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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
- Lk 3:21-22a

January 9, 2022

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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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996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

2:00 PM — 5:30 PM 6TH GRADE RETREAT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM REHEARSAL 2ND GRADE RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH

10:00 AM 1ST RECONCILIATION 2ND GRADE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Andrew Krajczar, brother of Pearl Traub, who passed away on December 21, 2021

Sandy Myers, brother-in-law of Bruce Bussell, who passed away on December 26, 2021

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Dear Parish Family:

Thank you for your overwhelming donations to the 2021 Giving Tree! As a parish, we have collected over \$18,740 in gifts, checks, and gift cards.

Because of your generosity, our parish was able to provide many items for children, including warm coats, boots, hats, gloves, underwear, socks, clothes, diapers, wipes, Legos, dolls, toy trucks, baby toiletries, diaper cream, crib items, infant outfits, Onesies, kid's Bibles, and gift cards for the single-Mom families served by the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington.

Your generous donations of gift cards were shared with the vets living at Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner and families staying with Family Promise, and funds from checks were shared with families in our parish. May God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of love.

St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Society



SAVE THE DATE...

**February 12th,
St. Catherine's
1st Comedy Night.**

Doors will open at 5:30 PM for you to enjoy your "bring your own" dinner and preferred drink.

7:00 PM "Let the Laughs Begin"



Trenton Rally for Life at the Statehouse Bus Trip Friday, January 14, 2022

The Rally for Life at the Trenton Statehouse will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 from 11 AM – 1 PM. A bus will be leaving from the Diocesan Center at 9:30 AM and will return between 2:00 and 2:30 PM for those wishing to attend the Rally. *Please note that the bus group will not be staying to attend the March which will follow the Rally. There is no charge for a bus seat but registration is required. To register online please visit:

<https://youthrallymass.abilafundraisingonline.com/trentonbus2022>

For more information email Angela at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards Friday, January 14, 2022

Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio on **Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen**. The Bishop will present the 2022 "Pro-Vita" awards at this time.

For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

EMAIL SCAMS

We have recently been made aware that scammers are getting email addresses from parish websites and parish bulletins and then, pretending to be employees, attempting to get bank account information in order to "switch" direct deposit of payroll from one bank to another, and asking for gift cards, Venmo or Zelle transfers of money. In some instances, the email is from "Fr. Chester" wanting to ask you a few questions and for you to reply back as soon as possible.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM



Clothing Drop-Off Bins

Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

Thank you to all who use our bins!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



St. Catherine's, in keeping up with technology, is making available its subscription to FORMED, a Catholic Award-Winning platform of movies, videos, talks, and e-books for ALL ages!

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Synod 2023 Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions



In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on Sunday, January 23rd, and ending on Tuesday, January 25th, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from 7 PM to 9 PM. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions.

Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023

Lynda's Helping Handbags - NJ Chapter **St. Catherine Rosary Society 2022 Collection** **Jan 8-9, 15-16, 22-23** **Help Us Reach Our Goal of 250 Handbags**



Lynda's Helping Handbags was started in 2016 in Green, Ohio through the kindness of two sisters, Lynda Dodson and Cindy Rutherford. The idea came to Lynda while struggling with serious health issues. Instead of focusing on herself, Lynda wanted to reach out and help other women. She decided on a basic, personal necessity that all women use, which we often take for granted, a handbag. Lynda wanted to fill handbags with common items and give them to women in need. Lynda shared her idea

with her sister. Cindy saw how important this was to Lynda and knew she couldn't do it on her own, so she put her sister's dream into action. They set a goal of 100 handbags and came up with a list of 10-20 items every woman uses. Through social media and word of mouth, along with the generosity of many, Cindy started receiving new or gently used handbags, and new items to fill them with. Cindy contacted Good Neighbors of Green, a non-profit serving families and individuals in a time of crisis for over 40 years, and they were thrilled to receive the donations. The project was not only beneficial to the grateful women of Good Neighbors, but was inspiring to everyone involved. Lynda and Cindy were raised with a spirit of giving, showing kindness to all, and helping one's community whenever possible. Through Lynda's Helping Handbags, these qualities have touched the lives of many. Lynda's Helping Handbags is now an annual tradition in the Green, Ohio area, as well as other parts of the country.

