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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, 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

MONDAY, JULY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

OFFICE CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY

8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 NOON

JAMESON MICHAEL KIMBALL
BAPTISM



Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

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
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
 Tuesday: Independence Day
 Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, July 7th**

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

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**

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality.

Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available.

New semester begins September 5, 2023. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

SILVER & GOLDEN
Wedding Anniversary Mass



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.

Stress In Your Marriage?

**Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
 Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
 Have you thought about separation or divorce?
 Does talking about it only make it worse?**

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages and is 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 **August 18-20, 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.





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, July 13th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark your calendars for future picnic meetings:

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

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!

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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



We are saddened to announce the death of:
Donald Joe DeMeio, father of Donna Gallagher, who passed away on June 22, 2023



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

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



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

GUEST SPEAKER:
ERIN YOUNKINS
"His Mercy is from Age to Age"

SCHEDULE OF DAY
8:30 AM: Welcome and Breakfast
10:30 AM: Presentation by Erin Younkins
11:30 AM: Adoration followed by Mass

EVENT IS FREE
Registration is Required
Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Parish/Town: _____

YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/HUMANLIFEANDIGNITY

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP in Fellowship Hall!



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: July 3, 2023

8:00 AM Gary Boccudutre
r/o Carolyn Irene Caulfield

Tuesday: July 4, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday: July 5, 2023

7:00 PM Florence & Frank DeLuca
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

Thursday: July 6, 2023

8:00 AM Michael Mauro
r/o Dawn & Mark Salerno

Friday: July 7, 2023

8:00 AM Isabel Hernandez
r/o Yasmin Hernandez-Manno

Saturday: July 8, 2023

4:30 PM John Porvaznik
r/o The Preston Family

Sunday: July 9, 2023

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

9:30 AM Margaret Manley
r/o Gina & Bruce Bussell

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Independence Day

Tuesday we will celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day. On this day, we call to mind the birth of our nation. As Catholics, we are called to truly cherish in a very special way the many freedoms we enjoy in this country, freedoms not available to many people in other parts of the world. Our bishops have called on us to reaffirm our commitment to appreciate and guard our freedoms, especially our right to religious liberty. We are reminded that they should never be taken for granted.

The following "INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER" taken from the publication outlet, "Traditional and Contemporary Prayers," reflects the significance of these freedoms as we affirm Our Lord as the foundation of our freedoms:

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have generously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for those times.

On this day, we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You. Our peoples are in need of You. Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews on this nation. May justice flow like rivers and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

Fr. Chester



The collections for June 25th were \$2,965.00 (120 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,141.00 for the Missionary Cooperative Plan.



On-Line Giving for June 25th was \$3,013.00 (101 donors).

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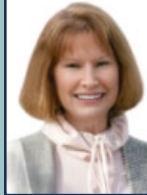
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