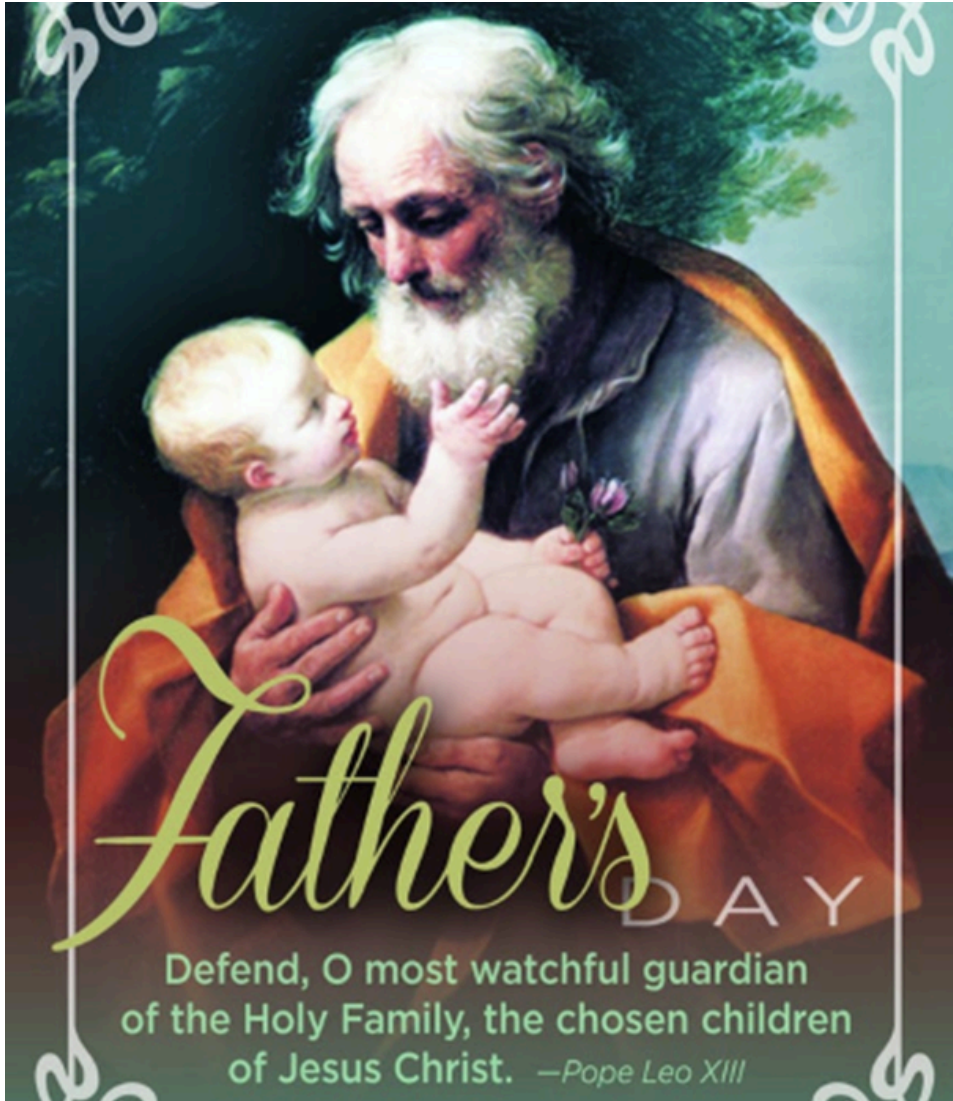


# St. Catherine of Siena

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 21, 2026 VOL. 30 | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM  
and 11:00 AM

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
or by appointment

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
(Later by appointment)

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# Welcome!

St. Catherine of Siena Church | Pittstown, NJ

## PARISH REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

It is necessary for every family or individual to be a registered and active member of our parish for **3 months** in order to request Baptism for your child and for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Registration is required to qualify for Religious Education and the reception of the Sacraments. Please contact the office or our website for a registration form. Completed registration forms **MUST** be handed to the Pastor during a weekend Mass. Emailed or mailed registrations forms will not be accepted.

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Baptism

For registered and active parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with the office. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call to register.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to make arrangements **one year** prior to the date of marriage. **One party must be a registered and active member of this parish.**

### Sacrament 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.

## Stewardship

### In-Pew Collections

The collection for June 14<sup>th</sup> was \$6,132.00 for the regular collection.

### Online Donations

Online giving for June 14<sup>th</sup> was \$3,213.00.



## Pastor's Letter

### Father's Day

Today we celebrate Father's Day remembering fathers in a special way. Being a father is a great privilege and also a great responsibility. Many of our parishioners are fathers, and they are challenged to set a good example for their children as they grow in wisdom and knowledge.

