

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 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 6TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

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 ELLIOT EDWARD FIKSLIN BAPTISM

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING



*The Office Will Be Closed,
Monday, January 2nd
for New Years!*

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
 Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Friday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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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, January 6th

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>

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



Next Meeting: Sunday, January 8, 2023, at noon

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th at noon. We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!

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

After every weekend Mass, please join us for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



Surviving Divorce March 2023

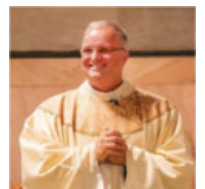
Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** beginning **March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

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 would like to welcome

The Sweeney Family

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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



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, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. 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.



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.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 16, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on Jesus coming to us. Throughout Advent we first prepared for His Second coming, and now we are contemplating His becoming man at the first Christmas. I received a Christmas card adorned with a simple message: "He came not to a throne, but to a manger. He lived not as a king, but as a servant. He chose not a kingdom, but a cross. He gave not just a little, but everything."

Much like Jesus, we as His disciples are called to the role of self-donating servant. We continue to be challenged with the emergency needs that arise from people coming to our parishes for help. Every year we have a special opportunity to replenish these emergency funds through the "Together in Charity" collection. This fund is solely used for those who come to our parishes in need of emergency assistance. Our parishes rely, to a great extent, on the "Together in Charity" collection.

On the weekend of January 7/8, 2023, or another weekend in January, the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program that provides assistance to parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to help. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year, 33 of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance from this fund. In total, 222 households, consisting of 251 adults and 255 children, were helped by those who gave to the "Together in Charity" collection.

A hallmark of our diocese has been your generous response to those in need. Thanks to your generosity, we have consistently risen to the occasion of following the Gospel mandate "what you have done for the least, you have done for me." In that spirit I ask you to please respond as your means allow, making a sacrificial offering for those in need who seek our help. Your assistance becomes the actual presence of Christ in someone's life.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful good wishes for the year ahead. Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Advent and a glorious Christmas! Please pray for me too.

With renewed best wishes, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most-Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



**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.

Spiritual Links to Prayers and Daily Devotions

The Catholic Crusade

www.thecatholiccrusade.com

Daily Rosary Meditations

www.schooloffaith.com

Pray More Novenas

www.praymorenovenas.com

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.bible.usccb.org

"Explaining the Faith" — Father Chris Alar, MIC from National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA

www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/explaining-faith

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: January 2, 2023

8:00 AM Bruce Fox
r/o The Clancey Family

Tuesday: January 3, 2023

8:00 AM Millie Antenucci
r/o The Clancey Family

Wednesday: January 4, 2023

7:00 PM Marie Kristoff
r/o Anonymous

Thursday: January 5, 2023

8:00 AM Felix Rampino
r/o St. Catherine's Knights of
Columbus

Friday: January 6, 2023

8:00 AM Carl Quick
r/o Pat & Patrick Dziubek

Saturday: January 7, 2023

4:30 PM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

Sunday: January 8, 2023

8:00 AM Felix Rampino
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Jeanette Gaffney
r/o Dan Dawson

From the Pastor's Desk *Solemnity of Mary*

Today, January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This feast answers the question, "Why do Catholics honor Mary?" Non-Christians sometimes believe that we Catholics worship Mary as a goddess who gave birth to our God. They argue that there is no Biblical basis for honoring Mary and that Catholics worship her and make her equal to God. They fail to understand why we honor Mary. They do not understand what we mean by calling her the Mother of God.

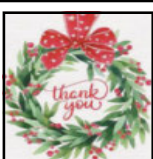
The truth is that we Catholics do not worship Mary as we worship, adore, God. We do not, ever, equate her with God nor replace God with her. Rather, we honor her, primarily because God honored her by choosing her to become the Mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, when He took on our flesh and became Man.

We learn the great truth that Mary is the Mother of God from St. Luke's Gospel, in the message given by the angel to Mary: "You are going to be the mother of a Son and you will call Him Jesus, and He will be called the Son of the Most High." Once she said yes, the Holy Spirit created in her womb the human nature that God the Son would assume. Since motherhood is of the person and not of the nature alone, and since Mary is the mother of Jesus, true God and true Man, then she is rightly called the Mother of God.

Therefore, Bible teaches that Mary was the mother of the God-Man Jesus, not in the sense that she gave birth to Jesus as God, but in the sense that the Baby she bore had the nature of God and the nature of Man.

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

Fr. Chester



The collection for December 18th was \$4,819.00 (148 envelopes) for the regular collection. The December 25th and January 1st collections will be posted in the January 8th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for the December 18th was \$4,270.50 (114 donors). The December 25th and January 1st collections will be posted in the January 8th bulletin.

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