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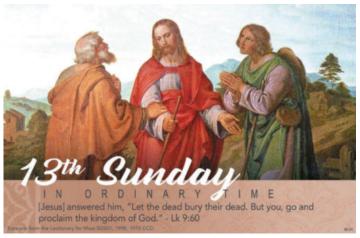
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM **MASS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

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

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL MEETING &

DEVOTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM **MASS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH

8:00 AM **MASS**

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

8:00 AM **MASS**

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

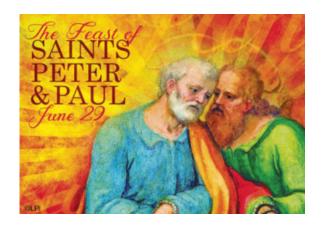
SATURDAY, JULY 2ND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM **MASS**

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

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



Readings for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10,

11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19,

20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt

8:23-27

Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal

1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day*: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt

16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,

131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,

13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/

Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Observances for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Wednesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Thursday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman

Church

Friday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas,

Apostle

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Please join the Knights of Columbus and Hunterdon County Right to Life in Lebanon for the 4th of July Parade

Parade starts at 8:30 AM for kids, Main parade 10:00 AM

Info: https://lebanonboro4thofjulyparade.com







Faith Formation 2022 – 2023

Religious education will resume this September. The parent handbook and registration forms are on our parish website.

We are in need of substitute **Catechists** and **volunteers** in order for our program to be successful. Please consider participating in passing our Catholic faith onto our youth who are the future of our church.

If interested, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com



Mission Appeal Weekend, June 25th & 26th

Join Fr. Anthony Appiah as he preaches about his Mission of Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi – Ghana

Archdiocese of Kumasi, in Ghana (West Africa), was established in 1950. The Archdiocese of Kumasi has a population of about 605,000 people, half living in rural settings. The work of evangelization takes many forms and continues through the generous support of Catholics worldwide. The Archdiocese of Kumasi has seen significant increases in infant and adult baptisms, Holy Matrimonies and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. The contributions we receive from around the world have been a contributing factor to this.

The Church's healing ministry and efforts in primary evangelization become evident through projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of people such as, the building and upgrading of health clinics in deprived areas of the Archdiocese, the care for street children and providing accessible, clean drinking water by building new wells and boreholes, especially on school grounds.

The contributions we receive also assist humanitarian activities and further evangelization efforts through the building of new churches and new schools. In addition to the classroom experience, our schools include technical and agricultural training camps and vocational institutions for our youth. There is a special educational need for teachers so the diocese has established a College of Education for the formation of Catholic Teachers. In addition to the academic disciplines, the student teachers to be trained are exposed to Catholic Theology and the social teachings of the Church in order to become agents of evangelization in their interaction with students at primary, junior high and senior high levels.

Contributions received also benefit St. Gregory the Great Major Seminary. The generous contributions we have received have helped give rise to an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese. Archbishop Gabriel Anoyke expresses his gratitude in anticipation for the generosity and kind support from Your Parish. He acknowledges that the generosity of American Catholics has immensely improved the conditions of many people of Kumasi and has aided the growth of the Church in Africa as a whole.

The Archdiocese of Kumasi truly appreciates the prayers and contributions received and strive to be good stewards of what is received so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact. The priests, deacons, religious, and missionaries serving in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana will remember you in their prayers.

Rev. Anthony Appiah (Kumasi Archdiocesan U.S. Representative)

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 16, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 7, 2022. 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 by calling (732) 562-1543.

Free Pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement

Pocket rosaries made by The Blue Rosary Guild are available for law enforcement officers and their families who desire them. Rosaries have been sent to individuals and to departments.

To make a request Please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org





See you in September?? NO WAY!
St. Catherine's has many fun and interesting activities scheduled for the summer!

So leave the pool and come to the pew!

July 30th/31st — The 'doctor' is in the house! Join us to celebrate Deacon Mike earning a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching. As always, ample 'coffee and cake' fellowship following all Masses!

August 1st — 5th (Monday thru Friday) 9 AM — 3 PM BOLD Youth Ministry U Serve Summer Camp! By August the kids are getting restless so send them off to Summer Day Camp! Open to current 5th — 8th graders. Have them grow in faith, service, and fellowship, plus earn service hours! (While you relax by the pool in peace and quiet...) Cost \$165 per camper and \$100.00 for each additional sibling. For more information contact Jim Murray at StCatherine@boldym.com.

