

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
(908) 996-7612

Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTIONS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM—7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM NO FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM NO FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



The Office Will Be Closed,

*Monday, December 26th
Tuesday, December 27th
Friday, December 30th*

for Christmas!

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Observances for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

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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



The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!



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

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.



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Sebastiano Failla, father of Nancy Coletti, who passed away on December 11, 2022

Jim Kemper, husband of Sue Kemper, who passed away on December 11, 2022

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.



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

EMAIL SCAMS

Again, we have been made aware that scammers are using Father Chester's name and fake email address asking our parishioners for money, Amazon cards, or gift cards.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!

Father Chester would **NEVER** email you asking for money or gift cards. He would call you or speak to you directly.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM



The Knights of Columbus will be having a student bus and an adult bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale on January 20th. 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

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

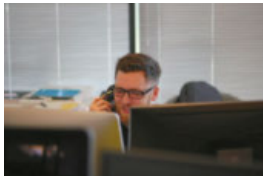
- Open from 11 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday
- Help sort and put donated items on the shelves
- Help price the items donated to the store
- Help the customers with any questions they may have about the items purchased



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

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 to hr@diometuchen.org.



RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

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 **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.



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 or (732) 562-1543.

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



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: December 26, 2022

8:00 AM Kay Kasuba
r/o Elsie Studley

Tuesday: December 27, 2022

8:00 AM Teresa Milo & Lil Smith
r/o Elsie Studley

Wednesday: December 28, 2022

7:00 PM Craig C. Stout
r/o Mike & Jessica Meyer

Thursday: December 29, 2022

8:00 AM Tom Ganley
r/o Elaine Frederick

Friday: December 30, 2022

8:00 AM James Dawson
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Saturday: December 31, 2022

4:30 PM Lorraine McGarry
r/o Rosario & Marianna Quartararo

Sunday: January 1, 2023

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Margaret Williams
r/o Catherine & Roy Colton
11:00 AM John Vitale
r/o Lisa Sforza

From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Gospel speaks to us of a family, rejoicing at a child's birth, their lives uniquely affected by God's presence in their midst, responding with faith and trust to their special role in the history of salvation.

The example of the Holy Family inspires us as we celebrate Christmas. As they rejoice at Jesus' birth, so too do we, remembering the new divine life made possible by Jesus' life on earth.

I want to encourage you, in as sincere a way as I can, to remember to keep Christ "first" in all you do and say while you are going through your Christmas activities. By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us (yes, even those who are rude) with the true message of Christmas, and that is, that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost.

Take time as well to be faithful to Church, as well as remember to pray and read God's Word. We have a lot going on here at the church during the Christmas season, and you may stay fully in tune with all that is happening by visiting our website at www.scoschurch.org and/or reading the church bulletin.

Be sure to invite a friend! This is one of the greatest times of the year to invite someone to attend church with you, so ask the Lord to help you think of a few people right now to invite so they too can hear the message of Christ!

To all I extend my prayerful best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas. I am deeply grateful to all of you for all that is being accomplished in the life of the parish. As I ask for your prayers, I assure you of mine, and that in the New Year we who are God's family on earth my serve Him with gladness.

My God richly bless you at Christmas!

Fr. Chester



The collection for December 8th was \$982.00 (43 envelopes) for the Immaculate Conception. The collections for December 11th were \$3,988.00 (114 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$2,046.00 (58 envelopes) for Retired Religious. The collections for December 18th will be posted in the January 1st bulletin.



On-Line Giving for the December 11th was \$2,833.00 (115 donors). The December 18th collection will be posted in the January 1st bulletin.

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