

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, October 8th, @ 5:00PM, Anniversary Mass for **James Dillon**, requested by Helen Dillon.
- Sunday, October 8th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **John F. Keane**, requested by Fr. Whyte.
- Sunday, October 9th, @ 11:00AM, Anniversary Mass for **Jack Carenza**, requested by the Carenza Family.
- Sunday, October 9th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Jim Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Tuesday, October 11th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Janice W. Moran**, requested by the Moran/Buda Family.
- Wednesday, October 12th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Ethel & John Zekas**, requested by Barb & Dick Hopkins.
- Saturday, October 15th, @ 5:00PM, 1st Anniversary Mass for **Mary Zahorodni**, requested by the Zahorodni & Farrell Families.
- Sunday, October 16th, @ 8:00AM, Anniversary Mass for **Arthur Szczepanski**, requested by Mother & Family.
- Sunday, October 16th, 11:00AM, Mass for **Tommy Tanski**, requested by the St. Catherine's Choir.
- Sunday, October 16th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Margaret Finneran**, requested by the Pluta Family.
- Monday, October 17th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **John Keane**, requested by Kathy & Mike Reilley.
- Tuesday, October 18th, @ 8:30AM, Month's Mind Mass for **John Keane**, requested by the O'Bryan Family.
- Saturday, October 22nd, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Doris & John Lyons**, requested by Jack Lyons.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on Sunday, October 9th, due to the Columbus Day holiday weekend. All classes will resume on Sunday, October 16th.

GRADE 6 MASS - The Grade 6 Class Mass will be on Sunday, October 23rd, at the 5:00PM Mass. Attendance is mandatory. Please arrive by 4:30PM for rehearsal.

GRADE 3 & GRADE 8 PARENTS: all class lists are on the website with the catechist info. The lists at Henry James are updated each week for all grades.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR FOR 2011/2012 is on the website (www.stcatherine.info). There are copies of the calendar on the table at Henry James each Sunday as well.



PARENTS!!! YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!



We are looking for parents who would be willing to help out at the SCAVENGER HUNT on **October 16th, from 6-7:30PM**. Please email Judy Pluta at JudyPlutaYM@gmail.com if you can help or have any questions.

SCRIP TIP...



Fall is calling, so head outside!! Whether it's fall sports, hobbies, or clean up around the yard, take advantage of St. Catherine Scrip program to help cover those expenses. Did you know that Cabela's, L.L. Bean & Lands End offer rebates to St. Catherine that are over 10%?! Need a new pair of soccer cleats or football equipment? Try Dick's or the Sports Authority who give us an 8% rebate. If working in your yard 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! On October 15th/16th cards will be on sale after the 5:00PM Vigil & the 8:00AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses.

Thanks for your support!!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 11th, 6PM - **Community Life** - Music Room
- Tuesday, October 11th, 6:30PM - **Women's Club Pot Luck** - RH
- Tuesday, October 11th, 7PM - **Finance Council** - Rectory
- Tuesday, October 11th, 7PM - **Men's Club SCC** - Library

Offertory Collection for 10/2/11

Weekly Collection:	\$ 9,668.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,740.00
Envelopes	\$ 7,919.00
Budgeted for Week:	\$ 9,000.00
Overage:	\$ 668.00
Cathradicum*	- \$ 531.74
School Tax*	- \$ 531.74



*Parish Taxes (5.5%) Paid to the Archdiocese for Services rendered to Parish



WOMEN'S CLUB POT LUCK

Tuesday, October 11th, 6:30PM - Russell Hall

Come enjoy fellowship and faith with other women of the parish and learn what the Women's Club has to offer this year. Sign up in the atrium or vestibule to bring an appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. All women of the parish are welcome—and, please, bring a friend! Contact **Pat Walsh** at patwalsh@comcast.net with questions or if you are unable to sign up at church.

