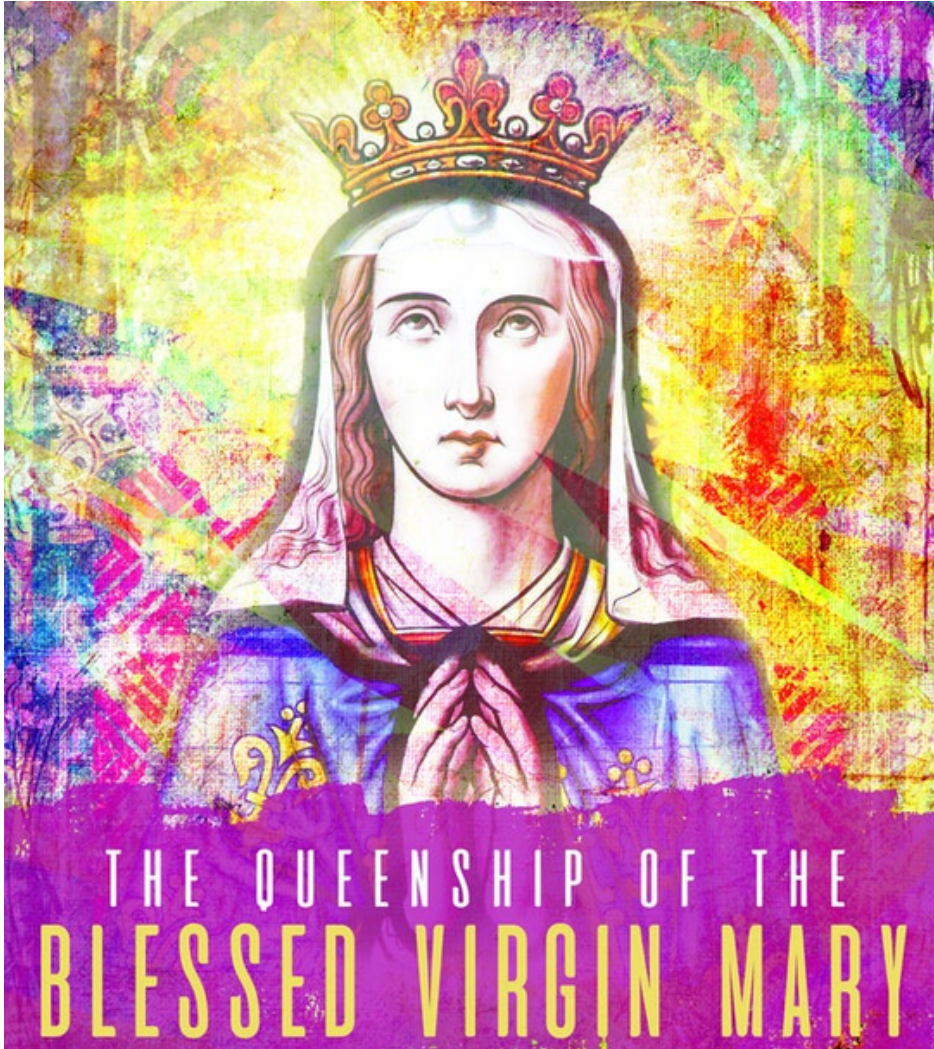


St. Catherine of Siena

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)

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Masses & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

4:30 PM † Russell & Eileen White
r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM † Donald Salati
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

9:30 AM † Carolyn Johnson
r/o The York Family

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

Monday, August 24

8:00 AM † Andrew Baker BIRTHDAY Blessings
r/o The Baker Family

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM † Jennifer Natalizio
r/o Anthony Natalizio

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM † Gerald Yaros
r/o Mike & Maggie Marion

Thursday, August 27

8:00 AM † William Conway
r/o Liz & Peter Strauss

Friday, August 28

8:00 AM † Florence DeLuca
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

Saturday, August 29

4:30 PM † Robert Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM † Elsie Studley
r/o John & Pearl Staub

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

11:00 AM † PJ & Yvonne Magallan, Jr. &
Commander Penny J. Jimenez,
USN
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, August 23

Il 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday, August 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Wednesday, August 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
St. Monica

Friday, August 28

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, August 29

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, August 30

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LifeChain - Oct. 4, 2026

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Official locations will be announced soon!

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.

