

St. Catherine of Siena

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"

Masses & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 3

8:00 AM † Eileen Sullivan
r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM † Anthony F. Natalizio
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 AM † Joseph Candido
r/o Clare O'Donnell

Thursday, August 6

8:00 AM † Daniel Shridan
r/o The Zerilli Family

Friday, August 7

8:00 AM † Mike & Lindsay Eisenhart
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, August 8

4:30 PM † John & Anna Porvaznik
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday, August 9

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

9:30 AM † John DeVone
r/o JoAnne Bylina

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

We would like to welcome:

*The Brennan Family
The Sturm Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



Pray For Our Parishioners

- Pat Cerria
- Merci Spinks
- Jeff Coletti
- Agnes Nigro
- Our Youth

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday, August 5

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday, August 7

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Saturday, August 8

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
St. Dominic, Priest

Sunday, August 9

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at 3 PM and ending with Benediction at 7 PM.

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

Call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 or to sign up directly go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

Our August Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Anthony & Roseanne Albanese

Stanley & Teresa Brzozowski

Rene & Jasmin Colon

Charles & Sharon Gardner

Brian & Chelsea Giunta

Michael & Pamela Iannozzi

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Gerald & Nancy Lyness

Paul & Alison Manley

Peter & Juliann Mattos

Sal & Janice Mauro

Joseph & Mary Ellen McNulty

Mark & Irene Mortensen

Matthew & Lynn Mulhall

Charles & Phyllis Pason

Paul & Geralyn Prosswimmer

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Cezary & Alicia Sosidko

Peter & Kristan Thomas

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John & Pearl Traub

Adam & Marianne Wade

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 collection for July 26th was \$4,487.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for July 26th was \$3,295.00.



Pastor's Letter

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6th

Thursday, we celebrate the feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord. All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred in the fall during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experiences, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity that was strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected — a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

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.

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



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.



If you have misplaced or lost an item here in church, please check the Lost and Found box located downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Items not claimed by the end of this week will be cleared out for donation.

"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

Events Calendar

August 2, 2026 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 1

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
4:30 PM

Reconciliation
Mass

Sunday, August 2

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

Mass
Mass
Mass

Monday, August 3

8:00 AM
7:00 PM

Mass
Men's Small Christian Group (MT)

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
3:30 PM
7:00 PM

Mass
Prayer Shawl (FH)
Stewardship Meeting (FH)
Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 AM

Mass

Thursday, August 6

8:00 AM

Mass

Friday, August 7

8:00 AM
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
7:15 PM

Mass
1st Friday Adoration
Shelly/Lopez Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 8

1:30 PM
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
4:30 PM

Shelly/Lopez Wedding
Reconciliation
Mass

Sunday, August 9

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

Mass
Mass
Mass/Marriage Blessing

Knights in Action



The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Council wishes to announce their 2026 award recipients. Grand Knight Greg Mayer presented the following awards:

Michael Romanek was named Knight of the Year. He serves as recorder.

Matthew Saam was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He created a playground at Spruce Run State Park for his service project.

The PGK Chuck Specht Scholarship Award was presented to one graduating high school student and two eighth grade students moving up to high school. Each recipient submitted an essay. **This year's winners are: Mark Bruno, 8th grade; Elynn Perez Quinones, 8th grade, and Charles Evers, high school senior.**

The Family of the Year Award was presented to the Brzozowski family, including **KOC Brother Stanley, his lovely wife, Teresa, and their son KOC Brother Michael.**

District Deputy Mike Iannozzi presented the Altar Server Award jointly to brothers **Peter and John Molochnick.**

Congratulations to each award recipient. To join the Knights of Columbus for free, go to the following link: www.kofc/join

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).

YOUTH MINISTER MEET UP & FORMATION DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND
9:00AM-12:30PM

The Body of Christ: A Broader Picture of Youth Ministry

DR. STELLA JEFFREY

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
Piscataway, NJ, 08854

Cost: \$10
Please sign up by August 17th

For more information please visit
www.donmitchell.org/yym

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(732)387-1315 mhunter@ccdom.org

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER FUN!

July 7 | 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM:
Pizza Party & Kickoff!
Kick off the summer with great food and friends

July 22 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM:
Neighborhood Vision Trip
Immersive faith workshops and vibrant campus life
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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 Down by the most minutes to win a grand prize!

GOT QUESTIONS?
RSVP Dawn 908.477.0105

TO BE RESCHEDULED
JULY 22 | 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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