

# 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 17TH

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE  
2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 MASS  
11:00 AM MASS  
12:00 PM COOKIE EXCHANGE

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:30 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT  
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS  
6:00 PM MASS  
MIDNIGHT MASS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 AM MASS  
10:00 AM MASS



### The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!

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

**Readings for the week of December 18, 2022**

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/ Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Observances for the week of December 18, 2022**

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

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Saturday: Christmas Eve

Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

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***Holy Day Mass Schedule***

***Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:***

3:30 PM Children's Pageant  
 4:00 PM Children's Mass  
 6:00 PM Mass  
 Midnight Mass

***Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:***

8:00 AM Mass  
 10:00 AM Mass



*Thank you...  
 Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio  
 for our wonderful  
 Christmas Tree Light display.*

**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)



**Lecture Series: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church"**

**January 17, 2023, at 7 PM**

**Presenter: Very Reverend Timothy Christy**  
**Location: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen**

Fr. Christy, Rector of the Cathedral, will be exploring the USCCB's document on the Eucharist. As Christians, we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (John 6:53). The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist. Please join Fr. Christy for this important event.





## 4TH 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 (908) 507-6752 or email  
[doreenope@gmail.com](mailto:doreenope@gmail.com)



### RETROUVILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 3 – 5, 2023**.

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](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).



*We would like to welcome*

*The Leone Family*

*The Fikslin Family*

*to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan **Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:00 noon** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact  
[amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or (732) 562-1543.



The Knights of Columbus will be having a student bus and an adult bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Mass at 6:00 AM and the busses will leave ICC at 6:45 AM and returning around 10:00 PM.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email [smithbuilders@hotmail.com](mailto:smithbuilders@hotmail.com)

### Surviving Divorce March 2023

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** beginning **March 2, 2023** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.**

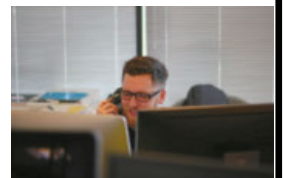
For more information or to register contact  
Ro Bersch at (908) 313-5947.

### St. Catherine's Youth Choir is inviting new members to join in singing at the Family Mass.

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night at the church from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Students in Grades 3 to Seniors in High School may come for auditions. If interested, please call or text Mrs. Lisa Sforza at (908) 310-3495.

### Employment Opportunity - Advertising Representative

The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks an Advertising Sales Representative to assist with the sale of advertising space. The ideal candidate will be responsible for initiating, developing, and closing sales of print media advertising in The Catholic Spirit by creating and building effective client relationships with area businesses and organizations. Interested candidates should forward their resume



### Employment Opportunity - Graphic Designer

The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks a Graphic Designer to assist with the layout and design of its publication. The ideal candidate will have Adobe InDesign and Photoshop experience in a PC environment, be familiar with all aspects of electronic publishing, be well-organized and reliable, and have a proven track record of meeting deadlines. Interested candidates should forward their resume to [hr@diometuchen.org](mailto:hr@diometuchen.org)



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: December 17, 2022

4:30 PM Linda Bronish  
r/o Robert Bronish

## Sunday: December 18, 2022

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

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM John W. Raymonds  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Monday: December 19, 2022

8:00 AM Terry Walck & Helen Ihling  
r/o Elsie Studley

## Tuesday: December 20, 2022

8:00 AM John Studley  
r/o Elsie Studley

## Wednesday: December 21, 2022

7:00 PM Robert Rocca  
r/o The Family

## Thursday: December 22, 2022

8:00 AM Grega Family  
r/o Elsie Studley

## Friday: December 23, 2022

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano  
r/o Ortensia Clancey

## Saturday: December 24, 2022

4:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

6:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Midnight The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## Sunday: December 25, 2022

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

10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *A Tradition for Your Eve of Christmas*

Many of you took "Oplatki" or "Christmas Wafers." Sharing the Oplatki on Christmas Eve Dinner is a millennia old tradition that began in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania.

At the Christmas Eve Meal one of the wafers or, a part of one, are placed on each person's plate. Before the meal, a prayer is said and then beginning with the father and mother of the house, a Sign of Peace is exchanged in the same manner and the wish of a Happy Christmas. Then each person, with wafer in hand, breaks off a part of the wafer from the other person and eats it. This continues until each person has greeted and eaten a part of the wafer of everyone present.

There are usually four wafers in the package: three white and one pink. The white are for the people at the Christmas Eve Dinner. The pink wafer is broken and a small piece is given to each of the animals in the house. On this night the animals are given special due. This is because of an old tradition which holds that since the animals were the first to welcome the Christ Child at His birth, they are given the blessing to talk on Christmas Eve Night.

What Traditions do you hold on this Holy Night for yourself and your family and are they about the reason of this season – the Love of God Made Flesh?

P.S. If you need a Prayer to begin The Christmas Eve Meal ...

Begin with The Sign of the Cross.

**All:** We gather together on this holy night for the sacred and joyful Christmas Eve Vigil. We Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God made Flesh.

Through the sharing of these holy wafers we praise God and forgive each other of all wrongs, real or imagined. As Christ loves and forgives us, so we love and forgive one another. Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to this family and all God's People. Amen.

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 11th will be posted in the December 25th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for the December 11th collection will be posted in the December 25th bulletin.

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