

# 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.

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

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## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 NOON SANTIAGO HERNANDEZ-BARBA BAPTISM

### MONDAY, JULY 31ST

BOLD U SERVE CAMP (9:00 AM — 3:00 PM)

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

BOLD U SERVE CAMP (9:00 AM — 3:00 PM)

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

BOLD U SERVE CAMP (9:00 AM — 3:00 PM)

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD

BOLD U SERVE CAMP (9:00 AM — 3:00 PM)

8:00 AM MASS

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH

BOLD U SERVE CAMP (9:00 AM — 3:00 PM)

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

**Martha Eaglesham, mother of Laura Hollyer, who passed away on July 9, 2023**

**Wally Schlegel, mother of Laura Keeling, who passed away on July 11, 2023**

**Readings for the week of July 30, 2023**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1: 16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Observances for the week of July 30, 2023**

Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest  
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

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***First Friday Eucharistic Adoration***



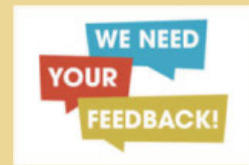
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7 PM**.

Our next  
Eucharistic Adoration is  
**Friday, August 4th**

***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>



We are holding a series of feedback sessions to hear what ministries, activities, retreats, etc. would help you on your faith journey and deepen your participation in parish life.

Father Chester, Deacon Mike & Deacon Dennis, and our Ministries care about what the parishioners think and want to learn from us on how to improve the parish's spiritual life.

We have scheduled separate feedback sessions on:

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 AM for:**  
Families with school-age children

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM (after Mass) for:**  
Young adults

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM for:**  
Seniors citizens

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM (after Mass) for:**  
ALL other parishioners

Meetings will be held in Fellowship Hall (the kitchen area of the Church). Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you will consider attending as your thoughts, needs, and experiences will help us develop opportunities to enhance the spiritual growth of our Parish Family.

**Please call or text if you are attending or if have any questions to (908) 477-0105.**

If you are not able to make the above dates/times, we can schedule a private meeting with you at your convenience.

**ST. CATHERINE'S GOT  
T★LENT**

**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!**



**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR OUR ANNUAL  
ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
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, August 10th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark you calendars for future picnic meetings:  
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**.



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](mailto:crocha@hcrhs.org)

**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR  
ST. CATHERINE'S GOT  
T★LENT  
SHOW**

**at the Parish Picnic - Sunday, September 17**

**WHAT'S YOUR TALENT???** Singing, dancing, comedy, instrument playing, magic, puppets, juggling, anything at all!  
**WE NEED YOU** - adults, teens and children/parents (Deacons, Priests). Please describe your talent and song when you sign-up. Groups are welcome to perform together. Please sign up on the sign-up boards downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, on Signup Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E-4BAFA623A2FDCF8-stcatherine>, or submit your contact information below to the parish center marked: **Picnic Talent Show**. The number of acts that can perform are limited, so sign up quickly. Signups will end on the weekend of August 26/27.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TALENT \_\_\_\_\_ SONG \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT A CONTEST,  
ONLY A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT.  
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE SIMON COWELL WILL BE THERE!!!**

**Gluten-Free Hosts**

Gluten-free host are available for communion. You **MUST** see the Priest, Deacon, or sacristan in the Sacristy **BEFORE** Mass begins. Any questions contact Jennifer Perna in the office at (908) 735-4024.

**BOLD** youth ministry by fiat Ventures **CALLING ALL 6TH-12 GRADERS!!!**

**YOUTH MINISTRY HIKE!**  
JOIN US ON THURSDAY, AUG 17TH  
FOR A TRIP TO RINGING ROCKS  
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CONTACT JIM MURRAY FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION STCATHERINE@BOLDYM.COM 973-370-2532

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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday: July 29, 2023**

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

**Sunday: July 30, 2023**

8:00 AM Ed & Ellen Schilke  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Glenn & Deborah Farbanish  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Monday: July 31, 2023**

8:00 AM Ed & Eva Wonevicz  
r/o Maria Kristoff

**Tuesday: August 1, 2023**

8:00 AM Donald Joe DeMeio  
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

**Wednesday: August 2, 2023**

7:00 PM Karl & Jeanette Meyertons  
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

**Thursday: August 3, 2023**

8:00 AM Anthony Frisoli  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

**Friday: August 4, 2023**

8:00 AM Michael Mauro  
r/o The Pasculli Family

**Saturday: August 5, 2023**

4:30 PM Larry & Bernie Remaly  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Sunday: August 6, 2023**

8:00 AM The Parishioners St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Michael & Erica Piotrowski  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Robert & Miriam Dumville  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Saint Martha- July 29th

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important - listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was.

Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when he was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"? Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for July 23rd was \$6,572 (112 envelopes) for the regular collection.



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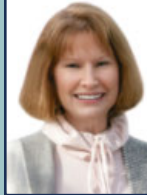
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