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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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

OFFICE CLOSED — COLUMBUS DAY

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 AM MASS
ANNUAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION — 1ST DAY
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

ANNUAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION — 2ND DAY
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES
7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

ANNUAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION — 3RD DAY
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

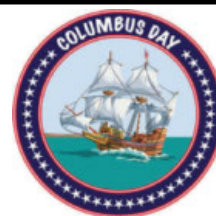
8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

SELLING OF WOOD CARVINGS FROM BETHLEHEM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

SELLING OF WOOD CARVINGS FROM BETHLEHEM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST—K OF C
8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP



Office Closed Monday,
October 9th for
Columbus Day

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

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
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10: 25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11: 5-13
 Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11: 27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

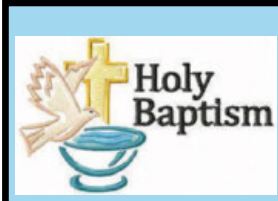
Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
 Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope
 Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Due to the Diocesan Annual Gathering of Priests, we will offer ONLY a Communion Service this Wednesday, October 11th and NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH.



We are saddened to announce the death of: Arnold Greenberg, father of Dawn Salerno, who passed away on September 29, 2023



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena: Bennett Regent Barber baptized on September 24, 2023

Thank you to all who donated & those who bid at our silent auction. We were able to donate over \$4,440 towards our parish center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry was able to donate \$503.00 towards our parish center and our 50/50 was \$786.00. Thank you to everyone for supporting our picnic.

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

St. Catherine's Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15TH
 following all Masses

Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bread, juice, coffee, and tea

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Thank you to all who came out and supported our 2023 Parish Picnic and thank you all who volunteered to make this picnic a success.



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, 134 Parishioners have pledged **\$335,868 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 22nd Bulletin.

Our Family Mass Youth Choir is seeking new members.

Please contact Nancy Coletti, Lisa Sforza, and Sandra Kopka at the main office if your child is interested in participating. Youth choir will sing on Sunday, October 29th at the 11:00 AM Mass. Choir will meet for rehearsal on Sunday, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, at 7 PM in the choir loft.



Youth Choir will also be singing the following Sundays:

- November 5th Family Mass at 9:30 AM
- December 3rd Family Mass/Saint Nicholas celebration at 11:00 AM
- December 24th Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:00 PM

Yes! Service hours will be received for your participation in our Youth Choir.
Come and help us sing of the Lord's goodness and lift up our hearts!

Everyone is invited to come out and join us for Trunk-or-Treat!



St. Catherine's 3rd Halloween Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29 following the 11 AM Family Mass

sponsored by the Youth Ministry, Stewardship Committee and the Knights of Columbus

Children may wear their **CHURCH-APPROPRIATE** costumes to Mass!
Apple cider & donuts will be served immediately after Mass in the 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 vehicle & costume 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 the church!
Or, call the parish office at (908) 735-4024.

For more info call Dawn Salerno 908-477-0105; 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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: October 9, 2023

8:00 AM Debbie Fass Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: October 10, 2023

8:00 AM Mary Nelson
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Wednesday: October 11, 2023

7:00 PM Communion Service

Thursday: October 12, 2023

NO SERVICE

Friday: October 13, 2023

8:00 AM Grace Kozal
r/o The Family

Saturday: October 14, 2023

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

Sunday: October 15, 2023

8:00 AM Marian Kaczynski
r/o Stewardship Committee

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

11:00 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Picnic Thank You

On Sunday, September 17th, we held our Annual Parish Picnic. It succeeded again in its primary goal of socializing with our faith community and was made possible by Debbie and Rich Fass, with the help of Lori Young and the Stewardship Committee.

We'd like to thank the following parishioners who dedicated their time, efforts, and generous donations to another successful, St. Catherine of Siena Annual Picnic 2023.

The Colalillo family and the Clinton Shop-Rite for their generous donation of hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese, rolls, and waters, and Tony Rocha and Ken Mandoli for the pickup.

JD's Liquors for their generous donation of the ice and birch beer keg and Bourbon Street Liquors for the ice and thank you to Bill Smith for the pickup.

Kona Ice for their very generous donation of the ice cream truck.

Ali and Brad Patkochis for arranging the ice cream truck and supplying us with tables from the Quakertown Fire Department.

Franklin Township Public works for providing us with trash cans and liners.

Dr. D and Byron and Dena Brisby for providing his wonderful entertainment.

Our talent show participants and wonderful performances, and Charlotte Letko, our program assistant.

George Mahaffey and his crew for managing the field preparation.

The volunteers who helped set up on Saturday and early Sunday morning.

Carey Kopf for the tablecloth set up and to Donna Cahill for the table decorations.

Nan Kubian for helping with the creation and printing of our picnic tickets and sign-up sheets. Mark Kubian for being our liaison between the picnic committee and the Knights.

The Knights of Columbus for the setup of the tents, tables, chairs, and shed preparation.

Bill Smith for his help with getting the golf cart for Bishop Paul.

Bishop Paul for making our day special with your presence at our picnic.

Deacon Dennis and Dawn Salerno for being such good sports under the Splash Tower!!

Doreen Opeikun for making our signs.

Dawn Salerno for coordinating with our very helpful youth group volunteers.

Lori Young for her wonderful work with the children and their crafts.


Shelly Halvorsen for her assistance with the accounting and running on the day of the picnic.

Rob Preston for the photography/videography.


Tee Andersen and her food servers, Tom Murray and his grillers, Pete Walters and his cold drink specialties, Teri Saccal and Kristi Boyle for the dessert/coffee tables, Mary Mitariten and her crew for the appetizer table, Sue and Joe Quick and their entry tent volunteers and the 50/50 sales crew, Meredith, Joseph, Christian and Joan Santoianni for running the kids' tent and our ticket sellers after all the masses.

Carol Rocha and her committee for another successful Silent Auction.

Fr. Chester & Debbie Fass



The collection for September 17th was \$2,788.00 (97 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$3,373.00 (125 envelopes) for the regular collection on September 24th. The collections for October 1st were \$3,755.00 (142 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$905.00 (80 envelopes) for religious education.



On-Line Giving for September 17th was \$3,897.00 (107 donors). September 24th was \$2,614.00 (101 donors) and October 1st was \$3,609.00 (115 donors).

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