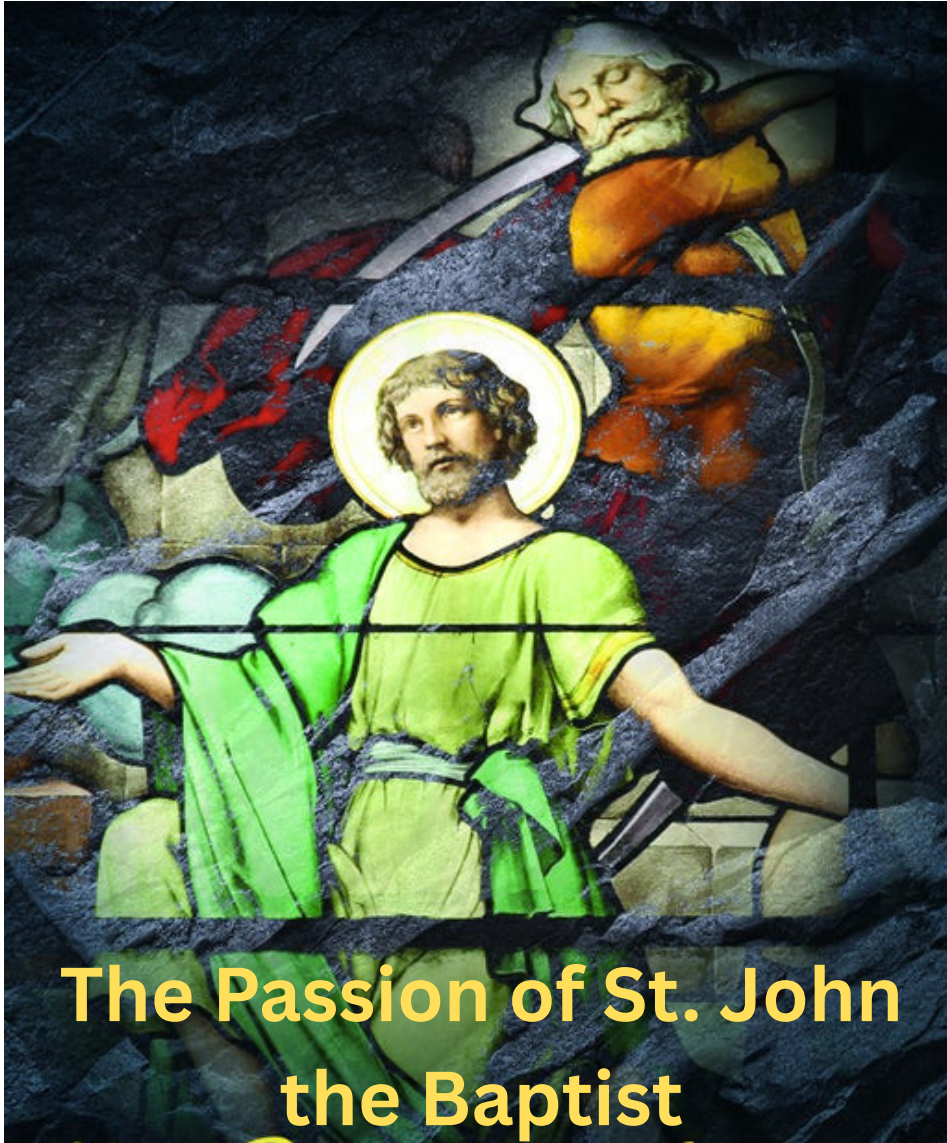


St. Catherine of Siena

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 30, 2026 VOL. 40 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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 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

Monday, August 31

8:00 AM † Bill Firencze
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 AM † Elsie Studley
r/o Jean & Joe O'Gradnick

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM † Teresa & John Anderson
r/o Veta Foote

Thursday, September 3

8:00 AM † Susan & Patrick Geiger
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday, September 4

8:00 AM † Bill & Maryjane Staats
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, September 5

4:30 PM † George & Anna Dawson
r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday, September 6

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

9:30 AM † Elsie Studley
r/o Lori & Jim Young

11:00 AM † Janice Ann Feeney
r/o Fr. Chester



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

**Mackenzie Rose Hewitt
August 22, 2026**

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, August 31

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Friday, September 4

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

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. permitting

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>

St. Catherine's Rosary Society News

As the summer winds down, it's time to think about our Rosary Society gatherings! Below is the schedule of upcoming meetings. Weather permitting, the Wednesday evening meetings will be held outside at the Mary Statue. Sunday meetings will be held in Fellowship Hall.

