

# 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.

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### Weekly Schedule

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

11:00 AM NATHAN RICHARD LYNESS BAPTISM  
12:00 PM MATEO VASQUEZ-BRZOZOWSKI BAPTISM  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS

#### MONDAY, JULY 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

#### TUESDAY, JULY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS  
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

#### THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

**OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 AM MASS

#### FRIDAY, JULY 5TH

**NO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

8:00 AM MASS

#### SATURDAY, JULY 6TH

BISHOP EMMANUEL ROZARIO — MISSIONARY  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

BISHOP EMMANUEL ROZARIO — MISSIONARY  
8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS



**Readings for the week of June 30, 2024**

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Observances for the week of June 30, 2024**

Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday: Independence Day

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**We are saddened to announce the death of:**  
**Alma Jackson, mother of Herman Martin, who passed away on June 16, 2024**

*Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in July?*

**JOIN US ON JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 11:00 AM MASS TO RECEIVE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING.**

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book" located in the Narthex of our Church; or send your names, and wedding date to the parish office in an envelope marked "Anniversary Blessings".



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, 11 AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**



**For the Missionary Cooperative Plan We Will Welcome Bishop Emmanuel Rozario on July 6th & 7th**

*Barishal Catholic Diocese, Bangladesh*

The Barishal Catholic Diocese was created on the 13th of December 2015. The Diocese of Barishal is comprised of 9 parishes, 38 sub-centers, and 98 village/wards scattered over a vast area of 20,708 Sq. Kilometers. The Catholic population of the Diocese is 19,567. It has 21 priests, and 57 Religious Sisters and Brothers.

The aim of Mission Appeal this year is to support our Catechists for **evangelization** works, our schools for **education**, and to support the seminarians in **formation**.

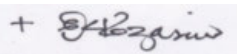
Catechists are very important instruments of evangelization. We have 99 catechists & prayer leaders who play a very vital role in evangelization and teaching basic catechism. For their formation, training, and salary the diocese needs to pay quite a huge amount of money even though their salaries are very low. We need to increase their salaries also so that they may be more committed to evangelization works.

The diocese runs 10 Schools (primary and secondary) and 1 College. More than six thousand students of all religions are beneficiaries of our schools, but in village schools the poor students cannot pay sufficient fees, hence most of the schools cannot pay salaries of the teachers with the money received from the students. Therefore, every year the diocese has to give subsidies for the schools which is a heavy burden for the poor diocese.

Lastly, we promote vocations for priestly and religious life. We have one Minor Seminary in the diocese. The diocese is blessed with the gift of vocations for priestly life. We have 11 Major Seminarians and 35 Minor Seminarians. This year we have 3 new deacons who will be Ordained Priests. Since the seminarians come from very poor families, they cannot pay fees for education and seminary formation. In addition we have a local Congregation of the Religious Sisters which the dioceses takes care of including the aspirants, postulants, and novices.

The Barishal Catholic Diocese truly appreciates the prayers and contributions received and strives to be good stewards of what is received so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact. The Barishal Diocese of priests, deacons, religious, catechist, and students serving the diocese will remember you in their prayers.

With best wishes

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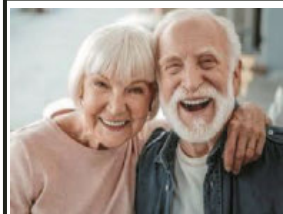
+ Emmanuel Rozario  
Barishal Catholic Diocese  
Bangladesh



**We want Your Recipe!**

**Family Favorites**  
a collection of your family's favorite home-made recipes from St. Catherine of Siena Church

We celebrate so many events surrounded by family and friends. **WHY NOT SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES FROM THESE GATHERINGS WITH US? KIDS TOO!** With your help, their favorites can also be included and shared in this book. While you have all of those recipes pulled out to prepare for end-of-year celebrations, consider sharing them with us. Make a copy and drop them off in Fellowship Hall; OR, enter your recipes through the link on our church website: [scoschurch.org](http://scoschurch.org). We want everyone included in our "Family Favorites" cookbook.



**Celebrate Life!  
A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)**

Thursday, July 25, 2024  
9:30 AM — 12:30 PM  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Breakfast, fellowship, presentation & Mass. There is **no charge, but registration is required.**

Call Angela at 732-562-1543.

