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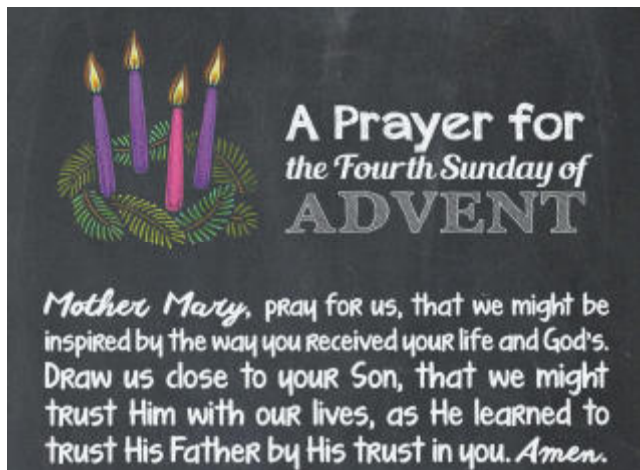
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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735-4024

Website

Ed Schilke
713-4914

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH — 4TH 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

11:45 AM COOKIE EXCHANGE

4:00 PM — 6:00 PM ADVENT RETREAT

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

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

6:30 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH — OFFICE IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM PAGEANT

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS

6:00 PM MASS

MIDNIGHT MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH — CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

4:30 PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Friday: Christmas Eve
 Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
 Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry will be honoring Juniors and Seniors from our diocese with the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards. Last year, we hosted the ceremony online, and this year we are happy to announce that **we will gather again in person at St. Francis Cathedral on January 26th at 7 PM to honor our youth with Bishop Checchio!**

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All nominations are due by December 15th. Students' personal statements are due by January 2nd. The cost per nomination is \$20.

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Advent Adoration, Retreat, and Reconciliation

December 19th at 5:00 PM

Join us for “The people in darkness have seen a great light.” A journey from darkness to the Light of Christ at an Advent retreat with Lisa Lee and Deacon Mike Meyer on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 PM in the Church.

Light refreshments will be served prior to retreat from 4:30-5:00 PM in the kitchen area.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place during the retreat.

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will immediately follow Adoration and the retreat, with 3 priests hearing confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM.



Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

3:30 PM Children’s Pageant
 4:00 PM Children’s Mass
 6:00 PM Mass
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

8:00 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st, not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

4:30 PM Mass





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

Family Advent Wreath Lighting

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.

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 December 26th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

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



The collection for December 5th was \$6,686.00 (118 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,211.00 (47 envelopes) for Religious Education. The collections for December 12th will be posted in the December 26th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for December 5th was \$3,457.00 (115 donors). The collections for December 12th will be posted in the December 26th bulletin.

New Additions to Our Church

On December 3rd, at First Friday Adoration, Father Chester blessed our new additions for Adoration. Thank you to three families who donated the beautiful Monstrance, Tabor, and Candelabras.



If you would like to see these beautiful additions up close, please attend our Advent Adoration, Retreat, and Reconciliation on December 19th, starting at 5 PM.

CONGRARULATIONS TO



Robert Keeling, who was awarded Guardian for Life from NJ-RTL.



The "Christmas Wafers" & The 2022 Catholic Calendars

Are available in the Narthex



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Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 18, 2021

4:30 PM Protection of Babies in the Womb & their Families

Sunday: December 19, 2021

8:00 AM Catherine & Jerry Santry
r/o Joan & Jim Flotteron

9:30 AM Carol Jean Muir
r/o The Paulmeno Family

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

Monday: December 20, 2021

8:00 AM Thomas Eisenhart
r/o Steve & Chrissy Kassebaum

Tuesday: December 21, 2021

8:00 AM Donald Friga
r/o Maggie & Mike Marion

Wednesday: December 22, 2021

7:00 PM Robert Rocca
r/o The Rocca & Perna Families

Thursday: December 23, 2021

8:00 AM Peter Signorello
r/o Gina & Bruce Bussell

Friday: December 24, 2021

4:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

6:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Midnight The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Saturday: December 25, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

4:30 PM Robert Rocca
r/o The Rocca & Perna Families

Sunday: December 26, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Samuel Schofield
r/o Bob & Doris Schofield

11:00 AM Brian Erling
r/o The Erling Family



From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Gospel speaks to us of a family, rejoicing at a child's birth, their lives uniquely affected by God's presence in their midst, responding with faith and trust to their special role in the history of salvation.

The example of the Holy Family inspires us as we celebrate Christmas. As they rejoice at Jesus' birth, so too do we, remembering the new divine life made possible by Jesus' life on earth.

I want to encourage you, in as sincere a way as I can, to remember to keep Christ "first" in all you do and say while you are going through your Christmas activities. By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us (yes, even those who are rude) with the true message of Christmas, and that is that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost.

Take time as well to be faithful to Church, as well as remember to pray and read God's Word. We have a lot going on here at the church during the Christmas season, and you may stay fully in tune with all that is happening by visiting our website at www.scoschurch.org and/or reading the church bulletin.

Be sure to invite a friend! This is one of the greatest times of the year to invite someone to attend church with you, so ask the Lord to help you think of a few people right now to invite so they too can hear the message of Christ!

To all I extend my prayerful best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas. I am deeply grateful to all of you for all that is being accomplished in the life of the parish. As I ask your prayers, I assure you of mine, that in the New Year we who are God's family on earth my serve Him with gladness.

My God richly bless you at Christmas!

Fr. Chester



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