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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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY— HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

11:00 AM AVERY MUELLER BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

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

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



Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11: 27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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.

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.



ST. CATHERINE'S GOT TALENT Parish Picnic Sunday • September 17

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

**Entertainment by Dr. D
and a talent show open to all**

**Tickets on sale after all Masses
beginning August 12/13
(\$10 per person/\$25 per family)**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO
MAKE THE PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS ...**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP BOARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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



**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 24th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark your calendars for future picnic meetings:
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!!!**

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.



**CALLING ALL
6TH-12 GRADERS!!!**



YOUTH MINISTRY HIKE!

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY, AUG 17TH
FOR A TRIP TO RINGING ROCKS
COUNTY PARK IN PA!**

CONTACT JIM MURRAY FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION STCATHERINE@BOLDYM.COM 973-370-2532



We are saddened to announce the death of:
Jackie Deemer, sister of Ed Deemer who passed away on August 6, 2023

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: August 14, 2023

8:00 AM Larry Remaly Birthday Blessings

7:00 PM Cathie DeLuca
r/o Gina & Bruce Bussell

Tuesday: August 15, 2023

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

7:00 PM Sean Nelson Birthday Blessings
r/o Mom & Dad

Wednesday: August 16, 2023

7:00 PM Anthony Natalizio, Sr.
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: August 17, 2023

8:00 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o The Quick Family

Friday: August 18, 2023

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

Saturday: August 19, 2023

4:30 PM Wes Weichert
r/o Ellen & Paul McCarthy

Sunday: August 20, 2023

8:00 AM Donna & Kevin Cahill
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM The Smith & Young Families
r/o Kathleen & Dennis Webster

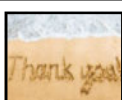
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk *The Assumption of the* *Blessed Virgin Mary*

On Tuesday, August 15th, the church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Fr. Chester



The collections for August 6th were \$2,901.00 (100 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$752.00 (53 envelopes) for religious education.



On-Line Giving for August 6th was \$1,245.00 (112 donors).

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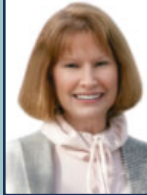
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