

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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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.

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

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## Weekly Schedule

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH — OFFICE IS CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 PM                      MASS

6:00 PM                      MASS

MIDNIGHT                      MASS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH — CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 AM                      MASS

10:00 AM                      MASS

4:30 PM                      SUNDAY VIGIL MASS — THE HOLY FAMILY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH — HOLY FAMILY**

8:00 AM                      MASS

9:30 AM                      MASS

11:00 AM                      MASS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**

8:00 AM                      MASS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH**

8:00 AM                      MASS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**

6:30 PM                      RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM                      MASS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**

8:00 AM                      MASS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

8:00 AM                      MASS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

4:30 PM                      MASS


**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND**

8:00 AM                      MASS

9:30 AM                      MASS

11:00 AM                      MASS

12:00 PM                      PARISH ROSARY & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING



*We would like to welcome*

*The Kalamaras Family*

*Bailey/Hernandez Family*

*Boates Family*

*Passerello Family*

*to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Observances for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

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



**SUNDAY, January 2, 2022**  
following the 11:00 AM Mass.

**The St. Catherine Rosary Society will once again be collection handbags in January for**

*Lynda's Helping Handbags - NJ Chapter*



**Start saving your handbags and toiletries.**

**More information to come in January 2022.**

The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry will be honoring Juniors and Seniors from our diocese with the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards. Last year, we hosted the ceremony online, and this year we are happy to announce that **we will gather again in person at St. Francis Cathedral on January 26th at 7 PM to honor our youth with Bishop Checchio!**

These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and ways that these students have exemplified the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership.

**All nominations are due by December 15th.** Students' personal statements are due by January 2nd. The cost per nomination is \$20.

Contact Megan Vantslot  
Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization  
(732) 243-4576  
[mvantslot@diometuchen.org](mailto:mvantslot@diometuchen.org)



**A Beautiful Poem**  
by Nobel Laureate Sir Robindra Nath Tagore

When I'm dead,  
Your tears will flow  
But I won't know  
Cry with me now instead.

You will send flowers,  
But I won't see  
Send them now instead.

You'll say words of praise  
But I won't hear,  
Praise me now instead

You'll forgive my faults,  
But I won't know.....  
So forget them now instead.

You'll miss me then,  
But I won't feel.  
Meet me now, instead.


You'll wish you could have  
spent more time with me,  
Spend it now instead.


When you hear I'm gone, you'll find your way to my house to pay condolence but we haven't even spoken in years. Look, listen and reply to me now.

Spend time with every person around you, and help them with whatever you can to make them happy, your families, friends and acquaintances. Make them feel Special because you never know when time will take them away from you forever.

Alone I can 'Say' but together we can 'Talk'  
Alone I can 'Enjoy' but together we can 'Celebrate'  
Alone I can 'Smile' but together we can 'Laugh'

That's the BEAUTY of Human Relations.  
We are nothing without each other  
So Stay Connected!!

  
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**Join us as we Rally for Life**  
 FRIDAY - January 14, 2022  
 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade  
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 145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ  
**RALLY FOR LIFE** at 11:00 A.M. with a **MARCH FOR LIFE**  
 immediately following through the streets of Trenton  
**\*\*NOTE:** Change in the location  
 Pro-Life Leaders, Elected Officials and Clergy Expected to Address Rally.  
 Check our website, [www.NJRTL.org](http://www.NJRTL.org), for information regarding weather and last-minute updates.



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Please e-mail NJRTL  
if you plan to attend at [feedback@njrtl.org](mailto:feedback@njrtl.org)  
or call us at 732-562-0562  
for more information.






We are saddened to announce the death of:  
 David Button, son of Linda and Fred Laba-Button, who passed away on December 6, 2021  
 Patricia La Tournous, mother of Chuck La Tournous, who passed away on December 14, 2021

**St. Catherine's Family Mass**

Last Sunday, December 12th we celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas at our Family Mass. What a wonderful time the children had. Thank you to all who helped in making this happen and thank you to Father Chester for being an excellent St. Nicholas.



It is our privilege to announce  
**Herman & Elizabeth Martin  
 and  
 Robert & Ann Preston**  
 are now Knights and Dames of  
 the Sovereign Military order of Malta



**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Mass
Midnight	Mass

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 PM	Mass
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**Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**


8:00 AM	Mass
9:30 AM	Mass
11:00 AM	Mass

**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

4:30 PM	Mass
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**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM	Mass
9:30 AM	Mass
11:00 AM	Mass



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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: December 25, 2021

- 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
- 10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
- 4:30 PM Robert Rocca  
r/o The Rocca & Perna Families

## Sunday: December 26, 2021

- 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
- 9:30 AM Samuel Schofield  
r/o Bob & Doris Schofield
- 11:00 AM Brian Erling  
r/o The Erling Family

## Monday: December 27, 2021

- 8:00 AM James Allen Lomauro  
r/o Karen Sutton

## Tuesday: December 28, 2021

- 8:00 AM Donna Troy  
r/o Marisa White & Family

## Wednesday: December 29, 2021

- 7:00 PM Robert Rocca  
r/o Margaret Rocca

## Thursday: December 30, 2021

- 8:00 AM Joan M. Ayers  
r/o The Innocenti Family

## Friday: December 31, 2021

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

## Saturday: January 1, 2022

- 4:30 PM Blessings for The New Year

## Sunday: January 2, 2022

- 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
- 9:30 AM Memorial Mass For Members of K of C Council #15217
- 11:00 AM Theodore Del Piano  
r/o Tony Del Piano

## From the Pastor's Desk The Holy Family

As we know our Christmas Season continues, and today we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family, the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the family that makes this Season possible. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has a great love for the family unit. He has challenged us to strive for spiritual unity and for the strengthening of families by following the example of the Holy Family.

He stated, "Dear Families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is merciful, and respectful towards all."... "But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is the leaven of society as a whole. Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth."

At this time of the year, many of us make resolutions to renew or revitalize our lives in certain ways. We may resolve to lose weight, or exercise more frequently, or be more punctual. But if we are honest with ourselves, many of us have to admit that we fail to reflect on ways that we can renew or revitalize our lives spiritually. One way we can embrace spiritual renewal is by praying each day as a family. It may be before meals. It may be at a certain time in the day. We are busy people, with different schedules, often going in different directions within our family unit. So it may require some discipline and structure to make the time to pray together, but hopefully, it will be spiritually beneficial.

The New Year provides us with a great opportunity to meet the challenge presented to us by Pope Francis. It is the challenge to more effectively live our faith and set a good example for those families we encounter in the course of our daily lives. We pray that families will embrace the call of Our Holy Father for spiritual unity as we begin the New Year.

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 12th were \$4,546.00 (131 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,832.00 (56 envelopes) for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The collection for December 8th was \$898.00 (48 envelopes) for the Immaculate Conception.



On-Line Giving for December 12th was \$2,997.00 (117 donors). The collections for December 19th and 26th will be posted in the January 2nd bulletin.



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

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