish us from God’s love in Jesus Christ. Nothing!**

In the Gospel of Matthew selected for today, we hear of the well-known account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, a “feeding frenzy,” if you will, that highlights the magnificence of God, His compassion, concern, love, pity—above all, His desire to aid His people and bring them to Him. We start this account by hearing that Jesus’ good friend, John the Baptist, has died. Jesus leaves to go off by Himself to pray and most likely to mourn. As the crowds follow Him, Jesus thinks not of Himself and His needs but of the crowds—the hungry, the sick. Jesus takes pity on them and blesses a few bits of bread and fish, multiplies them and meets the needs of all—with lots left over—illustrating God’s magnificence. This deserted place which has become the banquet of the Lord for these people and their practical needs, is also a sign and symbol of what is to come: when the Lord will break and bless not bread but His own body, and give it to all for the most important healing of all—our mortal and invaluable soul, making them one with His in the Kingdom for ever and ever. **Amen!**

Parish Upgrades & Renovations—making life a little easier, hopefully: Please note that we have installed an automated door opener at the atrium entrance of the church to assist those with difficulties in operating the exterior doors. The doors are heavy to begin with and when buffeted by the wind, or when someone is on crutches or is using a walker, getting in-and-out of the doors can be difficult. The automatic door is operated by a

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push button system both inside and outside of the church. Our goal is to make our parish and church as accessible as possible for our parish family members.

Other: our parish had its annual insurance inspection by Catholic Mutual this week—a requirement of the Archdiocese to ensure that all policies and procedures are followed and that the property is well-maintained properly. We passed with flying colors! We received high marks for the ongoing maintenance program at the church, Russell Hall, and at the rectory. In addition, a special note was made regarding the ongoing beauty and improvements of the parish grounds. I want to **thank all the ladies who volunteer their time and talents** on that end and to Mike Grappone for his work as our facilities manager. As with all of you and your private homes, you know how much work goes into maintaining a home and so too with (your) rectory and the whole of the church and parish center buildings. **Thank you to all who support our monthly Repair and Refurbishment collection** which enables us to keep on top of things.

THANK YOU!

TRAINING SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, please speak to Fr. Michael by calling 860/658-1642. A training session will be held on **Sunday, August 21st, at St. George Church in Guilford**. The session begins at 2PM and will last approximately three hours. **Registration deadline is 8/15.**

HAITI MISSION COLLECTION - VERY SUCCESSFUL!

Deacon Jim Shiels sends his appreciation and thanks for the most generous contributions (\$3,756.60) from our parishioners for the Haiti Collection. **THANK-YOU!**



WEDDING BANNS

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SUMMER VACATIONS



If you are spending the summer elsewhere, please keep your Saint Catherine of Siena community in your prayers - the Masses continue and the many, many ministries and programs work equally as hard during the summer months to meet the needs of those who require our assistance.

You may continue to send your contribution envelopes while on vacation, to the parish office: P.O. Box 184, West Simsbury, CT 06092 **Thank-you!**

ST. ELIZABETH HOUSE

Donated items should be at church by 3:45PM on Sunday, July 31st. We will leave Saint Catherine of Siena by 4PM and return by 6:15PM. Please call **Bill or Pat Walsh @ 658-2606** with any questions.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!



School supplies are needed to help children of Hartford. Please donate the following items for Family Life Ministry to distribute to the children: backpacks, calculators, notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, 3 ring binders, loose leaf paper, markers, crayons, erasers, and glue. Items can be placed in the boxes in the vestibule or atrium.

Help children be all that they can be!

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Saturday, July 30th, marked the 15th consecutive month that Angel Food Ministry has provided food boxes to members of our parish and our Simsbury neighbors.



THANK-YOU! Volunteers of the ministry thank all of you for the recent and timely donations made to support this ministry. Many are so generous and we are humbled by your outreach to keep the ministry operational.



LAZARUS COMMITTEE...Are you a

woodworking hobbyist or an accomplished woodworker? We are looking for someone who can build a tri-fold screen (or two) to be used for small receptions. Nothing fancy, just something we can use to create a more intimate space within the larger space of Russell Hall. Please contact **Mary Ellen Henry @ 860/408-9019**.

FREE ROSARY BEAD REPAIR SERVICE

Leave your broken rosaries in the box in the vestibule. They will be returned within the week. Old, broken or parts of rosaries may be donated for the missions. Contact **Betty and Don Holden @ 860/658-6330** or Holdenbnd@comcast.net



PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GREAT CAUSE!



**BEN NASCIMBENI, JR.
MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC**

A golf tournament will be held on Friday, August 19th, 2011 at Simsbury Farms with proceeds to benefit Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Donation: \$150/per golfer, \$50/cookout only. Contact Ben Nascimbeni @ bbnascimbeni@sbcglobal.net or 860/658-9327.

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