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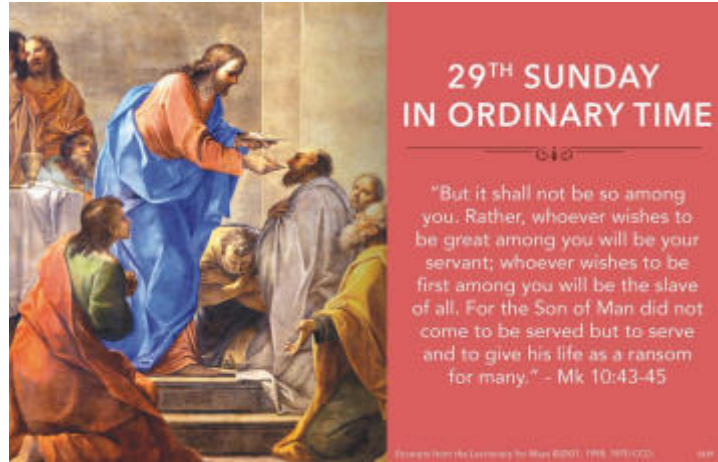
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October 17, 2021

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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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510-2712

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735-4024

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713-4914

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Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

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996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

11:00 AM WALLACE WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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

6:30 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD — ROSARIAN RECRUITMENT

11:00 AM SHANLEY BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH — ROSARIAN RECRUITMENT

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MTG & TRAINING

6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE REL ED — UNDERCROFT



Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
[12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9,
10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk
12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps
40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
[68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk
13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb
5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Observances for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Tuesday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Friday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Saturday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World
Mission Sunday

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***New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Ticket Sales
at St. Catherine's***

Following Masses the weekends of October 10th and 17th, RJ Right to Life Raffle Tickets will be sold outside or downstairs. The proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

The prizes this year are:

1st Prize — 2022 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at
\$41,300

2nd Prize — \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card

3rd Prize — \$750 ShopRite Gift Card

4th Prize — \$500 ShopRite Gift Card

Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The donation cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

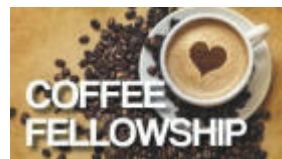


Mass of Remembrance
Saturday, November 6th—10:00 AM



A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, November 6th at 10:00 AM in the Church. Any parishioner who experienced the loss of a loved one between All Souls Day 2020 to October 1, 2021, are welcomed to be a part of this special Mass.

Please phone the Parish Office at 735-4024 with the name of the loved one you would like remembered.



Looking for volunteers for coffee fellowship to help prepare, setup, and tidy up the kitchen coffee area after all Masses.

Please contact Teri Saccal at (908) 299-9355 or email at tasaccal@outlook.com



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend Christian values in a busy changing world.

Our local council #15217 will be accepting new members at all Masses the weekend of October 30th. If you become a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #15217 for local information.



PICNIC/CARNIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to ALL who helped make our picnic/carnival such a success.

In appreciation, I would like to invite our volunteers, adults and youth, to a reception in the church kitchen on Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 PM for light refreshments. We will start with a very brief meeting to discuss ways to improve our event for next year. Please bring your thoughts and/or notes along.

God Bless You
Debbie Fass



**Saturday, November 13, 2021
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Grow personally and spiritually through this one-day preached retreat that is part of a research study to evaluate whether preaching meaning in Jesus Christ, the Logos, can help address the dramatic increase in anxiety in our world.

Participation is open to Roman Catholic adults living in the Diocese of Metuchen who suffer from anxiety.

Space is limited, so please register soon at <https://deaconmikemeyer.com/Retreats/Nov132021>

For more information, please contact Deacon Mike Meyer at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com



In place of the traditional dinner, our **2021 Champions for Catholic Charities** will again be celebrated through a *Virtual Gala*—a pre-recorded video scheduled to premiere on Thursday,

October 28th at 7:00 p.m. There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to hear testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities.

For donations, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 28th Virtual Gala premiere, go to www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to (732) 562-2432.



St. Catherine's **1ST HALLOWEEN Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 31st following the **11 AM Family Mass**

Children may wear their CHURCH-APPROPRIATE costumes to Mass!

