

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!

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 collection for October 11th was \$4,439.00 for the regular collection.

Online Donations

Online giving for October 11th was \$2,850.00.



Pastor's Letter

World Mission Sunday - October 18th

Catholics throughout the world are invited to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice by observing World Mission Sunday on October 18th. Instituted for the whole Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it is traditionally celebrated on the

next-to-last Sunday each October.

Today, let us join our brothers and sisters around the world who gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and concrete gestures of solidarity will help build local churches across the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

World Mission Sunday truly belongs to the world. It is celebrated in every country, in every diocese, and in every parish — in a remote chapel far out in the African bush, in a predominantly Muslim or Hindu area in Asia, and in a poor village in Latin America. We are citizens of the world, members of the one Body of Christ, and are at our best when we act lovingly and generously to our brothers and sisters in the Missions.

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the missions grow, with new dioceses, new seminaries, and new areas opening up to hear the message of Christ. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Whatever you can contribute to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be a great blessing to local priests, religious, and lay catechists throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Europe and Latin America.

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of Faith. May God bless you greatly for all you do for the Mission Church.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

Masses & Intentions

October 18, 2026 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 AM † Fr. Regis Gallo OFM
r/o Donna & Colin Blanchard

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 AM † Rosa Rofrano
r/o The Clancey Family

Thursday, October 22

8:00 AM † Mary & Andrew Merkovsky
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday, October 23

8:00 AM † Albina Krowicki
r/o The Baker Family

Saturday, October 24

4:30 PM † Kathy Dawson
r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday, October 25

8:00 AM † Ed & Ellen Schilke
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM † Richard Van Doren
r/o Betty & Fred Mariani

11:00 AM † Joan Kenny
r/o Kevin & MaryJo Haggerty

Weekly Readings & Observances

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

Monday, October 19

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday, October 20

Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday, October 21

Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22

Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday, October 23

Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday, October 24

Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Sunday, October 25

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Andrew Robert Turner

October 10, 2026



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

Mira Bennett Lopez

October 10, 2026



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.

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
- For Our Missionaries

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our
MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
at the 11:00 am MASS



Send us your name and wedding date to
Tee at: tandersen@scoschurch.org

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



Youth Ministry will be selling Wreaths, Roping, Cemetery Logs, and Grave Blankets. Please see the display cases for the order forms. Return order forms with payment to Fellowship Hall.

All orders need to be in by November 13th.

Pick up is scheduled for the weekend of November 28th and 29th.

SIENA SENIORS

NEW
MINISTRY

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

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.



**METUCHEN
SUPPORT GROUP
FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF
DIVORCE OR SEPARATION**

Register!



SESSIONS INCLUDE

- Weekly small group discussion facilitated by Molly Raczko
- Explore themes of grieving, identity, faith, love, forgiveness, and more
- We will use the Life-Giving Wounds book & support group workbook
- There will be optional goal setting and tracking
- This group will involve prayer and the sacraments

WHEN

- Strategically timed from October through February, to help you through the stressful holiday season.

LOCATION: HYBRID

- In Person Orientation and Holy Hour: Saturday, October 10, 2026 at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway
- Online: Thursdays, Oct 22, Nov 5 and 19, Dec 3 and 17, Jan 7 and 21
- In Person Wrap Up with Confession and Mass: Saturday, February 6, 2027 at Pastoral Center

STAY CONNECTED LOCALLY

Molly.Moltane@gmail.com
CDaverso@diometuchen.org

OR CONTACT LGW

www.lifegivingwounds.org @lifegiving.wounds

**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 Branch
- Prayer & Reflection

Visit www.diometuchen.org/humanlifefanddignity for more information.



*"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.



Blessing of Missionaries

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray...

God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations.

When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel.

Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding.

Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be.

We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel.

Amen.

Events Calendar

October 18, 2026 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

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)

Monday, October 19

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Siena Seniors (FH)
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 8th Grade Faith Formation (PC)

Thursday, October 22

8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Sunday Scripture Discussion (FH)

Friday, October 23

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, October 24 TRUNK OR TREAT

11:00 AM Oliver Lane Shedlock Baptism
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass
5:30 PM Trunk or Treat/Parish Fellowship at Firepit

Sunday, October 25

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

We would like to welcome:

The Bakanowski Family

Mr. Anthony Farinha

The MacDonnell Family

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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

THIS
SUNDAY,
10/18

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

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
Valued at \$44,650.00
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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a difference. Change lives. ♥

FRIDAYS
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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(732)387-1315 mhunter@ccdom.org

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APRIL 17, 2027

10:30AM-5:00PM

\$25 PER YOUTH GRADES: 8-12

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