

# 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, FEBRUARY 8TH

#### WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

#### WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM KIDS' CLUB

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

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 FILLING OF HANDBAGS

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee,  
conversation, and SCRIP  
ordering in  
Fellowship Hall!



**Readings for the week of February 9, 2025**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Observances for the week of February 9, 2025**

Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day  
 Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day  
 Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(C/LP)

**SAVE THE DATE For Our Parish Picnic Sunday, September 21st**



Committee members are needed in order for this to be a success. Watch for future bulletin announcements for meeting dates. Call, text or email me if you are interested in helping at: Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at [kidsclub@scoschurch.org](mailto:kidsclub@scoschurch.org)

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>).



There will be a **2<sup>nd</sup> collection on February 23rd for our Youth Ministry program**. The program helps our parish teens with faith formation retreats, mission trips and of course FOOD for youth group meetings. This year we will also hold a fundraiser in our new Parish Center. We are working with Chick-Fil-A to raise additional funds for our Youth Programs. Details for this fundraiser will be announced soon.



**We are saddened to announce the death of:**

**Kathie Sisolak, aunt of Mark Kubian, who passed away on January 30, 2025**

**Reminder: Kids' Club gathering, February 14th from 6 —7:30 PM.**



Snacks, Bible Readings, Games, and Prizes

**ALL** parish children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend any gatherings held on the 2nd Fridays of each month. Meetings are in now the new parish center gathering hall.

Dates for the next Kids' Clubs are: February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th.

Call, text, email me with any questions.

Blessings,  
 Debbie Fass  
 (973) 222-8100  
[kidsclub@scoschurch.org](mailto:kidsclub@scoschurch.org)

***Lynda's Helping Handbags - NJ Chapter***

**St. Catherine's Rosary Society 2025 Collection  
 Feb 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**



The Rosary Society will once again be collecting "new or gently used" handbags for women and teens and fill each handbag with **10-12 NEW ITEMS (see list below)**. Handbags will be donated to the Career and Life Transitions Center, Flemington, NJ and Livingston Philanthropies serving the homeless in Newark, NJ.

We are please asking Parish members to help us with the collection by donating new/gently used handbags and/or new filler items. Please make sure that all used handbags are in "good condition" and cleaned out and all donated items to fill the handbags are "New."

***All handbags & filler items can be dropped off in the Marked Bins located in the Fellowship Hall after weekend Masses.***

Questions, please email [lwunder@comcast.net](mailto:lwunder@comcast.net). Thank you for your generosity and help with this valuable program.

**The items needed are listed below:**

Hand sanitizer (sm bottle), Hand/body lotion (sm bottle), Chapstick, Cosmetics, Comb, Nail file/clipper, Razors, Soap/Bath Gel, Shampoo (sm bottle), Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash (sm bottle), Tissues (individual), Pens and note-pads, Pocket calendar, Socks, Hair clips, Winter gloves, Hats.

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Thank you to everyone who helped, participated, and celebrated in the Blessing of our New Parish Center.  
We especially thank ShopRite for all the food donations!**



### Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 14 — 16, 2025**.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information or visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

### *Our February Couples Anniversary Blessing*

*As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.*

Colin & Donna Blanchard	Larry & Bernadine Remaly
Ihor & Sandra Kopka	Michael & Alice Romanek
Matthew & Amanda Parisi	Daniel & Donna Snyder
Daniel & Elizabeth Perez	Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss
Carl & Joyce Pocceschi	

### Come and Join us in Song!



**ADULT CHOIR**

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 [stcatmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stcatmusic@gmail.com)



### DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

**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](mailto:dsalerno@scoschurch.org)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday: February 8, 2025**

4:30 PM Linda Dorsi  
r/o Bob Bronish

**Sunday: February 9, 2025**

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

9:30 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Mario Cerqueira  
r/o Sergio & Anabel Cerqueira

**Monday: February 10, 2025**

8:00 AM Daniel Baker Birthday Blessings  
r/o The Baker Family

**Tuesday: February 11, 2025**

8:00 AM Barbara Jeffords  
r/o Joan Tampone

**Wednesday: February 12, 2025**

7:00 PM Ron Portz  
r/o Margaret Rocca

**Thursday: February 13, 2025**

8:00 AM Mary & Andrew Merkovsky  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Friday: February 14, 2025**

8:00 AM Msgr. Edward C. Puleo

**Saturday: February 15, 2025**

4:30 PM Thank You to all the Graphic Materials,  
Communications & Welcome Committee  
Members  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

**Sunday: February 16, 2025**

8:00 AM Jose Matos  
r/o Koretzky & Matos Families

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM 1st Responders, Fire, EMT & Police  
r/o Anonymous

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *World Marriage Day*

This weekend, during all Masses, we will celebrate World Marriage Day to honor the husband and the wife as head of the family - the basic unit of society; and to salute the beauty of their faithfulness.

The annual observance of the marriage day takes on new meaning these days as the sacrament and institution and meaning of marriage are facing crucial new challenges from within and without.

More than ever, couples are experiencing problems arising from a widespread mistaken understanding of what marriage truly is; and unity and indissolubility are being replaced by personal fulfillment.

The family is the domestic Church, and the first place in which the faith is transmitted. Then, the marriage must be a unique life-long union of a man and a woman.

In these circumstances, when the true nature of marriage is being obscured, let's support marriage and family life by all means. Let's support too, those who are widowed, separated, and divorced, and all who need to feel the Church's maternal care in the circumstances that they find themselves.

Not only on World Marriage Sunday, but every day, let's pray for every family in our parish, especially for those families whose lives are made difficult by the problems and cares they encounter.

Finally, let's pray for our elected leaders, invoking the Holy Spirit on them, that they may be moved to safeguard marriage as it has always been understood, for the good of our Country and Society.

May God bless all our families!

*Fr. Chester*



The collections for February 2nd were \$3,737.00 (121 envelopes) and \$988.00 (51 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for February 2nd was \$3,210.00 (111 donors).

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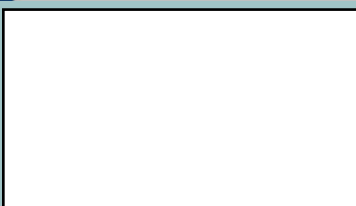
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