

# 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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## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

2:00 PM WEINSCHENK/ZAKRZEWSKI WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

#### VIGIL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM VIGIL MASS

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

#### OFFICE CLOSED — THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM BOLD DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

12:00 PM LEO CHRISTOPHER GAHAGA BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM — 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL REFLECTION

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM ADVENT ADORATION & PENANCE SERVICE

## DECEMBER 4, 2022 — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Readings for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

### Observances for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Saturday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Sunday:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope



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

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING BEGINS HERE! Please order your holiday gift cards early!

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall, on the St. Catherine's website or you can order online at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com) (formerly ShopWithScrip).

The enrollment code for St. Catherine of Siena is **76C4BL5763L2**. There is a drop off box located in Fellowship Hall for orders and check payments. Orders may also be dropped off in the office during office hours.

If you plan to donate to the Giving Tree please try to remember purchasing ShopRite and other retailer gift cards using our SCRIP program for your Giving Tree Donation. Not only will you be supporting the Giving Tree but you will be supporting St. Catherine's children and programs for the poor.

If you have any questions please contact:  
[robinjoypotempa@gmail.com](mailto:robinjoypotempa@gmail.com) or call (908) 310-4273.

### The Parish Office Will Be Closed On

**Thursday, December 8th for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Obligation**



**Vigil Mass will be at 7 PM on  
Wednesday, December 7th**

**Mass will be at 8 AM & 7 PM on  
Thursday, December 8th**

### Advent Adoration, Reconciliation, and Christmas Carol Reflections December 11th at 5:00 PM

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 PM in the Church to reflect upon and sing our favorite Christmas carols while we spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

**Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service  
will immediately follow Christmas Carol Reflections,  
with 3 priests hearing  
confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM.**



### The "Oplatki" or "Christmas Wafers"

is available and located in the Narthex  
for \$1.00 Donation



**Youth Ministry wreath pick up will  
be this weekend  
December 3rd & 4th  
at the shed**



### The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!

Please take 1 or 2 for your family.  
They will be available all month  
in the Narthex.



We are saddened to  
announce the death of:

Audrey Hrynyk, who  
passed away on  
November 19, 2022

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 18th  
12:00 Noon

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and holiday conversation in Fellowship Hall

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with recipes to share (if possible) and an empty container to fill up for the holidays.

Please bring your cookies downstairs before Mass for early set up.

If interested please **RSVP By December 11th** to:  
Doreen Opeikun at cell 908-507-6752 or email [doreenope@gmail.com](mailto:doreenope@gmail.com)



### Rosary Society Giving Tree November 19th -December 4th

Last weekend for the Giving Tree

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!**

Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree.

### Rosary Society Projects Help the Local Community

The Rosary Society members donated 10 huge baskets with food for Thanksgiving, including frozen turkeys, and other cooking supplies. These baskets were given to families in the parish and at the Union Township school.

Many years ago, the Rosary Society provided the parish with a poor box and since that time has helped to distribute the funds that have been donated by parishioners. In this season of thanksgiving we would like to thank those who contribute to our parish poor box. \$1,500.00 was given to those in need in our parish and community.

May God bless you for sharing what you have with those in need.



To meet the increased needs of the community, Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Thrift Store, located in Phillipsburg, need volunteers for the following:

#### Food Pantry

- Open from 10 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday
- Volunteers to unpack donated and purchased food
- Volunteers to sort and stack food on pantry shelves
- Volunteers to prepare grocery bags for our clients
- Breakdown empty boxes and carry them to trash bins
- Provide basic case management services and have an awareness of local resources or be willing to learn

#### Thrift Store

- Open from 11 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday
- Help sort and put donated items on the shelves
- Help price the items donated to the store
- Help the customers with any questions they may have about the items purchased

Call Maria Hunter (732) 738-1315  
or email [mhunter@ccdom.org](mailto:mhunter@ccdom.org)



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An evening with Jim Towey

DECEMBER 9, 2022

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### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH IN ANNANDALE, CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

Sunday, December 11 at 2 PM  
Doors open at 1:30 PM

Internationally renowned priest-conductor, Rev. Alphonse Stephenson & his full orchestra come back to ICC in only two weeks! Tickets are *still* only \$40 (\$25 for students under 21). Tickets can be purchased online at [iccannandale.org](http://iccannandale.org) or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yatp2y6v> to buy online! Act fast, tickets are selling quickly!

### The Winners of the NJ Right to Life Raffle are...

**1st Prize 2023 Volvo #1881 Mendham, NJ**

**2nd Prize \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Certificate #26639 Lake Como, NJ**

**3rd Prize \$750 ShopRite Gift Certificate #082161 Manville, NJ**

**4th Prize \$500 ShopRite Gift Certificate #140251 Toms River, NJ**

Thank you to all who participated in the NJRTL Car Raffle Fund Raiser



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: December 3, 2022

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## Sunday: December 4, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Thomas Webster  
r/o Pat & Patricia Dziubek

11:00 AM Rose & John Russo  
r/o Rosario & Marianna Quartararo

## Monday: December 5, 2022

8:00 AM David Button  
r/o Linda & Fred Button

## Tuesday: December 6, 2022

8:00 AM Antonio Rofrano  
r/o Ortensia Clancey

## Wednesday: December 7, 2022

7:00 PM Deacon Mike Meyer Birthday Blessings

## Thursday: December 8, 2022

8:00 AM Celia Vaccaro  
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

7:00 PM Leonard Frederick  
r/o Elaine Frederick

## Friday: December 9, 2022

8:00 AM Mary Errico  
r/o The Baker Family

## Saturday: December 10, 2022

4:30 PM Jonathan Thomas  
r/o The Thomas Family

## Sunday: December 11, 2022

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

9:30 AM Catherine & Jerry Santry  
r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Flotteron

11:00 AM Lorraine Cudo  
r/o Diane & Bill Smith

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Immaculate Conception

This week, on Thursday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not only is this a great feast of our Lady in its own right, but it is under the title of her Immaculate Conception that the United States is dedicated to our Lady as our patroness - it is our national feast day.

Here are 7 things you need to know about the teaching and the way we celebrate it.

#### 1. Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

There's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. It doesn't. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.) But it was special and unique in another way.

#### 2. What is the Immaculate Conception?

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception, proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854 says:

*The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*

#### 3. Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

#### 4. Does this mean Mary didn't need Jesus to die on the Cross for her?

No. Mary was immaculately conceived by a singular **grace** of God and **by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ**, dying on the Cross for us.

#### 5. How does this make Mary a parallel of Eve?

Adam and Eve were both created immaculate--without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin.

Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculate. They remained faithful, and through them mankind was redeemed from sin. Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

#### 6. Was it necessary for God to make Mary immaculate at her conception so that she could be Jesus' mother?

No. The Church only speaks of the Immaculate Conception as something that was "fitting," something that made Mary a "fit habitation" (i.e., suitable dwelling) for the Son of God, not something that was *necessary*.

#### 7. How do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception today?

In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In the United States and in a number of other countries, it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Fr. Chester



The collections for November 20th were \$4,221.00 (107 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$1,035.00 (48 envelopes) for Works of Mercy. The collection for November 27th was \$4,052.00 (128 envelopes) for the General Collection.



On-Line Giving for the November 20th collection was \$4,310.50 (124 donors). The collections for November 27th was \$3,392.44 (115 donors).

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