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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 July 5th were \$4,256.00 for the regular collection and \$800.00 for Religious Ed. The collection for July 12th was \$4,720.00.

Online Donations

Online giving for July 5th was \$3,405.00 and \$2,993.00 for July 12th.



Pastor's Letter

Thank You for the "Welcoming Heart of Jesus" Statue

The unique beauty, peaceful and spiritual setting of St. Catherine of Siena Church has drawn many people to this Holy place, transforming their spirituality, and bringing them closer to Christ.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Larry Remaly for taking up the idea of installing the statue on our church grounds and organizing building committee, Mr. Wayne Isbitski for ordering the statue and making sure it arrived safely to the parish, and Mr. Dave Perna for constructing the platform and mounting the statue on it.

Thank you for the generous donation of this beautiful statue of the Welcoming Heart of Jesus. With deepest thanks to the following donors; Richard and Debbie Fass, Wayne and Cecilia Isbitski, Anthony and Jennifer Natalizio, David and Jennifer Perna, Robert Preston, Bernie and Larry Remaly, Margaret Rocca, Mark and Dawn Salerno, Michael and Kelly Wojtal.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with the project, especially Rich Kopf, Sal Mauro, George Mehaffey, and Peter Walter.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity, your giving hearts, and the way you consistently show up with love and support. Because of you, lives are being touched, needs are being met, and God is moving in powerful ways. We truly couldn't do this without you. Thank you for being parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Church. Thank you!!

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

Masses & Intentions

July 19, 2026 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 20

8:00 AM † James Dawson
r/o The Dawson Family

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM † Michael & Susanna Slepak
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM † The Pazdrey Family
r/o The Family

Thursday, July 23

8:00 AM † Lori Young Birthday Blessings

Friday, July 24

8:00 AM † Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Saturday, July 25

4:30 PM † Sr. Renata Zalubska
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM † Edward Padfield
r/o The Stanislawczyk Family

9:30 AM † Sr. Renata Zalubska
r/o Kathie & Dennis Webster

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

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, July 21

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, July 22

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, July 23

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday, July 24

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
St. Bridget, Religious

Friday, July 25

I Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

Saturday, July 26

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
St. James, Apostle

Sunday, July 27

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My Beautiful One



Have you or someone you know received a prenatal diagnosis? If so, you are not alone. My Beautiful One is a ministry of pastoral accompaniment, serving parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Our service is free and focuses on meeting the pastoral needs of expectant parents as they seek to honor the life of their baby, no matter how frail or how brief.

For information or support, email us at my.beautiful.one@rcan.org or visit our website www.rcan.org/my-beautiful-one. We will respond to your inquiry within 24 hours. My Beautiful One ministry does not provide healthcare advice or treatment, does not collect any payments for services provided, and is not a covered entity engaging in covered transactions under HIPAA. Unless required by law all personal information and communication will remain confidential.

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

Pray For Our Parishioners

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

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



Marlene Ellis Lyness
July 5, 2026
Elena Charlotte Olson
July 11, 2026

We would like to welcome:

The Beri Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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

St. Catherine's Presents

NOAH'S ARK PETTING ZOO PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 12-4 PM

- There will be lots of animals to see and pet. Goats, sheep, lambs, alpacas and baby cows, just to name a few. Come get a kids' goodie bag, too.
- Noah's Ark Crafts – coloring, fun games and things to make.
- Dr. D will entertain us so kids, get ready for lots of fun.
- Food signups, volunteer signups and ticket sales will be in Fellowship Hall and outdoors, weather permitting, beginning the weekend of **August 29th/30th**.
- **Ticket prices - \$15 for an individual and \$25 per family plus a hot or cold dish, appetizer or dessert per family for our food tent.** We want to be sure there is plenty for all. Kindly bring foods to the entry tent 12-12:30 so our food tent volunteers can be ready to serve you in our brand new tent. We will have students available to assist you.
- A Silent Auction and 50/50 sales will be part of our exciting day. And don't forget to save room for ice cream from the Kona Ice Cream truck, who generously donates their time and yummy treats.

This is an annual event and we all look forward to good food, and new friendships. It is also a time to meet our new parishioners, so save the date.

Please call or text me if you are interested in helping and have questions.

Blessings,
Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100



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.



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

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!

TO BE RESCHEDULED
Party & Relay Games!
Splash into crazy team challenges and win awesome prizes.

GOT QUESTIONS?
RSVP Dawn 908.477.0105

Events Calendar

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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, July 20

8:00 AM

Mass

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM

Mass

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Prayer Shawl (FH)

3:30 PM

Stewardship Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM

Mass

Thursday, July 23

8:00 AM

Mass

Friday, July 24

8:00 AM

Mass

Saturday, July 25

12:00 PM

Isabella Grace Kowalczyk
Baptism

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Reconciliation

4:30 PM

Mass

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM

Mass

9:30 AM

Mass

11:00 AM

Mass

12:00 PM

Engagement Survey Result
Presentation

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 (6 yrs 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).

World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly

LIGHT A CANDLE
in grateful thanks for
Our Beloved Grandparents & Elderly
26 July 2026
Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Lost Hope

*Faith
Hope
Love*

DURING MASS
invite families to light a candle for all Grandparents and the Elderly—honoring their fidelity, prayers, and love. Place a dedicated candle near the altar or Marian shrine.

AT HOME
light a candle in gratitude for living Grandparents and the Elderly or in memory of those who have passed. Pray together: "Lord, bless those who taught us to hope in You."

GRANDPARENTS NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

Engagement Survey Result Presentation

All are invited to hear a summary of the results of the Parish Engagement Survey in Fellowship Hall **after the 11 AM 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.



St. Francis Indulgence



On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to "become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace". The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a plenary indulgence on this occasion during the period of January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027.

The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or a Place of Worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi (e.g., our Cathedral) or connected to him and then participate in a liturgical celebration or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God.

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