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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 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 Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 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 at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of 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.

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735-4024

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713-4914

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735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM CATECHIST MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

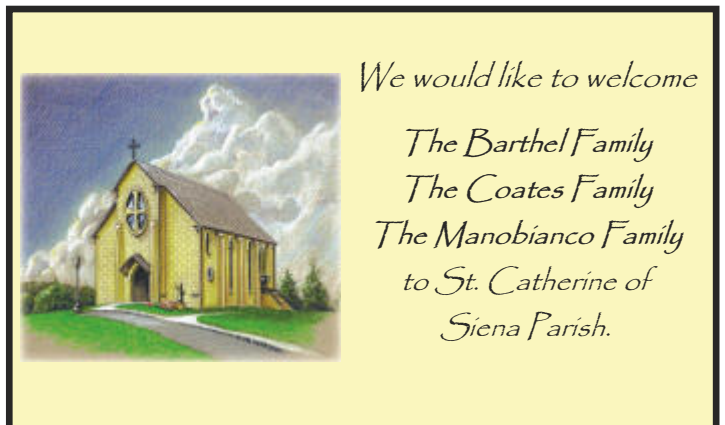
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Observances for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of
the Church

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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**Starting on September 11th,
Family Mass
will now be celebrated
twice a month**

**Second Saturday of every month at 4:30 PM
Last Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM**

Children and young adults in the religious education program, along with their teacher's will be encouraged to participate as readers, altar servers, assisting with the collection of offerings, bringing up the gifts, and singing in the choir.

Choir practice will begin on September 22nd at 6:00 PM for 1st through 4th grade, and September 29th for 5th through 7th grade and will be held in the choir loft. Sunday evening choir practice for 8th graders will be announced soon.

**For more information email Lisa Sforza at
lisasforza@embarqmail.com**

WEED WHACKERS WANTED!

If you have 1.5 hours a week, to donate your time helping us keep our church beautiful, please contact the office at (908) 735-4024.

Also, if more than one person donates his/her time, you might only have to weed whack 1x a month.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



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. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, September 3rd.**

St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus coordinate a sign-up sheet to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration. All are welcome at any time, however, if you wish to sign up go to www.scoschurch.org, and click on the link for Monthly Adoration Sign-up.



**St. Catherine's Rosary Society
Welcomes New Members**

St. Catherine's Rosary Society warmly invites all parishioners to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 PM**. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the Mary Garden or in the Church, where we will pray the Rosary, discuss our plans for the upcoming year and have a time of fellowship.

We are a spiritual and social group, dedicated to increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, as well as providing numerous fundraising activities for our parish. Come and get closer to Mary, make new friends, and participate in one of St. Catherine's most vital and rewarding ministries.

For more information, please call
Jane Ricketts (908) 399-4985

Scripture Reflections

August 29, 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” JAMES 1:22



It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC & GAME CARNIVAL
September 26th at 12:00 PM
Rain or Shine

Tickets are being sold after all Masses for only \$5/per person or \$20/per family.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, hot and cold special foods and desserts (from parishioners will be served), including ice cream with fixings. Please sign up for the dish you'd like to bring to the picnic.

There will be 3 tents as you enter the picnic/carnival grounds. The first one is the entryway tent. The second is the appetizer tent. The third tent is the Knights of Columbus beer/wine tent.

The special show will begin at 2PM. You will certainly enjoy the professional entertainment of John Pizzi, the ventriloquist/comedian and his hilarious puppets. I kindly ask all guests to be seated for the show from 2-3PM.

Face Painting and Tattoos will be available along with many games such as croquet, badminton, corn-hole and splash tower by the shed. Carnival games are expected to begin at approximately 3:30PM.

And then the carnival will begin!!! Kids, be prepared to have a lot of fun. There are 9 games with token awards which can be redeemed at the prize table. You will be surprised to see the prizes you can win. You won't be disappointed. There is also a kiddie pool for our children 5 and under (with adult supervision) that has many prizes to catch with nets and fishing poles.

Feel free to call or text, Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 if you have any questions or concerns or would like to help in any way. Thank you.

NO ENVELOPES???? NO WORRIES...

If you are a parishioner, drop your check into the offertory basket and you will receive credit. If using cash, please use the white envelopes at the entrances.



SCRIP Ministry is looking for help after weekend Masses to sell ShopRite gift cards and take orders for Shopwithscrip. If you have a few minutes after Mass to sell SCRIP in the kitchen area, or want to join our ministry or need more information, please call, text or email Jennifer Perna at (908) 208-0472 or SCOSCOffice@gmail.com



Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

Our parish offers Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give online just like you auto pay your household expenses. Online Giving helps you ensure your offering even if you cannot be here at Mass. Even in times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, On-line Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission.

Whether you are attending weekly Mass at the parish or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.

Go to (scoschurch.org) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.

Or sign up at

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/329>



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: August 28, 2021

4:30 PM Albert Young
r/o The Young Family

Sunday: August 29, 2021

8:00 AM Grace & Stanley Kozal 68th Wedding
Anniversary
r/o Their Children

9:30 AM Nick White
r/o Mike, Stephanie & Michael
Pierce

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: August 30, 2021

8:00 AM Diane Bligh
r/o The Mustillo Family

Tuesday: August 31, 2021

8:00 AM June Rolfe
r/o The Young Family

Wednesday: September 1, 2021

7:00 PM Glenn Ricketts Sr.
r/o The Rosary Society

Thursday: September 2, 2021

8:00 AM Betty Ann Flaminio
r/o The Knipe Family

Friday: September 3, 2021

8:00 AM Joe Lanese
r/o Mike & Mary Mitariten

Saturday: September 4, 2021

4:30 PM Ann Dawson
r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday: September 5, 2021

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Helena Brennan
r/o Jack Brennan & Family

11:00 AM Rosario & Frances Quartararo
r/o Rosario & Marianna
Quartararo

From the Pastor's Desk
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
August 29, 2021

This Sunday we also, celebrate the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

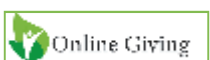
It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 22nd was \$3,600.00 (95 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for August 22nd was \$2,832.00 (98 donors).

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