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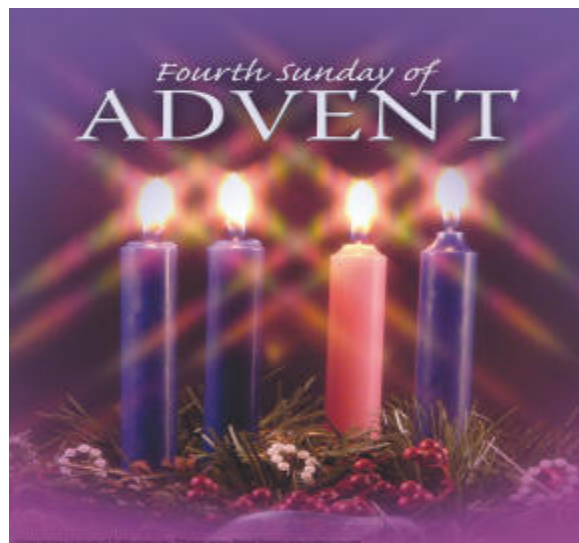
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE 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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers
And Readers**

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Website
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Parish Landscape
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Parish Pastoral Council
Denise Botto 996-6760

Welcome
Carol Rocha 996-7612

The week ahead...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
8:00 AM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM MASS
5:30 PM MASS
7:00 PM MASS
MIDNIGHT MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:
25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:
67-79

Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,
29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-
25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-
2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1,
6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is
52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6
and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:
1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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**The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday & Friday,
December 24 & 25.**

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm Mass
5:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass
Midnight Mass



Friday, December 25th Christmas Day:

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 31st Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary:

7:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary:

10:00 am Mass



**The "Oplatki"
or
"Christmas Wafers"**

is available and located in the Narthex for \$1.00 Donation



**The 2021 Catholic Calendars
are here!**

Please take 1 or 2 for your family. They will be available all month in the Narthex.

Clothing Drop-Off Bins

Thinking about cleaning out the closets for the Holidays? Clothing bins are located in the Church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. For the use of our Church site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds for the various charitable donations.

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



Located in the Narthex is a sign-up sheet for our Family Advent Wreath Lighting, which takes place at the beginning of weekend Masses during Advent,. Advent begins the weekend of November 28th & 29th

We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

Stewardship



The collection for **December 6th** was \$3,640.00 (102 envelopes) for the general collection and \$399.00 (39 envelopes) for our Religious Education Program.



Online Giving for December 6th was \$2,502.30 (124 donors)

The collection for December 13th will be reported in the next bulletin.
Thank you

St. Catherine Christmas Mass Schedule and Concerns with Covid-19

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

Limited seating in the church will be adhered to for every Mass as per state law.

Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM
 5:30 PM
 7:00 PM
 Midnight

Christmas Day 8:00 AM
 10:00 AM

Please Note:

1. Due to concerns with Covid-19, all Masses will have **limited seating in the church as per state law**. Ushers will be seating parishioners in a first-come, first-seated manner. It is recommended that parishioners try to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins.
2. This is the tough one for all of us - **Once maximum Mass attendance has been reached, we will, unfortunately, be forced to close the doors to the church upstairs as per state law.**
3. There will be a limited "overflow" allowance at each Mass with seating downstairs. The Mass will be televised on a monitor and Communion will be offered to those parishioners who are seated downstairs. Masks that cover the nose and mouth, hand sanitizing, and social distancing will still be adhered to. **Parishioners can request Communion before the Mass is started and leave the church to watch the televised Mass on Facebook at home.**
4. The Covid-19 health standard of wearing masks that cover the nose and mouth and sanitizing hands upon entry to the church will be adhered to by all.
5. Seating at Mass will be adjusted by ushers for maximum safety and capacity. Please accommodate the ushers if they ask you to move to another pew to maximize this effort.
6. There will be a virtual, live televised Mass at 4:00 PM on FaceBook (FB), which can be viewed at any time for your convenience.
7. All Knights of Columbus members are asked to please assist with ushering duties at all Masses. It is requested that you announce your presence and aid the ushers in the narthex.
8. Please remember, this is a very special time of the year for all of us. We have been through a lot during 2020. We sincerely hope that we can all pray together as a parish family, for patience and for God to bless each and every one of us. Merry Christmas!



Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 19, 2020

4:30 PM Douglas Wunder
r/o The O'Rourke Family

Sunday: December 20, 2020

8:00 AM Jerry & Catherine Santry
r/o Jim & Joan Flotteron
9:30 AM John W. Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine Parish
11:00 AM Joan V. Wade
r/o The Wade Family

Monday: December 21, 2020

8:00 AM Edward Schaffer
r/o Jim & Marlene Langreder

Tuesday: December 22, 2020

8:00 AM Norman Carlson
r/o Theresa Carlson

Wednesday: December 23, 2020

8:00 AM Joseph Pandolfo
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Thursday: December 24, 2020

4:00 PM Parishioners
5:30 PM Parishioners
7:00 PM Parishioners
Midnight Parishioners

Friday: December 25, 2020

8:00 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM Parishioners

Saturday: December 26, 2020

4:30 PM Robert Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday: December 27, 2020

8:00 AM May Beylickjian
r/o Beylickjian Family
9:30 AM Samuel Schofield
r/o Bob and Doris Schofield
11:00 AM Chris Nelson
r/o Kathleen Eick

From the Pastor's Desk Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Gospel speaks to us of a family, rejoicing at a child's birth, their lives uniquely affected by God's presence in their midst, responding with faith and trust to their special role in the history of salvation.

The example of the Holy Family inspires us as we celebrate Christmas. As they rejoice at Jesus' birth, so too do we, remembering the new divine life made possible by Jesus' life on earth.

I want to encourage you in as sincere a way as I can to remember to keep Christ "first" in all you do and say while you are going through your Christmas activities. By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us (yes, even those who are rude) with the true message of Christmas, and that is that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost.

Take time as well to be faithful to Church, as well as remember to pray and read God's Word. We have a lot going on here at the church during the Christmas season, and you may stay fully in tune with all that is happening by visiting our website at www.scoschurch.org and/or reading the church bulletin.

To all I extend my prayerful best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas. I am deeply grateful to all of you for all that is being accomplished in the life of the parish. As I ask your prayers, I assure you of mine, that in the New Year we who are God's family on earth may serve Him with gladness.

My God richly bless you at Christmas!

Fr. Chester



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