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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 11TH

11:00 AM EDWARD WARD MCARDLE III BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

5:00 PM KNIGHTS' PASTA DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

11:00 AM GIANNA CATHERINE PEZIK BAPTISM

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA — THE HOLY MASS & THE LITURGICAL YEAR

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM RCIA — RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

4:30 PM MASS — BISHOP PAUL TO PREACH THE HOMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

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

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Susan Tarnoski, wife of John Tarnoski, who passed away on October 27, 2023

Claire McCarthy who passed away on October 30, 2023

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

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
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
 Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
 Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
 Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 11th and 12th.



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

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).**

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.

**Rosary Society Giving Tree
 November 21st — December 10th**

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

The Rosary Society's Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

**Friendship Center for New Beginnings
 Parishioners Who Are in Need
 Veteran's Haven North
 Family Promise**

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



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 **Thursday at 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 lucia.sciancalepore3@gmail.com.

Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Nov. 19th 6 — 7:30 PM Thankful Grateful Blessed Thanksgiving Meeting-outreach Rake & Run potential activities.

Dec. 3rd 6 — 7:30 PM
 Guest speaker Don Nuzzio, who studies life on the sea floor. Please bring a nonperishable food item to help restock Food Pantry after Thanksgiving.

Dec. 17th 6 — 7:30 PM
 Christmas Party — Music, Crafts, Food & Fellowship

32ND 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 **\$564,095 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:	482
Pledges Received:	159
Campaign Goal:	\$900,000
Amount Pledged:	\$564,095
Amount Collected:	\$464,801

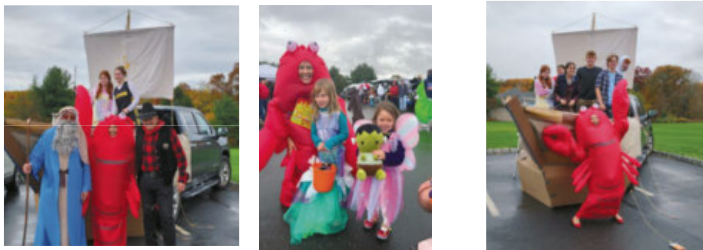
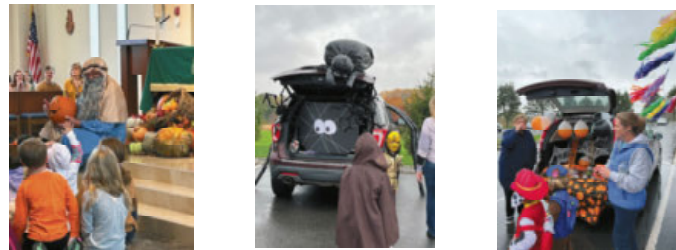
Please contact Wayne Isbitski for questions at wisbit@yahoo.com or (908) 642-5031

Please send all donations to the office or drop in collection basket.

Thank you to all who helped and participated in the 3rd Annual Family Mass and Trunk or Treat

A special thank you to Noah (Father Chester), The Children's Choir, Ken Mandoli, our Master of Ceremonies, Dawn Salerno and the Youth Ministry, The Stewardship Committee, and The Knights of Columbus. Seventy-five of our youth attended.

- 1st Place Trunk — Stacy Gallagher
- 2nd Place Trunk — Lori Young
- 3rd Place Trunk — Mary Passerello



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday December 3rd

11:00 AM Family Mass

We are expecting a *special guest* to be with us during **Mass** and all will have an opportunity to take photos with him and the children after Mass.

A specially decorated area will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for photos, so bring your cameras and cell phones.

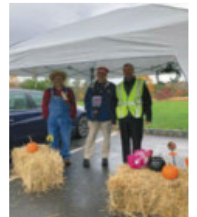
Hospitality will also be provided in the Fellowship Hall as well as **goodie bags for all the children.**



Happy
St. Nicholas Day!

Hope you've been good
this year!

A MAN OF FAITH, WHO
LIVED HIS LIFE DEVOTED
TO CHRIST



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: November 13, 2023

8:00 AM Geraldine Harvilla
r/o The DiFazio Family

Tuesday: November 14, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Wednesday: November 15, 2023

7:00 PM Gertruda Zalubaska
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: November 16, 2023

8:00 AM Don DeMeio
r/o Mary Galluch

Friday: November 17, 2023

8:00 AM Antonio Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Saturday: November 18, 2023

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

Sunday: November 19, 2023

8:00 AM Catherine Santry
r/o Joan & Jim Flotteron

9:30 AM Richard Sullivan
r/o The Quick Family

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk Veterans' Day

On November 11th, we celebrate Veterans' Day – a time when we pause to reflect and pray for all the dedicated men and women who served our country – especially those who have died. This weekend at all Masses we will be observing Veterans' Day through special Prayers of the Faithful and a special blessing for our Veterans.

During this time of continued unrest in our world, we think of those who have left family to protect the freedom we have. We enjoy great freedoms in the United States. Let us never forget the men and women who have laid their lives on the line to defend and protect our precious liberties.

The celebration of Veterans' Day invites us to remember those killed in the line of duty, those still suffering the effects of their generous response in times of national need, and, of course, everyone who has retired from active duty. We cannot forget the sacrifices of so many. It is our obligation to express our gratitude, and remember them in our prayers.

So, I encourage all of you to remember in your prayers all the living veterans – and during this month of November, all the deceased veterans – who have given so much to us.

Fr. Chester



The collection for All Saints' Day was \$1,034.00 (131 envelopes) The collections for November 5th were \$3,461.00 (127 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,002.00 (56 envelopes) for religious ed.



On-Line Giving for November 5th was \$3,489.00 (124 donors).

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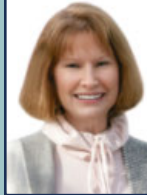
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