Apple cider & donuts will be served immediately after Mass in the downstairs kitchen as we wait for the Trunk or Treat cars to set up (and give other parishioners who are unable to attend a chance to exit the parking lot.) All vehicles are encouraged to decorate! Prizes will be awarded for creativity! Please make your vehicle, decorations, and costumes, church appropriate!

RSVP by Sunday, October 24th by dropping off this form in the designated boxes at church! Or call the parish office at (908) 735-4024.

More info call Lori Young at (908) 713-1997 or Young20@centurylink.net

Family Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Number of Treaters: _____

Yes, I will provide treats and a vehicle

Count me in to volunteer for this event

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A "Free Will" donation to the Food Pantry is appreciated but not necessary. Groceries for the pantry are also greatly appreciated.

Must be 18 years or older to enter. Reservations are strongly recommended. Tables of 8 may be reserved. Reserved tables must be filled by 7 pm or they will be available for general seating. If you do not make a reservation, we cannot guarantee entrance to the show. Capacity is limited to 160 people.

You may bring your own dinner to share with your table from 6 pm to 7 pm. No dinner will be served. You may bring your favorite beverage. Water and sodas will be provided.

Please call or text Kris to reserve a table 908-797-4023

Mass Intentions

Saturday: October 16, 2021

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

Sunday: October 17, 2021

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April
9:30 AM Michael McLarney
r/o Nancy Unorski
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: October 18, 2021

8:00 AM Jack Letinski
r/o The Owens Family

Tuesday: October 19, 2021

8:00 AM A Special Intention

Wednesday: October 20, 2021

7:00 PM Kathy Dawson
r/o the Dawson Family

Thursday: October 21, 2021

8:00 AM Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Friday: October 22, 2021

8:00 AM Brian Erling
r/o The Erling Family

Saturday: October 23, 2021

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

Sunday: October 24, 2021

8:00 AM Cecilia Mauro
r/o The Perna Family
9:30 AM Stephanie Sepkowski
r/o Nancy Unorski
11:00 AM Brian Erling
r/o The Erling Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Praying the Rosary

Traditionally, October is the month when praying the rosary is emphasized. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous mysteries of the rosary shed light upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the key role of Mary, His mother, in the story of salvation history.

The rosary is *traditionally* credited to St. Dominic (1170-1221 AD). According to legend, the Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic in a vision, handed him the rosary and asked him to spread the devotion.

Historians, however, note that the rosary actually developed over a complicated, 500-year-long process. The 150 Hail Mary's that comprise the original set of 15 Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary were actually replacements for the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament.

In the first millennium, the psalms were sung or recited by the faithful at regular daily intervals. As the faith spread and the Church grew, this proved to be a very difficult practice. There were not many copies of Scripture readily available to the average person prior to the invention of the printing press in the 15th century. But even if there were, most of the population was illiterate! The prayers of the Rosary, however, were easily memorized, and since they are so repetitious the practice of praying them eventually replaced recital of the Psalms.

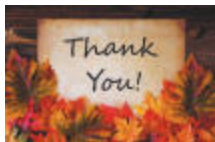
The Rosary is a wonderful vehicle for praising, thanking, and petitioning the Lord by reflecting on the mysteries of the life and mission of Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

As in all things, however, there is a right way and a wrong way to pray it. The Rosary isn't a task with a deadline to be reached! It is communication with God; and so, like all prayer it should never be rushed. A few moments of silence after announcing each mystery, for example, would allow for reflection on the meaning and impact of that mystery. The tempo when reciting the Our Fathers and Hail Marys should be slowed to allow the beautiful words of the prayers, most of which are taken directly from Scripture, to echo in our minds and hearts.

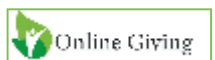
With practice and some real discipline, and setting aside a good 20-30 minutes of time, this prayer can be a source of great spiritual strength and renewal.

I strongly encourage all of us to pray the Rosary throughout this month, particularly for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, as October is also "Respect Life" month.

Fr. Chester



The collection for October 10th was \$5,311.00 (117 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for October 10th was \$2,686.00 (102 donors).

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