

# 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 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

**OFFICE CLOSED— PRESIDENTS' DAY**

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

**FR. CHESTER'S BIRTHDAY DAY**

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

7:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL CLASS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

**2ND COLLECTION FOR YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY**

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

**2ND COLLECTION FOR YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY**

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR

11:00 AM MASS



**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH  
FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**Readings for the week of February 16, 2025**

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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15: 45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Observances for the week of February 16, 2025**

Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



**2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
**PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**

*Journeying Together in Faith, Hope, & Charity*

You should have received your letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Visit the diocesan website [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org) to learn the many ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties. Thanks to your generosity to the Appeal, together we are serving as instruments of hope, bringing comfort and counsel to those in crisis. We are also providing the formation of our future priests and deacons, inspiring our children, and young adults to embrace our Catholic faith, and so much more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**The Hope House of St. Magdalen's Church is asking for our help to replenish their Food Pantry. They are in need of non perishable food (canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc). Pleas drop off your donations in the designated bins in Fellowship Hall.**



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



**Saturday, September 13, 2025** – Mass with Bishop Checchio at the [Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Asbury, NJ](#). An opportunity for a local Jubilee pilgrimage for those who perhaps cannot attend the Washington pilgrimage the following week.

**Saturday, September 20, 2025** – Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC](#).

***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.

***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 notepads, Pocket calendar, Socks, Hair clips, Winter gloves, Hats.

**World Marriage Day Celebration  
Congratulations to Our Weekend Winners**

4:30 PM Mass  
Connor & Kelsey Boland



8:00 AM Mass  
Blaese & Barbara Romano



9:30 AM Mass  
John & Joanne Ozvansky



11:00 AM Mass  
Pete & Caroline Shelly



**Retrouvaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages**

Retrouvaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage.

\*\*Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748\*\*

The next Retrouvaille weekend in the Diocese of Metuchen will be February 28 - March 2, 2025.



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



*Our February 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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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Colin & Donna Blanchard  | Larry & Bernadine Remyly |
| Ihor & Sandra Kopka      | Michael & Alice Romanek  |
| Matthew & Amanda Parisi  | Daniel & Donna Snyder    |
| Daniel & Elizabeth Perez | Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss |
| Carl & Joyce Pocceschi   |                          |



**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)

progrm@diocesmetuchen.org. Register here: <https://diocesmetuchen.org/events/ministry-for-seniors-roundtable>."/>


**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 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

## Monday, February 17, 2025

8:00 AM Dennis & Kathie Webster  
r/o The Quick Family

## Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:00 AM Bernadette Lukacs  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

## Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:00 PM Andrew J. Merkovsky, Sr.  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00 AM Fr. Chester Birthday Blessings

## Friday, February 21, 2025

8:00 AM Kim Mosko  
r/o St. Catherine's Knights of  
Columbus 15217

## Saturday, February 22, 2025

4:30 PM Fr. Chester  
r/o Margaret Rocca & The Perna  
Family

## Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 AM Barbara Camel  
r/o Elena Koretzky  
9:30 AM John Lazorchak  
r/o Louis & Jeanne Ferrucci  
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## From the Pastor's Desk

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all!

B.I.B.L.E simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for February 9th was \$2,008.00 (92 envelopes) and \$1,454 for the collection of the California Wildfires.



On-Line Giving for February 9th was \$2,885.00 (103 donors).

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