

St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

Church and Parish Office

2 White Bridge Road
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 245
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(Later by appointment)
Phone: (908) 735-4024
Fax: (908) 735-0355
Website: www.scoschurch.org
Email: office@scoschurch.org

PASTOR

Rev. Chester Zalubski
Email: frchester@scoschurch.org

Weekend Assistant

Fr. Jerome Borski

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Michael A. Meyer, D.Min.
Email: deaconmike@scoschurch.org
Deacon Dennis K. Webster
Email: deacondennis@scoschurch.org

Religious Education Director

Sandra Kopka
(908) 735-5086
Email: stcscre@gmail.com

Music Director

Pat Prakopcyk
(908) 782-7043
Email: stcatmusic@gmail.com

Office Manager

Jennifer Perna
(908) 735-4024
Email: jperna@scoschurch.org

Office Assistant

Tee Andersen
(908) 735-4024
Email: tandersen@scoschurch.org

Youth Ministry Director

Dawn Salerno
(908) 477-0105
Email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org



September 8, 2024 Vol. 41

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 Wednesday 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

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers

Kelly Wojtal
(908) 892-4574

Audio/Visual

Ken Mandoli
(908) 735-2879

Auditors

Maggie Marion
(908) 735-4024

Bible Study

Teri Saccal
(908) 229-9355
Lucia Sciancalepore
(201) 970-5072

Building Maintenance

David Perna
(908) 296-5120

Catholic Media

Denise Botto
(908) 996-6760

Coffee Fellowship

Teri Saccal
(908) 229-9355

Decorating Committee

Donna Cahill
(908) 730-9384

Events Hospitality

Margaret Rocca
(908) 996-3226

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

John-Joseph Bober
(908) 713-9707

Family Mass

Sandra Kopka
religioused@scoschurch.org

Family Promise

Mary Jo Haggerty
(908) 892-3513

Finance Council

Mike Wojtal
(908) 310-7488

Food Pantry

Patty Battipaglia
(908) 735-6020

Knights of Columbus

Ken Mandoli
(908) 507-1554

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Mary Kauza (908) 735-4582
Jane Ricketts (908) 782-6216

Parish Gardener

George Mehaffey
(908) 581-2521

Parish Pastoral Council

Denise Botto
(908) 996-6760

Parish Picnic

Debbie Fass
(973) 222-8100

Prayer Shawl

Donna Mustillo
(908) 237-0211

Graphic Materials

Helen Nardone
(908) 391-0857

Lectors

Robert Preston
(908) 510-2712

Right to Life Representative

Robert Keeling
(908) 812-1071

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Deacon Mike Meyer
deaconmike@scoschurch.org

Rosary Society

Yasmine Hernandez-Manno
(973) 229-4368

Sacristan

Margaret Rocca
(908) 996-3668

Sanctuary Guild

Kathy Mathews
(908) 735-9511

SCRIP Program

Robin Potempa
(908) 310-4273

Social Concerns

Doreen Opeikun
(908) 507-6752

Stewardship

Lori Young
(908) 713-1997

Ushers

Rich Kopf
(908) 797-4607

Veterans Military Apostolate

Parish Office
(908) 735-4024

Website

Ed Schilke
(908) 886-3884

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
(908) 240-0583

Welcome

Carol Rocha
(908) 996-7612

Youth Choir

Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti
youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR— ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING — COOKBOOK REVIEW

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

5:30 PM WALZ/VARJAN WEDDING REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

2:30 PM WALZ/VARJAN WEDDING MASS

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM KIDS CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

12:00 PM MORAN CONVALIDATION

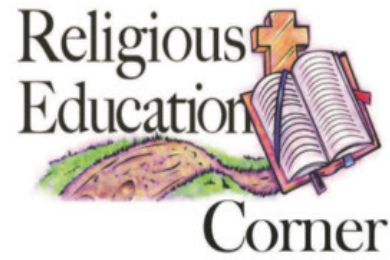
Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2: 1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
 Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Wednesday: Patriot Day
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

(C)LPJ



"Come with your hearts open to embrace Jesus"

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH - 8:30 am
CLASS BEGINS - GRADES 3 & 5 - downstairs
 INCLUDING 9:30 am Mass

Ready the Way of the Lord as we embark on our 2024 - 2025 season!

For information email Sandra Kopka at: stcscre@gmail.com

Parish Outreach for College Students

Do you know a recent high school graduate? Maybe they are in college, trade school, taking a year off, or already working. The Rosary Society wants to connect with them! We want these young men and women to feel God's love and guidance while they enter a new phase of their lives.

Rosarians will "adopt" a student and will pray for them all year long, (particularly during exam times!) and occasionally mail a card or care package to them. Who doesn't love to get mail?



Please contact Liz Strauss with the name and contact information of your recent grad. (484) 459-9806 or lizstrauss2@comcast.net.

