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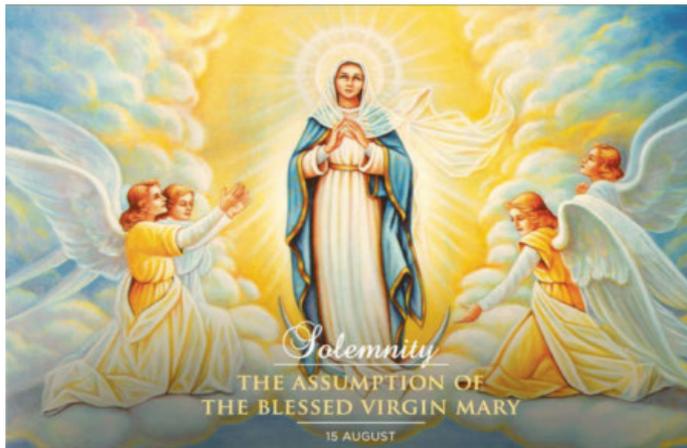
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM VIGIL MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

12:00 PM AMALIA DOLORES BLODGETT BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 PM

Friday, August 15th at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

AUGUST 10, 2025 — 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt
17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt
18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt
18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:
6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:
27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps
45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt
19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb
12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Clare, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest,
Martyrs

Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(C/LPI)

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.



We would like to welcome:
The Fehrenbach Family
Ms. Veta Foote
The Goodwin Family
The Kucharski Family
The Tornberg Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Clothing Drop-Off Bins



Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

Thank you to all who use our bins!

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 |
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| Peter & Juliann Mattos | Dennis & Marlene Tomsky |
| Sal & Janice Mauro | John & Pearl Traub |



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

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



Silver & Gold & 5-Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your **25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary** with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special **Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM**.

The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at (732) 562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling (732) 562-1543.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 11, 2025

8:00 AM Len Frederick
r/o Elaine Frederick

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

8:00 AM Elise Morrongiello Fahy
r/o Mom & Dad

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:00 PM Anne Marie Chamberlain
r/o Irv Luizza

Thursday, August 14th, 2025

8:00 AM Larry Remaly Birthday Blessing

7:00 PM Ann Preston
r/o Margaret Rocca

Friday, August 15, 2025

8:00 AM Suzanne Clark
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

7:00 PM Sean Nelson
r/o Mom & Dad

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:30 PM Margaret Rocca
r/o Fr. Kris

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 AM Deacon Mike Meyer
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Society

9:30 AM Thank You to All the Bible Study, Catholic Media, and Prayer Shawl Committee Members For All You Do

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

From the Pastor's Desk

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Friday, August 15th, the church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Fr. Chester



The collections for August 3rd were \$3,156.00 and \$808.00 for Religious Ed.



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