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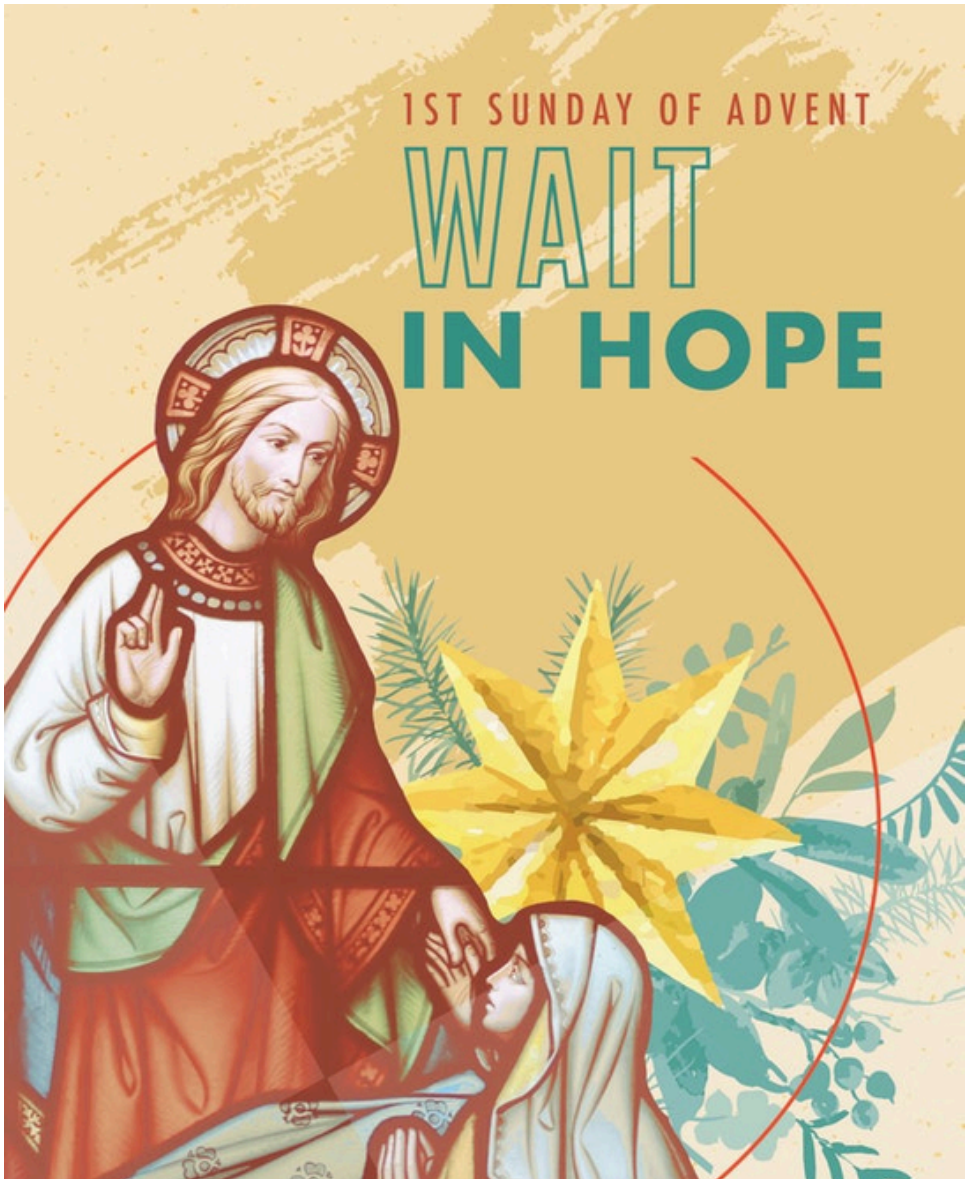
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 29, 2026 VOL. 01 | 1st Sunday of Advent



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!

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 November 15th was $5,023.00 for the regular collection. The November 22nd collection will be posted at a later date.

Online Donations

Online giving for November 15th was $4,025.00 and the November 22nd collection will be posted at a later date.



Pastor's Letter

1st Sunday of Advent

As we know, a new Church Year has commenced as we have entered the season of Advent. Integral to the season of Advent is the Advent Wreath, which has a long Catholic tradition. The Wreath is displayed prominently in front, on the left side of the Sanctuary. It typically has four candles that are lit progressively during the Sundays of Advent. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. It reminds us that we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. The second Candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. We remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah who said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for Him. "The third candle is the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. We reflect on how we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. The fourth candle is the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. We reflect on how the angels announce the coming of the Savior, sent by God because He loves us. These candles can also help us reflect on the desire to see the light of Christ shine through the darkness of our lives.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor



Masses & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

4:30 PM † Stephanie & Frank May
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday, November 29

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

9:30 AM † Wesley Welckert
r/o The Wunder Family

11:00 AM † Michael & Erica Piotrowski
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday, November 30

8:00 AM † Gary Kristoff
r/o Marie Kristoff

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 AM † Daniel A. Galdon
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

8:00 AM † Roger Church
r/o Mike & Jessica Meyer

Saturday, December 5

4:30 PM † Jeremiah Santry
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Sunday, December 6

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

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

11:00 AM † Thank you to All the Family Mass & Youth Choir Committee Members for All You Do
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, November 29
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
1st Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 30
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
St. Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday, December 1
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Friday, December 4
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, December 5
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
2nd Sunday of Advent



Family Advent Wreath Lighting

Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up. Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass. Thank you!



