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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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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 30th was 4,850.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for August 30th was \$2,690.00.



Pastor's Letter

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8th

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents — we call them Joachim and Ann — probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others — and maybe even you — don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did — to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another — remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to do something very special in life.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor



Masses & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 7

8:00 AM † Duane Perrelli
r/o Diane Billitz

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 AM † Sylvia Signorello
r/o The Bussell Family

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 AM † Joseph & Betty Kosinski
r/o The Family

Thursday, September 10

8:00 AM † Inocentes Maligaya, Sr.
r/o Tee Andersen

Friday, September 11

8:00 AM † George Mehaffey Blrthday Blessing
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, September 12

4:30 PM † Sr. Renata Zalubski
r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday, September 13

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

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

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



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

**Mia Sarah Panayi
August 29, 2026**

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, September 7

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, September 9

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday, September 10

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Patriot Day

Saturday, September 12

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
The Most Holy Name of Mary

Sunday, September 13

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

It is with great joy that I sincerely thank the parish of St Catherine of Siena, Pittstown for their generous gift of \$1,500. This donation will help to continue the building of a Mary Grotto for the people of Ladakh, India.

God Bless You,
Carolanne Patterson

St. Catherine's Parish would like to thank Paul & Ellen McCarthy for serving as our collections auditors for 34 years! We deeply appreciate your dedication and service to our parish. Thank you!!

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.

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: tandersen@scoschurch.org



**We are saddened to
announce the death of
Jacqueline Hazard, mother of
Gary Hazard, who passed
away on August 23, 2026**

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

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 PM 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

NEW MINISTRY

SIENA SENIORS

Join us as we launch a new and much-requested monthly ministry for older adults who are seeking social and spiritual connection, educational opportunities, and engaging activities. You are warmly invited to attend our first meeting and planning session on Wednesday, September 16th, 11:30-1:30. Bring your brown bag lunch and your ideas and suggestions, as we explore how best to meet the needs of our senior parishioners. Drinks and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Jane Ricketts, (908) 399-4985.

Events Calendar

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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, September 7 OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
7:00 PM Men's Small Christian Group (MT)
7:00 PM Knights, Bites & Insights

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Picnic Meeting (PC)
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 8th Grade Faith Formation (PC)

Thursday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, September 11

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, September 12

10:00 AM Dean Kingsley Gernon Baptism
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass
5:30 PM K of C Officer Installation (FH)

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM - 10:15 AM 2nd, 4th & 6th Grades Faith Formation
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass/Marriage Blessing
12:00 PM Amelia Grace White Baptism
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Dinner Meeting

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Wednesday, September 9th: 1st day for 8th grade class 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 13th: 1st day for 2nd, 4th & 6th grades
8:30 AM to 10:15 AM (includes Mass)

Sunday, September 20th: 1st 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 stronger 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)

An Evening with "Catherine of Siena" October 7th at 7:30 PM

Come spend an evening with Saint Catherine of Siena on Wednesday October 7th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center as we explore the incredible life of our parish patroness. Deacon Mike will lead the conversation to help us learn about the amazing young woman whose devout life influenced popes and resulted in her recognition as a Doctor of the Church. All are welcome, not only those that chose to read her biography. While we learn about Saint Catherine and discuss her biography, we will also get to enjoy some traditional treats like Panforte, Ricciarelli and Cantucci, recipes associated with her native Tuscany in Italy. If you have questions, contact Mark Salerno for more information (mark.salerno@outlook.com)

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

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

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children:

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

National Pregnancy/Infant Loss Remembrance Day:

Friday, October 16th - Holy Hour
Saturday, October 17th - Prayers for Conception after 4:30 PM Mass.

Unborn Prayer Service:

Saturday, October 24th, 2:30 PM followed by Confessions & Mass. This is for people who have lost babies in the womb by abortion, miscarriage & stillborn.

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



**OFFICE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
FOR LABOR DAY**

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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