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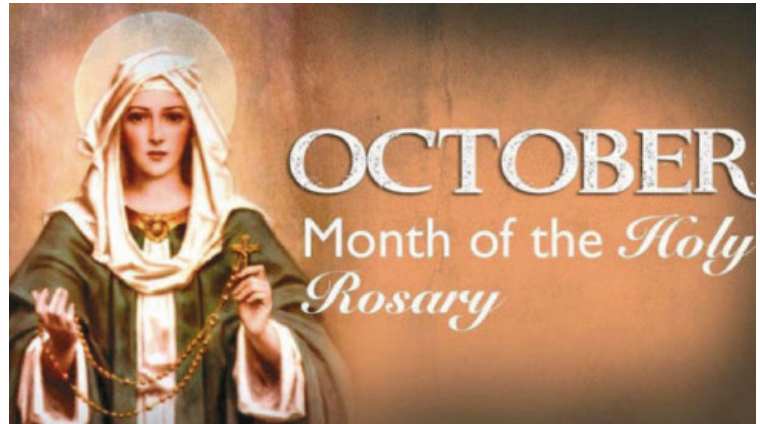
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, OCTOBER 8TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

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, OCTOBER 10TH — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:30 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

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

7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

5:30 PM 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AFTER ALL MASSES

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



Office Closed Monday,
October 10th for
Columbus Day

Readings for the week of October 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of October 9, 2022

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
 Monday: Columbus Day
 Tuesday: St. John XXIII, Pope
 Friday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Saturday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

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Thank you to all who donated & those who bid at our silent auction. It was a great success! We were able to donate over \$4,000 towards our parish center.

Special thanks goes out to those helpers who gave their time before, during, and after the picnic.

If you do not want the baskets your gifts came in, please consider donating them back to the church. The container will remain downstairs for a couple of weeks where you can place the baskets.

St. Catherine's Men! SAVE THE DATE

**Immaculate Conception Church's
 Men's Cornerstone Weekend
 Friday Evening Oct. 21st & Saturday, Oct. 22nd**

This year marks the 25th Anniversary Year of Cornerstone. *Praising God..... Through Tough Times.*



For more info:
<https://www.iccannandale.org/mens->

**October 15th & 16th
 St. Catherine's 30th Anniversary Celebration**

Come downstairs, after all Masses, to Fellowship Hall to see old photos and videos that document our parish's vibrant history. As always, cake, coffee and friendship will be served in abundance!

Due to the Diocesan Annual Gathering of Priests, we will offer ONLY a Communion Service this Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th

First Friday Adult Enrichment Programs Schedule

For the next few months our schedule is as follows:

November 4 – First Friday Catechesis: The Church
 December 2 – First Friday Book Club: *Angels & Demons*, by Michael Patella

All programs will take place in Fellowship Hall from 7 — 8:30 PM, immediately following First Friday Adoration.

**Mass of Remembrance
 Saturday, November 5th—10:00 AM**



A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 AM in the Church. Any parishioner who experienced the loss of a loved one between All Souls Day 2021 to October 15, 2022, are welcomed to be a part of this special Mass.

Please phone the Parish Office at (908) 735-4024 with the name of the loved one you would like remembered.

We would like to welcome



*The Farbanish Family
 The Morgans Family
 The Pezik Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

New Jersey Right to Life

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Tickets to be sold by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses at St. Catherine's Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6

Tickets \$10.00 each

Be the Winner!

1st Prize | 2023 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV | Valued at \$42,400.00
 2nd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$1,000.00
 3rd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$750.00
 4th Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$500.00

Winning ticket to be drawn 10 pm, November 18, 2022 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, NJ
 Winner need not be present.

Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization.

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every Tuesday, 12:30 — 2:00, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. 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.





St. Catherine of Siena Parish **POLISH NIGHT**

October 22, 2022

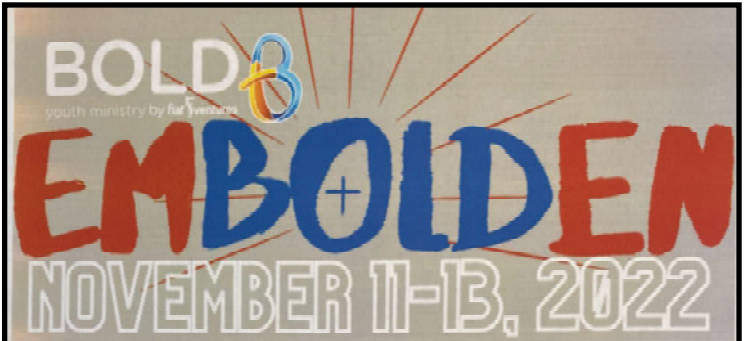
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All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to come on this AMAZING weekend retreat! Grab a friend and join us for a fun weekend full of opportunities to make new friends, strengthen your relationship with others, and draw closer to God.

