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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, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC & STEWARDSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



Holy
Baptism

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

Santiago Hernandez-Barba
baptized on July 30, 2023



*We would like to welcome
The O'Connor Family
The Hammer Family
Nicholas Gerard
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

AUGUST 6, 2023 — THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

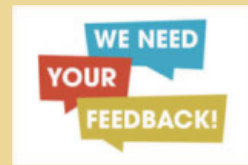
Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1: 16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(C)LPi



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 9th at 8 AM for:
Seniors citizens

Wednesday, August 9th 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 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 saddened to announce the deaths of:

John Fusco, Sr., father of John Fusco, Jr., who passed away on July 28, 2023

Claudia Bewalder, sister of John Schoberl, who passed away on July 27, 2023

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



**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, August 10th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark your 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

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR

ST. CATHERINE'S GOT T★ALENT 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!!!**

We are in need of 2 more lawn cutters on a monthly rotation.

If interested, please call Pete Walters at (908) 328-4528.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the formation program for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). Classes begin this fall and will run through Easter. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Mike Meyer at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com for more information. Going forward, we will have the RCIA program every other year, so if you do not sign up this year, the next class will be in the Fall of 2025.



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CONTACT JIM MURRAY FOR MORE
INFO AND REGISTRATION

STCATHERINE@BOLDYM.COM
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Mass Intentions

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

Monday: August 7, 2023

8:00 AM Michelle Meyertons
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

Tuesday: August 8, 2023

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

Wednesday: August 9, 2023

7:00 PM Joseph Lakowitz
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: August 10, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Friday: August 11, 2023

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

Saturday: August 12, 2023

4:30 PM Anna Porvaznik
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday: August 13, 2023

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Elise Morrongiello Fahy
r/o Mom & Dad

From the Pastor's Desk
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6th

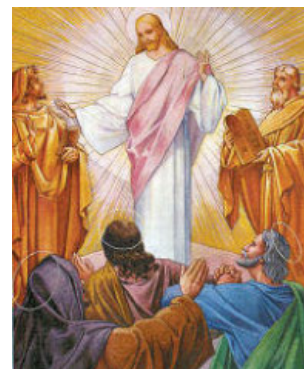
Today, we celebrated the feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord. All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experiences, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity that was strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected — a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Fr. Chester



The collection for July 30th was \$4,228.00 (127 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for July 30th was \$2,564.00 (95 donors).

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