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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 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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS
6:30 PM — 8:30 PM SPIRITUALITY MEETING (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL (FH)
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM KIDS CLUB (PC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

*Are you celebrating your
Wedding Anniversary in September?*

*Join us on September 14th at the 11:00 AM Mass
to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.*

All Sacramentally married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send your names and wedding date to Tee at tandersen@scoschurch.org

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 — 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

- 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
- Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

- Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Thursday: Patriot Day
- Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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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 (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.



**TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE
CANONIZATION OF**



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BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

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BISHOP JAMES CHECCHIO
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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
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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

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.

It's that time again – **Kids' Club** meets the 2nd Friday of each month, beginning **September 12th from 6 — 7:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Bring your bibles and be ready for fun, games, prizes, and snacks.



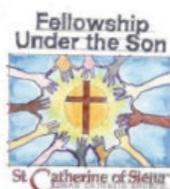
We'll also be preparing for our Kids' Club tent with games and prizes at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 21st.

Future meeting dates are: October 10th, November 14th and December 12th

Call or text Debbie Fass at 973-222-8100
Email: kidsclub@scoschurch.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 | Gregory & Valerie Mayer |
| Brian & Tee Andersen | James & Laura McDevitt |
| Denis & Kristi Boyle | George & Cindy Mehaffey |
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| David & Michelle Maio | Mark & Lisa Reilly |
| Herman & Elizabeth Martin | James & Michelle Schneider |
| James & Kathleen Mathews | Bill & Diane Smith |



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

Tickets are on sale in Fellowship Hall after all Masses, along with the food and committee signup sheets.

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.



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

Grandparent's Day Blessing

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

8:00 AM George Mahaffey Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:00 AM Fr. Paul Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00 PM Inocentes Maligaya, Sr.
r/o The Andersen Family

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o The Pasculli & Mauro Families

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:30 PM Stephanie May
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 AM Doris Weickert
r/o The Wunder Family

9:30 AM Margaret & Carl Quick
r/o The Quick Family

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

From the Pastor's Desk *New Board of Trustees*

Dear Parishioners,

I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that Mr. Lawrence Remaly and Mr. James Young did in their service as a St. Catherine of Siena Trustees and let them know that the parishioners and I appreciate their dedication to this important role of Trustees of our Parish.

Thank you. Thank you for your steadfast support of this special place and for the work we did together. You selflessly led, provided counsel and offered support to our parish — that means so much to so many in this parish. You love this place and that is made manifest in so many ways through what you did as individuals and as a trustee.

You have helped to see to it that our parish fulfills its mission, vision, and values. You've spent time in meetings evaluating our resources and ensuring that we are being responsible stewards of the gifts we've been given. You have taken steps to address and resolve issues in a way that keeps Jesus Christ at the center of it all.

So, once again let me express my thanks for your continued work and leadership at our parish. It was a blessing to work together with you. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Today, let me also introduce and welcome new members of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Michael Wojtal and Mr. Wayne Isbitski. We are pleased that you have answered the call to serve and share your gifts with the St. Catherine of Siena parish family in this significant leadership role. Mr. Michael Wojtal and Mr. Wayne Isbitski are dedicated members of our parish, and their commitment to the shared mission is a blessing. Their skills and heart for service will be a great asset to St. Catherine's parish.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 31st will be posted in the September 14th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for August 31st will be posted in the September 14th bulletin.

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