

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, October 29th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Nancy Tribou**, requested by her Family.
- Sunday, October 30th, @ 11:00AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by Terri Hollis.
- Sunday, October 30th, @ 5:00PM, Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for **Jim & Maura Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Monday, October 31st, @ 6:30PM, Mass for **Dolores & Edward Wrobel**, requested by Cheryl Caneschi.
- Tuesday, November 1st, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Jacqueline "Jacky" Ward Welsh**, requested by the Domashinski Family.
- Friday, November 4th, @ 8:30AM, 2nd Anniversary Mass for **Linda Voghel**, requested by the Voghel Family.
- Saturday, November 5th, @ 5PM, Mass for **Lucia & Anthony Brancato**, requested by Connie Riaino.
- Sunday, November 6th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **James Carabillo**, requested by Sheila Rae & Charlie Vendetti.
- Sunday, November 6th, @ 11:00AM, Mass for **Bruce Davidson**, requested by the Gorecki Family.
- Sunday, November 6th, @ 5:00PM, 34th Anniversary Mass for **Omer Jette**, requested by his Children.
- Tuesday, November 8th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Helen Collander**, requested by Vince Kennedy.
- Friday, November 11th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Ernest Mollo**, requested by the Family.
- Saturday, November 12th, @ 5:00PM, Birthday Remembrance for **Patricia King**, requested by the Newman Family.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - Kathi Bonner, our director of Religious Education, will offer a Advent Bible Study program on Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks beginning on 11/23 in the library. Registration forms on the table in the atrium.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, November 1st, 7PM - **Communications** - Music Room
- Tuesday, November 1st, 7:30PM - **Men's Club SCC** - Library
- Monday, November 7th, 7PM - **Liturgy Committee** - Rectory
- Tuesday, November 8th, 7PM - **Finance Committee** - Rectory
- Tuesday, November 8th, 6:45PM - **Parish Council** - R.H.
- Tuesday, November 8th, 7:30PM - **Men's Club SCC** - Library
- Wednesday, November 9th, 7PM - **RCIA** - Library
- Thursday, November 10th, 6:30PM - **Legacy Fund** - Library

Offertory Collection for 10/23/11

Weekly Collection:	\$ 10,209.06
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,363.06
Envelopes	\$ 8,846.00
Budgeted for Week:	\$ 9,000.00
Overage:	\$ 1,209.06
World Mission Sunday	\$ 3,073.00
Cathedradicum*	- \$ 561.49
School Tax*	- \$ 561.49

*Parish Taxes (5.5%) Paid to the Archdiocese for services to the Parish.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION I & II meet on Sunday, November 6th.

The **GRADE 4 MASS** is Sunday, November 13th, at 5:00PM. All Grade 4 Religious Education students are required to attend this Mass. Please be at the church no later than 4:30PM and bring an item for the Simsbury Food Pantry.



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

is on the website (www.stcatherine.info). There are copies of the calendar on the table at Henry James each Sunday as well.

"SPORTS SUNDAY" is Sunday, October 30th, highlighting Major League Baseball. All students and catechists are encouraged to wear their favorite MLB attire to class. We celebrate team rivalry in a fun and respectful way!



SCRIP TIP...

Fall is here, Winter is knocking at the door! Whether it's fall sports, hobbies, yard work or preparing for winter, take advantage of St. Catherine of Siena Scrip program to help cover those expenses. Merchants such as **Cabela's, L.L. Bean & Lands End** offer rebates to St. Catherine's that are over 10%! Need a new pair of skis, a snowboard or boots? Try **Dick's, Sports Authority or REI** who gives us an 8% rebate. If working in your yard or shoveling snow is your hobby, buy a **Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, or Target** card. What ever you need, we either have it or can get it...and then you can get busy...outside!

Buy Scrip cards on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com, use the Saint Catherine enrollment code **7A65C56C279L1**. Or stop by the Scrip desk after Mass or look in the Atrium for Scrip order forms. Fill it out and drop it off at the office with your check, we'll process your order! Cards will be sold at all Masses for the weekend of November 5th/6th. **Thanks for your support!!!**

"FEED THE HUNGRY" - the group served lunch at St. Elizabeth House on October 22nd to a steady flow of visitors. Our next shelter visit will be on Saturday, November 19th. Please contact Mrs. Sheary @ lisasheary@remax.net if you can help.

HALLOWEEN TREATS!! - Calling all kids! Halloween is filled with treats. Share the fun and donate a portion of your candy to *Feed the Hungry*. All treats will be distributed by The Feed the Hungry Youth Group at the November visit to St. Elizabeth House. Donations may be dropped off in the candy boxes in the atrium.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - ALL SAINTS DAY
Monday, October 31st - 6:30PM Vigil and
Tuesday, November 1st - 8:30AM & 6:30PM

Knights of Malta revisit Saint Catherine of Siena again—in more ways than you might think.

