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June 28, 2026 VOL. 31 | 13th 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)

"A Roman Catholic Parish of Prayer and Friendship"

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 21st was \$4,841.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for June 21st was \$4,155.00.



Pastor's Letter

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4th, we will celebrate our country's 250 year anniversary of our Independence. On this day, we call to mind the birth of our nation. As Catholics, we are called to truly cherish, in a very special way, the many freedoms we enjoy in this country, freedoms not available to many people in other parts of the world. Our bishops have called on us to reaffirm our commitment to appreciate and guard our freedoms, especially our right to religious liberty. We are reminded that they should never be taken for granted.

The following **"INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER"** taken from the publication outlet, "Traditional and Contemporary Prayers," reflects the significance of these freedoms as we affirm Our Lord as the foundation of our freedoms:

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have generously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for those times. On this day, we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You. Our peoples are in need of You. Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews on this nation. May justice flow like rivers and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

Masses & Intentions

June 28, 2026 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 29

8:00 AM † Concetta Wisniewski
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 AM † Frances & Felix Rampino
r/o The Mitariten Family

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 AM † Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o The Clancey Family

Thursday, July 2

8:00 AM † Carmen Patricola
Pat & Pat Dziubek

Friday, July 3

8:00 AM † Theresa Ziobrowski
r/o The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, July 4

4:30 PM † The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday, July 5

8:00 AM † John & Mildred Mustillo
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

9:30 AM † Margaret Gallagher
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

11:00 AM † Stephen Mulicka
r/o Kevin & MaryJo Haggerty

The Office will be Closed
on Friday, July 3rd for
Independence Day

Weekly Readings & Observances

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
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 29

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tuesday, June 30

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday, July 1

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
St. Junípero Serra, Priest

Thursday, July 2

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
St. Thomas, Apostle

Saturday, July 4

Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
14th 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

Pray For Our Parishioners

- Merci Spinks
- Jeff Coletti
- Our Country
- Our Youth
- Birthday Blessings Bishop Paul

MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH
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

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.

- 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

SILVER and GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 18, 2026 – 3:00 PM

Couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service. Registration is required. Free-will offerings are appreciated. For questions, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
32 Elm Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840

On Sunday, May 31, 2026, the Knights of Columbus hosted a blood drive at the parish center. According to a representative from New Jersey Blood Services, our collective efforts have the potential to positively touch the lives of 75 individuals within our community. This is an achievement that truly reflects the dedication and generosity of our parish. Many thanks to Brother Dan Dawson for coordinating the event and to Jennifer Perna for her ongoing support. The donations from our parishioners made the event a great success.

Thank you!
To join the Knights of Columbus for free, go to the following link:
www.kofc/join



National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 109th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

Come join us on the 13th of each month from May to October to commemorate Mary's apparitions.

- 10:30 AM** Confessions
- 12:00 PM** Rosary/Procession with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
- 12:30 PM** Speaker
- 1:15 PM** Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell, Enrollment in the Brown Scapulary!

Monday, July 13th Speaker: Very Rev. Joshua S. Caswell, SJC Celebrant: His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Thursday, August 13th Speaker: Br. Pius Marie Gagne, CFR Celebrant: Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky

Sunday, September 13th Speaker: Special Guest Speaker Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano

Tuesday, October 13th Speaker: Special Guest Speaker Celebrant: His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

For more information go to Bluearmyshrine.com/calendar



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 Vacation Trip~~ Immersive faith workshops and vibrant campus life **SOLD OUT!**
- AUGUST (Date TBA):** ~~Rollerskating Night~~ Lace up your skates at the Frenchtown Roller Rink
- JUN 28 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM:** **TO BE RESCHEDULED** ~~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 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

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Mass Schedule

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 Oliver Baptism

Monday, June 29

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 AM Mass
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 AM Mass

Thursday, July 2

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, July 3

8:00 AM Office Closed for 4th of July
 Mass

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

8:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass
 12:00 PM Marlene Ellis Lyness Baptism

Picnic Meeting Wednesday, July 8th 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



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

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!

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 17 – 19**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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!

EMAIL SCAMS

Once again, we have been made aware, from our parishioners, that scammers are using Fr. Chester's name and fake email address asking our parishioners for money, gift cards, or to email/text back to him. **PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!**

Fr. Chester would **NEVER** email or text you asking for money or gift cards. He would call you or speak to you directly.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM

LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT
 A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
 146 Metlars Lane
 Piscataway, NJ 08854

Registration is only \$40

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing.

The retreat price includes a light breakfast, lunch, and an evening meal.

For registration go to <https://findafaith.com/events/2026/07/11/wounds-retreat>, or scan the QR code on the right.

Questions? Email Maria Aguirre at maria@stjohnneumann.org

Celebrate Life
 A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

Aging Well: A Life in Full

with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN of Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

Thursday, July 23, 2026
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

The event is free, but registration is required. Scan the QR code to register. Email magnese@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.

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