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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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713-4914

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735-2028

Welcome

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996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH — AFTER MASS, BLESSING OF THE CARS

12:00 PM MAEVE CATHERINE REID BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH — AFTER MASSES, BLESSING OF THE CARS

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, JULY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 27TH

8:00 AM MASS
1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM FOOD PANTRY FARMER'S MARKET FOR HS
11:00 AM CHASE GONEDES BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS



Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13: 44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Observances for the week of July 25, 2021

- Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday: St. Martha
- Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (c)LPI



National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week

NFP Awareness Week this year is the week of July 25th-31st. Resources for parish promotion may be found at: National NFP Awareness Week | USCCB. For information on methods and course offerings within our Diocese, please visit our website: <https://www.diometuchen.org/natural-family-planning>



The Church dedicates the month of July to honor the Precious Blood of Jesus
Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus

To pray this litany go to:
<https://www.thecatholiccrusade.com/litany-of-the-precious-blood-of-jesus.html>



Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt ,or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages and is sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 13 -15, 2021**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748.

YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 8th — 12th graders!

Join fellow young people from St. Catherine’s on Saturday, July 31st from 10:30 AM — 12:30 PM at the Flemington Food Pantry.

Volunteers are needed for their outdoor farmer’s market. Let’s serve others and have fun doing it!

Please call or text Jen Beylickjian for more details and to register: (202) 494-4840.



The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor “The Joy of Love & Family,” a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis.

Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life.

More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on www.lightingheartsonfire.org, where you can also sign up to receive notifications.

Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for continued updates!

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

Pope Francis has established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 25, 2021

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Picnic/Game Carnival 2021
Sunday, September 26th**



Our picnic committees are in need of several more volunteers. There are sign-up sheets in the kitchen area. Please find an area that might interest you to volunteer. There are many opportunities to help and we would greatly appreciate it.

Please sign-up, as soon as possible, so we may get a plan together. If you would like to chair one of our committees or supervise the games with our student assistants, please contact Debbie Fass (cell) 973-222-8100.

Our religious education students WILL earn service hours for volunteering. We especially need your help assisting us with our many carnival games. We would also need students to assist any of our parishioners who may need help at the picnic.

Please look for future sign-up sheets for hot/cold foods, specialty items, and desserts.

Tickets will be available starting on August 7th at the 4:30 PM Mass and continuing at all Masses through Saturday, September 25th. Tickets will also be available at our main entryway to the picnic grounds on the day of the picnic. **YOU WON'T MISS IT – IT'S GOING TO BE A SPECIAL CARNIVAL TENT!!**



WE WANT YOU!



Scripture Reflections

July 25, 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



Mass Intentions

Saturday: July 24, 2021

4:30 PM Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Sunday: July 25, 2021

8:00 AM Edward Padfield
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Stanislawczyk

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Paul Muir Sr.
r/o The Paulmeno Family

Monday: July 26, 2021

8:00 AM Carol Muir
r/o The Evers Family

Tuesday: July 27, 2021

8:00 AM Edward Wurster
r/o Marge Tosco & Family

Wednesday: July 28, 2021

7:00 PM Florence Deluca
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: July 29, 2021

8:00 AM Florence Deluca
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Friday: July 30, 2021

8:00 AM Florence Deluca
r/o Lori & Jim Young

Saturday: July 31, 2021

4:30 PM Roberto Guerrero
r/o Mike & Maggie Marion

Sunday: August 1, 2021

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Protection of babies in the womb and
their families

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk *Sts. Joachim and Anne,* *Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary* *July 26*

On Monday, July 26th, we celebrate the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition — the stories people told about them.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26th. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

The beautiful shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is devoted to St. Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to her. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Sts. Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem.

Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.

Fr. Chester



The collection for July 18th was \$3,813.00 (90 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for July 18th was \$3,569.50 (105 donors).

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