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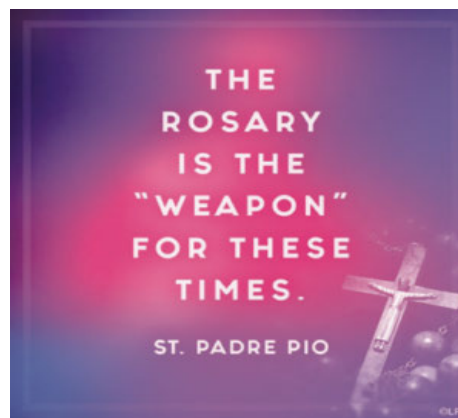
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 14TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA: WHO IS GOD?

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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 happy to welcome
our recently baptized at
St. Catherine of Siena:

Owen Paul Castagna
baptized on
October 7, 2023

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

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
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist
 Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

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Mass of Remembrance

**Saturday, November 4th
10:00 AM**

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, **November 4th at 10:00 AM** in the Church.

Any parishioner who experienced the loss of a loved one between All Souls Day 2022 to October 15, 2023, are welcomed to be a part of this special Mass.

Please phone the Parish Office at (908) 735-4024 with the name of the loved one you would like remembered.

We would like to welcome



*The Padavano Family
 The Halunsen Family
 The DeRites Family
 The DeSaulniers Family
 The Pikna Family
 The Dix Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

St. Catherine's

**pancake
breakfast**



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15TH

following all Masses

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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 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, 10/15, 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 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

Monday: October 16, 2023

8:00 AM Michael & Philomena Serak
r/o The Potempa Family

Tuesday: October 17, 2023

8:00 AM Marilyn Romanowski
r/o The Trzepla Family

Wednesday: October 18, 2023

7:00 PM Marian Kaczynski
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: October 19, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Kopf
r/o The Potempa Family

Friday: October 20, 2023

8:00 AM Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Saturday: October 21, 2023

4:30 PM Kathy Dawson
r/o Daniel Dawson

Sunday: October 22, 2023

8:00 AM Wes Weichert
r/o Nancy Murray
9:30 AM Salvatore & Rita Gallo
r/o Donna & Colin Blanchard
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk

Praying the Rosary

Traditionally, October is the month when praying the rosary is emphasized. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous mysteries of the rosary shed light upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the key role of Mary, His mother, in the story of salvation history.

The rosary is *traditionally* credited to St. Dominic (1170-1221 AD). According to legend, the Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic in a vision, handed him the rosary and asked him to spread the devotion.

Historians, however, note that the rosary actually developed over a complicated, 500-year-long process. The 150 Hail Mary's that comprise the original set of 15 Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary were actually replacements for the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament.

In the first millenium, the psalms were sung or recited by the faithful at regular daily intervals. As the faith spread and the Church grew, this proved to be a very difficult practice. There were not many copies of Scripture readily available to the average person prior to the invention of the printing press in the 15th century. But even if there were, the majority of the population was illiterate! The prayers of the Rosary, however, were easily memorized, and since they are so repetitious the practice of praying them eventually replaced recital of the Psalms.

The Rosary is a wonderful vehicle for praising, thanking, and petitioning the Lord by reflecting on the mysteries of the life and mission of Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

As in all things, however, there is a right way and a wrong way to pray it. The Rosary isn't a task with a deadline to be reached! It is communication with God; and so like all prayer it should never be rushed. A few moments of silence after announcing each mystery, for example, would allow for reflection on the meaning and impact of that mystery. The tempo when reciting the Our Fathers and Hail Mary's should be slowed to allow the beautiful words of the prayers, most of which are taken directly from Scripture, to echo in our minds and hearts.

With practice and some real discipline, and setting aside a good 20-30 minutes of time, this prayer can be a source of great spiritual strength and renewal.

I strongly encourage all of us to pray the Rosary throughout this month, particularly for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, as October is also "Respect Life" month.

Fr. Chester



The collection for October 8th was \$3,561.00 (113 envelopes) for the regular collection.



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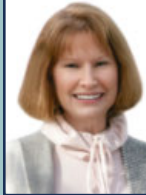
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