**Our June Couples Anniversary Blessing**

*As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.*

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wayne & Susan Bachenberg         | John & Jennie Metenosky        |
| Kevin & Donna Cahill             | Joseph & Jean Marie O'Grodnick |
| Andrew & Shayna Campagnola       | Antonio & Carol Rocha          |
| Phil & Emma Carey                | Blaise & Dana Romano           |
| Jeff & Jacquelyn Franz           | Joe & Janet Ronan              |
| Tom & Chris Gregor               | Bruce & Jaime Sanderson        |
| Kevin Hernandez & Johanna Bailey | Michael & Amanda Shymanski     |
| Joseph & Donna Krouse            | Christian & Ann Marie Wade     |
| Mark & Nanette Kubian            | Michael & Kelly Wojtal         |
| James & Yasmin Manno             | Anthony & Toni Wolak           |
|                                  | James & Lori Young             |

**Save the Date! - Fiat Day 2024**

**Young women (High School Students) ages 14-17** are invited to attend our diocesan Fiat Day 2024! This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think/pray about where God may be calling you in life.



Fiat is the word in Latin which Mary spoke to the angel Gabriel when she said, "Let it be done" and so agreed to become the mother of Jesus. This event is an opportunity to meet religious sisters and learn about their life. It is also an opportunity to take seriously your own gifts, talents, and calling by God with other young women of the diocese.

**Join Us: Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**Where:** St. Bartholomew's Parish, 470 Ryders Ln, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

More information concerning the registration will be coming out soon.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend - July 19-21, 2024**



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. **Phone (732) 904-9636** for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations invites young men ages 14-17 to attend

**QUI VADIS**  
**QUO VADIS**  
**WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

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This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think and pray about where God may be calling you in life.

It is also an opportunity to take seriously our own gifts, talents, and weaknesses and begin prayerfully processing where God is leading us.

This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in leadership and teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, and grow in our faith together.



PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 30TH  
SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER  
AT [WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/QUOVADIS](http://WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/QUOVADIS)



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: June 29, 2024

4:30 PM Richard Philp  
r/o Carol Philp

## Sunday: June 30, 2024

8:00 AM Frances Rampino  
r/o The Mitariten Family  
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's  
11:00 AM Joe & Jane Fass  
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

## Monday: July 1, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

## Tuesday: July 2, 2024

8:00 AM Ann Preston  
r/o Deb Brinkofski

## Wednesday: July 3, 2024

7:00 PM Mary & Samuel Schofield  
r/o Bob & Doris Schofield

## Thursday: July 4, 2024

8:00 AM Kay Leahy  
r/o The Sturges Family

## Friday: July 5, 2024

8:00 AM Edward Wonsevicz  
r/o Marie Kristoff

## Saturday: July 6, 2024

4:30 PM Bishop Paul Birthday Blessings  
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

## Sunday: July 7, 2024

8:00 AM Msgr. Thomas B Fitzsimmons  
r/o Glenn & Jane Ricketts  
9:30 AM Gerard Zezza  
r/o Mary & Mark Hogan  
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## *From the Pastor's Desk* *Independence Day*

Thursday we will celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day. On this day, we call to mind the birth of our nation. As Catholics, we are called to truly cherish, in a very special way, the many freedoms we enjoy in this country, freedoms not available to many people in other parts of the world. Our bishops have called on us to reaffirm our commitment to appreciate and guard our freedoms, especially our right to religious liberty. We are reminded that they should never be taken for granted.

The following "INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER" taken from the publication outlet, "Traditional and Contemporary Prayers," reflects the significance of these freedoms as we affirm Our Lord as the foundation of our freedoms:

**Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.**

**On this day we rejoice in the favor You have generously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.**

**Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for those times. On this day, we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.**

**Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the peoples and nations of this world.**

**Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You. Our peoples are in need of You. Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.**

**Please come now by your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews on this nation. May justice flow like rivers and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.**

**We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.**

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for June 23rd was \$3,437.00 (107 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for June 23rd was \$3,482.00 (105 donors).



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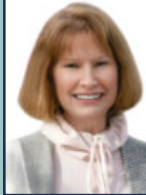
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