November 2026

SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR Special Needs

Nine Individuals Receive Sacraments at Annual Mass Celebrating People with Special Needs

On Sunday, November 1st, Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs welcomed families, friends, and community members for its annual Mass Celebrating People with Special Needs. Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Caggiano presided over the Mass.



Nine individuals received the Sacraments of Initiation; six received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and six received their First Holy Communion. Surrounded by loved ones and the support of the Saint Catherine community, these individuals took meaningful steps in their faith.



During his homily, Bishop Caggiano reflected on the unique gifts and blessings that individuals with special needs bring to the world. “These individuals with special needs are also men and women with special gifts and special blessings that you and I may not have, for they are pure of heart and mind,” he shared. His words served as a reminder that every person has unique abilities, gifts, and a special place within the Church and our community.



The service brought together the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, the CT Order of Malta, Center board members, staff, students, and many friends and families. Members of the Saint Catherine Center community participated in the Mass.

The day reminded everyone gathered that each person is a beloved child of God, blessed with unique gifts to share with the world. After the Mass, everyone gathered in the gym for a reception organized by the CT Order of Malta.
Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration possible.

Each year, Saint Catherine Center offers the opportunity for young people with special needs to receive one or more Sacraments of Initiation outside of the typical faith formation program. For more information, contact the Center at 203-540-5381.

View Photos of the Event.



Make Way for Ducklings
A Hands-On Science Experiment







Saint Catherine Academy recently completed a hands-on science project, giving students an exciting opportunity to witness a bird's life cycle. This year, students welcomed duck eggs into their classroom and followed their journey as they developed and prepared to hatch.

Each day, students checked on the eggs and watched for progress. The project offered an opportunity to explore science through hands-on learning, observation, and discovery while building curiosity about the world.

When the ducks finally hatched, students were excited to see the ducklings emerge, bringing their classroom science lesson to life in a memorable way. "Watching ducklings hatch is witnessing one of nature's sweetest miracles—tiny lives breaking free into a world full of wonder," said Lisa Lanni, Director of Education. Experiences like this encourage students to be curious, make observations, and discover the wonders of the world around them.

A Gift of Faith



Thank you to the Harding Family for donating a Blessed Mother statue for our courtyard.



Monsignor Weiss blessed the statue during a recent board meeting.

GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1st

Giving Tuesday, December 1st, is a worldwide initiative to celebrate generosity in all forms. We experience this generosity every day in the most ordinary of activities at Saint Catherine Center.

The day is an important fundraiser for Saint Catherine Center. Tuition and program fees cover only about 75% of our costs. We raise the remainder through our annual “Joy & Gratitude” dinner, private grants, and individual donations. #GivingTuesday reminds us how important your support is to the “everyday” at Saint Catherine Center.

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Upcoming Events



Sip & Shop Fundraiser

J. McLaughlin

1020 Post Road, Darien, CT
4-7 pm

10% of sales benefit Saint Catherine Center

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Sip & Shop Fundraiser

Ralph Lauren

51 Elm St, New Canaan, CT

A portion of sales benefit Saint Catherine Center

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Saint Catherine Academy's Annual

Christmas Pageant

Saint Catheirne Center
760 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield

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