In one of his weekly addresses, on Father's Day, late Pope Francis specifically addressed fathers, saying, "I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love." He encouraged fathers to look to St. Joseph as their model, indicating that St. Joseph's great mission is to be a guardian. Even though God was Jesus' Father, St. Joseph lovingly took on the paternal role and taught the young Jesus various skills, the value of work, reverence for the Lord, and fidelity and obedience to God's will.

St. Joseph faced hardship, suffering, and trials during his journey of faith. But he trusted in God. We are challenged to trust in God as we deal with many uncertainties and trials. Let us honor our fathers. Let our love for our fathers reflect the love that God has for all of us. One way we can honor our fathers is by assisting in their care in their later years, after the many years they have cared for us in so many different ways.

**The following prayer calls upon our Heavenly Father to bless and guide all fathers:**

*Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; Support them in the work they have to do, protect those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, our God forever and ever.*

*St. Joseph, pray for all our fathers. Amen.*

As we reflect on this prayer, we are invited to take time on this day to express our love and appreciation for our fathers and thank them for all that they do for us and for all that they mean to us.

God Bless,  
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

# Masses & Intentions

June 21, 2026 | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 20

4:30 PM † Father's Day Novena

### Sunday, June 21

8:00 AM † Father's Day Novena

9:30 AM † Father's Day Novena

11:00 AM † Father's Day Novena

### Monday, June 22

8:00 AM † Father's Day Novena

### Tuesday, June 23

8:00 AM † Father's Day Novena

### Wednesday, June 24

8:00 AM † Father's Day Novena

### Thursday, June 25

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

### Friday, June 26

8:00 AM † Peter & Merrill Hennion  
r/o Michael & Stephanie Pierce

### Saturday, June 27

4:30 PM † Richard Philp  
r/o Carol Philp

### Sunday, June 28

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

9:30 AM † Janina Zalubka  
r/o Margaret Rocca

11:00 AM † Bishop Paul Birthday Blessing  
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

### A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

## Weekly Readings & Observances

### Sunday, June 21

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

### Monday, June 22

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5  
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

### Tuesday, June 23

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday, June 24

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### Thursday, June 25

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

### Friday, June 26

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

### Saturday, June 27

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17  
St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Sunday, June 28

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- A two-year program starting in 1st Grade.
- Registration is open for students entering 1st grade September 2026.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine's.
- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form.
- Registration forms are located on our parish website or in the office.

Please mail/bring your child's completed registration form, a check for \$150.00, and a copy of the baptismal certificate to the parish office.

**Deadline is June 30, 2026 (a late fee of \$50.00 will be incurred)**

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at  
(908) 735-4024 or [stcscre@gmail.com](mailto:stcscre@gmail.com)

## Pray For Our Parishioners

- Merci Spinks
- Jeff Coletti
- For all Our Father's Living & Deceased
- For All Our Graduates

MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS  
SUNDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
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](mailto:tandersen@scoschurch.org)

## PRAYERS FOR A NEW BISHOP

O Lord, Shepherd of Shepherds, we turn to you seeking your grace, that we in the Diocese of Metuchen may be given a bishop who is a shepherd after your heart and will guide us, your flock, to be a faithful flock and fruitful field in union with you now and for eternity. Amen

# Ministries & Organizations

St. Catherine of Siena Church | Pittstown, NJ



## Ministry List

We are an active parish with over 35 ministries for adults and children. Please join us! To find out more, contact the parish office at (908) 735-4024 or visit our website at [www.scoschurch.org](http://www.scoschurch.org).

- Altar Servers
- Audio/Visual
- Auditors
- Bible Study
- Building Maintenance
- Catholic Media
- Coffee Fellowship
- Decorating Committee
- Events Hospitality
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Family Mass
- Family Promise
- Finance Council
- Food Pantry
- Graphic Materials
- Kids Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Little Sprouts
- Monthly Eucharistic Adoration
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
- Parish Groundskeeping
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Picnic
- Prayer Shawl
- Right to Life Representative
- Rosary Society
- Sacristan
- SCRIP Program
- Spirituality Committee
- Social Concerns
- Stewardship
- Ushers
- Veterans Military Apostolate
- Website
- Wedding Coordinator
- Welcome
- Youth Choir

## CORPUS CHRISTI - JUNE 7, 2026

"It was a beautiful day for our Corpus Christi Procession. Special thanks to the Rosary Society, the Knights of Columbus, our First Holy Communicants, Pat Prakopeyk, Ken Mandoli, our Altar Servers, the Spirituality Committee, and everyone that helped make our Corpus Christi Procession such a special event through their participation!"



