

St. Catherine of Siena

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 9, 2026 VOL. 37 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH 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

August 9, 2026 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 10

8:00 AM † Larry Remaly Birthday Blessings
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 AM † Maria Ferrantino
r/o Veta Foote

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 AM † Gary Kristoff
r/o Marie Kristoff

Thursday, August 13

8:00 AM † **NO MASS or COMMUNION
SERVICE**

Friday, August 14

8:00 AM † Christopher & Joann Bajak
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, August 15

4:30 PM † Elsie Studley
r/o Fr. Chester

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM † The Deceased Memebers of the
The Schilke Family

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

11:00 AM † John O'Shaughnessy
r/o Kevin & MaryJo Haggerty

**On Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 8:00 AM
there WILL NOT BE a Mass
or Communion Service.**

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, August 10

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday, August 11

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday, August 12

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thursday, August 13

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Friday, August 14

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-
St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Saturday, August 15

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 16

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Michal & Nicole Kowalczyk

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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Michael & Kathryn Sniscak

Cezary & Alicia Sosidko

Peter & Kristan Thomas

Dennis & Marlene Tomskey

John & Pearl Traub

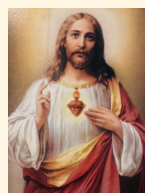
Adam & Marianne Wade

Pray For Our Parishioners

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

Don't Forget To Sign Up For
Our
MARRIAGE-BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
at the 11:00 AM MASS

Send us your name and wedding date to
Tee at: tandersen@scoschurch.org



We are saddened to announce the deaths of
Adrine Takakjian, mother-in-law of Tom Murray,
who passed away on July 23, 2026

Agnes Nigro, mother of AnnaMarie DeRites,
who passed away on July 27, 2026

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 August 2nd were \$6,052.00 for the regular collection and \$990.00 for Religious Ed.

Online Donations

Online giving for August 2nd was \$3,785.00.



Pastor's Letter

Dealing with Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all.

"How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden – holding stress longer and better each time practiced."

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow, if you must.

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. Never buy a car you can't push.
8. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
9. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
10. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
11. And most importantly, have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

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.

Altar Servers

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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.



Rosary Society "Adopt-a-College Student" Prayer Ministry

The Rosary Society invites parish families to enroll their recent high school grads or current college students in our Adopt-a-College Student ministry. Each student will be paired with a Rosarian who will pray for them throughout the school year, asking Our Blessed Mother to watch over and guide them. Students will receive communication letting them know they are being prayed for (especially during mid-terms and finals!) and may include a small care package as well.

To enroll a college student, please submit their name, college, mailing address, and birthday to: **Liz Strauss (484) 459-9806** or lizstrauss2@comcast.net. Thank you!

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.

Events Calendar

August 9, 2026 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 8

1:30 PM Shelly/Lopez Wedding
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
7:00 PM Knights' Business Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Picnic Meeting (PC)

Thursday, August 13

8:00 AM NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, August 14

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16

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



For the Missionary Cooperative Plan

We Will Welcome

Rev. Polycarp K'otieno, fmh
on August 22nd & 23rd

The Archdiocese of Kisumu, Kenya

The Catholic Archdiocese of Kisumu is located in Nyanza Province, Kenya, East Africa. The first Missionaries, Mill Hill Fathers, came to the area in 1903. It was then part of the Vicariate of the Upper Nile. In 1925, it became a separate territory under the name of Prefecture Apostolic Kavirondo. It was raised to Vicariate Apostolic of Kisumu in 1932. It was established a diocese in 1953. In 1990, it was raised to Archdiocese of Kisumu. Its main mission of propagation of faith among the local living around Lake Victoria.

The Archdiocese cover an area of 4,616 km² with a population of about 3,443,161 of which 1,936,400 (56.2%) are Catholics. The main economic activity of the region is subsistence farming. The Archdiocese has 65 parishes served by 126 priests (90 diocesans and 36 religious).

Currently, the archdiocese has 75 seminarians in various major seminaries in Kenya undergoing formation to priesthood. Your generous contribution will go towards formation of these future priests for the Archdiocese as well as for the universal church.

The Archdiocese of Kisumu, Kenya, truly appreciates the prayers and contributions received and strives to be good stewards of what is received so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact.

Rev. Polycarp K'otieno



St. Catherine's Rosary Society MARY IS ON THE MOVE!

Having a statue of the Virgin Mary in the home welcomes Mary's presence into family life, inviting her guidance and protection for the home, and everyone who lives there.

St. Catherine's Rosary Society is offering to share our devotion to Mary by making her statue available for prayer and meditation in your home.

Why not invite our Blessed Mother into your home for a visit? Statues are available for two-week home visits.

For more information, or to request a statue, please contact

Peggy York

Email: yorkp7777@gmail.com

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

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



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