

# 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 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.

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## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM LUCA NICOLAS BRUZZI BAPTISM

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP — SUSHI & MORE!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM YOUNG FAMILY PARISHIONER GET TOGETHER/FIREPIT

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Gene Gansfuss, who passed away on September 6, 2024

**Readings for the week of September 22, 2024**

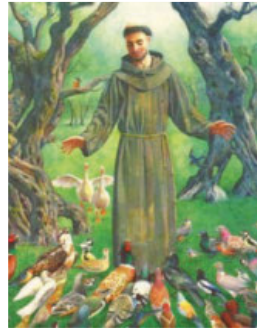
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8: 16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9: 18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Observances for the week of September 22, 2024**

Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week  
 Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs  
 Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
 Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs  
 Next Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

(CJLP)

***Blessing of the Animals  
 Calling All Animal Lovers***



Please join us in celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for The Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 AM** in the parking lot. Please make sure all pets are secure/leased and we ask that you clean up after your pet.

The actual date of the Feast of St. Francis is October 4th—a day inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, whose life exemplified harmony between humans and nature. Francis of Assisi was a poor man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the Gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance.

***Pilgrimage to National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto, PA  
 Monday, October 14, 2024***

Departure from Immaculate Conception Church at 8:00 AM.  
 Departure from Barto, PA at 4:00 PM.

Cost \$60 – payment in full at the time of reservation on a first-come, first- served basis! Bus limited to 50 passengers

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**Cancellations by ticket holders are non-refundable, however if we do have a waiting list and your ticket is purchased, we will then refund you.**

For more information, please email [leisureinfo2023@gmail.com](mailto:leisureinfo2023@gmail.com) or [zap2zap@gmail.com](mailto:zap2zap@gmail.com)



*We would like to welcome  
 The Dec Family  
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



**Join us for Right to Life Sunday  
 October 6, 2024  
 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Hunterdon County area Christians will line the sidewalks of Route 31/ Route 202/ Route 12 Circle to Main Street, starting from Plaza 1 to form a "LIFE CHAIN", Rain or Shine.

This stand of solidarity by Hunterdon County area Christians will be made to communicate that abortion is gravely wrong and local churches oppose the killing of pre-born boys and girls, as well as the exploitation of their mothers by the abortion industry. Appropriate signs stating Abortion Kills Children will be passed out to all that attend.

Elderly and disabled pro-lifers should, if possible, arrange to bring chairs and umbrellas. Small children, under close supervision, are welcomed. Everyone who believes in the protection of pre-born children and their mothers are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

For more information call: **Robert Keeling (908) 236-9648**, or email: [rlkeeling@embargmail.com](mailto:rlkeeling@embargmail.com)



**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR  
 OUR MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 AT THE 11:00 am MASS**

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation.

Send us your name and wedding date to Tee at: [tandersen@scoschurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:smithbuilders@hotmail.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](mailto:lizstrauss2@comcast.net).

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**6 - 8 PM**  
**SUN., OCT. 20**  
**1 - 5 PM**



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**Our September 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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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Neil & Catherine Adam         | Herman & Elizabeth Martin  |
| Brian & Tee Andersen          | James & Laura McDevitt     |
| Connor & Kelsey Boland        | George & Cindy Mehaffey    |
| Denis & Kristi Boyle          | Paul & Irene Morrongiello  |
| Zachary & Brenna Connolly     | James & Maureen Parese     |
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| 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       |                            |

**Youth Group Corner  
Upcoming Events**



- 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** — Christmas Party
- Dec. 15th 6:00 — 8:00 PM** — TBD
- Dec. TBD** — Country Arch Concert

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: September 21, 2024

4:30 PM Margaret Rocca  
r/o The Family

## Sunday: September 22, 2024

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

9:30 AM Rick Webster  
r/o Fr. Chester

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

## Monday: September 23, 2024

8:00 AM August Dorflinger  
r/o Maryjane Staats

## Tuesday: September 24, 2024

8:00 AM Sandra Kopka Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday: September 25, 2024

7:00 PM Anthony Natalizio  
r/o Jennifer Natalizio

## Thursday: September 26, 2024

8:00 AM Carol Rocha Birthday Blessings

## Friday: September 27, 2024

8:00 AM Albina Krowicki  
r/o The Baker Family

## Saturday: September 28, 2024

4:30 PM John Unorski  
r/o Nancy Unorski

## Sunday: September 29, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster  
r/o Dan Dawson

9:30 AM The Turnwald Family  
r/o Maryjane Staats

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

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Interview with God

I recently came upon this piece to share with you:

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"So you would like to interview me?" God asked.

"If you have the time I said."

"My time is eternity." "What questions do you have in mind for me?"

"What surprises you most about humankind?"

God answered ... "That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up and then long to be children again."

"That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health."

"That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor future."

"That they live as if they will never die, and die as if they never lived."

God's hand took mine and we were silent for a while.

I asked "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile. "To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others."

"To learn they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved."

"To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least."

"To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in a person we love, and it takes many years to heal them."

"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness."

"To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings."

"To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently."

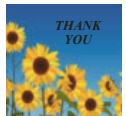
"To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others. But that they must forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time" I said humbly.

"Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

"To learn that I am here." "ALWAYS"

*Fr. Chester*



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