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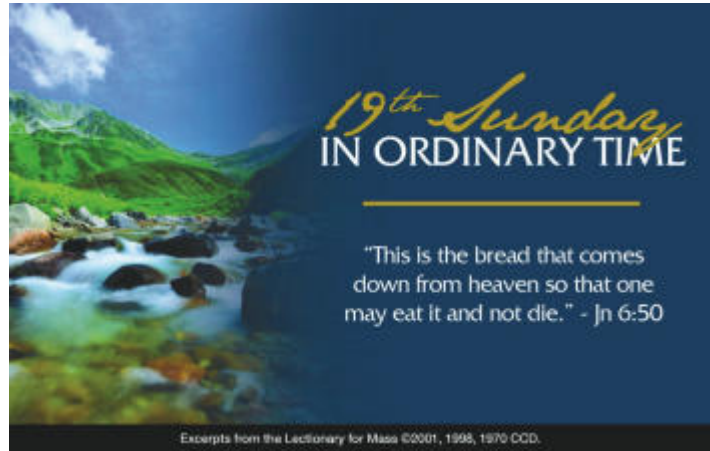
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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730-7303

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237-0211

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735-4024

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996-6760

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730-9384

Welcome

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996-7612

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Denise Botto
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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

7:00 PM K OF C BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM MELANIE ROSE LAURENCELLE
BAPTISM

WEED WHACKERS WANTED!

If you have 1.5 hours a week, to donate your time helping us keep our church beautiful, please contact the office at (908) 735- 4024. Also, if more than one person donates his/her time, you might only have to weed whack 1x a month.



Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Observances for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin
Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Save the Date!

At 10:30 AM on September 29th

Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the
19th Annual Blue Mass at the

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen

Gathered together with local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.

All are welcome to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org.



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.

**Diocesan Worship Series:
Renewed & Restored**

August 13, 2021 at Immaculate Conception
Annandale, NJ

The Diocese of Metuchen Office of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization invites you to a night of worship with an opportunity to be renewed and restored in Christ's transformational love.

The night includes outdoor Eucharistic adoration, live praise, and worship music from the ICC Young Adult worship team, a gospel reading, reflection, confession, and fellowship, and a bonfire following the Holy Hour. We welcome Fr. PT, CFR, who will lead us in prayer and praise throughout the course of the evening. **All are welcome**--young adults, families, high schoolers, middle schoolers, and people of all ages.

Our personal renewal and restoration in the love of Christ paves the way for our families, our church, and our world to be renewed and restored. However, it starts with our own hearts. This night is not about catechism or teaching--it's about **slowing down our busy lives enough to encounter Jesus** and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to a deeper relationship with the Lord.



Megan Vantslot
Director of Youth and Young Adult
Evangelization
(732) 243-4576

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.

Scripture Reflections

August 8, 2021 - **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!”
1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.



*We would like to welcome
The Finch Family
to St. Catherine of
Siena Parish.*



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Maeve Catherine Reid,
baptized on July 24, 2021

COME ONE – COME ALL

To the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Picnic and Game Carnival

**Sunday, September 26th 2021 (Save the Date!)
Rain or Shine 12 – 5 PM**

Our picnic date is fast approaching and we need many more volunteers to sign-up on the boards downstairs in the kitchen area. There will be plenty of guidance for all the areas listed so please volunteer as soon as possible.

Please consider signing-up for:

Saturday, September 25th at 9 AM, for setup of pop-up tents, grill area, tables, games, and decorating.

Sunday, September 26th at 8 AM to set up foods, drinks, game prize tables, and remaining games.

There will be a SHOW from 2-3 PM featuring John Pizzi, a ventriloquist/puppeteer/comedian. Popcorn will be handed out for the show!!

After the show, there will be a kids' game carnival from 3:15-5 PM with lots of games and prizes such as:

“Spin to Win” Wheel, Bowling “Alley”, Golf Putting Green, Bean Bag Toss Basket Tower, Nerf Ball Target Shooting, Ring Toss, Coin Toss, Bullseye Bean Bag Toss, “Plinko”, face painting, tattoos and a kiddie pool with toys.

For our teens, there will be badminton, croquet, corn hole, a ball rail toss game, and a splash tower.

Tickets will be sold at all Masses beginning on Saturday, August 7th through September 25th.

Religious education students, this is a great way to earn service hours!

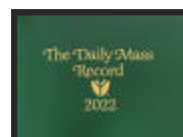
Please call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 with any questions.

Let's work together to make this a huge success!!
Thank you.



**The Mass Book
for 2022
is now open.**

Please no emails or phone calls to reserve Masses

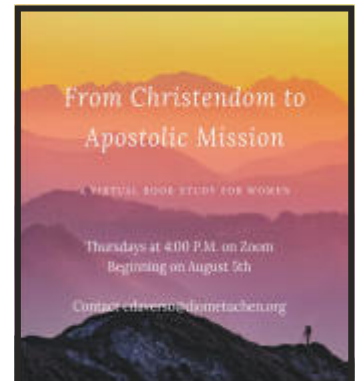


**From Christendom to
Apostolic Mission**

A VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY FOR WOMEN

Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. on Zoom
Beginning on August 5th

Contact clhavers@diometuchen.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday: August 7, 2021

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: August 8, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Schofield
r/o Bob & Dori Schofield

9:30 AM Allen & Tatiana Piotrowski
r/o The Piotrowski Family

11:00 AM Anna Porvaznik
r/o The Family

Monday: August 9, 2021

8:00 AM Brian Erling
r/o The Erling Family

Tuesday: August 10, 2021

8:00 AM Bodi Family
r/o Elaine Frederick

Wednesday: August 11, 2021

7:00 PM Robert Rocca
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: August 12, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Young
r/o The Young Family

Friday: August 13, 2021

8:00 AM Larry Remaly Birthday Blessings

Saturday: August 14, 2021

4:30 PM Fr. Michael J McGiveny
r/o Knights of Columbus

Sunday: August 15, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Joseph Polaski
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Society

11:00 AM Frances Rose & William Harty
r/o Rosario & Marianna Quartararo

From the Pastor's Desk

The Knights of Columbus

For many years the fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus, has done so much to promote and defend the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Knights stress the importance of the family, and articulate and defend the rights of the unborn, the sanctity of the marriage bond, and other issues important to us as Catholics. Some time ago, in a message to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Pope Francis thanked the Knights for their efforts to defend the role of religion and praised the order for its commitment to educate people in the faith and in a strong sense of civic responsibility.

The Knights also do much to demonstrate their support and appreciation for the priests of the Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus continues to assist in the fostering of vocations not only to the priesthood but also to the diaconate and religious life. Many Knights currently serve as deacons in the Church. A good number of Knights of Columbus Councils provide monthly support for seminarians in their time of training and formation.

The Knights of Columbus Council at our parish of Saint Catherine of Siena continues to support seminarians preparing for priesthood in our diocese of Metuchen. It provides not only financial support, but also spiritual support through the prayers of its members.

As an aid to vocation discernment, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has provided their "Prayer for Vocations":

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are invited to pray that more men and women will strive to embrace a holiness of life as they discern their proper vocation and do their part to more effectively build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Fr. Chester



The collections for August 1st were \$4,012.00 (93 envelopes) for the general collection and \$860.00 (44 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for August 1st was \$3,227.00 (103 donors).

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