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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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00 AM MASS
4:30 PM QUICK/KALACH WEDDING REHEARSAL
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS
2:00 PM QUICK/KALACH WEDDING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

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 BENNETT REGENT BARBER BAPTISM



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Stanley Kozal, Jr, brother of Janice Mauro and Jennifer Pasculli, who passed away on September 11, 2023

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

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
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

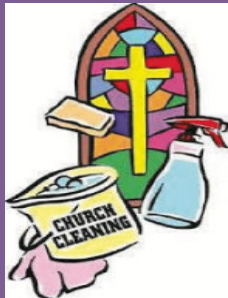
Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical
 Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
 Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
 Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Church Cleaning
Once a Month**

Please contact Kathy Mathews at kmathews1122@gmail.com or cell (908) 268-1662



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.



OPENING YOUTH GROUP EVENT LETS MAKE SOME SUSHI!

SUSHI SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15 6 TO 7:30

RSUP BY SEPT. 15TH AND ARRIVE AT 6 FOR SUSHI CLASS

MAKE SUSHI AND ENJOY YOUR CREATION WITH YOUR FAMILY

PARENTS ARE WELCOME FROM 7 TO 7:30
EMAIL DSALERNO@SCOSCHURCH.ORG WITH QUESTIONS



*We would like to welcome
The Saverino Family
Ms. Janet Westphalen
The Backer Family
Mrs. Helena Petrossian
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**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.



Parish Center Campaign Corner

Parish Center Donation Recognition Opportunities:

With Township approval of our building plans, our attention is now focused on fund raising.

To date, 135 Parishioners have pledged **\$324,789** against our goal of **\$600,000**.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

We would like to acknowledge our donors for their generous gifts by offering permanent memorial plaques affixed on various building elements with your name or that of a family loved one memorialized.

Major gift levels will be \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 & \$25,000, and above for specific rooms in the building.

There are additional gift levels ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for windows, doorways, equipment, and furnishings.

Finally, a memorial paver garden with personalized paving stones in different sizes will be available for donation levels from \$250 up to \$1,000.

All donors, regardless of gift level, will have their name affixed to a plaque displayed in the lobby of the building. Any donors who have already provided gifts at these levels will have first right of refusal for recognition opportunities.

There will be more information available at the Parish Picnic, on our website, and in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the Parish Office or fill out a pledge card, which is available at the entrances of the Church or in the Parish Office.

God bless you for your support of our Parish,
Father Chester.

Campaign Report To Date:

Active Parishioners:	538
Pledges Received:	135
Campaign Goal:	\$600,000.
Amount Pledged:	\$324,789.
Amount Collected:	\$243,155.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

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

Come and "Sing a new song to the Lord!"

St. Catherine's will be re-establishing an Adult Choir this winter. We initially plan to sing on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and special celebrations.

Please contact our Music Director, Pat Prakopcyk at stcatmusic@gmail.com or leave your name and contact information with the office. Come and help us build our Music Ministry and sing to the Lord!



Marriage Encounter Weekend



Please join us for a special weekend experience to enrich your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 20th - 22nd

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.
Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 16, 2023

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

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

Monday: September 18, 2023

8:00 AM Mary Kauza Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: September 19, 2023

8:00 AM Margaret Rocca Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: September 20, 2023

7:00 PM Margaret Rocca Birthday Blessings
r/o The Family

Thursday: September 21, 2023

8:00 AM Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Friday: September 22, 2023

8:00 AM Albina Krowicki
r/o The Baker Family

Saturday: September 23, 2023

4:30 PM Antonio & Jennifer Natalizio
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday: September 24, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph Bonk
r/o The Pasculli Family

9:30 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

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

From the Pastor's Desk

"Catechetical Sunday"

September 17th

For many years now, the Church in the United States has designated the third weekend of September "Catechetical Sunday" to coincide with the beginning of the new School year.

Here is a timely quote from the national catechetical office of the US Catholic Bishops on religious education:

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

Our parish is so fortunate to have wonderful people in the religious education program. We are blessed to have **Mrs. Sandra Kopka**, the Catechetical Director. We are also extremely blessed to have Mrs. Gallagher and Miss Riley, Mrs. Fass and Mrs. Sniscak, Mrs. Oliveira and Mrs. Girard, Mr. Muir and Miss Morgan, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Strauss and Mr. Matthew, and Mrs. LeBoeuf as **volunteer catechists and aids** who give of their time, energy, and talents to share the Catholic faith with the Children entrusted to their care. Please keep all these dedicated people in your prayers for a successful ministry.

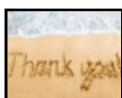
I hope and pray that all the young people of our parish will take part in the activities of this exciting ministry; **but we need their parents to encourage them!**

Once again, on behalf of the entire parish, we extend our thanks to our Catechetical team for their dedication to our children.

Fr. Chester

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"

Matthew 11:28



The collections for September 3rd were \$3,097.00 (111 envelopes) for general collection and \$425.00 (46 envelopes) for religious ed. The collections for September 10th, were \$3,027.00 (117 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,048 (49 envelopes) for the Peter Pence Collection.



On-Line Giving for September 3rd was \$3,198.00 (111 donors) and the September 10th was \$2,849.00 (100 donors).

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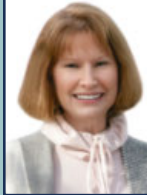
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