

# 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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713-4914

### Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy  
735-2028

### Welcome

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996-7612

## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM MASS  
10:00 AM LANDON MICHAEL PULTZ BAPTISM

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 3RD & 4TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED  
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 AM MASS  
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM PST/DISCIPLINESHIP NIGHT

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:00 AM MASS  
3:00 PM — 6:30 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION  
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (8TH GRADE)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:00 AM MASS  
8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS  
6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED  
5:30 PM ADORATION  
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd FOR**

5:30 PM Adoration

6:00 – 7:00 PM Our Lenten Penitential Service



**Readings for the week of March 27, 2022**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2  
Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn  
5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and  
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn  
7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil  
3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**Observances for the week of March 27, 2022**

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Friday: April Fools' Day

Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**St. Catherine's Stations of the Cross**

**Lenten Friday Evening at 7 PM**

**Please join us each week as these ministries leads us through the Way of the Cross**

**April 1st**  
Eighth Grade

**April 8th**  
Youth Ministry &  
Stewardship



**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 **6:30 PM** (during Lent due to Stations of the Cross).

**Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, March 4th.**

To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please use the new sign-up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>



**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?**

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting.

**A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM.**

If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or [diaconate@diometuchen.org](mailto:diaconate@diometuchen.org)

**LENTEN SERVICES**

**Every Wednesday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 PM

**Every Friday**

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

**Every Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 PM

**Adoration & Penitential Service (April 3rd)**

Adoration 5:30 PM

Reconciliation 6:00 – 7:00 PM



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Holy Thursday (April 14th)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday (April 15th)**

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

**Holy Saturday (April 16th)**

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

**Easter Sunday (April 17th)**

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### St Patrick's Day Raffle Winners!

1st prize Mike & Mary Mitariten \$2855.00 Ticket #1027  
2nd prize Cathy Hartmann \$1713.00 Ticket #535  
3rd Prize John Paulmeno \$1142.00 Ticket #1147



A big Thank You to all parishioners who helped make this charity fundraiser a success.

April 3, 2022

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary as a diocese, we pause to reflect on the many blessings we have received over the years. I know you will agree that one of those blessings has been our faithful and generous priests who have and are serving the Church of Metuchen. Hundreds of priests have served in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and in diocesan ministries during these 40 years. As I think back on my own life, I see my own faith has been shaped by the priests who ministered to my family and me while growing up. Good, holy, and faithful priests bring joy to our people and to the Church.



Currently, the Diocese of Metuchen has 32 retired priests, 10 living at our Maria Regina Residence for retired priests, while others live in rectories or in private homes or apartments which they or their family and friends have arranged. Just imagine how many Masses, baptisms, and confessions these priests have celebrated. They have blessed us, mourned with us, and ministered to us, selflessly offering decades of service to God and the faithful of our diocese. Even in retirement, those who are able continue to celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our parishes. The retired priests, who for health reasons can no longer minister in our parishes, also continue to support our local Church through their prayers and example.

On Palm Sunday weekend, April 9 and 10, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the **Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests**. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests, subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. We depend on your prayerful support in order to accomplish the work of the Gospel in our challenging times.

With renewed best wishes, I remain  
Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY, MARCH 31st at 7:00 PM

All are Welcome!

7<sup>th</sup> Graders Are Encouraged To Get An Early Start!

Call St. Thomas Aquinas for further info or directions  
(732) 549-1108 X620 Or visit us on the Web at [stahs.net](http://stahs.net)

# 40 CANS FOR LENT

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans of Lent program.

The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food everyday of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting March 5.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the kitchen area of the Church.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled 17,963 pounds. That's over 9 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. *Thank you!*



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**(FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)**

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Society and Stewardship Committee

SATURDAY, April 2nd  
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM  
AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS

RAIN DATE: Sunday, April 3rd, 1-2 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE EVENT.

BRING A BASKET OR BAG TO HOLD THE EGGS YOUR CHILD FINDS. SNACKS, DRINKS, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MARCH 27th.

CCD service hours will be given to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> students who volunteer to help with set-up or during the egg hunt.

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FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_\_\_

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: March 26, 2022

4:30 PM John Opeikun  
r/o The Opeikun Family

## Sunday: March 27, 2022

8:00 AM Jose Matos  
r/o The Koretzky & Matos  
Families

9:30 AM Carl Quick  
r/o The Webster Family

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

## Monday: March 28, 2022

8:00 AM Robert & Doris Schofield  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Tuesday: March 29, 2022

8:00 AM Maggie Marion Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday: March 30, 2022

7:00 PM Carl Quick  
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

## Thursday: March 31, 2022

8:00 AM Gina Bussell Birthday Blessings

## Friday: April 1, 2022

8:00 AM George & Christine Jorgensen  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Saturday: April 2, 2022

4:30 PM John Kauza  
r/o Jane & Glenn Ricketts

## Sunday: April 3, 2022

8:00 AM Leonard & Mary LaBella  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM Carl Quick  
r/o The Innocenti Family

11:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb  
and Their Families

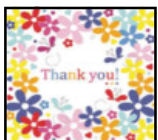
## *From the Pastor's Desk* *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

During the weeks of Lent, the Scripture readings and Mass prayers at our weekday Masses invite us to seriously respond to the call to conversion of heart that we heard on Ash Wednesday and to continue in our efforts to enter into the season as best we can. We are called to turn away from our sinfulness and to turn towards God. The traditional Lenten penances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are held up before us as excellent ways of responding to this challenge to faithfully live the Lenten season.

When it comes to Lenten prayer, many of us are using "A Time for Mending," reflection booklet for our personal prayer during this season. It is a very good way for us to reflect upon the readings of the day and to give six minutes a day back to the Lord. It is very encouraging to see these books being used by so many in our community.

In addition to spending additional time in personal prayer, have you considered the possibility of additional community prayer through weekday Mass? Mass during the week is celebrated at 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 7:00 PM on Wednesday. Weekday Mass is much simpler than Sunday Mass and normally runs about 20-25 minutes. They are a great way to begin or end the day.

Fr. Chester



The collections for March 20th was \$5,789.00 (144 envelopes) for the general collection .



On-Line Giving for March 20th was \$4,485.00 (121 donors).

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