

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, June 25th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Mary & Henry Weirbonics**, requested by the Weirbonics Family.
- Sunday, June 26th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Henry Birge**, requested by Jana Birge.
- Sunday, June 26th, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Mary Finegan & Florence Franklin**, requested by the Langlais Family.
- Monday, June 27th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Richard Lombard**, requested by Julia & Myles McCabe.
- Sunday, July 3rd, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Elaine Roseto**, requested by Gina Daddona.
- Friday, July 8th, @ 8:30AM, 1st Anniversary Mass for **Jack Winters**, requested by Ann Winters.
- Saturday, July 9th, @ 5:00PM, Anniversary Mass for **Mary & Jim Gallagher**, requested by the Gallagher Family.
- Sunday, July 10th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Jim Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Sunday, July 10th, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Andrew & Mary Rossetti**, requested by Isabell Babbitt.

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.

SUMMER VACATIONS



If you are spending the summer elsewhere, please keep the 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 send your Mass envelopes in the mail for your convenience and we will continue to pray for you.*

Offertory Collection - June 19, 2011



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| Regular Collection | \$ 7,695.25 |
| Loose Cash/Checks | \$ 968.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 6,727.25 |
| Budgeted for Week: | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Shortage: | - \$ 1,304.75 |
| Cathedradicum* | - \$ 423.23 |
| School Tax* | - \$ 423.23 |

Thank you for your generous support!

* 5.5% of Collection paid to the Archdiocese.

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.

Religious Education Parents: AVOID LATE FEES -

Just a friendly reminder to avoid paying the late fee on your registration this year. **The due date for all registrations is June 25th.** This will allow for the contract with Henry James to be signed along with the correct number of books and materials needed for September. Adding classrooms and separate book orders add to the cost of running the RE Program. All new registrations should also be submitted before the June 25th deadline to avoid the late fee. Late registrations will be accepted but the \$50.00 fee must be included.



2011/2012 REGISTRATIONS - Registration for returning students have been sent by e-mail. If you did not receive your re-registration form, calendar and parent letter, please e-mail Kathidre@aol.com and forms will be sent electronically. Also, check your spam folder in the event the large header sent your e-mail there. **NEW REGISTRATIONS** - If you are new to the program in any grade, a blue "New Registration Form" is now available in the vestibule and atrium.

Registrations are due for all students, new and returning, by JUNE 25TH. Please return completed form with payment to avoid a \$50.00 late fee by JUNE 25TH. For those families who do not use e-mail, your re-registration form will come through the U.S. mail.

All pertinent Religious Education and Confirmation information plus forms will be available on our new website as soon as it is up and running. Watch the bulletin for this announcement.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!! We presently have openings in Grade 1, 2, 7, and 8. For more details please contact Kathi Bonner, DRE, @ Kathidre@aol.com or call 860/658-4737.

TWO NEW DATES - JUNE 29TH & 30TH NEW CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY!

The additional dates are: **Wednesday, June 29th & Thursday, June 30th, from 2:30pm - 8:50pm.**

Every participating family will receive a **FREE** album and a complimentary 8"x10" color wall portrait! Schedule your appointment on-line via our website at www.stcatherine.info. For more info or to help with this project, contact **Gina Marecki @ 860/408-1484** or ginamarecki@comcast.net. Sign-up in the atrium.



FROM FATHER MICHAEL...



“Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.’ The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’” (John 6). This seemingly simple question that the Jews posed to the crowds who were following Jesus is the same question that many individuals ask today, even many Catholics.

Today the universal Catholic Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, a celebration that has been on the Church’s liturgical calendar since the 7th century and is a celebration of the *real presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. We do not celebrate a “sign of Christ” or a “symbol of Christ” as do many of our fellow Christian churches. We as the Catholic Church, a community of believers, reaffirm our faith that the all-powerful God who created the heavens and the earth—ex nihilo, out of nothing—transforms mere bread and wine into His Holy Body and Blood. He does this by the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on our spiritual journey as we then are transformed into His image and likeness in this world of need.

How do we come to understand this awesome and loving act of power? We could study the works of Saint Thomas Aquinas, or of the Fathers of the Church, or of Saint Catherine of Siena—which would take some considerable attention and time—more than my 6-8 minutes allotted in a Sunday homily—or we can take the shorter route, a form of “cliff notes,” if you will, by simply looking out the glass windows of our church and feasting upon the power and the magnificence of God. As the song says, “the mighty works of God.”

And so we return to the “question of the millennia” posed by the Jews to Christ and His crowds: “*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*” (Jn 6). Indeed, how can he do this?

Answer: we need only turn our collective heads to the outside world, peering through the glass windows and consider Creation. For just a moment let us all agree that Creation—the air we breath, the water we drink, the grass that holds the earth in place; the birds of the sky and the animals of the earth, you and me, all the flowers and vegetation, the fruits and vegetables which we depend upon for nourishment—and all that is derived thereof, i.e., medicine; the amazing functioning of the human body and mind—that all of this comes from the loving and creative hand of God rather than from a freak accident of nature, where every molecule and atom has somehow fallen perfectly into place ensuring that this not only came about but that it is sustained. If He, the God we are praising here in church, has done all of this then why is it so difficult to believe that he can transform—infuse His love into—mere bread and wine and make His spiritual body and blood for our good? The whole of creation seems to me to be a much bigger event to accept than the transformation of wheat and fruit of the vine into His love for our use.

