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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, JULY 15TH

12:00 NOON ELOISE CLAIRE MANFREDONIA BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 NOON OLIVIA ROSE LUNGER BAPTISM

MONDAY, JULY 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

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

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

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

**Picnic Volunteer Signup Sheets
are in Fellowship Hall.
Please signup in your area(s)
of interest.**



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Carol Kopf, sister of Rich Kopf, who passed away on July 7, 2023

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
 Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
 Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene
 Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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ST. CATHERINE'S GOT TALENT

Join us at
St. Catherine's Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 17

Picnic Foods - Appetizer Table - Desserts
 Ice Cream Truck ♦ Crafts ♦ Silent Auction

Entertainment by Dr. D

including a talent show open to all:

Singing (single or groups) • Dancing
 Magic • Comedy • Juggling
 Ventriloquist • Animal Tricks and more!
START REHEARSING AND PLAN TO PARTICIPATE
Watch the bulletin for more information!



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Jameson Michael Landgraf-Kimball Jr.
 baptized on July 9, 2023



The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal
 Renewed and Sent on Mission
 by the Eucharist

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to the 2023 Bishops Annual Appeal. We reached our goal of \$40,000.



We would like to welcome

The Morrison Family

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

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.

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
 Director of Family Life and Spiritual Formation
 Family Life Coordinator and Director of Adoration

"His Mercy is from Age to Age"

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

Please call for more information at 732-562-1543. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Human Life and Dignity and the Office of Family Life. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/HUMANLIFEANDDIGNITY



**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 27th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark you calendars for future picnic meetings:
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!

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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

**Youth Ministry Upcoming Events
- Adults Needed!**

Who: St. Catherine of Siena adults (parents, empty nesters, singles, young adults - anyone post high school)
What: Support Youth Ministry Events in varying capacities

Upcoming Events:
-July 31-Aug 4, uServe Summer Camp -Drivers needed to transport teens to and from service sites.
-Aug 17 -Youth Ministry Hike and Picnic to Ringing Rock Park in Bucks County, PA. -Drivers and Adult Chaperones Needed
-Sept 7 -Youth Ministry BBQ
-Adults needed to help chaperone and cook
And More!

Contact Jim Murray to get involved!
StCatherine@boldym.com
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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.

Silent Auction

This year, in conjunction with our Parish Picnic, we will be holding a Silent Auction. I am asking all of our parishioners for help in order to make this a successful fundraiser for our parish. All monies collected will be put towards our New Parish Center.

If you would like to donate a themed basket full of wonderful goodies, Thank You. I could give you suggestions if you need assistance. Should you have any new items laying around and would like to donate those to us, our team of helpers could put a basket together.

This year, again, we will not be soliciting stores as we have in the past. If you personally know someone outside of our parish community that would like to donate, please accept the donation with our most humble appreciation.

Also, if you have any baskets, new or used that we could use, I will have a container downstairs in the church starting the first weekend of July.

For any questions or concerns, please call Carol Rocha at 908-616-2397 or via email at crocha@hcrhs.org.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation to support St. Catherine of Siena.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: July 15, 2023

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

Sunday: July 16, 2023

8:00 AM Grace Kozal
r/o Elaine Frederick

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Lawrence & Patricia Harding
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: July 17, 2023

8:00 AM Elizabeth Mary Kluge
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Tuesday: July 18, 2023

8:00 AM Olympia Pazdrey
r/o The Pazdrey Family

Wednesday: July 19, 2023

7:00 PM Billy Zimmermann
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: July 20, 2023

8:00 AM Carey Kopf Birthday Blessings

Friday: July 21, 2023

8:00 AM James Dawson
r/o Daniel Dawson

Saturday: July 22, 2023

4:30 PM Antonio & Jennifer Natalizio
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday: July 23, 2023

8:00 AM Lenard & Mary Labella
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM The Quick & Sullivan Families
r/o Kathleen & Dennis Webster

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

From the Pastor's Desk *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* *July 16th*

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition — which may not be historical — that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance — a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word *sister* is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

Mary, under the Title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is the Patron Saint of Chile.

Fr. Chester



The collections for July 2nd were \$3,147.00 (115 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$702.00 (41 envelopes) for Religious Education. The July 9th collection was \$3,389.00 (96 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for July 2nd was \$2,919.00 (110 donors). The July 9th On-line Giving was \$2,708.00 (98 donors).

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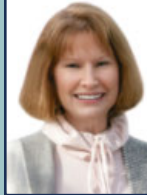
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