Scott Muryasz, chair of our parish's Finance Council, and his wife and daughter Debbie and Samantha, joined hundreds of other Catholics in Washington, D.C.'s National Cathedral last weekend as His Eminence, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, invested him as a Knight of Malta. He now joins fellow parishioner Robert O'Hara, who was knighted in New York's St. Patrick Cathedral by New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan in 2009. Hartford Archbishop Henry Mansell sent both their names to the Vatican where they were accepted by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and invested as Knights in a majestic and ancient ceremony.

The Knights of Malta are a worldwide, lay, religious order of the Roman Catholic Church, which seeks to glorify God by promoting the sanctification of each member through his or her work with the sick and the poor and the defense of the Catholic faith. Headquartered in Rome, this sovereign order is an independent country. Male members are known as Knights of Malta and female members are known as Dames of Malta.

Hartford's Knights of Malta at work here at home. The Knights of Malta advance spiritual activities and programs as well as a host of social services for the benefit of individuals and families in need and the care for the sick. The latter is accomplished in a particular and very practical way: the **Malta Mobile House of Care (MMHC)**, essentially a mobile emergency room and primary care facility that provides an array of diagnostic services, onsite medical treatments, and follow-up care to the working poor, families, and to the poorest people in the greater Hartford area.

A new way to caring. The MMHC travels on a regular schedule to designated parishes in the Hartford-Waterbury area complete with volunteer healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, dentists, nutritionists), and with a full supply of medicine and medical equipment. The MMHC receives funding from the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** and other organizations to meet its operation needs. The cost to operate this "mobile ER" totals \$750,000 per year.

Since I know you are a pretty "royal crowd" here is how all of us can be "knights and dames." This year Saint Catherine of Siena Parish's **Advent Giving Program** will benefit two (2) organizations: the **Malta Mobile House of Care** and **Simsbury Social Services**, through our **Pantry Partners of St. Catherine of Siena** program. With the latter, we will help feed families and individuals who live in town. The number of Simsbury residents in need continues to grow due to the protracted recession. **Pantry Partners of St. Catherine of Siena** will provide food for local seniors and families in need thanks to you. The **MMHC** will enable us to reach beyond our safe and comfortable neighborhoods into some of Connecticut's normally unseen yet desperately poor communities. Your support is

greatly appreciated. More detailed information on the upcoming Advent Giving Program will be forthcoming as Karen Carew and her team organizes our efforts. **Thank you in advance!**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In recent days, particularly during the daily Mass, Jesus has been reminding us of the idea that the "the last shall be first and the first shall be last", which comes from the idea of the suffering servant—who *is* Jesus Christ. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how the Pharisees savored all the "rewards" of their status in Jewish society, and how they placed heavy burdens (rules and regulations) on the people while they did nothing to help them. We hear that these leaders in Jewish society loved to hear their titles used and enjoyed places of honor and recognition. In hearing this one might deduce that for God—status, titles or even recognition in society by others, is intrinsically evil. Our faith teaches that for God what is more important than "the act" is the "intent." That is to say, "How do we feel about what we have done or have failed to do?"

Some twenty years ago Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was invited to the United Nations to be recognized for her corporal works of mercy around the world. That night included a dinner in her honor and a significant donation to her order of Missionaries of Charity to continue their good works. It is said that while eating her meal she asked that half her food be wrapped-up to go. As she began her talk, thanking the UN for this recognition, the meal and the donation, she noted that she would take half her meal back to the convent she was staying at and give the food to a person in need. "How is Blessed Mother Teresa different from Pharisees in this question of honor and recognition?" It is not the recognition or honor that is "evil" per se, but rather the "why" of receiving the honors offered. Is the honor received done for self glory or rather to highlight the good works being accomplished? Do we seek the honors and kudos for personal recognition or to promote the involvement of others in a greater good?

Blessed Mother Teresa devoted her life to caring for the poorest of the poor, and all that she did—all that she was—was to benefit others, never for self promotion.

In today's Gospel message, we are called to truly question our motives and motivations—and to seek the only reward that matters: the reward of doing The Father's Will. That will lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Praying for All Souls

You will find ALL SOULS envelopes in the vestibule and atrium. Take one, fill out the names of your loved ones who have died, and place them in the collection basket. I keep them and will pray the breviary all month for them. During Masses on Fridays in November we will celebrate morning prayer in the context of Mass for the names of your dearly departed. Let us keep this tradition alive and keep our family and friends' noble souls in our prayers. This is the Communion of Saints in action.

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