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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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!

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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 collections for June 28th were \$4,679.00 for the regular collection and \$920.00 for the Peter Pence Collection. The collections for the July 5th will be posted at a later date.

Online Donations

Online giving for June 28th was \$3,405.00 and July 5th will be posted at a later date..



Pastor's Letter

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - July 16

On Thursday, July 16th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition — which may not be historical — that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance — a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word sister is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

Mary, under the Title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is the Patron Saint of Chile.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

Masses & Intentions

July 12, 2026 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11

4:30 PM † John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, July 12

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

9:30 AM † The Quick & Sullivan Families
r/o Kathie & Dennis Webster

11:00 AM † For All Couples Married in the Month of July

Monday, July 13

8:00 AM † George Foote
r/o Veta Foote

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 AM † William Van
r/o The Quick Family

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 AM † Fr. Kris Kaczynski
r/o The Schilke Family

Thursday, July 16

8:00 AM † Joseph Lakowitz
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Friday, July 17

8:00 AM † Mary A. Merkovsky
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Saturday, July 18

4:30 PM † Elsie Studley
r/o Joe, Lucia & Nancy

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM † João Fonseca
r/o The Matos/Koretzky Families

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

11:00 AM † Fr. Kris Kaczynski
r/o The Rosary Society

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

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, July 12

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 13

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
St. Henry

Tuesday, July 14

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday, July 15

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, July 16

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday, July 17

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Sunday, July 20

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our July Couples Anniversary Blessing

*As these couples received a special blessing, please
continue to pray for those united in the
Sacrament of Marriage.*

Robert & Lynn Coates

Frank & Patricia Conenna

Ryan & Julia Connolly

David & Mila Gerba

Steve & Elena Koretzky

Tom & Katharine Lawrence

Paul & Ellen McCarthy

Brent & Christina McGuinness

James and Jacqueline Novotny

Alexander & Alyssa Oliver

Steven & Amanda Olson

Jaime & Yvonne Penna

Robert & Andrea Presuto

Glenn & Jane Ricketts

Tyler & Meaghan Shedlock

David & Cathleen Sousa

Pray For Our Parishioners

- Pat Cerria
- Merci Spinks
- Jeff Coletti
- Our Country
- Our Youth

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.wmme.org for more information.

Ministries & Organizations

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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.

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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

Engagement Survey Result Presentation

All are invited to hear a summary of the results of the Parish Engagement Survey in Fellowship Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday, July 26th. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available while the Engagement Survey Committee presents the results, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session.



Philippine/Venezuela Earthquake Relief Collection

On July 18 & 19, our parish, along with other parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen, will have a voluntary second collection to support relief and recovery from the June 8, 2026 earthquake in the Philippines and now more recently, on June 24, 2026 in Venezuela.

Proceeds from this collection will go to the Archdiocese of Davao in the Philippines and to Venezuela. The Philippine earthquake, of magnitude 7.8, was the largest since 1976, killing at least 77 people, with over 1,300 injured, and 31 reported missing. The Venezuela earthquakes measured 7.2 and 7.5, killing 1,719 with 5,034 injured and 15,866 displaced, and causing widespread destruction.

Thank you for supporting this collection to help fellow Catholics recover from these disasters.

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 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 28 | 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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 11

11:00 AM Elena Charlotte Olson Baptism
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, July 12

8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass/Marriage Blessing

Monday, July 13

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
7:00 PM Knight's Business meeting (FH)

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Baptismal Prep Class (FH)

Thursday, July 16

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, July 17

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, July 18

12:00 PM Wesley James Maurice Wunder Baptism
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Little Sprouts Social (FH)
11:00 AM Mass

Picnic Meeting Wednesday, August 12th 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: 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

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 July 12th.

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- A two-year program starting in 1st Grade (6yrs of age).
- **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 for those already enrolled in the program).

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

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT BAPTIZED BY THE AGE OF 7 THEY WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH OCIA (Formerly RCIA).

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 Needed

Canned Beans (especially black beans), Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Soup, Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Oil, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Tea, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti/Pasta, Canned Pasta, Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Detergent, Shampoo & Conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Diapers (size 4 and up), Peanut Butter, & Jelly.

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