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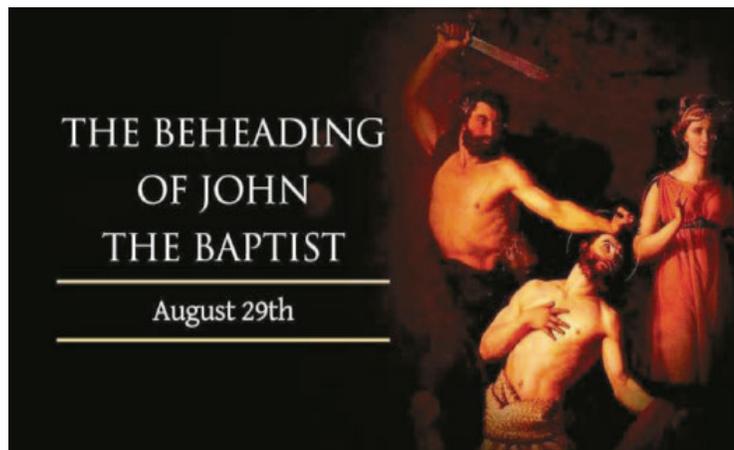
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THE BEHEADING
OF JOHN
THE BAPTIST

August 29th

August 24, 2025

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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 23RD

10:00 AM LILLIAN ELIZABETH FIKSLIN BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

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.

AUGUST 24, 2025 — 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Monica
- Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(CLPI)

2nd Annual Mass for the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark
 SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT 5:00PM
 CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN, C.S.S.R., D.D. ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK CELEBRANT

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APOSTOLATO ITALIANO

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE
 SOCIETY OF METUCHEN

FIAT DAY 2025
 YOUNG WOMEN AGES: 14-17

AUGUST 30 | 2025

WITNESS TALKS
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 MASS, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION
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 INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE CANONIZATION OF

BL. CARLO ACUTIS **BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT **BISHOP JAMES CHECCHIO** INVITES THE FAITHFUL OF OUR DIOCESE, ESPECIALLY THE **YOUTH**, TO CELEBRATE THE **CANONIZATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS.**

STUDENTS WHO WEAR A UNIFORM FOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS TO HOLY MASS!

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025
12:00 NOON MASS

SAINTE AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
 45 HENDERSON RD,
 KENDALL PARK, NJ 08824

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

21ST 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.

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our
MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
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

Our August Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

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
Gerald & Nancy Lyness	Cezary & Alicia Sosidko
Paul & Alison Manley	Peter & Kristen Thomas
Peter & Juliann Mattos	Marlene & Dennis Tomsky
Sal & Janice Mauro	John & Pearl Traub

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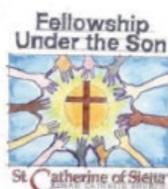
JUBILEE 2025

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
Radio icon Kevin Matthews shares the inspiring story behind his book "Mary's Roadie" and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life.
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840
7:00 PM: Praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talk and book signing by Kevin Matthews

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
108th Anniversary of the Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima
National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802
12:30 PM: Talk with Kevin Matthews
1:15 PM: Holy Mass with celebrant, Most Rev. James F. Checchio

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017
with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

SCAN FOR MORE INFO:



Our Parish Picnic date is soon approaching, **Sunday, September 21st, noon to 4 PM.**

Tickets will go on sale in fellowship Hall the weekend of August 30/31, along with the food and committee signup sheets.

Following our theme of "Fellowship Under the Son," there will be a photo opportunity with a life-size cutout of Jesus.

Once again, Dr. D will entertain us and our comedian/ventriloquist, John Pizzi will perform from 2—3 PM. The Kona Ice Cream truck will visit us right after the show. There will be lots to do, especially for the "little ones."

We welcome our new families to become a part of the fellowship, St. Catherine's is especially proud of. Come join the fun.



Has Your Email or Contact Information Changed?

If anything has changed in the past year or so, please send your updated information to office@scoschurch.org.

We invite you to support the Hope House of St. Magdalen and the Catholic Charities' Food Pantry in Phillipsburg by donating non-perishable food items. A donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall for your convenience. This food drive will continue for as long as the need remains. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.



Items In Need:

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| Canned Beans (especially black beans) | Coffee |
| Canned Vegetables | Tea |
| Tuna | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Canned Chicken | Spaghetti/Pasta |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Pasta |
| Soup | Rice |
| Cereal | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Pancake Mix & Syrup | Detergent |
| Oil | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Mayonnaise | Soap |
| Peanut Butter | Toothpaste |
| Jelly | Deodorant |
| | Diapers (size 4 and up) |

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:30 PM Jennifer Natalizio Birthday Blessings
r/o Anthony Natalizio

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 AM Herbert Takakjian
r/o The Wunder Family

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

11:00 AM Deacon Dennis Webster
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Society

Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

8:00 AM Lucy Schettino-Vicidomini
r/o The Romano Family

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:00 PM Robert Rocca
r/o Margaret Rocca & Family

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8:00 AM Joan Wilson
r/o Doreen Poole

Friday, August 29, 2025

8:00 AM Grace & Stanley Kozal
r/o The Pasculli & Mauro Families

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:30 PM Russell & Eileen White
r/o Dan Dawson

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

9:30 AM Billy Firencze
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

11:00 AM Marie & Bennett Vig
r/o Don & Linda Nuzzio

From the Pastor's Desk

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

August 29th

This Friday, August 29th, we celebrate the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance, and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 17th was \$4,865.00 (125 envelopes). The collection for the Assumption was \$1,033.00 (52 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for August 17th was \$3,964.00 (111 donors).

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