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY**

Sunday, October 16th, 6:00PM

SHARP Youth group meets for a **SCAVENGER HUNT ON HOP-MEADOW STREET.** We have rented Palmer Hall at the First Church of Christ, (big white church on the corner of Hopmeadow Street and Rt. 309). **Please**



bring a flashlight and arrive on time. Teams will be formed and leave by 6:10PM. Because we are guests in this hall, pizza will not be served tonight. **6 PARENT HELPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please email JudyPlutaYM@gmail.com if you can help.

Directions to Palmer Hall @ First Church of Christ:

enter the church driveway from Hopmeadow Street (next to the place where pumpkins and Christmas trees are sold), go left and the entrance to Palmer Hall is on the ground floor of the church. Signs will be posted.

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY**

Friday, October 14th, 7-8:30PM - Russell Hall. We will have our own **JUNIOR HIGH Youth Group KICKOFF.** Join the fun, bring a friend, pizza will be served!!

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9TH, 7PM & WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14TH, 7PM

Junior High youth ministry schedules are available on the table in the atrium and vestibule. You must register to receive the newsletter email.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
St. Catherine of Siena Recycling Center
Recycle Drive - October 15th/16th**

Parishioner Keegan Rice is working on an Eagle Scout Project to build a recycling center here at St. Catherine's. To raise funds for his project, Keegan will hold a recyclable can and bottle drive on the weekend of October 15th/16th. **Please bring your cans and bottles to all Masses that weekend.** The Boy Scouts will return the cans to help fund the project. The cost to build this recycling center is \$840, so at a nickel a can/bottle, we will need 16,000 cans and bottles. One can/bottle or bags full, every one will help.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, October 20th, @ 7PM join us in Russell Hall for a presentation entitled **"The Church and Global Climate Change"** by Jean Graustein, Environmental Justice Ministry Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Ms. Graustein will speak on climate change from a Catholic perspective.



Pantry Partners of St. Catherine

Please take an **October menu** listing the three food boxes available through this ministry. As announced last week we are partnering with Andy's Market and encourage all parishioners to participate in our reformed ministry by 1.) making a financial contribution so we can purchase food on behalf of community members in need, and/or 2.) placing an order for your own family to enjoy "good quality food for less." The order form is on the back of the menu.



Pantry Partners of St. Catherine's hopes to sponsor 50 Thanksgiving Holiday food boxes this November. The cost for the holiday box is \$45.00. If you can make a donation in any amount toward this goal, that would be most welcomed and appreciated.

To reflect the change in our ministry name, our updated email address is SCPP2012@gmail.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY— the next shelter visit will be on 10/22. Please contact lisasheary@remax.net if you can help.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!**

Now that this wonderful event is, no doubt, on your social calendar, we will need some assistance in making it happen.

HOST HOMES NEEDED: you tell us how many guests you can accommodate comfortably. Food and wine will be provided.



VOLUNTEERS: we need people to make "reservations" and accept payments after Masses in October. Also needed are people to assist with the planning and coordination for the evening.

Please call **Andrea McDonald** @ 860/651-4364. As they say **"Many hands make light work!"** Any thoughts, please share!

FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

Success! I want to acknowledge with deep and grateful thanks Kathi Bonner and Judy Pluta, our director of religious education and our youth minister, respectively, for last weekend's (October 1 & 2) wonderful Confirmation class retreat on Saturday and Sunday's Youth Ministry concert, both presented with nationally known youth minister and musician Steve Angrisano. As you may know, Steve was present at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, when two students entered the school and took the lives of 12 fellow students, wounding some 23 others. He speaks to teenagers and adults around the world on matters of faith. Aside from his national tour, Steve has been highlighted at some 7 World Youth Days sponsored by the Catholic Church. His message is powerful and he was very well received by our retreatants and youth ministry students.

