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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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Carol Rocha
(908) 996-7612

Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

10:00 AM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

11:30 AM OWEN PAUL CASTAGNA BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

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



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Edward Mazzochi, and Michael Kelly, uncles of Barbara Sullivan, who passed away on

Edward Mazzochi, May 28, 2023
Michael Kelly, September 5, 2023

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

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

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10: 13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, October 6th**

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

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

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



St. Catherine's HALLOWEEN Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29th 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 22nd 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) 735-4024 or dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Family Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Number of Treaters: _____

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





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 will be Updated and Posted in the October 8th Bulletin.

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!



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!



SUSHE 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 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

Monday: October 2, 2023

8:00 AM Donald Joe DeMeio
r/o Andrew & Erin Baker

Tuesday: October 3, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday: October 4, 2023

7:00 PM Joan Flotteron
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Thursday: October 5, 2023

8:00 AM Carol L. Kopf
r/o Margaret Rocca

Friday: October 6, 2023

8:00 AM Ubaldo Villaverde
r/o Deborah Brinkofski

Saturday: October 7, 2023

4:30 PM Deacon Mike & Jessica Meyer
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday: October 8, 2023

8:00 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

9:30 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o Tom & Joanne Hyland

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Respect Life Sunday

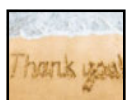
This Sunday, October 1st, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are encouraged to promote the dignity of all human life from conception until natural death. We are called to promote the Gospel of Life, and protect and cherish the lives of the elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, and the unborn. We should never forget that God is the Creator of all life, and all life is precious in His sight.

Pope Francis strongly criticized a "throwaway culture" that places too little value on human life. He said, "Unfortunately what is thrown away is not only food and disposable objects but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as unnecessary." He stressed the need to respect the dignity of the most vulnerable and marginalized in society.

Our Pope has called on us to be voices for the voiceless, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are challenged to follow the example of our Pope, and commit ourselves publicly to the protection of all human life from conception until natural death, as we strive to enhance the moral integrity of our great nation.

May God bless you and your families for all you do to embrace a culture of life.

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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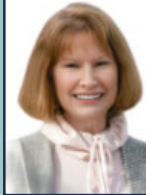
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