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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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC FOLLOW-UP MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

3:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE FOR MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

12:00 PM TRUNK OR TEAT



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Marianna Quartararo, wife of Rosario Quartararo, who passed away on October 13, 2023

George Gannon, Husband of Gayle Gannon, who passed away on October 14, 2023

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

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
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
 Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Saturday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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.



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

**Oct. 22nd Leadership Training with
Lisa Lee — for HS Youth.**

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 — 8:00 PM Training (This training will provide service hours for all who attend).

A bit about Lisa Lee – she has a Master of Arts in Christian Spirituality from Fordham. For the past 8 years, she has been a spiritual director, and is currently the director of education for a spiritual director formation program at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in NYC. She has volunteered as a catechist for over 20 years and is a certified catechist in the Diocese of Metuchen. She is also an experienced retreat leader and ministry leader—most recently she has served as the high school youth group leader (for the past 5 years) at ICC.

Oct. 29th Trunk or Treat Following the 11:00 AM Mass

- Best Fisherman/Fish Themed Costume wins a PRIZE!!!
- The Knights will be awarding a dinner ticket for 4 to their Pasta Night for the best costume and they will have 4 vehicles giving out treats.

**Nov. 4th “You’re Amazing” Hard as Nails Ministry
Breakthrough Event with Justin Fatica
@ Immaculata High School
6:30 PM for 7-12 Graders**

Justin Fatica has impacted over two million people at over 1,500 live events. He’s been a professional speaker for over 20 years, speaking in 4 countries and 46 states.

To register email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Nov. 9th Chick-Fil-A Event 6 — 7:30 PM

Limited Space!! RSVP dsalerno@scoschurch.org
FOOD!!! Prizes!!! Possible Employment Opportunities!
 Hear about how this \$9.7 Billion dollar company got its humble start. *Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy has explained the reason why Chick-fil-A remains closed on Sundays. “Closing our business on Sunday, the Lord’s Day, is our way of honoring God and showing our loyalty to Him.”*

Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council 15217 for local information.

kofc.org/joinus



Thank you to all who came out for the Blessing of our Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assis on October 7th at 10:00 AM.



St. Catherine’s Family Mass

Come celebrate “FAMILY MASS,” where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on **SUNDAY,**
October 29th at 11:00 AM
 for our next Family Mass.



Please contact us at
lisasforza@embarqmail.com
 to volunteer at any Family Mass.

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, 149 Parishioners have pledged **\$504,000 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:	
Active Parishioners:	538
Pledges Received:	149
Campaign Goal:	\$600,000
Amount Pledged:	\$504,000
Amount Collected:	\$421,466

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, 10/22, 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 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

Monday: October 23, 2023

8:00 AM Dan DeMeio
r/o The Coey Family

Tuesday: October 24, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Kopf
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

Wednesday: October 25, 2023

7:00 PM Martin Piszko
r/o Gene Piszko

Thursday: October 26, 2023

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

Friday: October 27, 2023

8:00 AM Anna Tomsky
r/o The Tomsky Family

Saturday: October 28, 2023

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: October 29, 2023

8:00 AM Vincent DiFazio
r/o The DiFazio Family

9:30 AM John Porvaznik
r/o Kathleen & Dennis Webster

11:00 AM Sebastian Fialla
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

From the Pastor's Desk World Mission Sunday

Catholics throughout the world are invited to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice by observing World Mission Sunday on October 22nd. Instituted for the whole Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it is traditionally celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday each October.

Today, let us join our brothers and sisters around the world who gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and concrete gestures of solidarity will help build local churches across the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

World Mission Sunday truly belongs to the world. It is celebrated in every country, in every diocese, and in every parish — in a remote chapel far out in the African bush, in a predominantly Muslim or Hindu area in Asia, in a poor village in Latin America. We are citizens of the world, members of the one Body of Christ, and are at our best when we act lovingly and generously to our brothers and sisters in the Missions.

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the missions grow, with new dioceses, new seminaries, and new areas opening up to hear the message of Christ. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Whatever you can contribute to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be a great blessing to local priests, religious, and lay catechists throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Europe and Latin America.

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of Faith. May God bless you greatly for all you do for the Mission Church.

Fr. Chester



The collection for October 15th was \$3,714.00 (118 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for October 15th was \$3,291.00 (100 donors).

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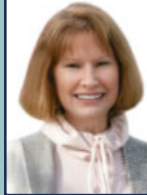
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