Over the last 12 months Kathi and Judy have both been working on this first-time ever "in-house" Confirmation retreat and youth ministry concert. Untold numbers of hours and a lot of creative energy have gone into both of these very successful events. In decades past, our Confirmation retreats took place at a local retreat center and while always very good, this year's efforts by Kathi and Judy, along with the help of our Confirmation teachers and volunteers, were able to personalize the retreat and target the coinciding concert to the lives of your sons and daughters here in our parish. I am very, very pleased with the enthusiastic comments I heard from our Confirmation candidates and youth ministry students, as well as from the many adults who attended the concert. Additionally, I have heard lots of comments from non-parishioners and even local merchants who have told me this week that people have been talking about these two successful events in town.

This past weekend was great, it was moving, and it was lots of fun! Steve Angrisano, as a musician is excellent, and as a spiritual speaker is extremely motivating—realistic, practical and relevant. My hope is that we are able to do something like this again next year and to open it up to the entire parish.

In the end, it is all about our youth and building up their faith—both intellectually in the knowledge of what Christ teaches us and how the Church continues His mission and ministry today as well as in having them be able to live out God's laws of love in everyday life—the practical application of our Catholic faith. We see that in our youth's successful efforts to raise more than \$6800 two weeks ago by washing cars to Feed the Hungry (and that amount will pay for one full year of food for the homeless) and in their dedication to their religious education service hours in ministry—visiting McLean Home, helping neighbors, caring for the marginalized—a strong sense of faithful action—which are no small tasks nor are they simply deeds to "fill up time," but rather to instill in them an idea of service to our brothers and sisters in need. In Evelyn Underhill's book entitled, *The Spiritual Life*, the author notes that in saying the Lord's Prayer the words "Thy Kingdom Come," must stand for conviction -- those words must mean, "Here I am! Send me!"-- active, costly collaboration with the Spirit in whom we believe. Our younger St. Catherine of Siena parishioners are illustrating that clearly.

Again, my sincere thanks to Judy, Kathi, our Confirmation teachers and volunteers, and to Linda Butler and Mike Grappone for their staff support.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is about to begin in November so that we are able to prepare those who wish to consider entering into or complete their sacramental preparation for full Communion with the Church. If you are of another faith but attend St. Catherine of Siena with your spouse, children or family and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, I invite you to come to a preparatory meeting on November 9th at 7pm in the Library off the Atrium. This is a great opportunity to come and see not only what the faith is all about but how you may fit into our loving faith more fully. The first two meetings are really discernment meetings: "Is this right for me?" We will talk about the process of becoming a Catholic in the RCIA program and will layout the path to that end. The RCIA program meets approximately 12 times from November until Holy Week and then culminates with entrance into the faith at the Great Easter Vigil and the study of Mystagogy. We will discuss all seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, the moral and faith teachings of the Church, the make-up and work of the Catholic Church and faith, history of our faith, and briefly discuss the Old and the New Testaments and the four Gospels. While RCIA is not an all-inclusive study of our faith, it is a wonderful overview and beginning—to whet one's appetite to learn more deeply how God's power enters into our life and empowers us to do His Will in so many different ways. Add to that the understanding that faith truly is a "family affair" and this might be a great opportunity to place yourself on the road to joining those you love in a common practice of faith. I hope you will pray about this decision, and consider what it might mean for you. Welcome!

Estate Planning Questions?

Are you confused by the constant changes in estate and tax law? Do you have questions about how to best plan for your family? If so, please plan on joining us for an informative session with estate planning attorney and fellow parishioner Jay Kearns on **Wednesday, October 19th, at 7PM in Russell Hall**. Sponsored by the Parish Legacy Fund, the session will not only help educate parishioners about estate planning but also provide a relaxed and informal setting to ask questions they may have about current estate law.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Peter Pabich at ppabich@comcast.net WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING—Any child in **Grade 5-8** who would like to be trained to become an Altar Server may sign up in the atrium of the church or at Henry James Memorial School during Religious Education Classes. **Training will be Tuesday, October 11th - Friday, October 14th, from 4-5PM in the church.** All children must complete at least two (though three are highly recommended) training sessions in order to go on the schedule. Any present Altar Server who would like a refresher may also attend any of the sessions. Please call **Kathi Bonner @ 860/658-4737** with any questions.



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