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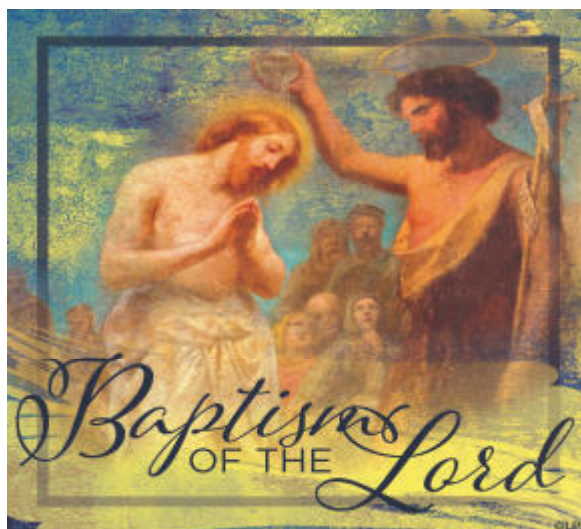
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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John Joseph Bober 713-9707

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Cecile Sabatino ©256-2085

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Patti Longordo 735-6495

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Maggie Marion 735-4024

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Donna Mustillo 237-0211

Bereavement Ministry
BJ Jacobson 310-9252

Printable Materials
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Debora Jamicky 894-8923

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Kathy Mathews 735-9511

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Michael J. Iannozzi 908-328-6605

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Parish Office 735-4024

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration
Mary Kauza/Jane Ricketts 735-4582 782-6216

Website
Ed Schilke 713-4914

Parish Landscape
Kevin Cahill 730-9384

Wedding Coordinator
Ellen McCarthy 735-2028

Parish Pastoral Council
Denise Botto 996-6760

Welcome
Carol Rocha 996-7612

The week ahead...

MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH
8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH
8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH
6:30 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH
8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH
8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH
4:30 PM MASS

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 8a)/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 0 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Observances for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Christmas Offering

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

Thank you so very much for your overwhelming generosity.

Through your offering, we as a parish collected for our Christmas Offering a total of \$34,156.00

May God Bless you and your families for your generosity.



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?



We are saddened to announce the death of Irene Kandels mother of Michele Schneider who passed away on December 26, 2020

Giving Tree—Thank You

Dear Parish Family,



Thank you for your abundant donations to the 2020 Giving Tree! As a parish, we have collected over \$13,559 in material gifts, gift cards, and checks. Through your generosity, our parish was able to provide many items for children, including warm coats, boots, hats, gloves, underwear, socks, clothes, diapers, wipes, Legos, dolls, toys, baby toiletries, diaper cream, baby crib items, baby out-fits, Onesies, kid's Bibles, and gift cards for the single-Mom families served by the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington. Your generous donations of gift cards were shared with the vets living at Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner and families staying with Family Promise, and funds from checks were shared with families in our parish. May God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of love.

Also, thank you for supporting our bake sale. All proceeds were donated to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry.

St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Society



*We would like to welcome
the McKeever Family
to St. Catherine of
Siena Parish.*

Did You Know...



Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer: The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

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St. Catherine's Family Mass

Calling **ALL** St. Catherine Families...

Family Mass will be resuming. Unfortunately, because of COVID, our youngsters will not be able to altar serve, bring up the gifts, usher, read or play music, but it will be a time to come together as a family and pray.



Join us January 31st at 9:30am to show our family strength in support of our faith.

Social Media & St. Catherine of Siena Church

Our bulletin, is uploaded weekly to our website and FB page to better serve you with our ever-changing information and current events.

To view our bulletin, church calendar, download parish forms, and information regarding religious education, go to our website at www.scoschurch.org



For quick information, check out the St. Catherine of Siena Church, Pittstown FB page.



Stewardship

The collections for:

- Christmas, December 25th was \$31,046.00 for general collection (128 envelopes).
- Sunday, December 27th was \$2,774.00 (96 envelopes).
- Sunday, January 3rd was \$3,946.00 for general collection (86 envelopes) and \$508.00 for Religious Education Program (37 envelopes).

Online Giving for:

- Christmas, December 25th was \$3,110.00 (17 donors).
- Sunday, December 27th was \$2,502.00 (124 donors).
- Sunday, January 3rd was 3,171.00 for general collection (124 donors).



Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 9, 2021

4:30 PM Elizabeth Blatterspiel
r/o Lori Young

Sunday: January 10, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine
9:30 AM Leonard Frederick
r/o Elaine Frederick
11:00 AM Gina Michelle Carino
r/o The Tuozzolo Family

Monday: January 11, 2021

8:00 AM Walter Unorski
r/o Nancy Unorski

Tuesday: January 12, 2021

8:00 AM Adeline & Earl Morgan
r/o The Morgan Family

Wednesday: January 13, 2021

7:00 PM Deacon Steve Birthday Blessings

Thursday: January 14, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Ann Curry Horsfield
r/o Marisa White

Friday: January 15, 2021

8:00 AM Norman Carlson
r/o Theresa Carlson

Saturday: January 16, 2021

4:30 PM Fr. James McLaughlin
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday: January 17, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine
9:30 AM Lucille Sullivan
r/o The Quick Family
11:00 AM Gladys Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You For Christmas

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard in decorating and preparing our church for Christmas. Many people have told me how much they enjoyed the Christmas Service.

Thank you to Pat Prakopcyk, Lisa Sforza and Glenn Ricketts, our organists who make our services and liturgies throughout Advent and Christmas so special and prayerful for all of us.

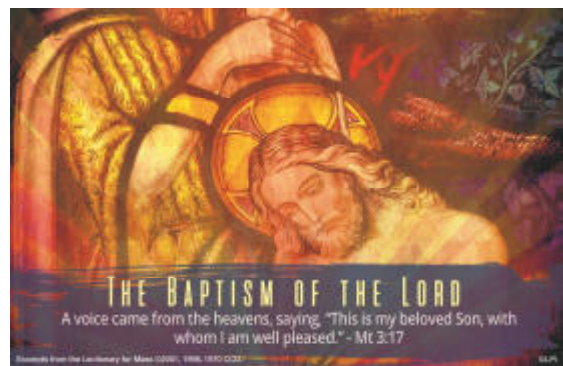
Thank you to our Ministry Heads and all the Ministers: Rob Preston for coordinating all our Readers; John-Joseph Bober for coordinating our Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist; Rich Kopf for coordinating the Ushers; and our Sacristan Margaret Rocca here at St. Catherine's.

Thank you to Donna Cahill and the Cahill family who change over all the wonderful liturgical decorations and adornments. I wish to also thank all those who helped them with the decorations for Advent and Christmas; including Carey Kopf and Patty Battipaglia.

To the Rosarians who every year set up the Giving Tree to help remind us of those in need, especially during Christmas.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for your cards, gifts and prayers during this Christmas season and this year. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Chester



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