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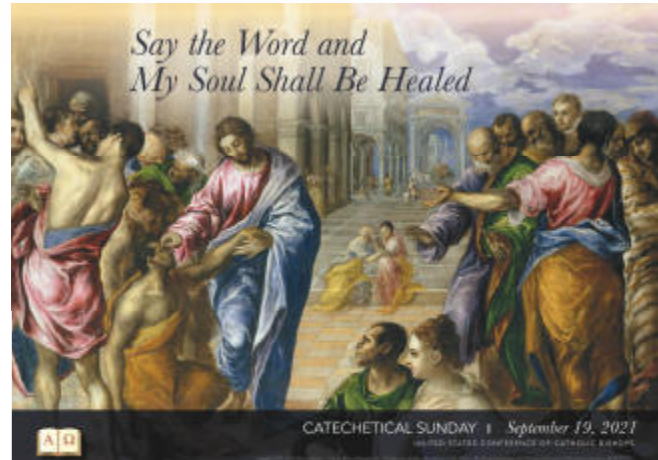
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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996-6760

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Debbie Fass
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237-0211

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510-2712

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782-6216

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735-9511

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208-0472

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713-1997

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735-4024

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713-4914

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Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING — UNDERCROFT

3:00 PM STEWARDHIP MEETING — UNDERCROFT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

6:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 1ST-4TH FOR FAMILY MASS

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 3RD & 4TH RELIGIOUS ED — CHURCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

12:00 PM CHRISTOPHER HOOD BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:15 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE REL ED — CHAPEL

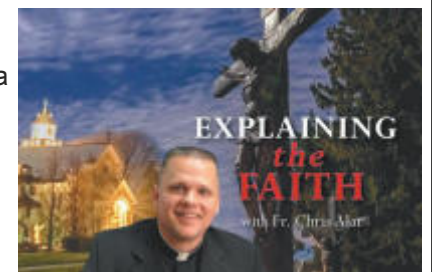
9:30 AM FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM — 4:00 PM PARISH PICNIC

7:00 PM — 8:45 PM 8TH GRADE REL ED — CHURCH

Explaining the Faith is a weekly series that discusses the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith.



<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/explaining-faith>

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:164:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
[cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Observances for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical
Sunday

Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul
Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(c)LPI

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

2021-2022 Schedule for the Monthly Meeting and Praying the Parish Rosary

New and returning members will meet at:

6 PM on the first Tuesday of October, April, May, and June, outside at the Mary Statue (when warm outside) or in the Chapel.

Noon on the first Sunday of November, December, January, February, and March, in the church, following the 11 AM mass

PARISHIONERS please join us to PRAY THE PARISH ROSARY...



at NOON, following the 11 AM Mass, on the 1st SUNDAY of November, December, January, February, and March.

NO ENVELOPES???? NO WORRIES...



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



We are saddened to announce the death of

Mary Zimko, mother of Cindy Zimko who passed away on September 7, 2021

Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021
2:00 – 3:30 PM (Rain or shine)
*Carteret 3:00 – 4:30 PM

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Locations

<p>*Carteret St. Joseph & Divine Mercy Parishes Carteret Ave (between Locust & High Sts) Contact: Fr. Gordon (732) 541-8946</p>	<p>Phillipsburg St. Philip & St. James Church 430 South Main Street Contact: Colleen Wolters (908) 454-9880</p>
<p>Flemington Route 31 to Main Street Contact: Jim Vargas (908) 391-1566</p>	<p>Sayreville 855 Washington Road (At High School) Contact: Rosanda Grau (732) 619-4093</p>
<p>Great Meadows St. Peter & Paul 360 Route 46 Contact: Gail McMahon (908) 637-4269</p>	<p>Somerville Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue Contact: Kevin Dugan (908) 788-7736</p>
<p>Perth Amboy 703 Amboy Ave (in front of Alpine Cemetery) Contact: Parish Office (732) 442-0512</p>	<p>Washington In front of Planned Parenthood 66 East Washington St. (Rt. 57) Contact: Joyce Lopez (908) 689-2462</p>

For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen

amarshall@diometuchen.org www.diometuchen.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

St. Catherine's First Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31st following 11:00 Mass

Seeking volunteers to run this new activity. Help from our High School Parishioners would be greatly appreciated.



