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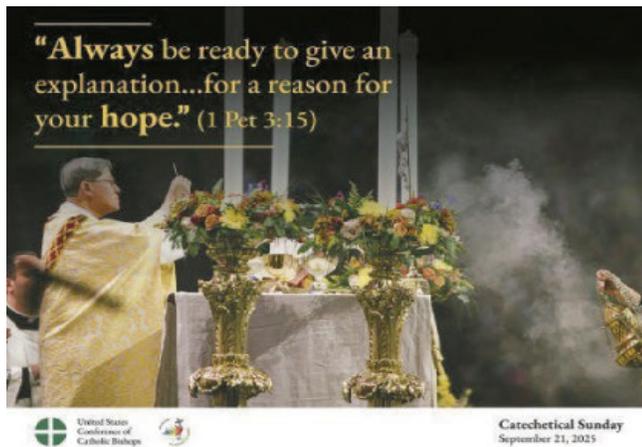
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, SEPTEMBER 20TH

1:30 PM KELLY/KROEMMELBEIN WEDDING CEREMONY

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

PARISH PICNIC/CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS

10:15 AM 2ND, 4TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL (FH)

6:30 PM — 7:30 PM LITTLE SPROUTS (MT)

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION (MT)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

4:00 PM DUCK DONUT FUNDRAISER PICKUP (FH)

2:00 PM — 4:00 PM OCIA "THE BIBLE" (MT)

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

DUCK DONUT FUNDRAISER PICKUP (FH)

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Anita Maier, mother of Jeannie Drexinger who passed away on September 4, 2025

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 — 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: National Migration Week
 Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

(C/LPI)

Luke the Story of Salvation Fulfilled – The Great Adventure Bible Study



Join us on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. We will explore pivotal moments in salvation history. **This study will have 8 sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM (9/16, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16).** Half-hour video presentations are paired with small group discussions and light reading at home.

Check out the Bible Study trailer here: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled>.

Please sign up by September 9th via email Ellenschilke@gmail.com so that we can order the study guides.

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our **MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH** 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



To sign up for picnic food donations or to volunteer, please use the following links:

Volunteers <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAFA623A2FDCF8-57564001-picnic>

Food https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAFA623A2FDCF8-57563991-picnic#



We would like to welcome:
 The Giunta Family
 The Howarth Family
 The Miller Family
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



DUCK DONUTS FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 27-28

**SEPT
 6-7, 13-14,
 20-21**

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 AFTER ALL MASSES**

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For more information, please email ekoretzky@gmail.com or 908-310-6439. Thank you for your support!

NJ BISHOPS'

Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
 of the Assumption
 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



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 Cardinal Joseph W.
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 Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST
 Bishop Kevin J.
 Sweeney, D.D.,
 Diocese of Paterson



**NEW JERSEY
 MARCH FOR LIFE**

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

Our Knights of Columbus will be running a bus from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, departing at 7 AM and a pickup at Harbor Freight, Flemington at 7:30 AM. This is a "Free Will Donation" bus trip.

For reservations and questions, please contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

**Blessing of the Animals
Calling All Animal Lovers**



Please join us in celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for The Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 AM** in the parking lot. Please make sure all pets are secure/leashed and we ask that you clean up after your pet.

The Feast of St. Francis is a day inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, whose life exemplified harmony between humans and nature.

Francis of Assisi was a poor man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the Gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance.



**Knights of Columbus
Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293
High Bridge, NJ**

Future Sponsor;

We will be hosting a Charity Golf event on **October 20th at the High Bridge Hill Golf Course**. There will be a Deceased Sponsor Recognition for Chuck Specht.

The Knights of Columbus “4th Degree” is a patriotic men’s organization dedicated to helping those in need. This golf event is our largest fundraiser to support our Veterans at the Veteran’s Haven North in Glen Gardner.

We would appreciate your support with a sponsorship or donation. Please see the golf trifold in the display racks at the exits of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact, Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

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) |

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.

Our September 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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| Neil & Catherine Adam | James & Laura McDevitt |
| Brian & Tee Andersen | George & Cindy Mehaffey |
| Denis & Kristi Boyle | John & Lola Miranda |
| Zachary & Brenna Connolly | Paul & Irene Morrongiello |
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| Rick & Laura Hollyer | James & Mary Passerello |
| Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski | Michael & Stephanie Pierce |
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| James & Kim-Ngoc Kieran | Kamil & Paulina Praszek |
| Lyle & Lovely Lerit | Shawn & Melissa Reardon |
| James & Patricia Letko | Mark & Lisa Reilly |
| David & Michelle Maio | Tom & Ann Marie Ryan |
| Herman & Elizabeth Martin | James & Michelle Schneider |
| James & Kathleen Mathews | Bill & Diane Smith |
| Gregory & Valerie Mayer | |



**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 Jubilarians couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:30 PM Margaret Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Thank you to all the Religious Education,
Kids Club, and Youth Ministry Members for
All You Do
11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:00 AM Mary & Andrew Merkovsky
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:00 AM Albina Krowicki
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:00 PM Ann Preston
r/o Rob Preston

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:00 AM Sandra Kopka Birthday Blessings

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:00 AM Teri Howison
r/o Pat & John Ziobrowski

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:30 PM Thank You To All The Parish Picnic
Committee Members For All You Do

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Bill & Diane Smith Anniversary Blessing
r/o The Smith Family
11:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o The Webster Family

From the Pastor's Desk

"Catechetical Sunday"

September 21st

For many years now, the Church in the United States has designated the third weekend of September "Catechetical Sunday" to coincide with the beginning of the new School year.

Here is a timely quote from the national catechetical office of the US Catholic Bishops on religious education:

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

Our parish is so fortunate to have wonderful people in the religious education program. We are blessed to have **Mrs. Sandra Kopka**, the Catechetical Director. We are also extremely blessed to have **Kathryn Sniscak & Liz Strauss 2nd grade, Joanne Hyland 3rd grade, Janise Nelson 4th grade, Bernadette Girard 5th grade, Anthony Roberts 6th grade, Catherine Sutter 7th grade, and Colleen LeBeouf 8th grade** as volunteer catechists who give of their time, energy, and talents to share the Catholic faith with the children entrusted to their care. Please keep all these dedicated people in your prayers for a successful ministry.

I hope and pray that all the young people of our parish will take part in the activities of this exciting ministry; **but we need their parents to encourage them!**

Once again, on behalf of the entire parish, we extend our thanks to our Catechetical team for their dedication to our children.

Fr. Chester



The collections for September 14th were \$4,121.00 for the regular collection and \$1,015.00 for National Shrine.



On-Line Giving for September 14th was \$3,069.00 (97 donors).

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