Darwin’s *Theory*, never proven mind you, of evolution, must force us to believe that evolution requires perfection, less a misplaced atom here or there might cause the whole “accident” to explode. *Perfection by accident or planned Creation by a loving and good God? Hmmm, which one to believe?* “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” I am “betting” on

the latter. For if I am called to believe in “something” then my faith, my hope, and my trust is in the planned and desired event of a lifetime. Not some “accident of evolution” which cannot be proven and provides me with no window from which to ponder.

PEACE,
FR. MICHAEL

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN ...

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart.”

With these words from the prophet *Jeremiah*, John Paul II began his apostolic exhortation *Pastore Dabo Vobis* (1992), examining how the Church might prepare men to assume the responsibilities of the priesthood. In this document, the Holy Father identified the four pillars—intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human—of priestly formation. Such formation is ongoing; as Fr. Michael J. Dolan, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese, emphasized to the seminarians at a recent convocation, they “cannot take a vacation from their vocation.” Thus, although they are not attending seminary classes, men continue their preparation for the priesthood in the summer.

During this time, seminarians receive four assignments: a parish on weekends; Catholic Charities; an office such as the Tribunal, the *Catholic Transcript*, or Small Christian Communities; and an educational opportunity, including courses, conferences, and retreats. These assignments will further the seminarians’ intellectual and pastoral formation, developing them into well-rounded men with strong leadership abilities. Daily mass and prayer, as well as meetings with a Spiritual Director, will contribute to their spiritual formation. And each night, as they reflect on their day, they are encouraged to ask how they have better prepared themselves to be bearers of the mystery of the Church.

I am happy that an integral part of my formation will occur at Saint Catherine of Siena this summer. I thank Fr. Michael Whyte for being generous with his time and guidance this past week, and I thank all of you who welcomed me to your community this past weekend. I look forward to praying with and learning from all of you over the upcoming weeks.

James Gentile



WEDDING BANNS

Bann I - Jessica Taylor & Michael Aceto



Have you already included Saint Catherine of Siena in your plan?

Over the past several months, members of our committee have spoken with a number of parishioners who made the choice to name the parish in their estate documents well before the *Legacy Fund* was organized. Please remember that naming the church as a beneficiary of your estate qualifies you for charter membership in our *Legacy Society* (regardless of the timing of the choice). If you're one of these parishioners, please contact Father Michael or any member of our committee so that we're sure to add you to our growing list of *Legacy Society* parishioners and recognize you for your generosity and leadership in our parish.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES



On Saturday, June 25th, AFM volunteers handled 85 boxes of food! Some of these food boxes were ordered by families for their own use and some were graciously donated by members of our parish. We would like to continue to be

able to provide good quality food for less to those in need, but we may not be able to do so more than the next few months since the number of folks contributing has decreased. If you can spare any amount towards this ministry, many folks will not go hungry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Many thanks to all our volunteers for their smiles, availability, and for doing whatever needs to be done to make the day work during the fourteen months the ministry has been making a difference in the lives of others.

ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, LECTORS AND CATECHISTS

If you have not completed the **Virtus Training** required by the Archdiocese of Hartford for the "Protection of God's Children", please contact **Kathi Bonner** to sign up for training at Saint Augustine Church, Campfield Avenue, Hartford on **June 26th from 6:30-8:30PM** in the church hall. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact **Kathi Bonner @ 860/658-4737** to find out what locations and dates are offered this summer. Or, you can go to the Archdiocesan website, click Protection for Youth, Virtus for Hartford and scroll down the page for the dates.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL



The Catholic Biblical School, offered by the Archdiocese of Hartford, provides an opportunity for adults to come to know, love, and live scripture through an in-depth Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Applications are due **August 15th** for classes beginning in early September. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings. Brochures are available in the entrances of the church.

For more information contact **Kathi Bonner at 860/658-4737** or simply check the website at <http://www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm>.

ST. ELIZABETH HOUSE

Donated items should be at the church by 3:45PM on Sunday, June 26th. We will leave Saint Catherine of Siena by 4PM and return by 6:15PM. If you have any questions, please call **Bill or Pat Walsh @ 860/658-2606**.



SCRIP TIP



Getting ready for your 4th of July celebration? Whether it's groceries, party supplies, or outdoor entertaining items, use St. Catherine of Siena scrip cards to make those essential purchases. Remember, if 100 families purchased a \$100 grocery card weekly for a year, St. Catherine's would earn \$26,000 in rebates!! Let's start helping St. Catherine's today at your 4th of July bash with family and friends! **Happy Birthday U.S.A.!!**

Remember, when purchasing cards on-line, use the Saint Catherine of Siena enrollment code 7A65C56C279L1. If you prefer not to purchase on-line, stop by the scrip desk 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 - after the 8AM & 10AM Sunday Mass for the weekend of July 2nd/3rd.

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