

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)

"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 collections for October 4th were \$5,344.00 for the regular collection and \$1,146.00 for the Religious Education Program.

Online Donations

Online giving for October 4th was \$4,849.00.



Pastor's Letter

"Respect Life"

This Month, we celebrate Respect Life. As Catholics, we are encouraged to promote the dignity of all human life from conception until natural death. We are called to promote the Gospel of Life, and protect and cherish the

lives of the elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, and the unborn. We should never forget that God is the Creator of all life, and all life is precious in His sight.

Pope Francis strongly criticized a "throwaway culture" that places too little value on human life. He said, "Unfortunately what is thrown away is not only food and disposable objects but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as unnecessary." He stressed the need to respect the dignity of the most vulnerable and marginalized in society.

We are called to be voices for the voiceless, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are challenged to commit ourselves publicly to the protection of all human life from conception until natural death, as we strive to enhance the moral integrity of our great nation.

May God bless you and your families for all you do to embrace a culture of life.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor



Masses & Intentions

October 11, 2026 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 12

8:00 AM † Andrew J. Merkovsky
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 AM † Jeff Coletti
r/o Fr. Chester

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 AM † **NO MASS. NO SERVICE**

Thursday, October 15

8:00 AM † **NO MASS. NO SERVICE**

Friday, October 16

8:00 AM † Sr. Renata Zalubska
r/o Jennifer & Dave Perna

Saturday, October 17

4:30 PM † Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, October 18

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Saam Family
r/o The Schilke Family

9:30 AM † Rick Webster
r/o The Webster Family

11:00 AM † Sr. Renata Zalubska
r/o The Stewardship Committee

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, October 12

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, October 13

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday, October 15

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday, October 16

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday, October 17

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Sunday, October 18

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Our October Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

Brandon & Genevieve Alfond	Ken & Stacy Jones
Vincent & Patricia Battipaglia	Eric & Meredith Joseph
Marc & Cara Bruzzi	Jameson & Maggie Kimball
Benjamin Cano & Adriana Gonzalez	Ed Kolibas & Jackie Parrinello
Jed & Donna Chingery	Edward & Pamela Kulik
Jeffrey & Nancy Coletti	Keith & Michelle Miller
Jose & Maria Julia Cunha	Thomas & Amy Murray
Marc & Elizabeth Davis	Dominic & Donna Mustillo
Agnieszka & Adrian Dec	Thomas & Karen Obiedzinski
Frederick & Constance Finch	John & Dawn Paulmeno
Anthony John & Grace Fusco	John & Jennifer Poole
Patrick & Susan Geiger	Steven & Teresa Rossi
Steven & Dierdre Hollyfield	Andre & Jessica Sarwan
Gregory & Christine Horun	Ed & Ellen Schilke
Frank & Francine Jannuzzi	William & Patricia Twaddle

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
- All Our Diocesan Priests at Convocation



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

Emily Claire &
Brandon Corey Beauregard
October 3, 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



Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on **Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 AM in the Church.**

Any parishioner who experienced the loss of a loved one **between All Souls Day 2025 to October 15, 2026**, are welcomed to be a part of this special Mass.

Please phone the Parish Office at (908) 735-4024 or email tandersen@scoschurch.org with the name and date of death of the loved one you would like remembered.

POOR BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributes money in the Poor Box located in the Narthex. Your generous donations are helping families from our parish. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

**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 next meeting on **Wednesday, October 21st, 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.



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 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

Monday, October 12 - Office Closed for Columbus Day

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 AM Mass
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
 6:30 PM Spirituality Meeting (PC)
 7:00 PM Knights' Business Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, October 14 - Priest's Convocation

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Picnic Committee Celebration (PC)

Thursday, October 15 - Priest's Convocation

10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Sunday Scripture Discussion (FH)

Friday, October 16

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, October 17 - World Mission Sunday

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

Sunday, October 18 - World Mission Sunday

8:00 AM Mass
 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM 3rd, 5th & 7th Grade Faith Formation
 9:30 AM Mass
 10:15 AM Little Sprouts Social (FH)
 11:00 AM Mass
 12:00 PM Rosary Making Session (FH)
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Meeting/Dinner (PC)

THE OFFICE WILL

BE CLOSED ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Due to the Diocesan Annual Gathering of Priests, there will NOT BE Mass or a Service on

Wednesday, October 14th

Thursday, October 15th

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

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

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.

Feminine Genius Brunch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Register by October 16th

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Visit www.diocetech.org/humanlifefoundation for more information.

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
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