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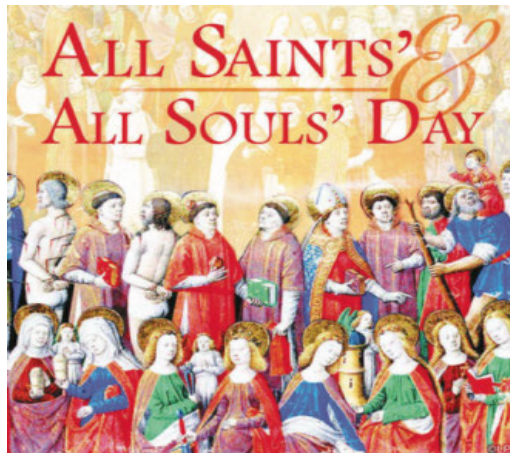
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

VIGIL ALL SAINTS' DAY

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM VIGIL ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

ALL SAINTS' DAY

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM RCIA & PARISHIONERS: THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS
10:00 AM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS
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 FAMILY MASS
11:00 AM MASS

Our Parish Book Club will resume on Friday, December 1 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall immediately following First Friday Adoration. Our book will be *Signs of New Life: Homilies on the Church's Sacraments*, by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI).

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/ Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/ Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Observances for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: All Hallow's Eve
 Wednesday: All Saints'
 Thursday: All Souls' Day
 Friday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
 Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
 Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

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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, November 3rd**

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>



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

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."*

Nov. 19th Youth Group 6 — 7:30 PM

Dec. 3rd Youth Group 6 — 7:30 PM

Guest speaker Don Nuzzio, who studies life on the sea floor.

Dec. 17th Youth Group 6 — 7:30 PM



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.

What's New in the Prayer Shawl Ministry?

Our Ministry is now making beautiful Baptismal Bibs to go along with the Baptismal Blankets they have already been making.



Our group **meets every Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet.

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Please contact Wayne Isbitski
for questions or donations at
wisbit@yahoo.com or
(908) 642-5031

Our Family Mass Youth Choir is seeking new members.

Please contact Nancy Coletti, Lisa Sforza, and Sandra Kopka.

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.

All Parishioners are invited to Join our RCIA classes.

- **Friday, November 3, 7-8:30 pm – The Church (meet in the Church)**
- **Saturday, November 18, 2:30-4:00 pm – The Holy Mass and the Liturgical Year (meet in the Church);**
- **Friday, December 1, 7-8:30 pm – Sacraments of Initiation (Fellowship Hall with First Friday Book Club).**



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at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, NJ
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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,**
November 5th at 11:00 AM
for our next Family Mass.

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



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: October 30, 2023

8:00 AM Savannah Baker Birthday Blessings
r/o The Baker Family

Tuesday: October 31, 2023

8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

7:00 PM All Soul's Novena

Wednesday: November 1, 2023

8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

7:00 PM All Soul's Novena

Thursday: November 2, 2023

8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

Friday: November 3, 2023

8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

Saturday: November 4, 2023

4:30 PM All Soul's Novena

Sunday: November 5, 2023

8:00 AM Cloyd Dressler
r/o Bob & Dori Schofield

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

11:00 AM John Porvaznik
r/o Diane Corrigan

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Cleaners

Our parish volunteers consist of dedicated lay men and women who do so much for our parish and our parishioners.

Pope Francis clearly appreciates those who work in some capacity for the Church. Our Holy Father said, "The mission of the Church in the world proceeds through the contribution of those who are part of it." He also commented that "some think that there are only priests, the bosses, and then there are workers. No, the Church is all of us, everyone, each person has their role in the Church, but we are all the Church."

Pope Francis celebrates Mass for various workers in the Vatican when his schedule permits. He also prays for those with whom he works, and when possible, interacts with them. He wants them to feel that they are integral to the mission of the Church. At St. Catherine of Siena, we often pray for our volunteers and their families. At least once a year we want to thank them publicly.

And so, A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helps or helped clean-up our church, this year, in particular: Theresa and Paul De Saulniers, Jenny Deemer, Debbie Fass, Kathy and Jim Mathews, Janice and Sal Mauro, Tom Murray, Jean and Joe O'Grodnick, Toni-Marie Padavano, Jackie Parrinello, Jennifer Pasculli, Lucia Sciancalepore, and Nancy Unorski. We see what you're doing - you give of your time, energies, and talents. Our church sanctuary, offices, kitchen, and restrooms are shining; this couldn't be done without you. Thanks again to all of you — your work and your ministry really matters.

The following "Parish Volunteers Blessing" reflects our desire for God to bless our volunteers as they continue to serve us in so many ways:

***GOD OF LOVE AND HOSPITALITY,
WE ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR PARISH
VOLUNTEERS WHO COME TO HELP US IN
OUR MINISTRY. HEAL, STRENGTHEN, AND
COMFORT THEM. MAY THEY ALWAYS
KNOW THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST,
EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HIS FRIENDSHIP,
AND GROW IN HIS LOVE. WE ASK THIS
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.***

As we reflect on this prayer, we are invited to be thankful for our parish volunteers at Saint Catherine of Siena for all that they do every day. Through their faithful service, they truly enhance the spiritual vitality of our wonderful faith community.

Fr. Chester



The collections for October 22nd will be posted in the November 5th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for October 22nd will be posted in the November 5th bulletin.

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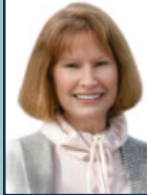
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