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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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL (FH)
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION (PC)
6:00 PM PICNIC MEETING (PC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH, & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING (FH)

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
FOR LABOR DAY**



AUGUST 31, 2025 — 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

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
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7:00 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, September 5th**

Call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

We would like to welcome:



*The Lagoa Family
 The Maxwell Family
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

POOR BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributes money in the Poor Box located in the Narthex. Your generous donations are helping families from our parish. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



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

**Lillian Elizabeth Fikslin
 August 23, 2025**



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**



**SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
 45 HENDERSON RD,
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DIocese of METUCHEN

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



CELEBRANT
 Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,
 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

22ND 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.

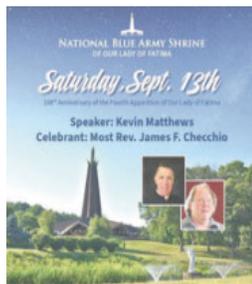
For any questions or concerns, please call **Carol Rocha at (908) 616-2397** or via email at crocha@hcrhs.org.

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**.



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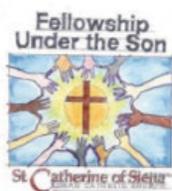


The agenda includes Rosary procession, confession, guest speakers, and Holy Mass celebrated by Most Rev. James F. Checchio. For more information visit the event webpage by scanning the QR Code provided or email Mark Salerno at mark.salerno@outlook.com.

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



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, that St. Catherine's is especially proud of.. Come join the fun.



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.

Virtual Book Study for Women

The Diocesan women's group meets on Zoom each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Beginning on September 7th, they will meet at their regular time to discuss the book, "A Cardiologist Examines Jesus" by Dr. Franco Serafini. All women are invited to join. Purchase of the book is required to participate. If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.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:

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 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

Monday, September 1, 2025

8:00 AM Carl Quick
r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:00 AM Sean & Kristin Vig
r/o Don & Linda Nuzzio

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:00 PM Margaret Ranieri
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:00 AM Fr. Kris Kaczynski
r/o The Perna & Rocca Families

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph & Betty Kosinski
r/o The Kosinski Family

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:30 PM Catherine Smith
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 AM James Pellecchia IV
r/o St. Catherine Knights of Columbus

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

11:00 AM Michael Heim
r/o Lori & Jim Young

From the Pastor's Desk Labor Day

This Monday we celebrate **Labor Day** and we honor all those who labor for a living. We thank them for their service to their families, and for their service to all those who benefit from their efforts. As we know, prayer and work go hand in hand. Therefore we are invited to pray in a special way for all laborers. We also pray for the unemployed and underemployed, and pray that more opportunities for gainful employment will materialize for those in need.

Pope Francis, throughout his life, had experienced the reality and rewards of hard work. He had recently stated that work "...is fundamental to the dignity of the person. It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, (and) to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." Just a few years ago, Pope Benedict also spoke about the value of human labor. He reminded us that Jesus himself was a laborer and that labor is clearly important to the human experience. He urged us to respect the importance of labor and the laborer.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recognizes the importance of the laborer and Labor Day. It recently issued a pronouncement that stated that "... work helps us to realize our humanity and is necessary for human flourishing." "Labor Day gives us the chance to see how work in America matches up to the lofty ideals of our Catholic tradition."

As we celebrate this day, we are invited to make it more than a day of rest and cookouts. It should also be a day of prayer as we honor those who labor in the spirit of Jesus and St. Joseph. We therefore once again share with you this wonderful prayer provided by one of our Catholic spiritual organizations.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor – in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work, may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 24th was \$3,032.00 (105 envelopes). The special collection for the people of Gaza & Surrounding areas was \$900.00 .



On-Line Giving for August 24th was \$3,284.00 (102 donors).

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