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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 4, 2026 VOL. 45 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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"

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 September 27th was \$4,438.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for September 27th was \$3,405.00 .



Pastor's Letter

October, the Month of the Rosary

This month, October, is dedicated to one kind of prayer in particular, the Holy Rosary. I can't think of a better kind of devotion. So, let's make it a part of our lives. I know, it's not the most exciting form of prayer. A friend of mine who prayed it regularly said it made him drowsy. St. Theresa of Lisieux used to have a hard time staying awake during her morning prayers, and she came to understand that maybe that's not so terrible. Doctors operate when we sleep, she said, and God can operate on us, too.

So, try to pray the Rosary. During this month of October, Monday through Friday, we'll pray the Rosary after the 8 AM Mass. I urge you to join us if you can. Even just one decade can make a difference.

We are living in uncertain times. But we have a powerful weapon in our hearts, and in our hands. A priest who knew St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "She always had beads in her hands. Even while speaking, or listening, she'd have her hands clasped behind her back, her fingers constantly working the rosary. The Rosary was like fuel that kept her going." Prayer is like that.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor



Masses & Intentions

October 4, 2026 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

4:30 PM † Thank You to all the Members of
Our Various Ministries
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM † Joan Flotteron
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

9:30 AM † Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM † Thank You to all the Members of
Our Various Ministries
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM † Eva Wonsevicz
r/o Marie Kristoff

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM † Edward Wonsevicz
r/o Marie Kristoff

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM † Grace Kozal
r/o The Mauro & Pasculli Families

Saturday, October 10

4:30 PM † St. Catherine's Rosarians Living &
Deceased
r/o The Rosary Society

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM † Doris Weickert
r/o The Wunder Family

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

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

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, October 4

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday, October 5

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday, October 6

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Wednesday, October 7

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday, October 8

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 9

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Saturday, October 10

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Mia Marie DeRites
September 27, 2026

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

Our Knights of Columbus will be running
a bus from Immaculate Conception
Church, Annandale, departing at
7:30 AM and a pickup at Harbor Freight,
Flemington at 8:00 AM. This is a "Free
Will Donation" bus trip.

For reservations and questions, please
contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at
smithbuilders@hotmail.com

Pray For Our Parishioners

- Pat Cerria
- Merci Spinks
- Our Youth
- For the Protection of Babies in the Womb and Their Families
- Our New Bishop - Michael A. Saporito
- Our Rosarians

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our
MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
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
Jeffrey Coletti, husband of
Nancy Coletti, who passed
away on September 28, 2026

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 OF SIENA KIDS' CLUB

ATTENTION 2ND THRU 5TH GRADERS WE HAVE CHANGED THE GATHERING DAY TO THURSDAY AND ARE NOW INVITING 2ND GRADERS!!

Kids' Club now meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. There seemed to be a great deal of conflict with sports schedules on Fridays so I'm trying something different this year. Our **first meeting is October 8th from 6-7:30 in the Parish Center**. Future meeting dates for the Kids' Club are: **November 5th, December 10, and January 14**.

Call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100; Email: kidsclub@scoschurch.org.

An Evening with "Catherine of Siena" October 7th at 7:00 PM

Come spend an evening with Saint Catherine of Siena on **Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 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).

NEW
MINISTRY

SIENA SENIORS

Siena Seniors is off to a great start! We are a ministry for older adults seeking social and spiritual connection, educational opportunities and engaging activities. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 11:30-1:30**. You are warmly invited to join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 21st**. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Jane Ricketts, (908) 399-4985.



Knights of Columbus
Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293
High Bridge, NJ

Future Sponsor;

We will be hosting a Charity Golf event on **October 15th** at the High Bridge Hill Golf Course.

The Knights of Columbus "4th Degree" is a patriotic men's organization dedicated to helping those in need. This golf event is our largest fundraiser to support our Veterans at the Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner.

We would appreciate your support with a sponsorship or donation. Please see the golf trifold in the display racks at the exits of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact, **Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com**



In Honor of Columbus Day, the St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus are now offering **FREE membership in the Month of October if you sign up online at KofC.org/Joinus**

We do it to be better Husbands, Fathers, Sons, Neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world.

Our local council #15217 will be holding a membership drive after all **Masses the weekend of October 10th/11th**.

If you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council # for local information.



Thank you to ALL who helped make our picnic such a success.

In appreciation, I would like to invite our volunteers, both adults and youth, to a reception in the **Parish Center on Wednesday, October 14th at 6 PM** for light refreshments. We will start with a very brief meeting to discuss ways to improve our event for next year.

Please bring your thoughts and/or notes, along.

God Bless,
Debbie Fass

Events Calendar

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM Blessing of Animals
 11:00 AM Emily Claire & Brandon Corey
 Beauregard Baptisms
 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
 4:30 PM Mass
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Installation of KOC Officers
 (Church)

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary
 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM 3rd, 5th, & 7th Grade Faith Formation
 9:30 AM Family Mass
 11:00 AM Mass
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Meeting/Dinner (PC)

Monday, October 5

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary
 7:00 PM Men's Christian Small Group (MT)

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
 3:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (FH)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Evening Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 8th Grade Faith Formation (PC)
 6:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting (FH)
 7:00 PM An Evening with St. Catherine (PC)

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary
 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Sunday Scripture Discussion (FH)
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Kids' Club (PC)

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM Mass/Rosary

Saturday, October 10

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM Altar Server Training (Church)
 11:00 AM Andrew Robert Turner Baptism
 12:00 PM Mira Bennett Lopez Baptism
 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
 4:30 PM Mass/Blessing of the Rosarians &
 Parish Rosaries

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM Mass
 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM 2nd, 4th, & 6th Grade Faith
 Formation
 9:30 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass/Marriage Blessing

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

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

St. Catherine's 6th Trunk-or-Treat

A Heavenly All Saints Feast

Everyone is invited ...

join us

**SATURDAY
 OCTOBER 24TH**

following the 4:30 pm Mass
 for trunk-or-treating



Fellowship and hospitality will be available for all at the Fire Pit

Children are asked to dress up as their FAVORITE SAINTS
 or any other CHURCH-APPROPRIATE costumes
 (NO WITCHES OR DEVILS) to wear at Mass!

Apple cider & donuts will be served immediately after Mass at the
 Fire Pit as we wait for the Saint-or-Treat cars to set up.

All vehicles are encouraged to decorate!

Prizes will be awarded for vehicle and costume creativity!

Please make your vehicle, decorations and costumes
 church appropriate!

**PARENTS: PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD TO BE DONATED
 TO HOPE HOUSE IN FLEMINGTON**

RSVP by Monday, October 19th. Forms will be available at the church.

For more info call or text Lori Young at 908-246-6690

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND KEEP UP THE FIGHT FOR LIFE

New Jersey is the Abortion Capital of the United States, and we need to TAKE UP THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST, and STOP THIS Destruction of HUMAN Life.

Metuchen Diocese Chapter Knights of Columbus has been raising funds since 2010 to purchase Ultra Sound Machines for pro-life centers and have purchased 17 machines since then.

Our Council will be collecting donations towards these machines after all masses on Oct 3-4 • Right to Life Sunday. Please be generous and donate what you can to save these innocent lives.



New Jersey Right to Life

CAR RAFFLE

Tickets to be sold by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses at St. Catherine's October 10-11 and 17-18



Tickets \$10 each

Be the Winner!

1st Prize | 2027 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
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2nd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$1,000.00

3rd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$750.00

4th Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$500.00

Winning ticket to be drawn 10 pm, November 20, 2026
 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, NJ
 Winner need not be present.

Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization.

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