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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, AUGUST 2ND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM PICNIC MEETING (FH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

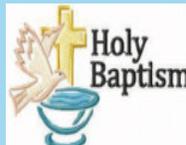
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING



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

Andrew Richard Lunger
July 27, 2025

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1: 16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
 Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12: 32-48 or 12:35-40

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest
 Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
 Friday: St. Dominic, Priest
 Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Walking with Moms in Need

Learn more about *Walking with Moms in Need* with these video resources. Our collection of stories, webinars, and special topics videos are great for personal use or can be used in group settings to introduce this exciting initiative to your parish, ministry, or core team.



For resources: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/videos>

**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.



**STARTING THIS
SEPTEMBER**

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

Feminine Genius Brunch – Saturday, October 11, 2025

Come join us for a **Jubilee Celebration of Women** and discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing. Guest speaker, Lisa Cotter's topic will be "Reveal the Gift."

The morning includes fellowship, music, hot brunch, prayer and reflection. **This event is for women of all ages** and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Cost is \$30 per person.

For more information and/or to register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or call (732) 562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

COME & JOIN THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON FUN!

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry



St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl, Baptismal bib, and blanket we create. Each item is blessed by Fr. Chester and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and **yes, we do help/teach beginners learn to knit and crochet!**

Please drop in or contact **Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211** for more information.

**New Ministry!
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.



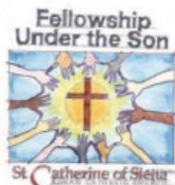
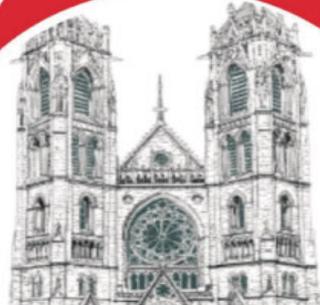
Rosarians will "adopt" a student and will pray for them all year long, (particularly during exam times!) and occasionally mail a card or care package to them. Who doesn't love to get mail?

Please contact Liz Strauss with the name and contact information of your recent grad. (484) 459-9806 or lizstrauss2@comcast.net.

2nd Annual Mass for the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT 5:00PM
 CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN,
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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, 50/50s, setup and cleanup, etc.

We have brief meetings on **Thursday evenings at 6 PM coming up on 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.

Our August 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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| Anthony & Roseanne Albanese | Joseph & Mary Ellen McNulty |
| Miguel & Sandra Baptista | Mark & Irene Mortensen |
| Stanley & Teresa Brzozowski | Matthew & Lynn Mulhall |
| Rene & Jasmin Colon | Charles & Phyllis Pason |
| Charles & Sharon Gardner | Paul & GERALYN Prosswimmer |
| Michael & Pamela Iannozzi | Michael & Kathryn Sniscak |
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| Paul & Alison Manley | Peter & Kristen Thomas |
| Peter & Juliann Mattos | Dennis & Marlene Tomsky |
| Sal & Janice Mauro | John & Pearl Traub |

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.

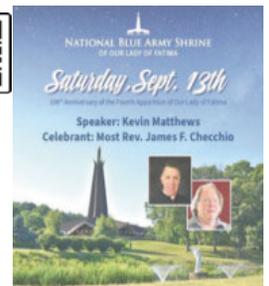
Saturday, September 13th Diocese of Metuchen Jubilee Pilgrimage

St. Catherine of Siena invites all to join the **Metuchen Jubilee Pilgrimage** to the **National Blue Army Shrine** in nearby **Asbury, NJ** on **Saturday, September 13th starting at 10 AM.**

The agenda includes Rosary procession, confession, guest speakers and Holy Mass celebrated by Most Rev. James F. Checchio. For more information visit the event webpage by scanning the QR Code provided or email Mark Salerno at mark.salerno@outlook.com.



SCAN ME



Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2, 2025

4:30 PM Thank You to All the Audio Visual & Website Committee Members for All You Do
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Dorothy & Merrill Hennion
r/o Mike & Stephanie Pierce
11:00 AM PJ & Yvonne Magala, Jr & Commander Penny J. Jimenez, USN
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday, August 4, 2025

8:00 AM Grandparents of the Sullivan Family
r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 PM Anthony F. Natalizio, Sr.
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:00 AM Sr. Renata
r/o Fr. Chester

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o The Clancey Family

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:30 PM Michelle Meyertons
r/o Janise & Richard Nelson

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00 AM Adeline Morgan
r/o Jenny Deemer
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Jeanette Costa
r/o Jenny Deemer

From the Pastor's Desk

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6th

Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord. All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred in the fall during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experiences, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity that was strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected — a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Fr. Chester



The collection for July 27th was \$3,667.00.



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