## YOUTH GROUP SUMMER FUN!

**JUNE 7 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM:**  
**Pizza Party Kickoff!**  
 Kick off the summer with great food and friends

**JUNE 22 - 26:**  
**Notre Dame Vision Trip**  
 Immersive faith workshops and vibrant campus life  
SOLD OUT!

**AUGUST (Date TBA):**  
**Rollerskating Night**  
 Lace up your skates at the Frenchtown Roller Rink

**JUNE 17 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Pool Party & Relay Games!**  
 Splash into crazy team challenges and win awesome prizes.

**AUGUST 5 OR 12 (Vote for your date!)**  
**Tubing Down the Delaware**  
 Yes, we are eating Jersey Mike's again!  
 Price: Depends on how many you commit, so sign up early!

**AUGUST 30 | SAVE THE DATE!**  
**5K Strong Like Tom Fundraiser**  
 Race for an amazing cause!  
 The Challenge: Beat Dawn by the most minutes to win a grand prize!

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
**RSVP Dawn 908.477.0105**

# Events Calendar

June 21, 2026 | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, June 20

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM **Reconciliation**  
4:30 PM **Mass**

### Sunday, June 21

8:00 AM **Father's Day**  
9:30 AM **Mass**  
10:15 AM **Little Sprouts (FH)**  
11:00 AM **Mass**

### Monday, June 22

8:00 AM **Mass**

### Tuesday, June 23

8:00 AM **Mass**  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Prayer Shawl (FH)**  
7:00 PM **Knight's Social & Devotion (FH)**

### Wednesday, June 24

8:00 AM **Mass**  
5:00 PM **Gagliano/Napoleon Wedding Rehearsal**

### Thursday, June 25

8:00 AM **Mass**  
3:00 PM **Gagliano/Napoleon Wedding Mass**  
6:30 PM **Sturges/Quinlan Wedding Rehearsal**

### Friday, June 26

8:00 AM **Mass**  
2:30 PM **Sturges/Quinlan Wedding**

### Saturday, June 27

11:00 AM **Colby James Maxwell Baptism**  
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM **Reconciliation**  
4:30 PM **Mass**

### Sunday, June 28

8:00 AM **Mass**  
9:30 AM **Mass**  
11:00 AM **Mass**  
12:00 PM **Aiden James Oliver Baptism**

## Picnic Meeting Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6-7 PM In the Parish Center

- All adults, teens, and IDEAS are welcome
- Come with theme suggestions
- New Parishioners, please join us
- Future Wednesday night monthly meetings will be in the Parish Center from 6 — 7 PM are as follows: 8/12, 9/9 and 9/16
- Questions? Call, text, or email me,
- Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at [kidsclub@scoschurch.org](mailto:kidsclub@scoschurch.org)



## Little Sprouts Ministry Family Social

Families with children under age five are invited to join our monthly Little Sprouts Socials for coffee, bagels, playtime, and connection. Little ones can enjoy a relaxed space to play, while parents connect with other young families in the parish. Whether you're new or have joined us before, we'd love to see you there!

**Date:** Every 3rd Sunday  
**Time:** After the 9:30 AM Mass  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall

## Respect Life Poster Contest 2026

Students in Grades 1-8 across the Diocese were asked to draw a picture showing how they can love like Jesus and live as a gift to others. 16 Catholic Schools participated, as well as 9 Religious Education programs - totaling 150 submissions. View the winning artwork in the May Catholic Spirit issue, or by visiting: <https://diometuchen.org/poster-and-video-contest>

## Save the Date: Feminine Genius Brunch Saturday, October 10, 2026 9:30 AM-12:30 PM St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Feminine Genius Brunch! Join women from across the diocese for a morning of fellowship, reflection, and encouragement—an opportunity to gather as women and to reflect on and celebrate our unique qualities as women. Inspired by St. John Paul II's vision of the "feminine genius," this gathering invites women of all ages to more deeply discover the gifts God has entrusted to them and the unique ways they are called to enrich the world.

Last year's brunch offered a beautiful reminder of the dignity, gifts, and vocation of women in the life of the Church. To revisit highlights from last year, here is a link to some info: <https://catholicspirit.com/news/women-reminded-they-are-feminine-genius>

You can also watch Jay Donofrio's interview with last year's speaker here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGq6KmlWt8o>

More details and registration information coming soon!

## 2026 Children's Choir Summer Camp August 10-14 & August 16

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR CAMP for all high school students, and rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students from any parish within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ! Additionally, the choristers will reconvene on Sunday, August 16, to sing for the 12 Noon Mass at the Cathedral, and will have a BBQ after Mass. Tuition for the week is \$250, and need-based scholarships are available. No choristers are turned away! For registration information, please contact Chris Deibert at [Music@StFrancisCathedral.org](mailto:Music@StFrancisCathedral.org)

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