St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

Church and Parish Office

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PASTOR

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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.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Altar Servers</u> Cecile Sabatino 256-2085

Audio/Visual Ken Mandoli 735-2879

<u>Auditors</u> Maggie Marion 735-4024

Building Maintenance Ray Ferraro 623-0345

Catholic Media Denise Botto 996-6760

Decorating Committee Donna Cahill 730-9384

Events Hospitality Margaret Rocca 996-3226

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion John-Joseph Bober 713-9707

Family Mass stcathfamilymass@gmail.com

Family Promise Mary Jo Haggerty 892-3513

Food Pantry Patty Battipaglia 735-6020

Knights of Columbus Michael J. lannozzi 328-6605

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Mary Kauza 735-4582 Jane Ricketts 782-6216

Parish Landscape Kevin Cahill 730-9384

Parish Pastoral Council Denise Botto 996-6760 Parish Picnic Debbie Fass 730-7303

Prayer Shawl Donna Mustillo 237-0211

Printable Materials Helen Nardone 391-0857

Readers Robert Preston 510-2712

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Rosary Society Jane Ricketts 782-6216

Sanctuary Guild Kathy Mathews 735-9511

SCRIP Program Jennifer Perna 208-0472

Social Concerns Doreen Opeikun 507-6752 Dawn Salerno 477-0105

Stewardship Lori Young 713-1997

<u>Ushers</u> Rich Kopf 797-4607

Veterans Military Apostolate Parish Office 735-4024

<u>Website</u> Ed Schilke 713-4914

Wedding Coordinator Ellen McCarthy 735-2028

<u>Welcome</u> Carol Rocha 996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

12:00 PMCHRISTOPHER HOOD BAPTISM3:30 PM — 4:00 PMRECONCILIATION4:30 PMMASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS 8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE REL ED — CHAPEL 9:30 AM FAMILY MASS 11:00 AM MASS 12:00 PM — 5:00 PM PARISH PICNIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

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

7:00 PM KNIGHT SOCIAL MTG & DEVOTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTMBER 29TH

6:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 5TH — 7TH FOR FAMILY MASS

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH RELIGIOUS ED — UNDERCROFT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS 3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

10:00 AM	BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

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



Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 — 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

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Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50	
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/ Lk 9:51-56	
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51	
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/ Lk 10:1-12	
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10: 13-16	
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10	
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12	
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Observances for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
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Blue Mass TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Save the Date!

At 10:30 AM on September 29th

Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

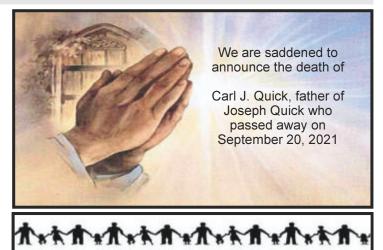
Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the

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.



Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021 2:00 - 3:30 PM (Rain or shine) *Carteret 3:-00 - 4:30 PM

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by sarticipants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Locations

*Carteret St. Joseph & Divine Mercy Parishes Carteret Ave (between Locust & High Sts) Contact: Fr. Gordon (732) 541-8946

> Elemington Route 31 to Main Street Contact: Jim Vargas (908) 391-1566

Great Meadows

St. Peter & Paul 360 Route 46 Contact: Gail McMahon (908) 637-4269

Perth Amboy 703 Amboy Ave (in front of Alpine Cemetery) Contact: Parish Office (732) 442-0512

Phillipsburg St. Philip & St. James Church 430 South Main Street Contact: Colleen Wolters (908) 454-9880

Sayreville 855 Washington Road (At High School) Contact: Rosanda Grau (732) 619-4093

Somerville

Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue Contact: Kevin Dugan (908) 788-7736

Washington In front of Planned Parenthood 66 East Washington St. (Rt. 57) Contact: Joyce Lopez (908) 689-2462

For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen



SAVE THE DATE FOR... St. Catherine's First **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 31st following 11:00 Mass

Seeking volunteers to run this new activity. Help from our High School Parishioners would be greatly appreciated.

To sign-up to be a part of this new activity, please call or email Lori Young at (908) 713-1997 or young20@centurylink.net More information to follow.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAHS ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas High School has an opening for a full time Pre-Calculus teacher.

For more information, please call the Principal, Harry Ziegler at (732) 549-1108.

WANT TO BUY SOME SHOPRITE CARDS?

SCRIP is being sold after all Masses downstairs in the kitchen area. Please support our SCRIP Program! You can also pick up the Shopwithscrip forms for the other gifts cards available to get started on your holiday shopping!



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

2021-2022 Schedule for the Monthly Meeting and Praying the Parish Rosary

New and returning members will meet at:

6 PM on the first Tuesday of October, April, May, and June, outside at the Mary Statue (when warm outside) or in the Chapel

Noon on the first Sunday of November, December, January, February, and March, in the church, following the 11 AM mass

PARISHIONERS please join us to PRAY THE PARISH ROSARY...



at NOON, following the 11 AM Mass, on the 1st SUNDAY of November, December, January, February, and March.

Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Experience?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7:00 – 9:30 PM presented on Monday & Thursday evenings from September 27 – October 21

Contact Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information.

Visit us at: <u>www.wwme.org</u> for more information .

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at 3 PM and ending with Benediction at 7 PM. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, October 1st.**

St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus coordinate a sign-up sheet to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at

any time during Adoration. All are welcome at any time, however, if you wish to sign up go to www.scoschurch.org, and click on the link for Monthly Adoration Sign-up.



Looking for volunteers for coffee fellowship to help prepare, setup, and tidy up the kitchen coffee area after all Masses. Please contact Lori Young at (908) 713-1997 or email at young20@centurylink.net



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: <u>https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration</u>.

If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>. 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 25, 2021

4:30 PM Stephanie May r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: September 26, 2021

8:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families

9:30 AM Emily Kattner r/o Mike & Stephanie & Michael Pierce

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

Monday: September 27, 2021

8:00 AM Carol Rocha Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: September 28, 2021

8:00 AM

Brian Erling r/o The Erling Family

Wednesday: September 29, 2021

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

Thursday: September 30, 2021

8:00 AM Hilde Wallace r/o The Perna Family

Friday: October 1, 2021

8:00 AM Anthony & Leela Piotrowski r/o The Piotrowski Family

Saturday: October 2, 2021

4:30 PM St. Catherine's Rosarians Living & Deceased

Sunday: October 3, 2021

- 8:00 AM Glenn Ricketts Sr. r/o St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus
- 9:30 AM Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski r/o St. Catherine's Parish
- 11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's



The collection for September 19th was \$3,178.00 (101 envelopes) for the general collection and \$1,176.00 for Diocesan Disaster Fund.

On-Line Giving for September 19th was \$4,139.00 (113 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk

First Friday Adoration At St. Catherine's Friday, October 1 st

This Friday, October 1st and every first Friday of the month, our St. Catherine of Siena Parish, with unrestrained joy, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We begin at 3pm and end with Benediction at 7pm.

A great part of our parish's vitality is the adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. How many graces have come from that Adoration! Of course what makes it possible are the people who commit to spending one hour a month with our Lord.

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of Jesus. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration.

The devotion begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it on the altar for adoration. The purpose of adoration is to highlight the presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. Adoration ceremonies traditionally include Scripture reading, hymns, prayers, and time for silent adoration.

This Friday, take time out of your day to spend a few moments in quiet prayer with our Lord at HIS House – He's waiting for you.

Fr. Chester

