# **St. Catherine of Siena Church**

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

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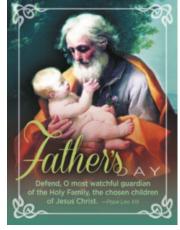
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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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.

#### PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Kelly Wojtal (908) 892-4574

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Auditors Maggie Marion (908) 735-4024

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#### Weekly Schedule

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PMRECONCILIATION4:30 PMMASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH FATHER'S DAY

8:00 AM	MASS
9:30 AM	MASS
11:00 AM	MASS

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

MASS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH

8:00 AM

7:00 PM

8:00 AMMASS12:30 PMPRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY3:30 PMSTEWARDSHIP MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION 7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND

8:00 AM	MASS

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH REV. CHARLES COLLINS MISSIONARY FROM JAFFNA

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

REV. CHARLES COLLINS MISSIONARY FROM JAFFNA

8:00 AM	MASS
9:30 AM	MASS
11:00 AM	MASS



Please direct all questions regarding the Mass to the Cathedral Rectory Office, 609-306-8447 Please direct all questions regarding the Rally for Life to NJRTL 782-563-0562

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023		
Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8	
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42	
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48	
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15	
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23	
Saturday:	<b>Vigil:</b> Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 <b>Day:</b> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80	
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33	
Observances for the week of June 18, 2023		
Sunday:	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day	
Monday:	St. Romuald, Abbot	
Tuesday:	World Refugee Day	
Wednesday:	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
Thursday:	St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	
Saturday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
Next Sunday: (C)LPi	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Our Corpus Christi Procession was held on Saturday, June 10th at 3:00 PM

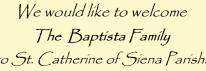
Thank you to all who helped make this happen and all who attended.











to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



#### **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Please mark your calendars and DOCESE OF plan to join us for the **METUCHEN Eucharistic Holy Hour for** Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 23rd at

5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. Metuchen.

Included in the intentions of this Holv Hour will be Deacon José Lim who will be ordained a priest on the following day, the sanctification of all our priests, and the plea to God Our Father to call many more laborers into his vineyard.

Also, we would like to invite you to one of the great events of our Diocesan Church year, the Priesthood Ordination which will take place on Saturday. June 24, 2023, at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon José Lim as a priest for service in our Diocese. You are very warmly encouraged to be with us.





Faith Formation 2023 – 2024

Religious education will resume this September. The parent handbook and registration forms are on our parish website, http://scoschurch.org

Please submit registration forms by Friday, July 14th.

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee,

conversation, and SCRIP

orderina in Fellowship Hall!





Mission Appeal Weekend, June 24th & 25th

#### Join Rev. Charles Collins as he preaches about his **Mission Diocese of Jaffna/Sri Lanka**

Our diocese is in the northern part of Sri Lanka and it has Tamil people as predominant race. It has 71 parishes and each having a minimum of six sub-stations, with 140 diocesan priests, 60 religious priests, 250 male and female religious sisters and brothers, and 502 volunteer catechists to serve our people. We also have 52 diocesan major seminarians, 63 minor seminarians preparing themselves to go to the Major Seminary, 68 religious seminarians and 55 religious novices undergoing formation to serve in the diocese and around the world as priests and religious. Besides the National Seminary in Ampitlya for the formation of the major seminarians of all the dioceses in Sri Lanka, we also have our diocesan Major Seminary (St. Francis Xavier's Seminary) for the contextual formation of the Tamil students within our culture and struggles.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the public health crisis that arose thereof did place an enormous economic effects on our diocese. To weather the storm of the pandemic, our diocese had been looking for some assistance from our dioceses or from other countries. However, the pandemic has had a global effect that did not present much opportunities for others to extend a helping hand. Our country has faced a civil war for almost three decades and the war reached a excruciating climax, with ferocious battle in the civilian areas in 2009. According to UN reports, during the final battle alone in May 2009, more than 140,000 people died, many thousands were rendered homeless. While a few thousand peoples' names reached the disappeared list, the war also left many thousands as widows and orphans. Our churches and parish houses were also destroyed and/or damaged.

