

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.

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Carol Rocha
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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

5:30 PM DEACON MIKE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

DEACON MIKE CELEBRATION

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST

USERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

USERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

8:00 AM MASS

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

USERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH

USERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

USERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



Our parish office is seeking volunteers to occasionally answer the phones and help with light office work. The hours are 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, when needed.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call (908) 735-4024 or email scoscoffice@gmail.com.

Readings for the week of July 31, 2022

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Observances for the week of July 31, 2022

- Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Thursday: St. John Vianney, Priest
- Friday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

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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 7:00 PM.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, August 5th.

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>



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 30, 2022 at 3:30 PM.



Registration is required. Please register online at:

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

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 7, 2022. 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 by calling (732) 562-1543.



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

Remi Louise Lawrence
baptized on July 23, 2022

September 18th, The Parish Picnic

Up, Up, and Away

Celebrating 30 Years at St. Catherine's

**To get involved, join our planning meetings:
August 11th & 25th
September 1st**



Call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 to be a part of the picnic team.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the formation program for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation).

Classes begin this fall and will run through Easter. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Mike Meyer for more information at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com.



Diocesan Pilgrimage With Our Lady of Victories and St. Edward's

Our Diocese of Metuchen is currently celebrating a 40th Anniversary and to cap off the year, a special Mass will be held at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC.

To give everyone the opportunity to join, a bus has been chartered and everyone is welcome to attend. The bus will be picking up in the parking lots of both St. Edward in Milford and Our Lady of Victories in Baptistown and there is **NO CHARGE** for the ride.

The trip will be on Saturday, September 24th with departure times between 5:00 AM and 5:30 AM. The day will include incredible music, opportunity for confession, Mass and plenty of free time to tour and visit the Basilica. We depart around 4:30 PM, make a quick stop for dinner and return back to Baptistown and Milford around 10 - 11 PM.

If you would like a ride on the bus, please email Bernadette Hunsicker brndthunsicker2@gmail.com or call (908) 510-4050 with your name, email address, cell phone number and how many seats you would like to reserve. The bus holds 55 so please reserve as soon as you can.



Faith Formation 2022 – 2023

Reminder, Faith Formation registration forms **were DUE JULY 11th**! Please submit your registration forms (found on the parish website) and return them with payment. **ASAP!**

For more information contact: **Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com**



This year, in conjunction with our Parish Picnic, we will be holding a Silent Auction. I am asking all of our parishioners for help in order to make this a successful fundraiser for our parish. All monies collected will be put towards our New Parish Center.

If you would like to donate a themed basket full of wonderful goodies, Thank You. I could give you suggestions if you need assistance. Should you have any new items laying around and would like to donate those to us, our team of helpers could put a basket together.

This year we will not be soliciting stores as we have in the past. If you personally know someone outside of our parish community that would like to donate, please accept the donation with our most humble appreciation.

For any questions or concerns, please call Carol Rocha at 908-616-2397 or via email at crocha@hcrhs.org.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation to support St. Catherine of Siena.



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

Hudson Michael Schafer
baptized on July 24, 2022



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 19-21, 2022**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: July 30, 2022

4:30 PM Lighton Chapman
r/o The Kopf Family

Sunday: July 31, 2022

8:00 AM Marian Majewski
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Pat Reagan
r/o The Haggerty Family

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

Monday: August 1, 2022

8:00 AM Msgr. Alexander Kulik
r/o Bernie & Larry Remy

Tuesday: August 2, 2022

8:00 AM Karl & Jeanette Meyertons
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

Wednesday: August 3, 2022

7:00 PM Katherine & Jim Dowdle
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: August 4, 2022

8:00 AM Daniel Murray
r/o Jean, Debbie & Nancy

Friday: August 5, 2022

8:00 AM Nader Ghanim
r/o The Clancey Family

Saturday: August 6, 2022

4:30 PM Mary Zimko
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Sunday: August 7, 2022

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

9:30 AM Alan & Tatiana Piotrowski Anniversary Blessings
r/o The Piotrowski Family

11:00 AM Charles Specht
r/o Barbara & Laura Suozzo

From the Pastor's Desk *Disciples of Christ*

As disciples of Christ, we are challenged to set a good example for others and to truly and publicly live our faith. We are therefore invited to prayerfully consider making time for the Lord by making the Mass the heart of our day, not just a small part of our day, each Sunday and each Holy Day of Obligation. This is especially true as we make time for rest and recreation as summer approaches.

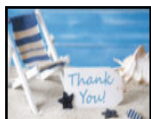
The third commandment of God is to remember to keep holy the day of the Lord, and keeping holy the day of the Lord is something that Christians of all faith traditions should strive to do. In addition, the Catholic Church has issued certain precepts (or duties) for Catholics. The first precept is to keep holy the day of the Lord by participating in Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation. I think it is fair to say that at times some of us struggle to comply with this precept.

As we enjoy our summertime, many of us now focus more on leisure activities. We make time to eat at good restaurants. We make time to go to the movies. We make time to go shopping at the mall. We make time to go to the beach or to the lake. We make time for short vacations. We make time to visit relatives and friends. Yet some of us have trouble making time to spend with the Lord through our attendance at Mass. We are reminded of the need to spend time with Our Lord and we are encouraged to participate in the Mass in a spirit of reverence and respect.

The following prayer from Catholic Digest reminds us of the need to keep Our Lord present in our lives especially during the upcoming summer months:

**LONG WARM DAYS...
THE PACE OF LIFE SLOWS
A TIME FOR PICNICS AND
REST IN THE SHADE.
LORD HELP ME TO REST AWHILE
IN THE COOLING SHADE OF YOUR PRESENCE.
SLOW DOWN MY RESTLESS HEART
AND FILL ME WITH GENTLE COMPASSION
FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE.
AMEN.**

Fr. Chester



The collection for July 24th was \$5,309.00 (124 envelopes) for the General Collection.



On-Line Giving for the July 24th collection was \$3,268.00 (105 donors).

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