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.

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

Pray For Our Parishioners

- Bishop Michael Saporito
- Pat Cerria
- Our Youth
- All Our Deceased Loved Ones
- Our Country
- For Vocations
- Pope Leo XIV
- Our Veterans' Living & Deceased & Their Families
- Those Struggling with Recovery from Addictions



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

Rosary Society Advent Giving Tree

Our Annual Advent Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex on November 9th through December 8th.

The Rosary Society's Advent Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

Friendship Center for New Beginnings
Parishioners Who Are in Need
Veteran's Haven North
Family Promise

Please take a tag from the tree, return the UNWRAPPED GIFT, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree....PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT! Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree. You can donate unscented baby wash, shampoo, or conditioner without taking a gift tag. This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Advent Giving Tree using the Giving Tree SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree, in the display racks, or on the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall.

All gift card orders MUST be placed by November 30th to be included in the Giving Tree Collection.





CELEBRATE WITH US!



Sunday DECEMBER 6TH at the 11:00 am Family Mass

We are expecting a *special guest* to be with us during Mass and all will have an opportunity to take photos with him and the children after Mass, so bring your cameras and cell phones. Hospitality will be provided in Fellowship Hall as well as goodie bags for all the children.

Calling all 8th Graders who need confirmation service hours. Volunteer as ushers, readers, offertory helpers, altar servers (if trained), and hospitality. Email Sandra: religioused@scoschurch.org

Advent Parish Retreat & Reconciliation Service

On Sunday **December 13th from 5 PM to 7 PM**, come to St. Catherine's annual Advent Retreat and Reconciliation service. Take a break from the business of the season, listen and reflect on an inspiring **Advent talk from Father Abraham Orapankal, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Fords, NJ.**

Spend time in quiet adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. **Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions from 6 PM to 7 PM.** For more information, please contact Mark Salerno at (908) 477-5039.



Don't forget to pick up your wreath, roping, grave blankets and logs the weekend of November 28th & November 29th.



Events Calendar

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 28
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Monday, November 30
8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knights' District Deputy Diocese of Metuchen Meeting (TH)

Tuesday, December 1
8:00 AM Mass
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Rosarian Book Club (FH)
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (FH)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Evening Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday, December 2
8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 8th Grade Faith Formation (PC)

Thursday, December 3
8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Sunday Scripture Discussion (MT)

Friday, December 4
8:00 AM Mass
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM 1st Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 5
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent/St. Nicholas Celebration
8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 3rd, 5th & 7th Grades Faith Formation
11:00 AM Family Mass
12:00 PM St. Nicholas Celebration (PC)
12:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

SIENA SENIORS

Wednesday, December 16th, 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall
Pot-Luck Lunch and Holiday Concert & Sing-a-long with local musician Ed Jankiewicz! Bring your favorite dish and join us for a special holiday program featuring favorite traditional and pop holiday songs. Ed Jankiewicz performs frequently at area venues as a solo or as half of Coo Coo Cachoo (Simon and Garfunkel Tribute).

For more information, please contact Jane Ricketts, at (908) 399-4985.

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Join the St. Catherine Parish community on Hallow for free!

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Scan this QRCode To Join the Parish page today!

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- Download the Hallow app.
- Rather than following the prompts to create your account, begin at the church icon in the top right corner.
- Search for our parish (Use zip code "08867" if needed) & Join.
- Continue creating your account by following the prompts.

Existing Users:
- Openthe Hallow app.
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- Follow the prompts to complete your profile.
- Tap Explore and find our parish (Use zip code "08867" if needed) & Join the Parish Page

Join our First Prayer Challenge!
Advent Pray25
It's a Wonderful Life



Starts Monday – Nov. 30th

Need Assistance? Don't Worry! Please reach out the Hallow Heralds are here to help!
➢See the flyers in the display cases, visit the website, or contact Mark Salerno:
Mark Salerno via email: mark.salerno@outlook.com or text: 908-477-5039

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Get the latest parish news, events, and announcements in your inbox.

Please add these new contacts to your phone so messages from the church don't go to your junk folder:
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email@scoschurch.org

CONNECT
Also, please text the word "CONNECT" to 908-747-4164 to update your contact information.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH



It's A Wonderful Life – Movie Watch Event



Join us on Saturday, December 19th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center to watch the timeless Christmas classic movie: ***"It's A Wonderful Life."*** We will supply the popcorn, but feel free to bring a bite to eat, your favorite Christmas cookies to enjoy or share or even a pitcher of wassail to fill the room with the aroma of Christmas. After the movie we can even reflect together on the film and how our first Hallow prayer event Advent Pray25 changed how we view it.

All ages are welcome. No charge to participate.

PLEASE RSVP in the Hallow App in the Event

When: Saturday, December 19th @ 6:00pm
Where: Trinity Hall in the Parish Center

Blessing for Advent Week 1

Dear Lord,
As this Advent season begins, pour Your blessing upon us. Bless our Advent wreaths and readings, our retreats, and reconciliations. You are our God and our guide; be with us as we journey.
Amen.

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