**Knights of Columbus
 Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293
 High Bridge, NJ**



Future Sponsor,

We will be hosting a Charity Golf event on October 14th at the High Bridge Hill Golf Course. There will be a Deceased Sponsor Recognition for Chuck Specht.

The Knights of Columbus "4th Degree" is a patriotic men's organization dedicated to helping those in need. This golf event is our largest fundraiser to support our Veterans at the Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner.

We would appreciate your support with a sponsorship or donation. Please see the golf trifold in the display racks at the exits of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact, William Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

Feminine Genius Brunch
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway
 COST: \$25 PER INDIVIDUAL

"Responding to the World's Darkness: Inspiration from Women Saints"
GUEST SPEAKER:
 DIANNE M. TRAFLET, J.D., S.T.D.,
 Associate Director Graduate Studies and Administration
 and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology,
 Seton Hall University
"This event is for women of all ages"

Register at www.diometuchen.org/humanlifefundignity

Silver & Gold
 Anniversary Prayer Service
 with Bishop James F. Checchi

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024
 3:00 P.M.
 The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

The diocesan church routinely invited couples celebrating their 50th, 25th or 10th wedding anniversaries to 2024 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop James F. Checchi.

Although no fee is required, in the past many jubilee couples have given a free-will donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please email help@diometuchen.org or call 732-962-1542.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRAYER SERVICE
 REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2024

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/FAMILYLIFE

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in October?

Join us on October 13th 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. Send your names and wedding date to Tee at tandersen@scoschurch.org.

**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

Dear Parents of 3rd thru 6th Grade Students,

The St. Catherine's **Kids Club** will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of **each month from 6-7:30, beginning with Friday, September 13th.**



There are forms in both church entrances in the bulletin racks. Please call, text, or email me if you are interested. Thank you.

Debbie Fass
(973) 222-8100 (cell) or at info@stonebarnclassiccars.com

**Has Your Email or
Contact Information Changed?**

If anything has changed in the past year or so, please send us your updated information to office@scoschurch.org

Our September Couples Anniversary Blessing
As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

Neil & Catherine Adam	Herman & Elizabeth Martin
Tee & Brian Andersen	James & Laura McDevitt
Kelsey & Connor Boland	George & Cindy Mehaffey
Denis & Kristi Boyle	Paul & Irene Morrongiello
Zachary & Brenna Connolly	James & Maureen Parese
Eric & Amy Eisenhart	James & Mary Passerello
John & Michele Giordano	Michael & Stephanie Pierce
Rick & Laura Hollyer	Joe & Pat Prakopcyk
Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski	Kamil & Paulina Praszek
Christopher & Elizabeth Kelly	Shawn & Melissa Reardon
James & Kim-Ngoc Kieran	Mark & Lisa Reilly
James & Patricia Letko	Troy & Meagen Saverino
David & Michelle Maio	James & Michelle Schneider
James & Kathleen Mathews	Bill & Diane Smith
Scott & Therese Matthews	Tom & Heidi Tuozzolo
Gregory & Valerie Mayer	

**St. Catherine's Rosary Society
Welcomes New Members**



St. Catherine's Rosary Society warmly invites all parishioners to attend our next meeting on **Sunday, September 15th at 12 Noon**. We will meet in the Chapel, where we will pray the Rosary, discuss our plans for the upcoming year, and have a time of fellowship.

We are a spiritual and social group, dedicated to increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, as well as providing numerous fundraising activities for our parish. Come and get closer to Mary, make new friends, and participate in one of St. Catherine's most vital and rewarding ministries.

**For more information, please call
Yasmine Hernandez-Manno (973) 229-4368**



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 4th 7:00 PM** — R.O.C.K Kick Off — Rita's Ice Cream Truck
- Sept. 5th 5 — 7 PM** — Grow A Row Volunteering RSVP to (908) 477-0105
- Sept. 6th 7:05 PM**— Cookies & Cocoa After Eucharistic Adoration
- Sept. 8th After 9:30 AM Mass** — Family Mass / Bible & Bagels. Bagels Provided in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 22nd 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — 1st Event! Sushi Making and Noodle Slurping Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 5th 10:00 AM** — Blessing of the Animals & Carriage Rides* SCOS Parking Lot
- Oct. 13th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Leadership Meeting 10th — 12th grade Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 27th After 11:00 AM Mass** — Saints & Treats RSVP (908) 477-0105 SCOS Parking Lot
- Nov. 3rd 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — TBD
- Nov. 17th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Leadership Meeting 10th — 12th grade Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 8th 11 AM Mass** — St Nicholas Family Mass
- Dec. 8th 6:00 — 8:30 PM** — Movie / Fire Pit
- Dec. 15th 6:00 — 8:00 PM** — Christmas Party
- Dec. TBD** — Country Arch Concert

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 7, 2024

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

Sunday: September 8, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o The Pasculli & Mauro Families

9:30 AM Lucille & Richard Sullivan
r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

