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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 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

MONDAY, JULY 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

8:00 AM NO MASS/NO SERVICE

6:30 PM OBIEDZINSKI/OLSON REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, JULY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM OBIEDZINSKI/OLSON CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

11:00 AM DOMINIC JOSEPH DERITES BAPTISM

2:00 PM BRUZZI CONVALIDATION

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Please be aware this Thursday, July 25th there will **NOT** be an **8:00 AM Mass or Service.**

On Thursday, August 1st there will **ONLY** be an **8:00 AM Service, NO Mass.**

Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
 Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Observances for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Mary Magdalene
 Tuesday: St. Bridget, Religious
 Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
 Thursday: St. James, Apostle
 Friday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(C/LPI)



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.

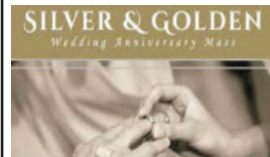
We will meet once a month in Fellowship Hall or perhaps the new Parish Center, for about 1-1/2 hours on a weekday after school. I would appreciate your feedback on your day and time preferences. We will bring Jesus into our lives by building new friendships and extending kindness to our parish and community. 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
 (973) 222-8100
 info@stonebarnclassiccars.com

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



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.



The office is in need of a Computer Support Specialist. Must be proficient in small office networking, Microsoft 365 Office application, emailing and general computer administration.

Please call the office for more information (908) 735-4024.

*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.

Diocese of Metuchen | Office of Religious and Consecrated Life

Fiat Day

A Day of Discernment for Girls
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
High School Girls Ages 14-17

LOCATION: St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church, 478 Myers Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816
CONTACT: Sr. Anna Aggen, SCC, aggen@diocesometuchen.org
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION: www.discernment.org/fiatday

Scan QR Code for Information and Registration

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

CONSIDER HELPING US AT THE

FoodPantry

We assist Catholic Charities by providing drivers who pick up food donations from parishioners and the local Shoprite and deliver them to the local food pantries.

For more information call
Patty Battipaglia (905) 735 - 6020
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Come one, come all to our Parish Wide Event.

Grow A Row has invited us to help feed fresh picked produce (picked by St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners) to the less fortunate. What a great way to do mission work as a parish!

We need 50 people. Kids under 16 must have a chaperone. We encourage families, couples, singles as this will surely be a great memorable event where we are really making a difference!

Join us Thursday, August 8th 5:30-7:30 PM.
Email dsalerno@scoschurch.org or simply fill out the sign up sheet at the exits and in Fellowship Hall!



GOOD NEWS AND NOT SO GOOD NEWS

First the good news, we are all so excited for our new parish center to be completed. 😊

Now the not so good news, we are unable to have our annual picnic this year due to the construction. 😞

And the best news is that we will plan a celebration in the new parish center when it's completed. 😄

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 |
| Thomas & Katharine Lawrence | David & Cathleen Sousa |
| Paul & Ellen McCarthy | Alan & Maria Thompson |

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 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

Monday: July 22, 2024

8:00 AM William Teeling
r/o Lisa Pagano

Tuesday: July 23, 2024

8:00 AM Lori Young Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: July 24, 2024

7:00 PM Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Thursday: July 25, 2024

8:00 AM NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Friday: July 26, 2024

8:00 AM Claudia Bewalder
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Saturday: July 27, 2024

4:30 PM Jane Fass
r/o Rich & Debbie Fass

Sunday: July 28, 2024

8:00 AM Len & Mary LaBella
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

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

11:00 AM Joey Edwards
r/o Susan Rainalds

From the Pastor's Desk *Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary* *July 26th*

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition — the stories people told about them.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26th. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

The beautiful shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is devoted to St. Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to her. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Sts. Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem.

Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.

Fr. Chester



The collection for July 14th was \$2,974.00 (108 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for July 14th was \$2,699.00 (93 donors).

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