To sign-up to be a part of this new activity, please call or email Lori Young at (908) 713-1997 or young20@centurylink.net More information to follow.

St. Catherine's Family Mass

Calling ALL St. Catherine's Families...

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS" on the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM, where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on September 26th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

Please contact us at stcathfamilymass@gmail.com to volunteer at any Family Mass.



ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC/GAME CARNIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 12 PM RAIN OR SHINE

There are only a couple more weeks before our big event!!

We are encouraging our high school students from the Youth Ministry Program to help. Any help with setup on Saturday 9-3 or Sunday 8-12 is also needed.

This year, food will be served at the buffet, rather than self-service. Because of this, more food servers are needed at the food tables and grills. Adults and teens are especially needed for the first two, one-hour shifts from 12-1 and 1-2 PM. Please sign up on the volunteer boards in the kitchen. We won't be serving food or drinks from 2-3 PM during our ventriloquist puppet show.

If you have any coolers or tubs that can be used for our picnic day, please drop them off in the shed. Be sure your name is marked on the coolers..

Please purchase your tickets as soon as you can so we can get a better idea of how many parishioners to expect.

Please send your positive thoughts and prayers for good weather!! Thank you.

Debbie Fass
973-222-8100



We would like to welcome

The Canavan Family

The Matta Family

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

HELP WANTED...

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, please call, text, or email Jennifer Perna at (908) 208-0472 or SCOSCOoffice@gmail.com



Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Save the Date!

At 10:30 AM on September 29th

Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the

19th Annual Blue Mass at the

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen

Gathered together with local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.

All are welcome to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org.



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: September 18, 2021

4:30 PM Margaret Rocca
r/o Jennifer, David & Boys

Sunday: September 19, 2021

8:00 AM John Unorski
r/o Nancy Unorski

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

11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: September 20, 2021

8:00 AM Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Tuesday: September 21, 2021

8:00 AM Albina Kravicki
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday: September 22, 2021

7:00 PM Margaret Rocca Birthday Blessings

Thursday: September 23, 2021

8:00 AM Maria Chyp
r/o The Mandoli Family

Friday: September 24, 2021

8:00 AM Sandra Kopka Birthday Blessings

Saturday: September 25, 2021

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

Sunday: September 26, 2021

8:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and their Families

9:30 AM Emily Kattner
r/o Mike & Stephanie & Michael
Pierce

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

From the Pastor's Desk

"Catechetical Sunday"

September 19, 2021

For many years now, the Church in the United States has designated the third weekend of September "Catechetical Sunday" to coincide with the beginning of the new School year.

Here is a timely quote from the national catechetical office of the US Catholic Bishops on religious education:

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

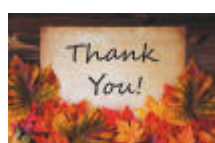
Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

Our parish is so fortunate to have wonderful people in the religious education program. We are blessed to have **Mrs. Sandra Kopka**, the director of our Religious Education Program. We are also extremely blessed in the **many, many volunteer catechists and aids** who give of their time, energy, and talents to share the Catholic faith with the Children entrusted to their care. Please keep all these wonderful people in your prayers for a successful ministry.

I hope and pray that all the young people of our parish will take part in the activities of this exciting ministry; **but, we need their parents to encourage them!**

Once again, on behalf of the entire parish, we extend our thanks to our Catechetical team for their dedication to our children.

Fr. Chester



The collections for September 5th were \$3,699.00 (102 envelopes) for the general collection and \$928.00 (43 envelopes) for Religious Education. The collection for September 12th was \$5,412.00 (128 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for September 5th was \$3,197.00 (112 donors) and the collection for September 12th was \$2,562.00 (100 donors).

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