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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, 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
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

11:00 AM EDWARD WARD MCARDLE BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 5th,
at noon



We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Observances for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Tuesday: Election Day

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



New Bible Study at St. Catherine's

Are you looking to have a better understanding and connection to the Sunday Mass Readings? If so, join us as we gather to discuss and share these weekly passages.

We are hosting a Bible Study Information Session in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, November 16 at 10:00 AM**.

Thereafter, we will be gathering weekly on **Thursdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

For questions, please contact Teri Saccal at tasaccal@outlook.com or Lucia Sciancalepore at

All Parishioners are Invited to Join our RCIA classes.

- **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).**

Parish Book Club



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).

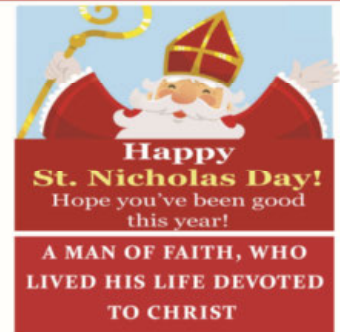


The Altar Servers will be selling **Wreaths, Roping, and Grave Blankets** after all Masses on the weekends of **November 4th and 5th and November 11th and 12th.**

Pick up is scheduled for the weekend of **November 25th and 26th.**

SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday
December 3rd
11:00 AM
Family Mass**



We would like to welcome



- The Morais Family*
- The Leone Family*
- The Kenny Family*
- The Walsh Family*
- The Barnes Family*

to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

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

31ST 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 \$900,000.**

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:	478
Pledges Received:	152
Campaign Goal:	\$900,000
Amount Pledged:	\$533,055
Amount Collected:	\$433,047

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

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St. Catherine's Knights' of Columbus Annual Pasta dinner Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM



Tickets will be sold after all Masses outside (weather permitting).
Adults \$15 Child: \$5 Family \$40
Net proceeds from ticket sales go towards the St. Catherine's Parish Center.
Food will be prepared by some of the finest chefs in New Jersey (who happen to be Knights').



CAR RAFFLE

Tickets to be sold by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses at St. Catherine's Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5



Tickets \$10 each
Be the Winner!

1st Prize | 2024 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
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2nd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$1,000.00
3rd Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$750.00
4th Prize | Shoprite Gift Card | Valued at \$500.00

Winning ticket to be drawn 10 pm, November 17, 2023 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, NJ
Winner need not be present.

Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization.



Rosary Society Giving Tree

Our Annual Giving Tree will be set-up on November 21st through December 10th.

Planning your Christmas gift donations earlier this year? Giving Tree Gift Card Order Forms are available in the office and at the exits of the church.

Our Family Mass Youth Choir is Seeking New Members.

Youth Choir will also be singing on the following Sundays:

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.

Please contact Nancy Coletti, Lisa Sforza, or Sandra Kopka in the office.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: November 6, 2023

8:00 AM Dawn Salerno Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: November 7, 2023

8:00 AM Mary Errico
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday: November 8, 2023

7:00 PM Katherine Dowdle
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: November 9, 2023

8:00 AM Don DeMeio
r/o Maria & Steve Sobitz

Friday: November 10, 2023

8:00 AM David & Jennifer Perna
r/o The Family

Saturday: November 11, 2023

4:30 PM All Veteran's Living & Deceased

Sunday: November 12, 2023

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

11:00 AM Anne Barbella
r/o Lori Young

From the Pastor's Desk *National Vocation Awareness Week*

This Sunday begins National Vocation Awareness Week here in the United States. It is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood, permanent deacons, religious life, and married life. People do not just decide to become priests or religious, it is the result of feeling drawn to the life and the work. It is born from a growing faith and love of Christ and the Church and the conviction that service to the Church through this vocation will not only bring joy but also better the lives of others who are drawn to Christ.

Imagine asking your son what he wants to be when he grows up, and he answers, "I want to be a priest!" What would your reaction be?

The truth is that God has a plan for each of your children; he wants them to be happy even more than you do. And their true happiness is found in discovering God's plan for their lives - their vocation - and following it wholeheartedly.

So if you're truly concerned about your children's well-being, it makes sense to help them discern their vocations, whether to marriage, priesthood, or religious life. Here are some simple ways to foster openness to God's call.

Read a good story — Add some books about famous saints to your bedtime reading. There are dozens of fascinating age-appropriate stories of saints who were priests and religious.

Watch a better movie — When it's time for family movie night, watch a religious movie. There are tons of Catholic films that depict heroic and interesting priests and religious. The conversation afterwards is far more meaningful than which explosion was the biggest!

Set the record straight — Media depictions of dating and sexuality are often opposed to authentic love. So when TV shows the wrong message, set the record straight about what leads to real happiness. Especially around teens, defend the sacrament of marriage.

Pray from the heart — In your family prayers, pray for more priests and religious. Let your kids hear you praying for their futures.

Talk about vocations — Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life. From the earliest age, make it clear that happiness in life is following God's plan.

Throughout this week, I invite you all to take some time to offer a prayer for those who are discerning where God is calling them to serve Him.

Fr. Chester



The collections for October 22nd were \$3,978.00 (119 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,394.00 (55 envelopes) for World Mission Sunday. The collection for October 29th was \$3,852.00 (112 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for October 22nd was \$2,838.00 (97 donors) and October 29th was \$2,716.00 (97 donors).

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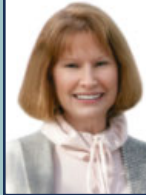
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