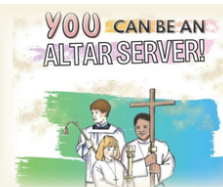
St. Catherine's Rosary Society is offering to share our devotion to Mary by making her statue available for prayer and meditation in your home.

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: yorkp777@gmail.com



PARENTS:
Is your son or daughter interested in becoming an Altar Server?

**St. Catherine's is having an
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH from 9:30 to 10:45 am
in the Church and Sacristy
The minimum eligibility requirements are
3RD thru 12TH Grade
and have received Holy Eucharist and First Penance.**

*If you are interested in participating in this rewarding and family ministry, please contact
Mark Kubian, Altar Server Coordinator
e-mail: nanmark77@comcast.net; or phone: 732-422-6463*

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: tanderson@scoschurch.org

*We would like to welcome:
The Absulio/Ligon Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



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 August 16th was \$5,761.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for August 16th was \$4,508.00.



Pastor's Letter

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 22nd

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries addressed Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," and "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

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

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

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Stewardship

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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



- Food and volunteer signups are up in Fellowship Hall.
- 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.
- **Next Picnic Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 6 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please call or text me if you are interested in helping and have questions. Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100

Silent Auction at the Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 20th 12-4 PM.

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.

There is a container downstairs in the church for your donations.

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



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



Events Calendar

August 23, 2026 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 22

11:00 AM Mackenzie Rose Hewitt Baptism
11:00 AM Rosarian Scapbooking (FH)
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Spirituality Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 27

8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Stack/Isla Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, August 28

8:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM Stack/Isla Wedding Mass

Saturday, August 29

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM Altar Server Training
11:00 AM Mia Sara Panayi Baptism
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM Vecchia/Kerwin Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday, August 30

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

NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

DIOCESAN BUS TRIP TO TRENTON, DEPARTING FROM PISCATAWAY

Travel as a group to the Mass & March! Bus registration is \$20 per passenger. Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited. Full itinerary available on registration page.

Scan the QR to register for the Bus Trip, or visit:
Diocese of NJ website for registration en el viaje en autobús, e visita:
www.diocetachen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Wednesday, September 9th: First day for 8th grade class 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 13th: First day for 2nd, 4th & 6th grades 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM (includes Mass)
Sunday, September 20th: First day for 3rd, 5th & 7th grades 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM (includes Mass)

Family Mass Sunday, September 20th 9:30 AM

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS
METUCHEN SUPPORT GROUP
FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

SESSIONS INCLUDE

- Weekly small group discussion facilitated by Kelly Soule
- Explore themes of grieving, identity, faith, love, forgiveness, and more
- You will use the Life-Giving Wounds Book & support group materials
- There will be optional goal setting and tracking
- This group will involve prayer and the sacraments

STAY CONNECTED LOCALLY
Molly.Moltane@gmail.com
CDaverso@diometuchen.org

OR CONTACT LGW
www.life-giving-wounds.org @life-giving-wounds

SILVER and GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 18, 2026 - 3:00 PM

Couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service. Registration is required. Free-will offerings are appreciated. For questions, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
32 Elm Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840

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!

Feminine Genius Brunch
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Event Highlights:

- Fellowship & Music
- Hot Brunch
- Prayer & Reflection

"Discovering God's Purpose in the Different Seasons of a Woman's Life"
GUEST SPEAKER: Danielle Bean
Author, speaker, and host of the Girlfriends podcast

COST: \$35 PER PERSON
Scan QR to register.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST EVENT SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, Aug 5th (12:00 PM - 4:00 PM)**
Tubing Down the Delaware River
Grab your 2 screen and head out! All tubing equipment and life vests are provided at the site.
- Wednesday, Aug 12th (12:00 PM - 4:00 PM)**
Backyard BBQ
Backyard BBQ in use the tubing trip gets weathered out.
- Wednesday, Aug 26th**
End of Summer Pool Party
Celebrating the final days of summer break with swimming, games, and food.
- Sunday, Aug 30th**
"Strong Like Tom"
Race & 1-Mile Walk
Lace up your sneakers to walk or run for a great cause with the community.

SEPTEMBER KICKOFF & EVENTS

- Sunday, Sept 13th**
Regular Weekly Meetings Resume!
Back to our standard weekly routine (final time slot to be announced soon)
- Sunday, Sept 20th**
Annual Church Picnic
Featuring a live petting zoo, food, fellowship, and outdoor fun!

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