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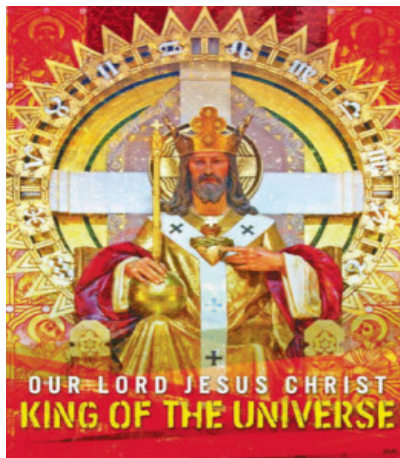
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, 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
7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM RCIA — THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

3:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
10:15 AM 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASS
11:00 AM ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY MASS
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP



We are happy to welcome
our recently baptized at
St. Catherine of Siena:

Edward Ward McArdle III
baptized on
November 11, 2023

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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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).

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.

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

Our Annual Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex on November 21st through Noon on 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

Please take a tag from the tree, return the unwrapped gift, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree....**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!** Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree.

This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Giving Tree Using the Giving Tree SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree or on the SCRIP table in the undercroft.

All gift card orders MUST be placed by December 4th to be included in the Giving Tree Collection

Drop Order Form With Check
In Collection Basket or
SCRIP Box In Fellowship Hall

**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**



Dec. 3rd from 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 from 6 — 7:30 PM

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

Jan 7th from 6 — 7:30 PM

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

Jan 21st from 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)



Thank you to everyone who came out for our Chick-Fil-A Night. It was a great success because of you!

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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, 163 Parishioners have pledged **\$590,470 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:	484
Pledges Received:	163
Campaign Goal:	\$900,000
Amount Pledged:	\$590,470
Amount Collected:	\$469,363

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 Sacca 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

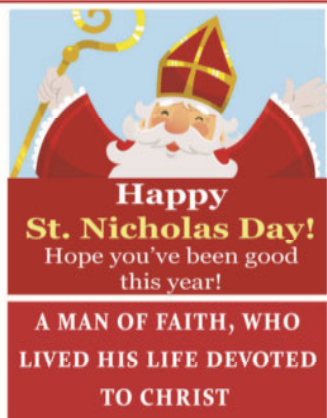
Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

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.**



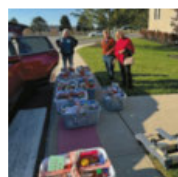
Youth Choir will be singing for our Feast of Saint Nicholas Celebration on

**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 youthchoir@scoschurch.org

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

The Rosary Society delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to Union Township School, The Sisters of Jesus of Hope, and Catholic Charities



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: November 27, 2023

8:00 AM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Tuesday: November 28, 2023

8:00 AM Lillian Lazorchak
r/o Louis & Jeanne Ferrucci

Wednesday: November 29, 2023

7:00 PM Anthony Natalizio
r/o Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: November 30, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Kopf
r/o Anna Marie & Bruce DeRites

Friday: December 1, 2023

8:00 AM Joyce Rigler
r/o Jennifer Pasculli

Saturday: December 2, 2023

4:30 PM William Merten
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: December 3, 2023

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

9:30 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o The Stewardship Committee

11:00 AM Sebastiano Fialla
r/o The Erling Family

From the Pastor's Desk *Solemnity of Christ the King*

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year and we gather to celebrate this great feast of Christ the King. The Church wants us to reflect upon what the whole of all creation is ultimately about. Our Faith tells us that Christ will return to establish the Kingdom of God and when that time comes, the world as we know it will be transformed. This is not something to be feared but rather something we long for because it means the complete fulfillment of God's will.

For us today, the meaning of the feast day may be a little less clear than it was some centuries ago when there were many kingdoms in the world, each ruled by a monarch with total authority over the lives of the people who lived there. The people were called "Subjects" because they were subject to the will of their King. Today, such monarchs no longer exist as all Kings and Queens today are Heads of State in democracies and so are pretty much figureheads. For Catholics of a few centuries ago, the image of Christ the King would have been a very real and easy concept to understand; it would be the time when Christ would surpass even their own earthly King and reign forever over their lives.

As if to emphasize the point even more, the readings for the coming weekday Masses all come from the last book of the Bible, The Apocalypse, or as it is also called, The Book of Revelations. The readings highlight the struggle between good and evil that goes on in our daily lives even today, but which will come to a climax in those last days. What we must remember is that victory will be for the Lamb of God, the one we celebrate today as Christ the King.

Have a great week!

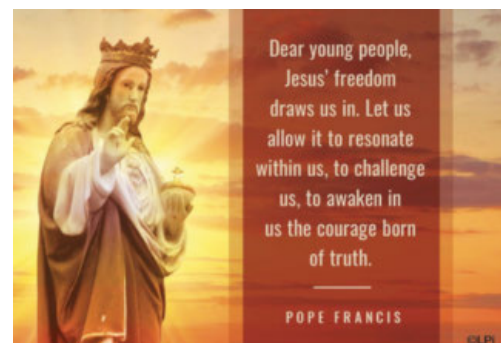
Fr. Chester



The collection for November 12th was \$3,875.00 (115 envelopes) for the regular collection. The collections for November 19th and 26th will be posted in the December 3rd bulletin.



On-Line Giving for November 12th was \$3,574.00 (96 donors). On-line Giving for November 19th and 26th will be posted in the December 3rd bulletin.



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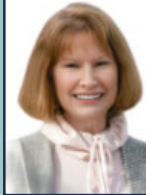
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