

# 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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### Youth Choir

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## Weekly Schedule

### 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

### MONDAY, JULY 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, JULY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00 AM SERVICE ONLY

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:00 AM MASS  
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

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

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



*The Mass Book for 2025  
is now open!*

**No emails or phone calls will be  
accepted to reserve Masses.**

**Office hours are Monday — Friday  
9:30 AM — 2:30 PM**

**Readings for the week of July 28, 2024**

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

**Observances for the week of July 28, 2024**

Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
 Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
 Next Sunday: 18<sup>th</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, August 4**

*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>



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.

**Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 28, 2024**

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life. Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognize that we are Your children. Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste of fraternity and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace. Amen.



Dear Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**Campaign Report To Date:**

**Active Parishioners:** 504  
**Pledges Received:** 229  
**Campaign Goal:** \$900,000  
**Amount Pledged:** \$893,469  
**Amount Collected:** \$850,763

Please contact Wayne Isbitski for questions at [wisbit@yahoo.com](mailto:wisbit@yahoo.com) or (908) 642-5031

Please send all donations to the office or drop in the collection basket.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Are you celebrating your  
Wedding Anniversary in August?*

**JOIN US ON AUGUST 11<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".



Love is patient, love is kind.

**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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# 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, 470 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
**CONTACT:** Sr. Anna Aggen, SCC, aggen@diocesmetuchen.org  
**INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:** www.diaconismetuchen.org/fiatday  
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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](mailto:dsalerno@scoschurch.org) or simply fill out the sign up sheet at the exits and in Fellowship Hall!



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**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      |

**Family Favorites**

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



**JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AFTER ALL MASSES ON  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sample some of the awesome desserts that will be printed in our upcoming "Family Favorites" cookbook.

We will be taking book orders as well as accepting copies of your favorite recipes!!

# Mass Intentions

## 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

## Monday: July 29, 2024

8:00 AM First Birthday Blessing for Hudson James Baker  
r/o The Baker Family

## Tuesday: July 30, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

## Wednesday: July 31, 2024

7:00 PM Sr. Judith Andrews  
r/o The Quick Family

## Thursday: August 1, 2024

8:00 AM SERVICE ONLY

## Friday: August 2, 2024

8:00 AM Karl, Jeanette & Michelle Meyertons  
r/o The Family

## Saturday: August 3, 2024

4:30 PM Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Sunday: August 4, 2024

8:00 AM LaVerne Battipaglia  
r/o Maeve Battipaglia

9:30 AM Lawrence & Patricia Harding  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Saint Martha – July 29th

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly, without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was.

Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when he was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"? Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

*Fr. Chester*



The collections July 21st was \$3,473.00 (113 envelopes) for the regular collection.



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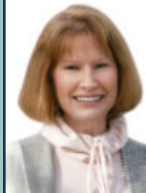
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