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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, JULY 5TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, JULY 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

6:00 PM PICNIC MEETING (FH)

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT — THE GOONIES

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

7:30 PM RAIN DATE — MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM LILLIE JEAN SCHULER BAPTISM

On the following Thursday morning Masses

July 10th

July 17th

July 24th

**there will ONLY be
COMMUNION SERVICES,
NO MASSES.**

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot
 Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(C.L.P.)

This year, in conjunction with our Parish Picnic, we will be holding a **Silent Auction**. I am asking all of our parishioners for help in order to make this a successful fundraiser for our parish. All monies collected will be put towards helping the children's club and youth group.

If you would like to donate a themed basket full of wonderful goodies, Thank You. I could give you suggestions if you need assistance. Should you have any new items laying around and would like to donate those to us, our team of helpers could put a basket together.

Once again, this year we will not be soliciting stores as we have in the past. If you personally know someone outside of our parish community that would like to donate, please accept the donation with our most humble appreciation.

Also, if you have any baskets new or used that we could use, I will have a container downstairs in the church starting the first weekend of July.

For any questions or concerns, please call **Carol Rocha** at (908) 616-2397 or via email at crocha@hcrhs.org.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation to support St. Catherine of Siena.



MONDAY, AUGUST 4th, 9:30 AM ARRIVAL TO APPROXIMATELY 2:15 PM

The Big Bear Gear Delaware River tubing operation is located at the Cooley Tract of the D&R Canal State Park on Route 29. This is approximately 0.9 miles south of the Kingwood boat launch. You can search for the [Big Bear Gear Tubing Center](#).

Please note, the Big Bear Gear Tubing Center is NOT located at our store, which is located in Lambertville, about 15 miles south. Do not use Apple Maps.

The river flows at varying speeds according to the weather. Jersey Mikes, will be provided but you are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks (especially water) to enjoy while we float along.

PLEASE NOTE — there is **NO SHADE** so make sure to wear a hat and a UV Shirt is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. GOT QUESTIONS Call or Text Dawn (908) 477-0105.

Cost is \$50.00 per person, check payable to SCOSC Mail to or drop off at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 2 White Bridge Rd, Pittstown, NJ 08867, ATTN: Dawn



If interested, let me know by July 15th. PLEASE fill out the waiver using the Scan Code.

Beginning this fall, Saint Catherine's will offer a Christian Initiation Program for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). The program will run from September 2025 to April 2026. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact Deacon Mike at

deaconmike@scoschurch.org



Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Mass with Bishop Checchio at the [Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatma, 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](#).



Picnic Meeting Thursday, July 10th at 6-7 PM In Fellowship Hall

- All adults, teens, and IDEAS are welcome
- Come with theme suggestions

Future Thursday night monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall from 6 — 7 PM are as follows: 8/7, 9/11 and 9/18

Questions? Call, text, or email me, Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at kidsclub@scoschurch.org



**St. Catherine of Siena Picnic
Sunday, September 21, 2025
Reminder – Save the Date**

We are very excited to have our Annual Picnic once again at our new Parish Center grounds. I can still use more volunteers to serve in their areas of interest, e.g. food tents, dessert in the parish center, 50/50's, setup and cleanup, etc.

We have brief meetings on **Thursday evenings at 6 PM coming up on July 10th, August 7th, September 11th and 18th in Fellowship Hall.** Teens and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year's picnic, we are featuring the comedian/ventriloquist we had a few years back, John Pizzi. He was a huge success and everyone enjoyed his very funny performance. Dr. D will once again entertain us and keep us dancing. The Kids' Club will have a tent with a few games and prizes for all. The Splash Tower will be there with a few notable people willing to get wet! Let's all get together for Food, Fun, Family, and Friends!!

Questions? Call/text or email:

Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 kidsclub@scoschurch.org



**Immaculate Conception Leisure Group
Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino...
all over the age of 21 are invited!**

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 leaving from ICC at 9:30 AM. The cost of the trip is \$50 and you will receive back a \$10 slot voucher upon arrival.

We will depart AC at 6:00 PM. **Payment is needed to reserve your seat.** A check in the amount of \$50 made out to Immaculate Conception Church. Please enclose in an envelope and clearly address to Leisure Group/AC/MM. **Please also include your phone number, email address and emergency contact info for the day of the trip.**

Please email questions to Leisureinfo2023@gmail.com. Upon receipt of your payment, if all seats have been previously reserved, you will be given the option to go on a waiting list or have your check returned.

