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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 9TH

9:00 AM — 11:00 AM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH HIKE
WITH DEACON MIKE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

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

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 9:30 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW
OFFICER INSTALLATION

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FORMATION
CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM FARBANISH/BOLAND WEDDING
REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

1:15 PM FARBANISH/BOLAND WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM — 4:00 PM PARISH PICNIC

*The Mass Book for 2024
is now open.*

*No emails or phone calls will be accepted
to reserve Masses.*



Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: Patriot Day
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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**CALLING ALL YOUTH MINISTRY
7th –12th GRADES**

あなたは招待されました (means "You're Invited!" In Japanese)


All students grades 7-12 are invited to St. Catherine's Youth Group on October 1st at 6pm for "Sushi Night" at Fellowship Hall. Your families are invited back to sample your creations from 7 to 7:30.



Learn how to make your own sushi, play some games and even learn some Japanese! RSVP to Dsalerno@scoschurch.org by September 15th



JOIN US



AT THE PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPT. 17

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SOCCER CHALLENGE

FAITH IN ACTION

For more information call Mark Kubian 732-422-6463 or email: mkkubian@gmail.com

SILVER & GOLDEN
Wedding Anniversary Mass



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 22, 2023 at 3:00 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 6, 2023. 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/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

COME & JOIN THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON FUN!



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, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, 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.

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 at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com for more information.

Going forward, we will have the RCIA program every other year, so if you do not sign up this year, the next class will be in the Fall of 2025.



The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major U.S. cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and worship, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be **passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 29-30, 2024**. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress.

Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him at acarlisle@diometuchen.org

ST. CATHERINE'S GOT TALENT Parish Picnic Sunday • September 17

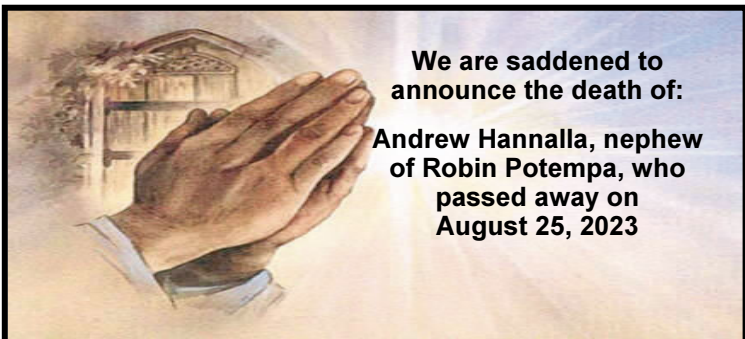
Picnic Foods - Appetizer Table - Desserts
Ice Cream Truck ♦ Crafts ♦ Silent Auction

Entertainment by Dr. D and a talent show open to all

Tickets on sale after all Masses beginning August 12/13 (\$10 per person/\$25 per family)

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS ...

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER SIGN UP BOARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



We are saddened to announce the death of: Andrew Hannalla, nephew of Robin Potempa, who passed away on August 25, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 9, 2023

4:30 PM Fr. Paul Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Sunday: September 10, 2023

8:00 AM Inocentes Maligaya Sr.
r/o Tee Andersen
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Albert Reider
r/o Carol & Mario Francmacaro

Monday: September 11, 2023

8:00 AM Vincent DiFazio
r/o The DiFazio Family

Tuesday: September 12, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday: September 13, 2023

7:00 PM Carl Quick
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: September 14, 2023

8:00 AM Donald Joe DeMeio
r/o Daniel & Savannah Baker

Friday: September 15, 2023

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Saturday: September 16, 2023

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

Sunday: September 17, 2023

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM John & Mary Del Sordi
r/o The De Vone Family
11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk
September 11th

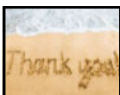
This Sunday marks the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We as a nation recall the tragic deaths and injuries that occurred at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on the fields of Somerset, Pennsylvania. We also remember the men and women in uniform who gave their 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 3rd will be posted in the September 17th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for September 3rd will be posted in the September 17th bulletin.

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