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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 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— THANKFUL, GRATEFUL, BLESSED, THANKSGIVING MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST — GIVING TREE GOES UP

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING
7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

11:00 AM ELIZA CLAIRE VAYLEUX BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM MIA GRACE SAVERINO BAPTISM



**The Office will be Closed on
Thursday, November 23rd
and Friday, November 24th**

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/ Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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**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.



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).

All Parishioners are Invited to Join our RCIA classes.

- **Friday, December 1, 7-8:30 pm – Sacraments of Initiation (Fellowship Hall with First Friday Book Club).**

**New Ministry!
Parish Outreach for College Students**

Do you know a recent high school graduate? Maybe they are in college, trade school, taking a year off, or already working. The Rosary Society wants to connect with them! We want these young men and women to feel God's love and guidance while they enter a new phase of their lives.

Rosarians will "adopt" a student and will pray for them all year long, (particularly during exam times!) and occasionally mail a card or care package to them. Who doesn't love to get mail?

Please contact Liz Strauss with the name and contact information of your recent grad. (484) 459-9806 or lizstrauss2@comcast.net.

**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 Celebration-White Elephant \$15 budget/Bible Bingo/DJ Matt/Gingerbread Nativities & Houses.

Jan 7th 6 — 7:30 PM

Talk about Mission trip to Appalachia and Weekend Retreat with Newark Diocese.

Jan 21st 6 — 7:30 PM

Weekly Youth Meeting Plan WWE Jesus vs Satan.

We are always happy to accept dinner donations for youth group meetings! (Pizza/Subs/Salads/Tacos)

33RD 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 will be Updated and Posted in the November 26th Bulletin.

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.

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.

Join us weekly on **Thursday at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall.

For questions, please contact Teri Saccal at tasaccal@outlook.com or Lucia Sciancalepore at lucia.sciancalepore3@gmail.com.

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



The 1st Sunday of Advent begins the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd

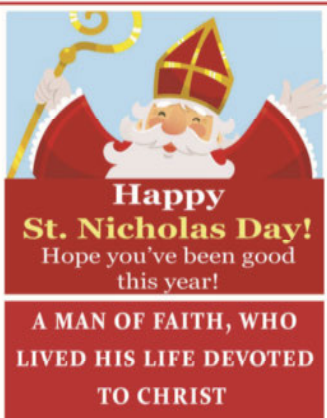
Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

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.**



Youth Choir will be singing for our Feast of Saint Nicholas Celebration on

Sunday, December 3rd at 11 AM during Family Mass

Choir rehearsals will be held weekly on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM for 45 minutes in the choir loft. Please contact Sandra Kopka at stcscre@gmail.com



Don't forget to pick up your Wreaths, Roping, and Grave Blankets at the SHED the weekend of November 25th & 26th



Has Your Email or Contact Information Changed?

If anything has changed in the past year or so, please send your updated information to scoscoffice@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: November 20, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Kopf
r/o Pat & Patrick Dziubek

Tuesday: November 21, 2023

8:00 AM Richard Marshall, Jr.
r/o T. Andersen

Wednesday: November 22, 2023

7:00 PM John Porvaznik
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Thursday: November 23, 2023

8:00 AM Marion Grieco
r/o Tony Del Piano

Friday: November 24, 2023

8:00 AM John Fusco, Sr.
r/o Bruce & Anna Marie DeRites

Saturday: November 25, 2023

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

Sunday: November 26, 2023

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

9:30 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o Betty & Fred Mariani

11:00 AM Roberta Paulmeno
r/o The Paulmeno Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Deacons

In addition to "transitional deacons" who are in formation for the priesthood, the Catholic Church provides an opportunity for men to serve as Permanent Deacons. Those men who are called to the Permanent Diaconate can be married, and they are ordained usually after a period of five years of training and formation. Many permanent deacons have secular jobs to support their families, and strive to balance family, Church, work, and other responsibilities.

Deacons can: Preside at baptisms and marriages. Assist the priest or bishop at Mass. Proclaim the Gospel and preach. Teach in Adult Education and RCIA and RCIC programs. Visit the homebound and the sick. Lead Communion Services. Serve as chaplains. Preside at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Preside at Public Blessings. They can also serve and assist in other ways.

The "Liturgical Manual For Deacons" stated, "When the deacon comes to serve, he must empty himself from all selfish concerns." He "must minister to the priest and to the altar with the humility of him whose very body and blood were offered on the altar of the cross." It also stated that the poor must know the deacon as a friend and that, "All must have such trust in his prudence and charity that his wise guidance is spontaneously welcomed."

The following "Prayer for Deacons" asks the Lord to guide deacons in their ministry:

O God, Father of us all, look with favor on those whom You have called to the sacred and ancient ministry of the diaconate. Through the intercession of St. Stephen, grant grace to Your deacons as they minister in charity to the poor, proclaim the holy gospel at Mass, and assist Your priest at the Altar. Keep close to your heart, Lord, the wives and children of permanent deacons, and grant that the witness of their husbands and fathers may bring about holiness and virtue in each family member. We ask this through Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are reminded that we are blessed to have faithful, dedicated, and holy deacons, Deacon Mike Meyer and Deacon Dennis Webster, to serve us at St. Catherine's. Please find an opportunity to thank them for their service and continue to wish them well in their ministry.

Fr. Chester



The collections for November 12th will be posted in the November 26th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for November 12th will be posted in the November 26th bulletin.

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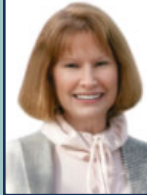
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