

# 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.

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

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Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti  
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### Weekly Schedule

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MASS

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS/BISHOP JAMES CHECCHIO

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ADELINE, PATRICK & KARINA TURNER BAPTISMS



*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Mass Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 15th at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

If you, or you know someone, or a company you could recommend who is proficient in small office networking, Microsoft 365 office application, emailing and general computer administration, please contact the office at (908) 735-4024.

**AUGUST 11, 2024 — 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings for the week of August 11, 2024**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11: 27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

**Observances for the week of August 11, 2024**

Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
 Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
 Wednesday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
 Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
 Next Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**CONSIDER HELPING US AT THE**



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 (908) 735 - 6020  
 Robin Potempa (908) 310 - 4273



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Social Concerns group visits and provide support such as food shopping, general errands to the sick, homebound, new moms and people in nursing homes. We also provide meals at a time of need.

If you have some time to offer, please contact:  
 Doreen Opeikun (908) 507 - 6752

**If you have not received an email from us in the last month, it means we do not have your current email address or you have unsubscribed to our email portal.**

**If you want to be included in our mailing list, please provide us with your current email address to [office@scoschurch.org](mailto:office@scoschurch.org) Thank you.**

**Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! Fr. Chester would NEVER email or text you asking for money, gift cards, or to just reply to his text. He would call you or speak to you directly.**

**If you are unsure, call the office!  
 PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM**

I need a favor from you, please text me back as soon as you get this message. There is something I need you to do for me, I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so please just reply my text

Rev. Chester Zalubski

**We want Your Recipe!**

**Only a few more weeks to submit**

**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.



Dear Parents of 3rd thru 6th Grade Students,

The St. Catherine's Club will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6-7:30, beginning with Friday, September 13th. There will be a Taco Bar at our first gathering and a light supper/ snacks will be served each month. We will bring Jesus into our lives by building new friendships and extending kindness to our parish and community. I would like the 5th & 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 the weekend of August 17th/18th. I am looking forward to helping our youth build their faith and relationship with God. Please call, text or email me if you are interested. Thank you.

Debbie Fass  
 973-222-8100 (cell)  
[info@stonebarnclassicars.com](mailto:info@stonebarnclassicars.com)

**Knights of Columbus  
March for Life Rally,  
Trenton, NJ, on September 26th**

Anyone interested in joining the bus trip to the March for Life Rally in Trenton is welcome! We will depart Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:30 AM.



The cost per person is \$30.00. Checks only and payable to Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293.

For additional information, please contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email at [smithbuilders@hotmail.com](mailto:smithbuilders@hotmail.com)



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:  
Helen Trimmer, mother of Jill Lapnas, who passed away on July 24, 2024  
Al LaCosta husband of Jessica LaCosta, who passed away on August 1, 2024  
Amelio Coletti, father of Jeff Coletti, who passed away on August 1, 2024

*Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in September?*

*Join us on September 8<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 the Church.

**Our August 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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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anthony & Roseanne Albanese | Paul & Alison Manley        |
| Miguel & Sandra Baptista    | Peter & Juliann Mattos      |
| Jack & Janet Brennan        | Salvatore & Janice Mauro    |
| Stanley & Teresa Brzozowski | Joseph & Mary Ellen McNulty |
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| Rene & Jasmin Colon         | Matthew & Lynn Mulhall      |
| Peter & Stephanie Cunha     | Charles & Phyllis Pason     |
| Miguel & Marta Fernandez    | Cezary & Alicia Sosidko     |
| Charles & Sharon Gardner    | Peter & Kristen Thomas      |
| Michael & Pamela Iannozzi   | Dennis & Marlene Tomsky     |
| Gerald & Nancy Lyness       | John & Pearl Traub          |

# YOUTH Ministry

**Join us . . .**

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>PM</sup>**

**R.O.C.K - Rolling Out Christ's Kingdom Youth & Family Kick off Mass!**

**Youth and families are invited to receive a special blessing for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and religious education season.**

***WE ARE ALL GOD'S FAMILY!***

**Come and help us celebrate our youth and families and R.O.C.K. onward!**

**For info call Dawn Salerno at 908-478-0105**

**Come Join the Youth Choir!** and sing, sing, sing!



Calling all youthful voices to join **SAINT CATHERINE'S YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY** and help us make a difference!

We have some great new music to share as we Praise our Lord in Worship and Song!

Our youth choir will be singing Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the opening Kick off Mass for the school year, and Sept. 8, at the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass.

**SIGN UP TODAY!** Call Nancy Coletti at (908) 391-5103 or e-mail our Youth Music Directors Nancy Coletti and Lisa Sforza at: [youthmusic@scoschurch.org](mailto:youthmusic@scoschurch.org)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday: August 10, 2024**

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

**Sunday: August 11, 2024**

8:00 AM Maureen O'Keefe  
r/o Mike & Mary Mitariten

9:30 AM Michael & Erica Piotrowski  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Christopher & Joanne Bajak  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Monday: August 12, 2024**

8:00 AM Rick Webster  
r/o Diane Corrigan

**Tuesday: August 13, 2024**

8:00 AM Larry Remaly Birthday Blessings

**Wednesday: August 14, 2024**

7:00 PM Rob Preston Birthday Blessings  
r/o Ann Preston

**Thursday: August 15, 2024**

8:00 AM Dr. John Stevens  
r/o Dan Dawson

7:00 PM Ann Preston  
r/o The Preston Sons & Families

**Friday: August 16, 2024**

8:00 AM Peter Soltys  
r/o Marisa White

**Saturday: August 17, 2024**

4:30 PM Bernie & Larry Remaly  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Sunday: August 18, 2024**

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

9:30 AM Laverne Battipaglia  
r/o Pearl & John Traub

11:00 AM Heidi Kuster  
r/o The Lawrence Family

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

On Thursday, August 15th, the church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

*Fr. Chester*



The collections for August 4th were \$3,535.00 (111 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$782.00 (45 envelopes) for Religious Ed.



On-Line Giving for August 4th was \$3,711.00 (109 donors).

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