To learn more, register, or see our promo video with past highlights, visit boldym.com/EMBOLDEN

COST: \$175 Registration Fee

Spots reserved on a first come first serve basis and will fill up quick, get yours today!

Questions? Contact Jean Stroud at jstroud@fiatventures.com or Jim Murray: StCatherine@boldym.com or (973) 370-2532



St. Catherine's 2nd HALLOWEEN Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 30th following the 11 AM Family Mass



Children may wear their **CHURCH-APPROPRIATE** costumes to Mass!

Apple cider & donuts will be served immediately after Mass in Fellowship Hall as we wait for the Trunk or Treat cars to set up (and give other parishioners who are unable to attend a chance to exit the parking lot).

All vehicles are encouraged to decorate! Prizes will be awarded for creativity! Please make your vehicle, decorations, and costumes, church appropriate!

RSVP by Sunday, October 23rd by dropping off this form in the designated boxes at church! Or call the parish office at (908) 735-4024.

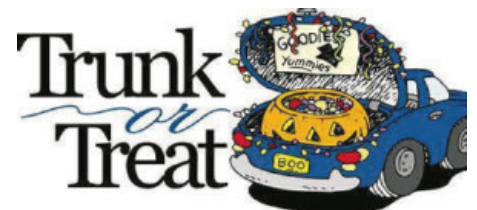
For more info contact Dawn Salerno at (908) 477-0105 or Dawnsalerno@verizon.net

Family Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Number of Treaters: _____

- Yes, I will provide treats and a vehicle
- Count me in to volunteer for this event



Mass Intentions

Saturday: October 8, 2022

4:30 PM Don Schuck
r/o Maggie & Mike Marion

Sunday: October 9, 2022

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Susan Palmeri
r/o The O'Rourke Family
11:00 AM Rosemary Sikora
r/o James Santoianni

Monday: October 10, 2022

8:00 AM The Bodi Family
r/o Elaine Frederick

Tuesday: October 11, 2022

8:00 AM Prudence Giel
r/o Dan Dawson

Wednesday: October 12, 2022

7:00 PM Communion Service

Thursday: October 13, 2022

8:00 AM Communion Service

Friday: October 14, 2022

8:00 AM Keith Morgan
r/o Kate & Ferron Murphy

Saturday: October 15, 2022

4:30 PM Frank May
r/o Bernie & Larry Remyal

Sunday: October 16, 2022

8:00 AM David Button
r/o The Innocenti Family
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Frances Rose Hardy
r/o Rosario & Marianna
Quartararo

From the Pastor's Desk

Praying the Rosary

Traditionally, October is the month when praying the rosary is emphasized. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous mysteries of the rosary shed light upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the key role of Mary, His mother, in the story of salvation history.

The rosary is *traditionally* credited to St. Dominic (1170-1221 AD). According to legend, the Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic in a vision, handed him the rosary and asked him to spread the devotion.

Historians, however, note that the rosary actually developed over a complicated, 500-year-long process. The 150 Hail Mary's that comprise the original set of 15 Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary were actually replacements for the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament.

In the first millennia, the psalms were sung or recited by the faithful at regular daily intervals. As the faith spread and the Church grew, this proved to be a very difficult practice. There were not many copies of Scripture readily available to the average person prior to the invention of the printing press in the 15th century. But even if there were, the majority of the population was illiterate! The prayers of the Rosary, however, were easily memorized, and since they are so repetitious the practice of praying them eventually replaced recital of the Psalms.

The Rosary is a wonderful vehicle for praising, thanking, and petitioning the Lord by reflecting on the mysteries of the life and mission of Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

As in all things, however, there is a right way and a wrong way to pray it. The Rosary isn't a task with a deadline to be reached! It is communication with God; and so like all prayer it should never be rushed. A few moments of silence after announcing each mystery, for example, would allow for reflection on the meaning and impact of that mystery. The tempo when reciting the Our Fathers and Hail Mary's should be slowed to allow the beautiful words of the prayers, most of which are taken directly from Scripture, to echo in our minds and hearts.

With practice and some real discipline, and setting aside a good 20-30 minutes of time, this prayer can be a source of great spiritual strength and renewal.

I strongly encourage all of us to pray the Rosary throughout this month, particularly for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, as October is also "Respect Life" month.

Fr. Chester



The collections for October 2nd were \$4,161.00 (106 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$887.00 (41 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for the October 2nd collection was \$3,523.00 (118 donors).

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