11:00 AM Ida Schorsch
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

Monday: September 9, 2024

8:00 AM Fr. Paul Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Tuesday: September 10, 2024

8:00 AM Inocentes Maligaya, Sr.
r/o The Andersen Family

Wednesday: September 11, 2024

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

Thursday: September 12, 2024

8:00 AM Albert Reider
r/o Ann & Rob Preston

Friday: September 13, 2024

8:00 AM Sue Quick Birthday Blessings

Saturday: September 14, 2024

4:30 PM Frederick Juliano
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Sunday: September 15, 2024

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

9:30 AM Lorraine Schumann
r/o Joanne & Tom Hyland

11:00 AM Roger L. Cramer
r/o Women's Cornerstone Core

From the Pastor's Desk

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8th*

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents — we call them Joachim and Ann — probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others — and maybe even you — don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did — to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another — remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to do something very special in life.

Fr. Chester



The collections for September 1st and 8th will be posted in the September 15th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for September 1st and 8th will be posted in the September 15th bulletin.

LAWN DOCTOR



www.lawndoctor.com

908-782-5296

Christopher T Kotalic - Owner

Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home Inc.

26 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ 08833
908-236-2520

Tara Scarponi- Danniaball Vincent Scarponi
Manager/Funeral Director Owner/Funeral Director
N.J. Lic. No. 4981 N.J. Lic. No. 3334
www.ScarponiFuneralHomes.com

ShopRite



Owned and operated by the Colalillo Family. Caring for our communities since 1958.

Think your neighborhood. Think your ShopRite.

OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

ca ShopRite of Flemington 272 Route 202 & 31, Flemington Tel No. 908-782-2553
ca ShopRite of Clinton 50 Walmart Plaza, Clinton Tel No. 908-730-6800
ca ShopRite of Greenwich 1207 Route 22 West, Phillipsburg Tel No. 908-454-8086

Johnson-Walton FUNERAL HOME

Guy J. Walton
Manager
NJ Lic. #4182
PA Lic.#13851

Caring Service for Hunterdon County Since 1938

24 Church Road • Milford, NJ
908-995-2393

MARTIN



1761 Rt. 31 • Clinton, New Jersey 08809
(908)735-7180

Christopher J. Knoll, Manager
NJ Lic. #4460

GROUNDING IN FAITH, GUIDED BY FAMILY

We deeply value your family's beliefs and will help you plan a meaningful service that reflects you and your loved one's life and commitment to faith. Call or visit us, in-person or online, for free, no-obligation information on preplanning.

(908) 782-3311 • WRIGHTFAMILY.COM • 38 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ

Traditional Values, Modern Concepts, Golden Rule Service.

Daniel James "D.J." Wright
Owner, Executive Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4537

Priscilla D. Fay
Director, N.J. Lic. No. 3885

Robert L. Ford II
Director, N.J. Lic. No. 3578



SUPPORT OUR PARISH



Independence Manor at Hunterdon

Assisted Living Residence

908-788-4893

188 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ 08822



FUSCO ELECTRIC, LLC

Pittstown, NJ

CALL/TEXT (908) 713-6623

Lic. #13290, Lic. #18092

FREE ESTIMATES

Local Electrical Contractor
Residential/Commercial/Industrial
Authorized Kohler Generator Dealer
Installations/Service/Maintenance

KOHLER Generators
Platinum Dealer

Immaculate Conception Cemetery & Mausoleum

Located on the Property of Immaculate Conception Parish

316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ
Please call 908-735-7319 for additional information or to set up an appointment

Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home

Established 1894

CHARLES HOLCOMBE FISHER
Manager, NJ Lic. No. 2631

RYAN CHRISTOPHER WINFIELD
Director, NJ Lic. No. 4888

ROBERT FISHER BOGART
Director, NJ Lic. No. 4274

MARK PATRICK WHITTAKER
DIRECTOR, NJ Lic. No. 4549

908.782.4343 • Fax 908.782.2431 • 147 Main Street • Flemington, NJ 08822
www.holcombefisher.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Scan to contact us!

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

833-287-3502

catholicmatch

New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/NJ

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Douglas Shaller

Dshaller@4LPi.com
or (800) 477-4574 x6458

PRESSURE WASHING

5.0 ★★★★★ Google Reviews

Need a good House Wash?

We Clean Vinyl, Aluminum, Stucco, Hardieboard & Brick

Call Today or Scan Now for a FREE Quote

908-328-2582
PSIPressureWash.com

Your Local Exterior Cleaning Experts
Professional | Licensed | Insured
NJ HIC #13V0616150

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

StemBrothers

Naturally, Your Fuel & Home Energy Experts.
"Your Full Service Energy Supplier Since 1946"
BioHeating Oil • Propane • BioDiesel Fuel
Motor Oil • Gasolines • Kerosene
HVAC Service • Installations
www.stembrothers.com • heating@stembrothers.com
Phone 908-995-4825 or 908-996-4441

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Catherine, Pittstown

04-0866