The Rosary Society will once again be collecting "new or gently used" handbags for women & teens and fill each handbag with 10-12 NEW items (list below). Handbags will be donated to the Career and Life Transitions Center, Washington, NJ, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bronx, NY, and Livingston Philanthropies serving the homeless in Newark, NJ.

We are asking Parish members to help us with the collection by donating new/gently used handbags and/or new filler items. Please make sure that all used handbags are in "good condition" and all donated items to fill the handbags are "new."

All handbags & filler items can be dropped off in the Marked Bins Located down in the Kitchen Area after weekend Mass

Questions, please email: jacobseng@mail.com or donnajo36@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and help with this valuable program.

Suggestions of NEW ITEMS ONLY to fill handbags:

Hand sanitizer — small bottle	Lady Razors	Mouthwash — small bottle
Hand/body lotion — small bottle	Tweezers	Tissues — individual size
Chapstick	Soap/Bath Gel	Pens & Note Pads
Lip Gloss	Tampons or pads – trial size	Pocket Calendar
Blush	Shampoo – small bottle	Greeting Cards
Mascara	Conditioner – small bottle	Socks
Hair Brush	Deodorant	Gloves/Mittens
Comb	Dental Floss	Winter Hats
Nail File & Nail Clipper	Toothpaste and Toothbrush	Scarves

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 8, 2022

4:30 PM Anthony Piotrowski
r/o The Piotrowski Family

Sunday: January 9, 2022

8:00 AM Anna May & Harry Coster
r/o The Munro Family

9:30 AM Marian Zipp
r/o The Quick Family

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

Monday: January 10, 2022

8:00 AM Ted Del Piano
r/o Marisa White

Tuesday: January 11, 2022

8:00 AM John Opeikun
r/o The Opeikun Family

Wednesday: January 12, 2022

7:00 PM John Cryan III & John Cryan Jr.
r/o Lisa Sforza

Thursday: January 13, 2022

8:00 AM Chuck Specht
r/o Innocenti Family

Friday: January 14, 2022

8:00 AM Carl Quick
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

Saturday: January 15, 2022

4:30 PM Chuck Specht
r/o Bernie & Larry Remyal

Sunday: January 16, 2022

8:00 AM John Kauza
r/o Ruth Ann & Joe Jamicky

9:30 AM Patrick Astone
r/o Gina & Bruce Bussell

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You For Christmas

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard in decorating and preparing our church for Christmas. Many people have told me how much they enjoyed the Christmas Service.

Thank you to Pat Prakopcyk, Lisa Sforza, Nancy Coletti, and Glenn Ricketts, our musicians who make our services and liturgies throughout Advent and Christmas so special and prayerful for all of us.

Thank you to our Ministry Heads and all the Ministers: Rob Preston for coordinating all our Readers; John-Joseph Bober for coordinating our Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist; Rich Kopf for coordinating the Ushers; and our Sacristan Margaret Rocca here at St. Catherine's.

Thank you to Donna and Kevin Cahill who change over all the wonderful liturgical decorations and adornments. I wish to also thank all those who helped them with the decorations for Advent and Christmas, including Carey Kopf.

Thankyou to the Rosarians who every year set up the Giving Tree to help remind us of those in need, especially during Christmas.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for your cards, gifts, and prayers during this Christmas season and this year. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Chester



The collection for Christmas was \$52,787.00 (166 envelopes). The collection for December 26th was \$3,746.00 (88 envelopes). The collections for January 2nd were \$3,710.00 (92 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$832.00 (37 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for Christmas was \$5,160.00 (25 donors). The collection for December 26th was \$2,982.00 (109 donors), and the January 2nd collection was \$3,807.00 (127 donors).

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