

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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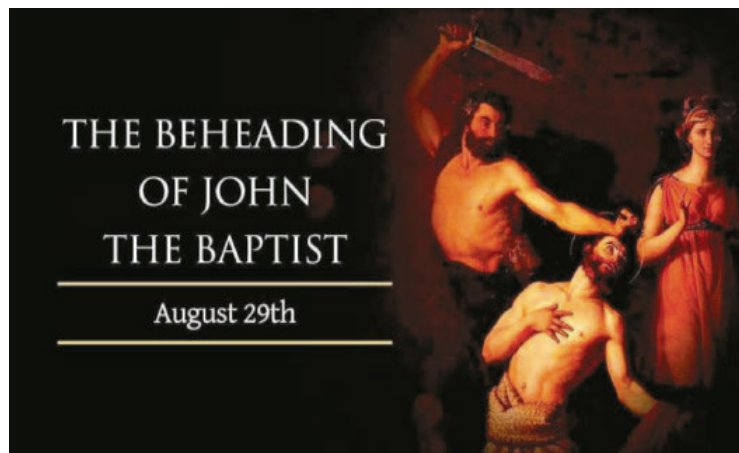
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## THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 29th

August 28, 2022

Vol. 40

## 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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## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

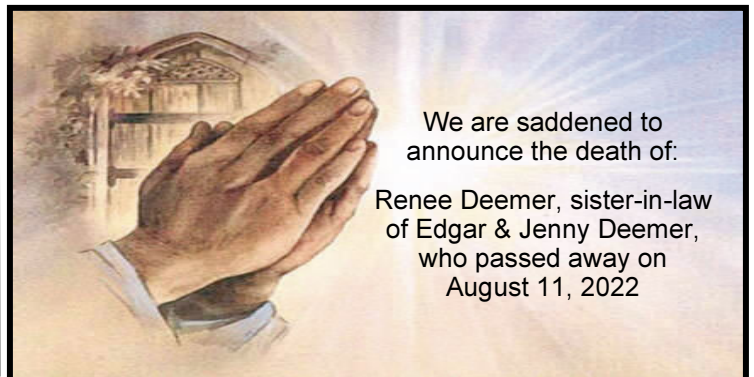
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Renee Deemer, sister-in-law of Edgar & Jenny Deemer, who passed away on August 11, 2022

**Readings for the week of August 28, 2022**

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5  
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Observances for the week of August 28, 2022**

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
 Saturday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
 Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, September 2nd.**

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>



*We would like to welcome  
 The Colon Family  
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**September 18th, The Parish Picnic  
 Up, Up, and Away  
 Celebrating 30 Years at St. Catherine's**

To get involved, join our planning meetings:  
**September 1st at 6:30 PM**

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



***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 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](mailto: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.



The Veteran's Apostolate Ministry at St. Catherine's has been recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation by the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for their faith-filled service to Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner. Congratulations to the Veteran's Ministry and thank you for remembering the veterans.

**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](mailto:deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com).



**Parish Book Club Meeting, Friday, September 2nd**

The Saint Catherine's Book Club will meet on **Friday, September 2 at 7:00 PM**, immediately following First Friday Adoration, to discuss C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, a wonderful fictional novel about heaven.

Please join us downstairs in the common room.



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

Our Diocese of Metuchen is currently celebrating a 40<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 [brndttHunsicker2@gmail.com](mailto:brndttHunsicker2@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.**

**ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC & GAME CARNIVAL 2022**

This year's Picnic & Game Carnival is going to be spectacular!! The REMAX Hot Air Balloon will be on site in the afternoon for kids of all ages to walk inside the balloon, which will be inflated on its side. There will also be an opportunity to hop into the basket for photos. Weather permitting, tethered balloon rides will begin at 5 PM. The picnic begins at 12 noon on Sunday, September 18th, rain or shine.

A signup Genius has been set up for volunteering for help with the picnic. You should have received an email inviting you to sign up. If you need assistance or haven't received an email, please contact Meredith Joseph at (973) 727-3637. Food signups will be available as we get closer to our date.

Feel free to call me, Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 if you have any questions or concerns or would like to help in any way.



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.

For any questions or concerns, please call Carol Rocha at 908-616-2397 or via email at [crocha@hcrhs.org](mailto:crocha@hcrhs.org).



**St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry**

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl and baptismal blanket we create. Each item is blessed by a priest and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM, resuming September 6<sup>th</sup>**, downstairs in the common room. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: August 27, 2022

4:30 PM Anna Dawson  
r/o The Dawson Family

## Sunday: August 28, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Mary Zimko  
r/o Dennis & Kathie Webster

11:00 AM Bishop Paul's 25th Anniversary of  
Ordination of Episcopacy

## Monday: August 29, 2022

8:00 AM Daniel Murray  
r/o Ellen & Paul McCarthy

## Tuesday: August 30, 2022

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Terrance M. Lawler

## Wednesday: August 31, 2022

7:00 PM John Bucci  
r/o The Quick Family

## Thursday: September 1, 2022

8:00 AM Carl Quick  
r/o The Quick Family

## Friday: September 2, 2022

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Michael Corona

## Saturday: September 3, 2022

4:30 PM Chuck Specht & Family  
r/o David & Jennifer Perna

## Sunday: September 4, 2022

8:00 AM Merrill & Peter Hennion  
r/o The Pierce Family

9:30 AM Annette Garafola  
r/o The Ryan Family

11:00 AM John Kauza  
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary  
Society

## From the Pastor's Desk The Passion of St. John the Baptist August 29th

This Monday, August 29th, we celebrate the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

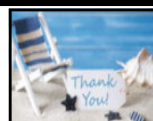
This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for August 21st was \$4,923.00 (122 envelopes) for the General Collection.



On-Line Giving for the August 21st collection was \$4,325.00 (117 donors).

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