Please drop off or mail your check to the Parish Office at 316 Old Allerton Rd, Annandale, NJ 08801.

****No Refunds will be given on cancellations.**

We encourage you to transfer your ticket to another. We will assist you on transfer, if we have a waiting list.

Our July 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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| Robert & Lynn Coates | James & Jackie Novotny |
| Frank & Patricia Conenna | Jaime & Yvonne Penna |
| Ryan & Julia Connolly | Robert & Andrea Presuto |
| Steve & Elena Koretzky | Glenn & Jane Ricketts |
| Tom & Katharine Lawrence | David & Cathleen Sousa |
| Paul & Ellen McCarthy | |

**No Fee Event – A Day for Grandparents and Seniors
July 24, 2025**

The Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to host a **Celebrate Life Event - A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+) on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 9:30 AM — 12:30 PM at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway.** The morning will include, breakfast, fellowship, and a guest speaker presentation followed by Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass. This event is an outreach to our aging Catholic community and promises to be an upbeat day! **There is no fee to attend but registration is required.**

Register online <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity-seniorday2025> For questions or more information email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

**Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat
August 22-24, 2025**

A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation or Family Brokenness will be held on Friday, August 22nd – Sunday, August 24th, at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. Cost is \$315 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals.

For more information and/or to register, please visit www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.



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**To volunteer, or for more information
contact Robin Potempa**

(908) 310 - 4273

St. Catherine of Siena
2025
St. Catherine of Siena
Book Club Challenge



Join the Challenge TODAY to learn about & celebrate our patron saint

**Add Saint Catherine to your
Summer Reading List**

How much do you know about Saint Catherine of Siena?

The Liturgy & Spirituality Committee invites you to join our 2025 Book Club Challenge to read the critically acclaimed biography "Catherine of Siena" by Sigrid Undset over the summer months and then join us for a delicious Tuscan-Siena themed Book Club meeting to discuss and celebrate our parish patroness in October.

If you need a copy, the Parish has a few copies to loan out. Scan the code to join the challenge. Have questions or need a copy? Email

Mark.Salerno@outlook.com



SCAN ME

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 5, 2025

4:30 PM Linda & Kathleen Bronish
r/o Robert Bronish

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

9:30 AM Valerie Pascarello
r/o John Ciaciavelli

11:00 AM Joseph Era
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Monday, July 7, 2025

8:00 AM Michael P. Mitariten
r/o Mary & Mike Mitariten

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 PM Joseph Lakowitz
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday, July 10, 2025

8:00 AM Communion Service Only

Friday, July 11, 2025

8:00 AM Isabel Hernandez
r/o Yasmin & James Mano

Saturday, July 12, 2025

4:30 PM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:00 AM Dennis Devlin
r/o Glenn Ricketts

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

11:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o Rob Preston

From the Pastor's Desk

Dress Code

In a few weeks many of us will have an opportunity to take a break from school or work and make time for leisure activities. As we continue to make time for leisure activities and travel, we are strongly encouraged to keep our focus on God. We are reminded that the time for Mass and prayer should be included in our plans.

When attending Mass, especially during the summer months, we are asked to exercise prudence and judgment in how we act and in what we wear. Each year our Church leaders strive to remind the faithful of the need to dress modestly at Mass since we are in the presence of God. Our Catechism states that "...modesty guides how we look at others and behave toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity." It also states that modesty "...inspires one's choice in clothing." Certain summer apparel which may be appropriate for an informal meal or a picnic may not be appropriate for Mass.

In an article, "Dressing for Church," written by Abbot Tryphon from Washington, stated, "The church is our home, a place where we should feel comfortable and at ease. It is also God's house and is a temple set aside for worship. Our way of dressing for the church should reflect our desire to offer our very best to Christ."

He also stated, "Both men and women should avoid wearing clothing that can be distracting to other worshipers. Jesus should be the focus of our worship, not our personal outfits. The Mass is not the place to show off the latest fashion, nor the result of the fitness center."

As we reflect on these words of wisdom, we are invited to dress appropriately for Mass and keep our focus on the Lord as we enjoy this time of leisure.

Fr. Chester



The collections for June 29th and July 6th will be posted in the July 13th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for June 29th and July 6th will be posted in the July 13th bulletin.

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