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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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee,

conversation, and SCRIP

ordering in
Fellowship Hall!



Picnic Volunteer Signup Sheets
are in Fellowship Hall.

Please signup in your area(s)
of interest.

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
 Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
 Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major U.S. cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and worship, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be **passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 29-30, 2024**. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress.

Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him at acarlisle@diometuchen.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

JOIN US AT THE **PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPT. 17**

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14

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FAITH IN ACTION

For more information call Mark Kubian 732-422-6463 or email: mkkubian@gmail.com



**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 update: finalize 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**.

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

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



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.



**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.



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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: August 21, 2023

8:00 AM Eileen Blades
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Tuesday: August 22, 2023

8:00 AM Patricia Alice Faber
r/o Debi Erling

Wednesday: August 23, 2023

7:00 PM Jennifer Natalizio Birthday Blessings
r/o Anthony

Thursday: August 24, 2023

8:00 AM Donald Joe DeMeio
r/o Donna & Ed Baker

Friday: August 25, 2023

8:00 AM Andrew Baker Birthday Blessings
r/o The Baker Family

Saturday: August 26, 2023

4:30 PM Robert Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday: August 27, 2023

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Frank Galka
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla
11:00 AM Wes Weichert
r/o The Murray Family

From the Pastor's Desk

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22nd

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries addressed Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 13th were \$2,725.00 (96 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for August 13th was \$2,701.00 (92 donors).

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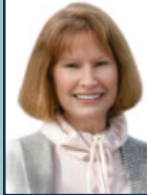
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