

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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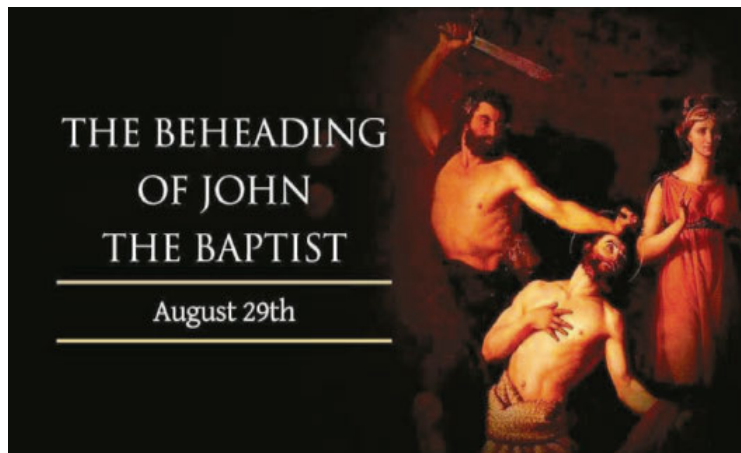
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THE BEHEADING  
OF JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

August 29th

August 27, 2023

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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 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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



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

**Avery Blake Mueller**  
baptized on August 19th, 2023



*We would like to welcome*  
*The Kelleher Family*  
*The Poole Family*  
*The McArdle Family*  
*The Bakos Family*  
*to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**Readings for the week of August 27, 2023**

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**Observances for the week of August 27, 2023**

Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, September 1st**

*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>

**ST. CATHERINE'S GOT  
T★LENT  
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)**

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MAKE THE PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS ...**

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**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 update: finalize planning our parish picnic.

We cannot have a successful event without our wonderful volunteers. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, September 7th 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**.

**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](mailto: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 & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**We are saddened to announce the death of:**

**Elizabeth Van Keuren, sister of Tom O'Malley, who passed away on August 13, 2023**

**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR**

**ST. CATHERINE'S GOT TALENT 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!!!**



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)

# Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday: August 28, 2023**

8:00 AM Gary Kristoff  
r/o Marie Kristoff

**Tuesday: August 29, 2023**

8:00 AM Mary & Arthur Nelson  
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

**Wednesday: August 30, 2023**

7:00 PM William Mackey  
r/o The Quick Family

**Thursday: August 31, 2023**

8:00 AM Antonio & Margherita Elifani  
r/o The Baker Family

**Friday: September 1, 2023**

8:00 AM Anna Dawson  
r/o Daniel Dawson

**Saturday: September 2, 2023**

4:30 PM Ann Simone  
r/o The DiFazio Family

**Sunday: September 3, 2023**

8:00 AM Joseph Bonk  
r/o The Mauro Family

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

11:00 AM The Muir Family  
r/o Fr. Chester

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
*August 29th*

This Tuesday, August 29th, we celebrate the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

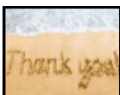
This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for Augst 15th, The Assumption of Mary was \$675.00 (41 envelopes). The collection for August 20th was \$3,170.00 (127 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for August 20th was \$3,732.00 (113 donors).

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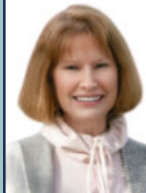
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