August 28th at the 11 AM Mass — Celebrate Bishop Paul's 25th Anniversary of being Ordained a Bishop. Ah, 1997 when life was so simple and we were blessed with a new Bishop. In the blink of an eye, it's 25 years later and we have that Bishop in residence with us! Details for a luncheon bash to honor Bishop Paul will be available in the upcoming weeks.

September 18th The Parish Picnic — Up, Up, and Away, Celebrating 30 Years at St. Catherine's. Gather with friends and family for a day of fun and friendship. This year's picnic includes a tethered Hot Air Balloon (hence the Up, Up, and Away theme...) and Doctor D Entertainment. Better yet, get involved and attend planning meetings on June 30th, July 14th & 28th, August 11th & 25th, and September 1st (heck that's a lot of planning!). Call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100 to be a part of the picnic team.

Silent Auction Fund Raiser: Back by popular demand. Stay tuned for more details in the bulletin and probably yet another email. Contact Carol Rocha at (908) 616-2397 for donation drop off and volunteering to be a part of this team. Hint! Silent auction strategy: Browse the items and find one or more you like. Sign your name and bid to the sheet. Hover around your items spying others who may outbid you. Swoop in quickly if you're outbid or silently wait to 5 seconds before the bids close to jump in and win that prize!

Mass Intentions

Saturday: June 25, 2022

4:30 PM Mary Sax

r/o The Dawson Family

Sunday: June 26, 2022

8:00 AM Frances Rampino

r/o The Mitariten Family

9:30 AM Scott and Michael Roman

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Antonio and Rosa Rofrano

r/o Ortensia Clancey

Monday: June 27, 2022

8:00 AM Michael P. Mitariten

r/o The Mitariten Family

Tuesday: June 28, 2022

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

Wednesday: June 29, 2022

7:00 PM Thomas Webster

r/o Mike and Jessica Meyer

Thursday: June 30, 2022

8:00 AM Frank DeLuca

r/o Diane Corrigan

Friday: July 1, 2022

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal

r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

Saturday: July 2, 2022

4:30 PM Helen Kopf

r/o The Kopf Family

Sunday: July 3, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Mary Plese

r/o Dennis and Kathie Webster

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



The collection for June 12th was \$5,619.00 (113 envelopes) for the General Collection. The June 19th collection will be posted in the July 3rd bulletin.



On-Line Giving for June 12th was \$3,453.00 (117 donors). The June 19th collection will be posted in the July 3rd bulletin.

From the Pastor's Desk Summer Mass Attendance

As we are starting summer, many of us will have an opportunity to take a break from school or work and make time for leisure activities. As we make plans for leisure activities and travel, I will strongly encourage all of us to keep our focus on God. The time for Mass and prayer should be included in our plans.

When attending Mass, especially during the summer months, I would ask all of us to exercise prudence and judgment in how we act and in what we wear. Each year our Church leaders strive to remind the faithful of the need to dress modestly at Mass since we are in the presence of God. Our Catholic Catechism states that "...modesty guides how we look at others and behave toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity." It also states that modesty "...inspires one's choice in clothing." Certain summer dress which may be appropriate for an informal meal or a picnic may not be appropriate for Mass.

Recently in an article, "Dressing for Church," written by Abbot Tryphon from Washington, the Abbot stated, "The church is our home, a place where we should feel comfortable, and at ease. It is also God's house and is a temple set aside for worship of God. Although times might have changed and we have become a very casual society, this attitude cannot be allowed to influence how we dress to worship God. Our way of dressing for the church should reflect our desire to offer our very best to Christ."

He also stated, "Both men and women should avoid wearing clothing that can be distracting to other worshipers. Just as we want to keep our focus on the divine services, so too we must not be the cause of the distraction for our fellow Christians. Christ should be the focus of our worship, not our personal outfits. The Mass is not the place to show off the latest fashion, nor the results of the fitness center."

As we reflect on these words of wisdom, I would invite all of us to dress appropriately for Mass and keep our focus on God as we enjoy this time of leisure.

Fr. Chester

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