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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, JULY 13TH

1:30 PM CANNATA/PETERS WEDDING MASS
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JULY 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

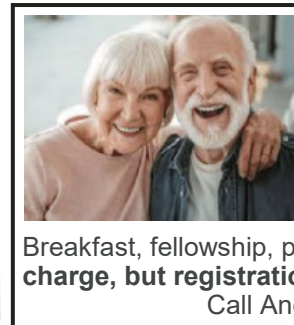
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

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



We are saddened to announce the death of:
Eleanor Peterson, mother of Erik Peterson, who passed away on June 23, 2024



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.

Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11: 20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
 Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2: 13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Observances for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
 Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr; BVM
 Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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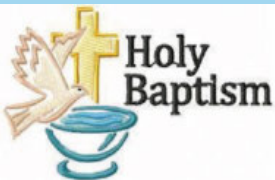


Dear Parents of 3rd thru 6th Grade Students:

I'd like to remind you, that in the Fall, I am starting the **St. Catherine's Club for the younger students** in order to prepare them for the Teen Youth Group with Dawn Salerno.

We will meet once a month in Fellowship Hall or perhaps the new Parish Center, for about 1-1/2 hours on a weekday after school. I would appreciate your feedback on your day and time preferences. We will bring Jesus into our lives by building new friendships and extending kindness to our parish and community. I would like the 5th and 6th graders to mentor our younger ones. Games, movies, and trips will be an exciting part of our club. There are forms in both church entrances in the bulletin racks. Look for additional forms and information in a bulletin insert within the next few weeks. I am looking forward to helping our youth build their faith and relationship with God. Thank you.

Debbie Fass
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We are happy to welcome our recently Baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Nathan Richard Lyness
Mateo Vazquez-Brzozowski
 Baptized on June 29, 2024

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.



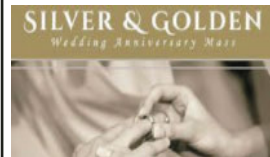
Fiat is the word in Latin which Mary spoke to the angel Gabriel when she said, "Let it be done" and so agreed to become the mother of Jesus. This event is an opportunity to meet religious sisters and learn about their life. It is also an opportunity to take seriously your own gifts, talents, and calling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

Silver & Gold & 5-Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th 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 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5-years of marriage.

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 11, 2024.

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.

*Are you celebrating your
Wedding Anniversary in August?*

**JOIN US ON AUGUST 11TH
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.

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**Quo Vadis 2024 Days
Tuesday, July 30th through
Thursday, August 1st**

Young men ages 14-17



You're invited to spend a few days living, praying, and interacting with priests, seminarians, and faith-filled teens your own age. Food and lodging will be provided for the duration of the experience.

Where: Camp Shiloh, 753 Burnt Meadow Rd, Hewitt, NJ
Cost: FREE

For more information, please email
quovadis@diometuchen.org

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.wvme.org for more information.

Our July 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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| Robert & Lynn Coates | James & Jacqueline Novotny |
| Frank & Patricia Conenna | Jaime & Yvonne Penna |
| Ryan & Julia Connolly | Robert & Andrea Presuto |
| Steve & Elena Koretzky | Glenn & Jane Ricketts |
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**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. We want everyone included in our "Family Favorites" cookbook.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: July 13, 2024

4:30 PM Olympia Pazdrey
r/o Dennis Tomsky

Sunday: July 14, 2024

8:00 AM Glenn & Catherine Ricketts
r/o The Ricketts Family

9:30 AM Donna & Kevin Cahill
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: July 15, 2024

8:00 AM Matthew James Aiello
r/o Paul & Theresa Pasquarello

Tuesday: July 16, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Wednesday: July 17, 2024

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

Thursday: July 18, 2024

8:00 AM SERVICE ONLY

Friday: July 19, 2024

8:00 AM Carey Kopf Birthday Blessings

Saturday: July 20, 2024

4:30 PM James Dawson
r/o Dan Dawson

Sunday: July 21, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Joseph Banafato
r/o Rob Preston

11:00 AM Margot Hernandez
r/o Ann & Rob Preston

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16th

Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition — which may not be historical — that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance — a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word *sister* is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

Mary, under the Title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is the Patron Saint of Chile.

Fr. Chester



The collection for June 30th was \$3,655.00 (108 envelopes) for the regular collection. The collections for July 7th were \$3,513.00 (107 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$2,642.00 for the Missionary Collection.



On-Line Giving for June 30th was \$2,859.00 (103 donors) and \$3,906.00 (110 donors) for July 7th.

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