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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 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 — 10:15 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM BENNETT REGENT BARBER BAPTISM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA THE BIBLE & LECTIONARY (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP SUSHI NIGHT



*We would like to welcome
The Penna Family
The DiSalvo Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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St. Catherine's Rosary Society Welcomes New Members

St. Catherine's Rosary Society warmly invites all parishioners to attend our next meeting on **Sunday, October 1st at 12 Noon**. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the Mary Garden or in the Church, where we will pray the Rosary, discuss our plans for the upcoming year and have a time of fellowship.

We are a spiritual and social group, dedicated to increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, as well as providing numerous fundraising activities for our parish. Come and get closer to Mary, make new friends, and participate in one of St. Catherine's most vital and rewarding ministries.

For more information, please call Yasmine Hernandez-Manno (973) 229-4368

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 1st, at noon



We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Open House: Saint Joseph High School, Metuchen

Discover the Difference at Saint Joseph High School. Unlock your son's potential with our top-notch academic programs, inspiring faculty, championship caliber athletics programs and award-winning extracurricular activities.

Join us for Open House on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11:30 - 2 PM

Embark on the Saint Joseph Journey to Excellence today by going to www.StJoes.org/openhouse to pre-register.

SAVE-THE -DATE

November 8th from 9:30 AM — 12:30 PM For Our Senior Wednesday!!!

Our next event for Seniors will be Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway.

This event includes Continental Breakfast, guest speaker Msgr. John Fell, STD, Episcopal Vicar For Health Care Apostolate who will speak on "Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics", and Holy Mass.

Cost is \$10 per person. Call or email Angela Marshall to register at (732) 562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org

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

Please contact Kathy Mathews at

kmathews1122@gmail.com

or cell (908) 268-1662



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!





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 **\$325,164** 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:	539
Pledges Received:	135
Campaign Goal:	\$600,000.
Amount Pledged:	\$325,164.
Amount Collected:	\$243,706.

We are saddened to announce the death of:
Lorraine Schumann, wife Clifford Schumann, who passed away on September 9, 2023

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP

ordering in Fellowship Hall!

New Ministry!
Parish Outreach for College Students

Do you know a recent high school graduate? Maybe they are in college, trade school, taking a year off or already working. The Rosary Society wants to connect with them! We want these young men and women to feel God's love and guidance while they enter a new phase of their lives.

Rosarians will "adopt" a student and will pray for them all year long, (particularly during exam times!) and occasionally mail a card or care package to them. Who doesn't love to get mail?

Please contact Liz Strauss at (484) 459-9806 or lizstrauss2@comcast.net with the name and contact information of your recent grad.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: September 25, 2023

8:00 AM Sandra Kopka Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: September 26, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Rocha Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: September 27, 2023

7:00 PM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families
r/o George Mehaffey

Thursday: September 28, 2023

8:00 AM Bill and Diane Smith 60th Wedding
Anniversary
r/o The Smith Family

Friday: September 29, 2023

8:00 AM Carol L. Kopf
r/o Jennifer and Dave Perna

Saturday: September 30, 2023

4:30 PM Antonio Natalizio Birthday Blessings
r/o Jennifer

Sunday: October 1, 2023

8:00 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o Fr. Chester

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM The Colalillo Family
r/o St. Catherine's' Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

September 29th

The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation.

Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th century, instituted a prayer asking for Saint Michael's protection to be said at the end of every Mass.

Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael: (i) to fight against Satan (ii) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (iii) to be the champion of God's people, (iv) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment.

"I am Gabriel, who stand before God." (Luke 1, 19) Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

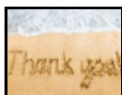
Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St. Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who "strengthened" Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

"I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" (Tob 12:15)

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering

Fr. Chester



The collections for September 17th, 24th, and October 1st will be posted in the October 8th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for September 17th, 24th and October 1st will be posted in the October 8th Bulletin.

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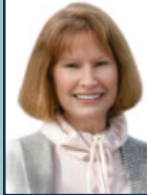
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