

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“From this day all generations  
will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great  
things for me  
and holy is his Name.  
He has cast down the mighty  
from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.”  
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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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### Website

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713-4914

### Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy  
735-2028

### Welcome

Carol Rocha  
996-7612

## Weekly Schedule

### 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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM GAME ATTENDANT PICNIC MEETING

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

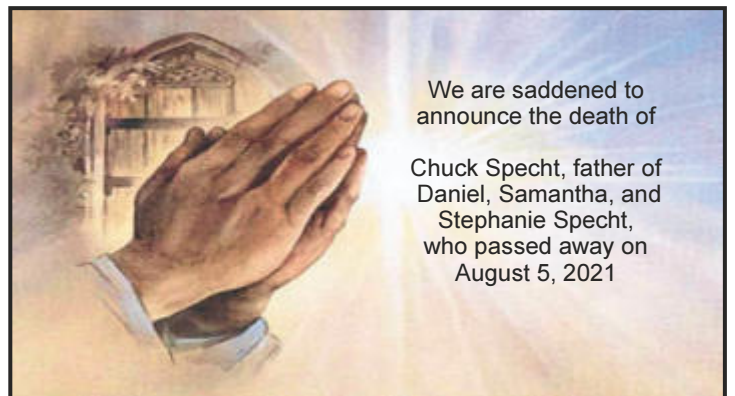
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the death of

Chuck Specht, father of Daniel, Samantha, and Stephanie Specht, who passed away on August 5, 2021

**Readings for the week of August 15, 2021**

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Observances for the week of August 15, 2021**

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest  
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope  
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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Our parish offers Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give online just like you auto pay your household expenses. Online Giving helps you ensure your offering even if you cannot be here at Mass. Even in times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, On-line Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly Mass at the parish or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.

**Go to ([scoschurch.org](https://scoschurch.org)) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.**

**Or sign up at**

**<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/329>**



**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  
19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.diometuchen.org).



**Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.





To pray this novena go to:

<https://www.thecatholiccrusade.com/novena-to-our-lady-of-the-assumption.html>

*Scripture Reflections*

August 15, 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1:46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.



# CARNIVAL

## GAME CARNIVAL MEETING

Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parking area by the shed, rain or shine

Anyone interested in helping as a game attendant or supervisor or who has already volunteered on the sign-up boards is asked to attend this very important meeting.

Those of you who are interested in running the prize tables or being a “lifeguard” at the prize-filled kiddie pool should also attend. The games will be on display in order to familiarize everyone with how they should be run, along with the token awards procedures.

Please call or text Debbie Fass at 973-222-8100 with any questions. Thank you.



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

**Chase Edwards Gonedes,**  
baptized on July 31, 2021

## Clothing Drop-Off Bins



Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

*Thank you to all who use our bins!*

## 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.



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

Please no emails or phone calls to reserve Masses



# Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday: August 16, 2021**

8:00 AM Adeline & Earl Morgan  
r/o The Morgan Family

**Tuesday: August 17, 2021**

8:00 AM Norman Carlson  
r/o Theresa Carlson

**Wednesday: August 18, 2021**

7:00 PM Victoria & Anthony Natalizio  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

**Thursday: August 19, 2021**

8:00 AM John Studley  
r/o Elise Studley

**Friday: August 20, 2021**

8:00 AM Kay Lydon  
r/o Gary & Christie Del Piano & Family

**Saturday: August 21, 2021**

4:30 PM Sean Hanczaryk  
r/o Mike, Stephanie & Michael Pierce

**Sunday: August 22, 2021**

8:00 AM Cecelia Mauro  
r/o The Pasculli Family

9:30 AM William Battipaglia  
r/o John & Pearl Traub

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

*From the Pastor's Desk*

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*August 15, 2021*

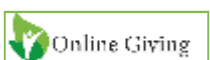
The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 8th was \$3,369.00 (101 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for August 8th was \$3,249.00 (110 donors).



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