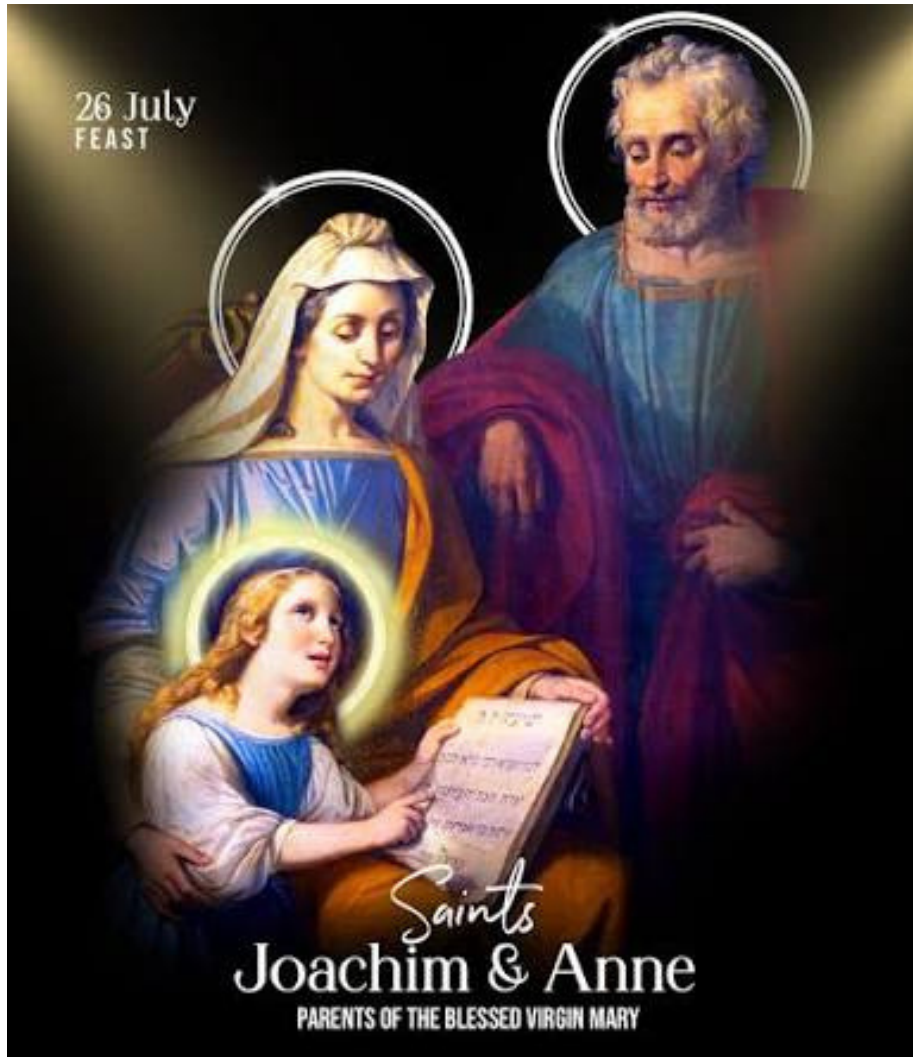


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July 26, 2026 VOL. 35 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Masses & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

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

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

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

Monday, July 27

8:00 AM † Ann L. Slepak
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 AM † Hudson Baker
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 AM † Paul Morrongiello
r/o Eileen McAllister

Thursday, July 30

8:00 AM † Daniel J. Lyons
r/o Marisa White & Family

Friday, July 31

8:00 AM † Regina & Ryszard Detko
r/o Joanna Steward

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM † Joseph Placa, Sr.
r/o Robin & Ed Potempa

9:30 AM † Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o The Clancey Family

11:00 AM † Gerard Russomanno
r/o Deacon Mike Meyer

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
- Our Grandparents Living & Deceased

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thursday, July 30

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, July 31

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday, August 1

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sunday, August 2

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
18th 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.

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

**Wesley James Maurice Wunder
July 18, 2026**



We would like to welcome:

*The Berinio Family
Ms. Kate DiMarco
The Mallon Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



"Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"

Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2026 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

This fall, Fr. Glenn Comandini will walk adult faith formation students through Pope Leo's first encyclical -- which examines how digitalization, AI and robotics challenge humanity. The Holy Father proposes a path which safeguards human dignity and the common good.

Contact Maria Agnese at (732) 562-1990 or magnese@diometuchen.org

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 collections for July 19th were \$5,294.00 for the regular collection and \$2,360.00 for The Earthquake Relief.

Online Donations

Online giving for July 19th was \$4,197.00.



Pastor's Letter

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary July 26

Next Saturday, we celebrate the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in

the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition — the stories people told about them.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26th. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

The beautiful shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is devoted to St. Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to her. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Sts. Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem.

Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

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.

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Family Promise

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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



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.
- JUNE 7: 7:00 PM** ~~Pool Party & Relay Games!~~ Splash into crazy team challenges and win awesome prizes. **TO BE RESCHEDULED**
- 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**

Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life. Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognize that we are Your children. Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace. Amen.

Events Calendar

July 26, 2026 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, July 27

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 AM Mass

Thursday, July 30

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, July 31

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

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).

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.



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