September 2nd, Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

October 7th, Wednesday @ 6:00 PM

November 1st, Sunday @ 12 Noon

December 6th, Sunday @ 12 Noon

January 3rd, Sunday @ 12 Noon

All parishioners are welcome to join us – come see what we're all about!

Questions? Contact Peggy York at (609) 865-4996 or yorkp7777@gmail.com

Pray For Our Parishioners

- Pat Cerria
- Merci Spinks
- Jeff Coletti
- Gail Jacobsen
- Carol Way
- 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:

**Haluszka Family
Snyder Family**

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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 23rd were \$4,911.00 for the regular collection and \$5,964.00 for the Mission Appeal.

Online Donations

Online giving for August 23rd was \$3,415.00.



Pastor's Letter

The Passion of St. John the Baptist August 29

Yesterday, August 29th, we celebrated the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the

fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

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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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

Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy – The Great Adventure Bible Study



Join us as we explore God's call through the voices of the prophets. Throughout Israel's history, God raised up prophets at critical moments to speak his word to his people. The prophets warned of the consequences of sin, called the people to repentance, and proclaimed God's faithful love and mercy. They spoke about the future in order to shed light on present events and reveal God's plan for his people. This study helps you understand who the prophets were, the message they proclaimed, and how their words continue to call us into a deeper relationship with God today.

This study will have 10 sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM. (9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2)) Half-hour video presentations are paired with group discussions and light reading at home.

Check out the Bible Study trailer here: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/program/prophets-messengers-of-gods-mercy>.

You MUST sign up by **September 9th** via email Ellenschilke@gmail.com so that we can order the study guides.

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.



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

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!

Events Calendar

August 30, 2026 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

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

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM - 6 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 31

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
3:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Baptismal Prep

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting (FH)

Thursday, September 3

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, September 4

8:00 AM Mass
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM 1st Friday Adoration

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

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

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 at 9:30 AM

Knights, Bites & Insights – St Catherine Church Tour

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus for their first Knights, Bites and Insights event on **Tuesday September 8th at 7:30 PM** which will feature a guided tour of the church. Deacon Mike, will lead a walking tour of St. Catherine's church, pointing out interesting facts and features about our parish home that you likely did not know and walk by on a weekly basis helping us all develop an even strong appreciation for our parish. After the tour, the conversation will continue downstairs in Fellowship Hall with a Q&A session while we all enjoy some tasty bites provided by the Knights of Columbus. If you have questions, contact Mark Salerno for more information (mark.salerno@outlook.com)

St. Philip & St. James, Phillipsburg

Recurring Events:

Every First Saturday of the month - Rosary for the
First Saturday Devotion
Every Last Saturday of the month - Prayers for Life,
Liberty & Marriage

Overdose Awareness:

Sunday, August 30th, 6:30 PM - Prayer Service for those
who lost loved ones by Overdose
Monday, August 31st, 5:00 PM - Holy Hour (Chapel)

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children:

Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 AM - Holy Hour (Church)

For any questions, please contact Colleen Wolters at
clintonyoungadults@gmail.com

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

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Scan the QR to register for the Bus Trip, or visit:
www.diocetaten.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life



YOUTH GROUP MEETING WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER CONTACT DAWN SALERNO AT (908) 477-0105

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August 7, 2026

Rev. Chester Zabloski, Pastor
St. Catherine of Siena Church
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Please be assured of our continued prayers for you, for all your parishioners, and for all your intentions. May Our Lord bless you in His own special way.

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