

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.

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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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237-0211

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782-6216

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735-9511

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713-1997

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Parish Office
735-4024

Website

Ed Schilke
713-4914

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM FAMILY MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

8:00 AM MASS
1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH RELIGIOUS ED
6:30 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM—9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM PARISH ROSARY AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

After every weekend Mass, please join us for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in the kitchen area!



Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
(c)LPI



Cub Scout Pack 119

**Wreath pick up will be this weekend
November 27/28th
at the shed**



We would like to welcome

*The Parisi Family
The Neary, Jr. Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Family Advent Wreath Lighting

The 1st Sunday of Advent begins the weekend of November 27th & 28th. Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up. Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.



The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Council 15217, is collecting Eye Glasses and Cell Phones during the month of November. All collected eye glasses and cell phones will be redistributed to the needy. We are collecting them in the Knights of Columbus Blue Bin in the undercroft.



Our drive will end at the end of November.

Please help us...



Family Promise is in need of ShopRite Gift Cards to offset food costs for families currently in the program.

Please help by purchasing ShopRite Gift Cards either through our SCRIP program (after purchasing, leave in SCRIP box) or directly from ShopRite.

Contact MaryJo Haggerty at (908) 892-3513 or celticstamper@gmail.com



Baptism

We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Dylan Robert Neary, Jr
baptized on November 13, 2021

Dear Pro Life Friends,

We, the Knights of Columbus Council #6245 of the Immaculate Conception Parish have reserved and placed a deposit on a bus for the upcoming Pro Life Rally to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. Shortages of drivers has placed a pronounced limit of buses available. Thus we request that you **indicate your intentions by Dec 1, 2021**. Details are being summarized as to the cost per person. It is suggested that a payment of \$25.00 per person be made payable to the K of C Council #6245. This will reserve a seat with the following information required:

Name _____

Phone# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Total # attending _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Please send this info & check to:
Mauro N. Fanelli
23 Whispering Hills Drive
Annandale, NJ 08801





Christmas Cookie Exchange

**December 19th
after the 11:00 AM Mass**

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and holiday conversation.

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with recipes to share (if possible) and an empty container to fill up for the holidays.

Please bring your cookies downstairs before Mass for early set up.

If interested please contact:

Doreen Opeikun cell 908-507-6752 or email doreenope@gmail.com

Dawn Salerno cell 908-477-0105 or email dawnsalerno@verizon.net

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, December 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.



Rosary Society Giving Tree November 20-December 5

Our Annual Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex beginning the weekend of November 20th through Noon on December 5th.

The Rosary Society's Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

- Friendship Center for New Beginnings
- Parishioners Who Are in Need
- Veteran's Haven North
- Family Promise

Please take a tag from the tree, return the unwrapped gift, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree... **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!** Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree.

This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Giving Tree Using the Giving Tree-SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree or on the SCRIP table in the undercroft.

All gift card orders MUST be placed by November 28th to be included in the Giving Tree Collection



St. Catherine's Family Mass

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 November 28th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

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



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

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



**SUNDAY, December 5, 2021
following the 11:00 AM Mass.**



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

**Taylor Elizabeth Neary, Jr.
Kylee Brianda Neary, Jr
Mia Isabell Valenti**

baptized on November 13, 2021

Mass Intentions

Saturday: November 27, 2021

4:30 PM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Sunday: November 28, 2021

8:00 AM Janice Wojick
r/o The Innocenti Family

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

11:00 AM Lois Karanicola Grizzaffi
r/o Rosario & Marianna
Quartararo

Monday: November 29, 2021

8:00 AM Mike Mazzerese
r/o The Salerno Family

Tuesday: November 30, 2021

8:00 AM Edwin Paulus
r/o The Perna Family

Wednesday: December 1, 2021

7:00 PM Judy McNally
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: December 2, 2021

8:00 AM Teresa Milo & Lil Smith
r/o Elsie Studley

Friday: December 3, 2021

8:00 AM Francis Fahey
r/o Irene & Bob Mascola

Saturday: December 4, 2021

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

Sunday: December 5, 2021

8:00 AM Robert Greenwood Gorton
r/o The Innocenti Family

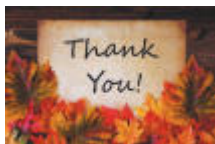
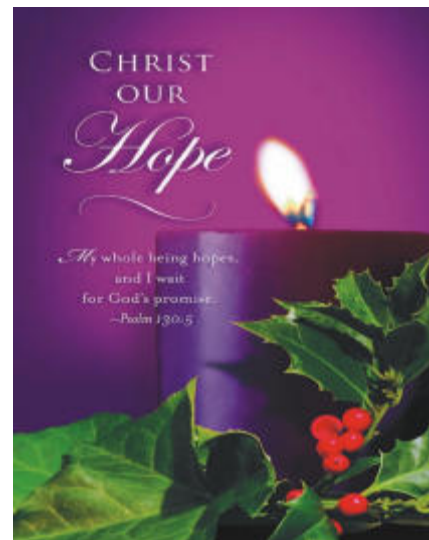
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Florence Wurster Birthday Blessings
r/o Marge Tosco & Family

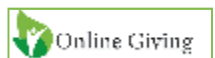
From the Pastor's Desk 1st Sunday of Advent

As we know, a new Church Year has commenced as we have entered the season of Advent. Integral to the season of Advent is the **Advent Wreath**, which has a long Catholic tradition. The Wreath is displayed prominently in front, on the left side of the Sanctuary. It typically has four candles that are lit progressively during the Sundays of Advent. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. It reminds us that we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. The second Candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. We remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah who said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him." The third candle is the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. We reflect on how we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. The fourth candle is the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. We reflect on how the angels announce the coming of the Savior, sent by God because He loves us. These candles can also help us reflect on the desire to see the light of Christ shine through the darkness of our lives.

Fr. Chester



The collection for November 14th was \$4,330.00 (111 envelopes) for the general collection. November 21st & 28th will be posted in the December 5th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for November 14th was \$2,687.00 (104 donors).

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