

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
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, JANUARY 25TH

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY — BLESSING OF BIBLES
BLESSING OF PARISH CENTER — BISHOP CHECCHIO**

2:00 PM — 5:30 PM 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION
RETREAT
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS/BISHOP CHECCHIO
5:30 PM BLESSING OF PARISH CENTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY — BLESSING OF BIBLES
PARISH CENTER OPEN HOUSE AFTER ALL MASSES**

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
6:30 PM 8TH GRADE "THEOLOGY OF THE
BODY" AT ST. MAGDALEN'S,
FLEMINGTON

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHT SOCIAL & DEVOTION
MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

**BLESSING OF THROATS
ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

**BLESSING OF THROATS & SCOUT SUNDAY
ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE**

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM SCOUT SUNDAY MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Anyone who would like to participate in **Online-Giving** and requires assistance to start doing so, can call the office (908) 735 - 4024 on **Fridays, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. We will be happy to assist you in navigating the Online-Giving website (<https://osvhub.com/scoschurch/giving/funds>).

JANUARY 26, 2025 — 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Next Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

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ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE
February 1st & 2nd

Give your Valentine a sweet treat!

The Rosary Society will host a bake sale in honor of St. Valentine! Home baked goods will be available for purchase after all Masses. Please support our Rosary Society.

When: Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 1st & 2nd after all Masses.

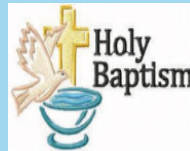
Where: Fellowship Hall

Baked good contributions are appreciated. Please drop off your labeled donations on Saturday, February 1st at 2 PM.



This is a great service opportunity for our Confirmation Candidates.

Questions - Call or text Sue Kemper at (908) 229-8636.



We are happy to welcome our recently Baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

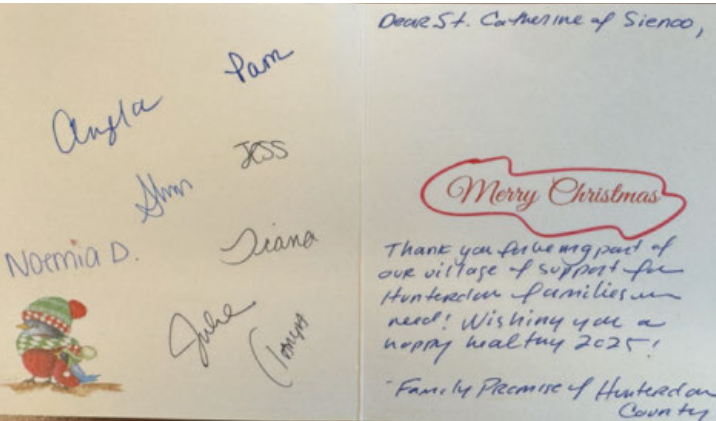
Gregory Kirk Mayer
January 4, 2025

A Life Changing Invite! Please SAVE THE DATE!
FEB. 1st, 2025: ICC Men's Cornerstone Event

"BROTHERS IN FAITH." A ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL REVIVAL (Donation \$55)

Scan the QR Code to Register or to Receive More Information Email

cornerstoneM419@gmail.com



February 2nd the Boy Scouts of America organization will be celebrating their 115th birthday!

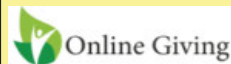
In keeping with tradition, the Boy Scouts have declared **Sunday, February 2nd** as Scout Sunday.

St. Catherine, charter owner of Cub Scouts Pack 119, welcome all scouters, to wear their uniforms to the 9:30 AM Mass.

May God bless all scouts!

In-Person Tax Statements

Your 2024 Tax Statement for your in-person weekly contributions, are in the mail.



Online Giving

Tax Statements

Donors can pull their own statements:

- 1 Log-in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on **"My Online Giving History"** (view a detailed history of your past Online Giving).
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024.
5. Change the report type to **"Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)."**
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **Print**.
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a **PDF** to print the full report.

To Print:

Click on the **PDF** link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a **PDF** and will let you print the report.

****You will want to have your pop-up block disabled. This allows the PDF to pop open for you.****

Immaculate Conception School Open House

Immaculate Conception School in Annandale invites you to tour our campus during our **Catholic Schools Week**.

Open Houses, will be held on **Sunday, January 26th from 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM** or on **Wednesday, January 29th, from 8:15 AM — 11:15 AM**. Each family will be offered a tour of all school facilities and will be able to meet our teachers, our principal, Mrs. Fortunato, and parent representatives. You will hear details about our educational programs, get answers to your questions, and receive registration information for the 2025-2026 school year. Please RSVP for a specific time window at <https://www.icsannandale.org/visit>

As the only Catholic School in Hunterdon County, Immaculate Conception School seeks to foster in each student spiritual growth, academic excellence, and moral integrity. We offer exceptional educational programs within a supportive, faith-filled community for students aged two through 8th grade. With a growing enrollment and innovative programming, we invite you, too, to discover the ICS difference!

To learn more visit our website (<https://www.icsannandale.org/>) or call 908-735-6334.



Mark your calendar . . .

**Join us at an OPEN HOUSE
at our new parish center
on January 25 and 26, following all Masses.**

Watch the bulletin and our website for more information.

Prison Volunteers Needed

"When I was in prison, you visited me." Mt. 25:36

The **Chaplaincy at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women** is seeking **2 volunteers** to add to their team. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Details: The days are Tuesday and/or Thursday, from 12 PM to 2 PM., 3 times a month, minimally. The ministry is conducting Communion Services, which involves giving a brief reflection on the Scripture readings. The service itself is 12:30 – 1:30.