At present, the country of Sri Lanka, an island nation of 22 million people, is facing a worse economic and political crisis. Driving the discontent is the worst economic downturn since the country gained independence in 1948.

Since the end of the war in 2009, our bishop has been successful in the rebuilding of our diocese after the terrible catastrophe. In this process of reconstruction, the mission appeals we made in the US in the past years have played a major role and we are ever grateful to the Church in the US. Besides our efforts on direct evangelization, this mission of love is providing assistance to the needy and touches also the hearts of the people belonging to other religions.

The money collected through this mission appeal will be utilized for the missionary activities of the diocese and for the needs of the formation of the future clergy and religious.

The Jaffna Diocese truly appreciates the prayers and contributions received and strives to be good stewards of what is received so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Justin B. Gnanapragasam, priests, deacons, religious, and missionaries serving in the Jaffna Diocese/Sri Lanka will remember you in their prayers.

Rev. Charles Collins (Jaffna Diocese/Sri Lanka, U.S. Representative)

## Mass Intentions

#### Saturday: June 17, 2023

4:30 PM Father's Day Novena

#### Sunday: June 18, 2023

- 8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
- 9:30 AM Father's Day Novena
- 11:00 AM Father's Day Novena

#### Monday: June 19, 2023

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena

#### Tuesday: June 20, 2023

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena

#### Wednesday: June 21, 2023

7:00 PM Father's Day Novena

#### Thursday: June 22, 2023

8:00 AM Ed Baker Birthday Blessings r/o The Baker Family

#### Friday: June 23, 2023

8:00 AM Rev. Blaise Baran r/o St. Catherine's Parish

#### Saturday: June 24, 2023

4:30 PM Mary Sax r/o Daniel Dawson

#### Sunday: June 25, 2023

8:00 AM	Frances Rampino
	r/o The Mitariten Family
9:30 AM	Janina Maslanka
	r/o Margaret Rocca

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

### From the Pastor's Desk Father's Day

Today we celebrate Father's Day remembering fathers in a special way. As we know, Pope Francis has placed great emphasis and focus on fatherhood, reminding us that being a father is a great privilege and also a great responsibility. Many of our parishioners are fathers, and they are challenged to set a good example for their children as they grow in wisdom and knowledge.

In one of his weekly addresses, on Father's Day, Pope Francis specifically addressed fathers, saying, "I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love." He encouraged fathers to look to St. Joseph as their model, indicating that St. Joseph's great mission is to be a guardian. Our Holy Father noted, "Even though God was Jesus' Father, St. Joseph lovingly took on the paternal role and taught the young Jesus various skills, the value of work, reverence for the Lord, and fidelity and obedience to God's will."

Pope Francis indicated that St. Joseph faced hardship, suffering, and trials during his journey of faith. He encouraged the faithful to learn from St. Joseph that "only trust in God can turn doubt into certainty, evil into good, total darkness of the night into a radiant dawn." We are challenged to take these words to heart as we deal with many uncertainties and trials. Our Holy Father also called on us to honor our fathers, noting that our love for our fathers should reflect the love that God has for all of us. One way we can honor our fathers is by assisting in their care in their later years, after the many years they have cared for us in so many different ways.

The following prayer calls upon our Heavenly Father to bless and guide all fathers:

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, To the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; Support them in the work they have to do, Protect those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, Through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, In union with the Holy Spirit, our God forever and ever. St. Joseph, pray for all our fathers. Amen.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are invited to take time on this day to express our love and appreciation for our fathers and thank them for all that they do for us and for all that they mean to us.

Fr. Chester



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The collection for June 11th was \$3,143.00 (118 envelopes) for the regular collection.

On-Line Giving for June 11th was \$2,493.00 (94 donors)



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