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*In Celebration of the
25th Anniversary of
The Most
Reverend Paul Gregory
Bootkoski
Episcopal Ordination*



September 4, 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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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

6:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM SPECHT/WITROWSKI WEDDING REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

12:00 PM SPECHT/WITROWSKI WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

FOR LABOR DAY



Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Observances for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

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25th Anniversary Mass & Celebration of Ordination of Episcopacy Bishop Paul Bootkoski



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – Welcome to new and returning members!

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 6 PM in the church. We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.



You're Invited! Bishop Bootkoski's Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination

On September fifth, our Bishop Emeritus, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination.

Bishop Bootkoski was the shepherd of our diocese for 14 years and he still offers his priestly ministry to our parishes.

All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop a Mass of Thanksgiving for this special milestone on **Sunday, September 11th, at 4:00 pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**



St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl and baptismal blanket we create. Each item is blessed by a priest and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM, resuming September 6th**, downstairs in the common room. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the formation program for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation).

Classes begin this fall and will run through Easter. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Mike Meyer for more information at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com.



Silent Auction

You still have time to donate towards our Silent Auction this year.

There is a large bin downstairs in the church where you can place your donation. Some of the items already donated are Wine Baskets, Tool Basket, Fishing Equipment, Entertainment Night, Beach Basket, etc. Don't forget if you are coming to the picnic to bring your checkbooks.

If you would like to help with the Silent Auction or have any questions, please contact Carol Rocha at crocha@hcrhs.org or at (908) 616-2397.

All proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.



Thank you in advance for helping to make this fundraiser a success!

Presenting for the First Time

Family Movie Night

Friday, September 23, 2022

Bring your lawn chairs, bean bag chairs, blankets and pillows and get comfortable outdoors in the church parking lot for our first ever movie night.

Bring the family of all ages beginning at 6:30 PM so you can purchase candy, chips, popcorn, and soft drinks before the show. We will show the featured film on a big outdoor screen with a sound system. Proceeds from the refreshment sales will go towards our new parish center building project. Admission is free, but any donations would be appreciated.

Our feature film will be **Encanto**.

Get ready for a night of fun with friends and family. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call, or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100.



ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC & GAME CARNIVAL 2022

This year's picnic & game carnival big event is happening at 12 PM on Sunday, September 18th, rain, or shine. Dr. D will entertain us and provide music and games all day. The Kona Ice truck will be on site from 2:30 to 3:30 for free snow cones. Weather permitting, free tethered balloon rides will begin at 5 PM.

Scan QR Codes with your phone camera to take you to the sites:

Volunteering



Food



If you need assistance or haven't received an email, please contact Meredith Joseph at (973) 727-3637.

In September we will have signup sheets in the kitchen area for food and additional volunteering. We are especially in need of youth volunteers. You will receive service hours for anytime worked.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 8th. Anyone who has already volunteered for, or who may be interested in helping with the games (adults and youth) is requested to attend this meeting on the 8th to get familiar with the games/ token awards and prizes.

Feel free to call me, Debbie Fass at 973-222-8100 if you have any questions or concerns or would like to help in any way. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners of St. Catherine's,

Thank you to all who attended and worked so hard to make my Anniversary Celebration a memorable day.

Thank you for all your kind words, cards, and gifts.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

Fondly,

Bishop Paul



Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 3, 2022

4:30 PM Chuck Specht & Family
r/o David & Jennifer Perna

Sunday: September 4, 2022

8:00 AM Merrill & Peter Hennion
r/o The Pierce Family

9:30 AM Annette Garafola
r/o The Ryan Family

11:00 AM John Kauza
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary
Society

Monday: September 5, 2022

8:00 AM Sue Quick Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: September 6, 2022

8:00 AM Special Intention
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Wednesday: September 7, 2022

7:00 PM Richard Sullivan
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: September 8, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Friday: September 9, 2022

8:00 AM Rev. Paul Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Saturday: September 10, 2022

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

Sunday: September 11, 2022

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

9:30 AM John Unorski
r/o Nancy Unorski

11:00 AM World Trade Center Victims & Families

From the Pastor's Desk

Bishop Paul's

25th Anniversary Celebration

Your excellency Bishop Paul, on this occasion of the 25th anniversary celebration of your ordination of Episcopacy, we all want to congratulate you and thank you for the wonderful service to the church that you have given these many years.


The work of the bishop in the church today is not always easy; they have many challenges to face and lots of expectations are placed upon them. But you have served the church in the Metuchen Diocese, and here in St. Catherine's Parish so well. You were and are a guide and mentor for so many people through all these years. The great thing about Bishop Paul is that he serves with such joy and has never lost his sense of humor. He knows how to relax; he knows how to make difficult decisions and he always has time for prayer.

Now that Bishop Paul is retired from all the responsibilities the diocese requires, he is free to do what he always loved to do; to be and pray with his people in the parish. To share a meal or coffee or just to have a conversation with them. And he always does it informally; never showing any superiority; like a friend with a friend.


Today we all thank God for all the gifts that you, Bishop Paul, have and are willing to share with our Diocese and especially with our Parish. One of those gifts is your understanding of the teachings of the church and your willingness to present them to people in a simple, logical way so that they can understand and relate to them. Your homilies are appreciated by all. Also, we all appreciate the years of your leadership qualities that you use very well.

Our Diocese and our parish have really been blessed all those years with your presence. We wish you a lot of health. We pray for you all the time. Twenty-five years is a long time, and we wish you many more. So, Happy Anniversary Bishop Paul, thanks for all you've done and continue to do for the Diocese of Metuchen and St. Catherine's Parish!

Fr. Chester



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