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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 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM — 5:00 PM PARISH PICNIC



**Readings for the week of September 11, 2022**

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  
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/ Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/ Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Observances for the week of September 11, 2022**

Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day  
 Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Friday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
 Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Next Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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**Diocesan Pilgrimage To The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception With Our Lady of Victories and St. Edward's**

**Did you sign up yet?** The trip will be on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with departure times between 5:00 AM and 5:30 AM. The day will include incredible music, opportunity for confession, Mass and plenty of free time to tour and visit the Basilica. We depart around 4:30 PM, make a quick stop for dinner and return back to Baptistown and Milford around 10 - 11 PM.

If you would like a ride on the **FREE BUS** to Washington D.C. for our Metuchen Diocese 40th Anniversary, please email Bernadette Hunsicker [brndthunsicker2@gmail.com](mailto:brndthunsicker2@gmail.com) or call (908) 510-4050 with your name, email address, cell phone number and how many seats you would like to reserve.



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

On September fifth, our Bishop Emeritus, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**



**Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 30, 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org).

Registration will close on October 7, 2022. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarians 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.

**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](mailto:deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com).



**ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC & GAME CARNIVAL 2022**

This year's picnic & game carnival big event is happening at 12 PM on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

**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](mailto: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.



Deacon Mike will be holding Altar Server Training on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> noon to 1 PM** for all interested parishioners who have received their First Holy Communion. Existing Altar servers are encouraged to join as a refresher.

**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](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

# Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday: September 12, 2022**

8:00 AM Daniel Murray  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

**Tuesday: September 13, 2022**

8:00 AM Anne Becker  
r/o Ruth Ann & Joe Jamicky

**Wednesday: September 14, 2022**

7:00 PM Anthony & Victoria Natalizio  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

**Thursday: September 15, 2022**

8:00 AM Anne Becker  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

**Friday: September 16, 2022**

8:00 AM Kelsey Flanigan  
r/o Dennis & Kathie Webster

**Saturday: September 17, 2022**

4:30 PM Joseph & Betty Kosinski  
r/o Marlene Kosinski

**Sunday: September 18, 2022**

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

9:30 AM Lucille Sullivan  
r/o The Quick Family

11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds

*From the Pastor's Desk*

*September 11th*


This Sunday marks the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We as a nation recall the tragic deaths and injuries that occurred at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on the fields of Somerset, Pennsylvania. We also remember the men and women in uniform who gave their lives or who were injured that day in the line of duty.

On this day, let's pray that religion will be a means of peace and accord and not an excuse for violence and division. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, "It is wrong to use religion as a cover for political, economic or ideological causes. It compounds the wrong when extremists of any religious tradition radically distort their professed faith in order to justify violence and hatred. Whatever the motivation, there can be no religious or moral justification for what happened on September 11. People of all faiths must be united in the conviction that terrorism in the name of religion profanes religion."


Our Bishops also remind us that, "After September 11th, we are a wounded people. We share loss and pain, anger and fear, shock and determination in the face of these attacks on our nation and our humanity. We also honor the selflessness of firefighters, police, chaplains, and other brave individuals who gave their lives in the service of others. They are true heroes and heroines."

As we reflect on these words of our bishops, this day of prayer helps us to remember not only the events of that tragic day, but also reminds us of the dangers that continue to confront us in an unstable world. As Catholics, we are challenged to respond in faith to the pressing concerns of our brothers and sisters in need, and to remember in a special way all those who suffered in some way on that fateful day of September 11, 2001. We continue to pray for our men and women in uniform who defend our freedoms, especially those serving in the Middle East. We pray for their families and the military chaplains who assist them. We are also invited to pray for peace among nations. We continue to ask for the special intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace, as we pray for peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

*Fr. Chester*



The collections for September 4th will be included in the September 18th bulletin



On-Line Giving for the September 4th will be included in the September 18th bulletin.

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