

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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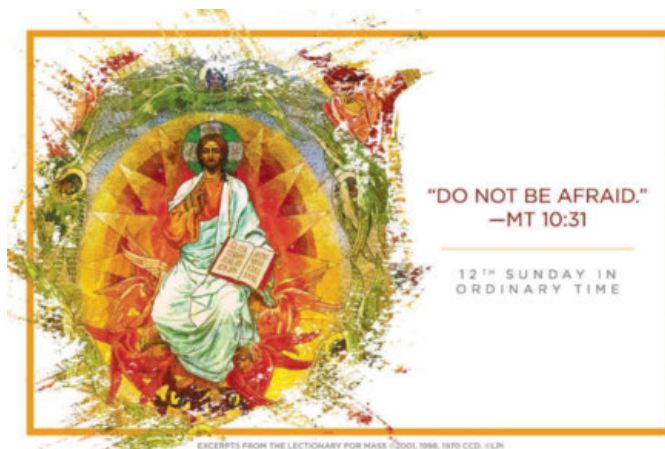
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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Carol Rocha
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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Maintenance & Care of the Church Property

We would like to thank Joe Cunha, Jim Letko, Mike Mitariten, Michael Piotrowski, and Pete Walters, who have volunteered their time mowing the lawn, edging, weed whacking and clean-up around the Church property.

Thank you to George Mehaffey for all his time taking care of the gardens around the Church.

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Observances for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
 Thursday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
 Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
 Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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**SAVE THE DATE
 FOR OUR ANNUAL
 ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
 12 — 4 PM**

The year went by so quickly, and it is time to once again, start planning our parish picnic.

We cannot have a successful event without our wonderful volunteers. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, June 29th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark your calendars for future picnic meetings:

July 13th July 27th
 August 10th August 24th September 7th

All meetings are on Thursday, from 6:30 — 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas and suggestions! Please plan to attend, even if you cannot make it to all the meetings.

Call or text Debbie Fass to **RSVP at (973) 222-8100**.

Dr. D will be entertaining us again and Carol Rocha is planning our silent auction!



Marriage Enrichment

Why not celebrate the Easter Season by treating you and your spouse to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 14 - 16**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). For more information: www.wwme.org



Our parish office is seeking volunteer help to answer the phones and help with light office work. The hours would be 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, when needed. If you are interested or would like more information, please call (908) 735-4024 or email Jennifer at scoscoffice@gmail.com.

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every Tuesday, 12:30 — 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 join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP in Fellowship Hall!



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Details:
 Who: All incoming 6th - 9th graders (Current 5th - 8th)
 What: uServe Camp 2023
 When: July 31-August 4, 9am - 3pm
 Where: St. Catherine of Siena and local service sites
 Cost: \$165 per camper, \$100 for each additional sibling
 Why: Grow in faith, service and fellowship, and earn service hours!

Registration now open: boldym.com/scs/uServe
 Want to join, but not in Middle School anymore? Come join us as a volunteer leader!
 For more information, please contact Jim Murray 973-370-2532 | StCatherine@boldym.com

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Celebrate **Life**
 A Day for Grandparents and Seniors (55+)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE
 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

SCHEDULE OF DAY
 9:30 AM: Welcome and Breakfast
 10:30 AM: Presentation by Erin Younkins
 11:30 AM: Adoration followed by Mass

GUEST SPEAKER:
ERIN YOUNKINS
 Parish Life and Liturgy Coordinator
www.stjohnneumann.org

EVENT IS FREE
 Registration is Required
 Mail completed form to Office of Human Life and Dignity, Division of Outreach, P.O. Box 218, Branchburg, NJ 08826
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We would like to welcome
 The Barber Family
 The Ryan Family
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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**



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Sizzling Raffle. St. Catherine's gross proceeds were \$35,628.00.

Our Winners of the 2023 Sizzling Summer Raffle

1st Prize	\$8,907.00	Elizabeth Heaney
2nd Prize	\$5,344.20	Tee Andersen
3rd Prize	\$3,562.80	Karen Obiedzinski

St. Catherine's net proceeds for the Parish Center Building Fund is \$17,814.00.



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM.**

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



**Mission Appeal Weekend,
 June 24th & 25th**

Join Rev. Charles Collins as he preaches about his Mission of Catholic 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 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 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 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

Monday: June 26, 2023

8:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

Tuesday: June 27, 2023

8:00 AM Michael P. Mitariten
r/o The Mitariten Family

Wednesday: June 28, 2023

7:00 PM Concetta Wisniewski
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: June 29, 2023

8:00 AM Michael Mauro
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

Friday: June 30, 2023

8:00 AM Linda Olbrys
r/o Marissa White

Saturday: July 1, 2023

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

Sunday: July 2, 2023

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

9:30 AM Grace & Stanley Kozal
r/o Kathleen & Dennis Webster

11:00 AM Marilyn Newton
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

From the Pastor's Desk *Disciples of Christ*

As disciples of Christ, we are challenged to set a good example for others and to truly and publicly live our faith. We are therefore invited to prayerfully consider making time for the Lord by making the Mass the heart of our day, not just a small part of our day, each Sunday and each Holy Day of Obligation. This is especially true as we make time for rest and recreation as summer approaches.

The third commandment of God is to remember to keep holy the day of the Lord, and keeping holy the day of the Lord is something that Christians of all faith traditions should strive to do. In addition, the Catholic Church has issued certain precepts (or duties) for Catholics. The first precept is to keep holy the day of the Lord by participating in Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation. I think it is fair to say that at times some of us struggle to comply with this precept.

As we enjoy our summertime, many of us now focus more on leisure activities. We make time to eat at good restaurants. We make time to go to the movies. We make time to go shopping at the mall. We make time to go to the beach or to the lake. We make time for short vacations. We make time to visit relatives and friends. Yet some of us have trouble making time to spend with the Lord through our attendance at Mass. We are reminded of the need to spend time with Our Lord and we are encouraged to participate in the Mass in a spirit of reverence and respect.

The following prayer from the Catholic Digest reminds us of the need to keep Our Lord present in our lives especially during the upcoming summer months:

**LONG WARM DAYS...
THE PACE OF LIFE SLOWS
A TIME FOR PICNICS AND
REST IN THE SHADE.
LORD HELP ME TO REST AWHILE
IN THE COOLING SHADE OF YOUR PRESENCE.
SLOW DOWN MY RESTLESS HEART
AND FILL ME WITH GENTLE COMPASSION
FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE.**

AMEN.

Fr. Chester



The collection for June 18th was \$3,593.00 (108 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for June 18th was \$4,067.00 (110 donors).

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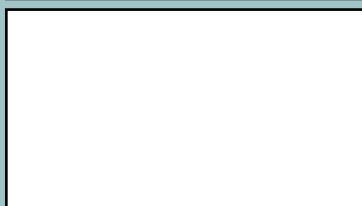
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