Training is mandatory, with one training session being on Zoom and the other in person. Typically, it is 3 months from the application submission and training to the clearance to volunteer.

If you would like more information about this rewarding and gratifying ministry, please contact:
Catholic Chaplain, Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ at (908) 370-9690 kathleenrooneyssj@gmail.com

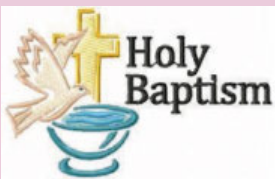
"Come and visit the Lord!"



*We would like to welcome:
The Geiger Family
Mr. & Mrs. Prosswimmer
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:
Jeanie Delsoldta, sister of **Edgar Deemer**, who passed away on **January 5, 2025**
Margaret Ranieri, mother of **Lisa Sforza**, who passed away on **January 13, 2025**



We are happy to welcome our recently Baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:
Grace Maria Connolly
January 11, 2025

Our January 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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| Bruce & AnnaMarie DeRites | Donald & Alicia Johnson |
| Kevin & Margaret Hackett | Richard & Stephanie Joyce |
| Wayne & Cathy Hartmann | Scott & Angela Moushan |
| Thomas & Joanne Hyland | Enrique & Wanda Perez |



Come and Join us in Song!

The **ADULT CHOIR** is ready to expand the ministry. This can be a great opportunity for those who love to sing, please contact our Music Director, Pat Prakopcyk at the following email scatmusic@gmail.com



DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

- February 7- 9** West Mountain Winter Getaway
- February 28 – March 2 — RETREAT**
at St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny
- March 16 — Chick-Fil-A Party* (tentative)** in our **NEW ROOM** at the Parish Center
- April 13 - 17 — MISSION TRIP** to Appalachia.
IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP! PLEASE . . . with a YES, NO, MAYBE or I NEED MORE INFO
Call, Text or E-mail Dawn at (908) 477-0105 • dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 25, 2025

4:30 PM The Perna Family
r/o Fr. Kris Kaczynski

Sunday: January 26, 2025

8:00 AM John & Mildred Mustillo
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

9:30 AM Kathie Webster Birthday Blessings
r/o The Webster Family

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

Monday: January 27, 2025

8:00 AM Michael & Antonia Schelmay
r/o The Family

Tuesday: January 28, 2025

8:00 AM Teri Howison
r/o Jean & Joe O'Grodnick &
Elsie Studley

Wednesday: January 29, 2025

7:00 PM Todd & Thomas Hagan
r/o Stephanie & Mike Pierce

Thursday: January 30, 2025

8:00 AM Jennifer Perna Birthday Blessings

Friday: January 31, 2025

8:00 AM Loretta & William Romanow
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday: February 1, 2025

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

Sunday: February 2, 2025

8:00 AM Clarice Mitariten
r/o Mary & Mike Mitariten

9:30 AM Thank You to all the Coffee/Fellowship/
Event Hospitality Committee Members
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Frank Yanchic
r/o Debi Erling

From the Pastor's Desk Our New Parish Center

Dear brothers and sisters, as we open today our brand-new parish center, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and generosity that has made this dream a reality. This building is not just brick and mortar; it is a testament to your faith, your strong sense of community, and your love for one another.

To our incredible building committee, especially Wayne Isbitski, David and Jennifer Perna, Dan Dawson, Peter and Caroline Shelly, Helen Nardone, Lori and Jim Young, Donna Cahill, Richard Kopf, Joseph Quick, Mike Wojtal, Robert Preston, Sandra Kopka, and Dawn and Mark Salerno who tirelessly worked through countless hours of planning and executing to bring this project to life.

I would like to specifically recognize two people for their contribution to the project. David Perna - with his professionalism, expertise, and attention to detail was critical in ensuring the beautiful outcome of this project. Dave, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Wayne Isbitski - your talent and hard work have made a tremendous impact on this project, and we are grateful for everything you have done.

To our generous donors, especially Dena and Byron Brisby, Dawn and Mark Salerno, and Jennifer and Anthony Natalizio, your contributions demonstrate the depth of your commitment to our parish family. To our dedicated volunteers, your hands-on efforts are the very foundation upon which this center stands.

To our architect, Paul Juliano. His ability to listen to our needs, understand our vision and translate it into a beautiful and functional design is simply incredible. The dedication and hard work demonstrated by him has not gone unnoticed, and we value the positive impact it has had on our parish center.



To our contractor, C. Raymond Davis, and his team, specifically Richard Ferro, for their contribution to our project and for being a reliable and valued partner.

This new space will allow us to deepen our fellowship, expand our ministry programs especially our youth ministry and CCD program. Teaching our young parishioners to trust in Jesus Christ and live Christian values is critical for the future. These children are the next generation of parishioners. With the support of their parents and your help, we will build a strong foundation in their faith. There is no doubt that our new parish center will be a welcome addition.

As we step into this new chapter in our parish life, let us remember that it is not the building itself that matters most, but the spirit of love and community that we bring within its walls.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. May God bless this parish center and all who gather there in the years to come.

Fr. Chester

	The collections for January 19th were \$3,940.00 (130 envelopes),
	On-Line Giving for January 19th was \$3,697.00 (103 donors).

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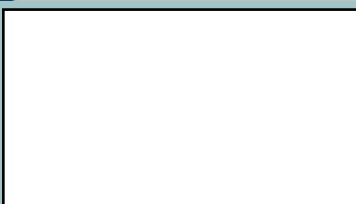
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