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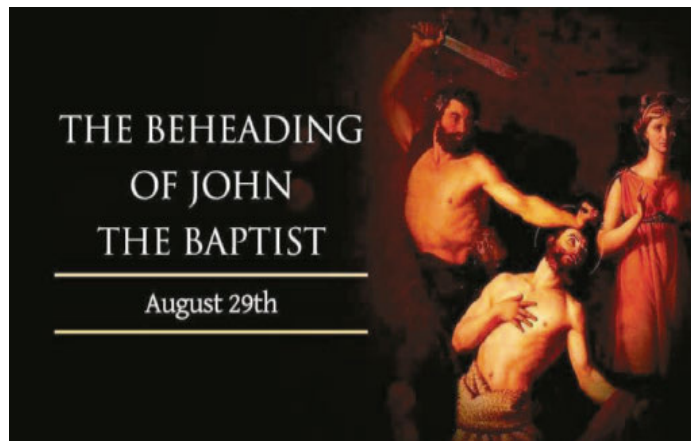
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, AUGUST 24TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

5:45 PM — 6:30 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST

10:30 AM MARIE & BENNETT VIG BAPTISMS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Anthony Webster, nephew of
Dennis & Kathie Webster,
who passed away on
August 18, 2024

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

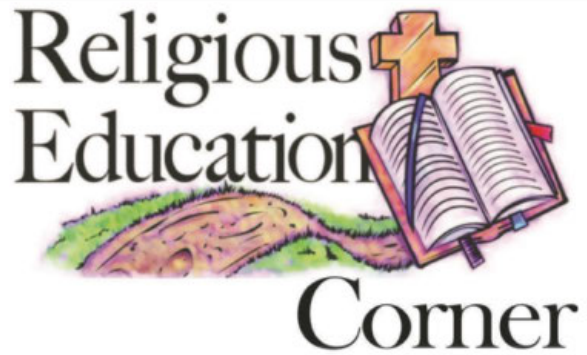
- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25: 1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2: 1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Observances for the week of August 25, 2024

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Monica
- Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Religious Education Corner



“Come with your hearts open to embrace Jesus”

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 4TH - 6 pm

CLASS BEGINS - GRADES 6 & 8 - in the church
7 pm OPENING KICK-OFF MASS - 6th, 7th & 8th grade required to attend
All families welcome & encouraged to attend this Mass
Receive a blessing for the start of the new season
Let's **R.O.C.K. - Roll Out Christ's Kingdom Together!**
Rita's Truck after Mass! RSVP: stcscre@gmail.com

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH - 8:30 am

CLASS BEGINS - GRADES 2 & 4 - downstairs
ALL ATTEND Family Mass at 9:30 am - Youth Choir sings!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH - 8:30 am

CLASS BEGINS - GRADES 3 & 5 - downstairs
ALL ATTEND including 9:30 am Mass

Ready the Way of the Lord as we embark on our 2024 - 2025 season!
For information email Sandra Kopka at: stcscre@gmail.com

LAST CHANCE . . .
SUBMIT YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE RECIPES FOR
OUR PARISH COOKBOOK
BY SEPTEMBER 2ND



THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 2
The pre-order discount is \$20 per book.

After delivery (in early November), the cost will be \$25.

To access the cookbook website, visit typensave.com
Enter the Username (**Lcoster**)
and Password (**potato124**)
then click on "Submit".
Select "Add Recipe" in the center of the page and
proceed to enter your recipe(s).

To reserve your copy of the cookbook follow the link
from the parish website: scoschurch.org.
We accept Venmo payments online. Or you may drop off
Cash and Check payments at the parish office during the
week or at Fellowship Hall after all Masses.

All profits will go to the Parish Center Building Fund.



We would like to welcome
Ms. Frances Charleston
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



Knights of Columbus
Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293
High Bridge, NJ

Future Sponsor,

We will be hosting a Charity Golf event on October 14th at the High Bridge Hill Golf Course. There will be a Deceased Sponsor Recognition for Chuck Specht.

The Knights of Columbus "4th Degree" is a patriotic men's organization dedicated to helping those in need. This golf event is our largest fundraiser to support our Veterans at the Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner.

We would appreciate your support with a sponsorship or donation. Please see the golf trifold in the display racks at the exits of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact, William Smith at (908) 797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

\$125.00 "Early Bird Special" for player registration received before September 1st!

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Knights of Columbus
March for Life Rally
Trenton, NJ, on September 26th**



Anyone interested in joining the bus trip to the March for Life Rally in Trenton is welcome! We will depart Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:30 AM.

The cost per person is \$30.00. Checks only and payable to Pope John Paul II Assembly #3293.

For additional information, please contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email at smithbuilders@hotmail.com



Calling all youthful voices to join **SAINT CATHERINE'S YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY** and help us make a difference!

OUR NEXT PRACTICE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 AT 5:45-6:30 pm IN THE CHOIR LOFT.

We will be singing Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the opening Kick off Mass for the school year, and Sept. 8, at the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass.

SIGN UP TODAY! Call Nancy Coletti at (908) 391-5103 or e-mail our Youth Music Directors Nancy Coletti and Lisa Sforza at: youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Our August Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

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| Anthony & Roseanne Albanese | Paul & Alison Manley |
| Miguel & Sandra Baptista | Peter & Juliann Mattos |
| Jack & Janet Brennan | Salvatore & Janice Mauro |
| Stanley & Teresa Brzozowski | Joseph & Mary Ellen McNulty |
| Daniel & Stacy Canavan | Mark & Irene Mortensen |
| Rene & Jasmin Colon | Matthew & Lynn Mulhall |
| Peter & Stephanie Cunha | Charles & Phyllis Pason |
| Miguel & Marta Fernandez | Cezary & Alicia Sosidko |
| Charles & Sharon Gardner | Peter & Kristen Thomas |
| Michael & Pamela Iannozzi | Dennis & Marlene Tomsky |
| Gerald & Nancy Lyness | John & Pearl Traub |

Feminine Genius Brunch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway
COST: \$25 PER INDIVIDUAL



"Responding to the World's Darkness: Inspiration from Women Saints"

GUEST SPEAKER:
DIANE M. TRAFLET, J.D., S.T.D.,
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration
and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology,
Stem Hall, University of Virginia

"This event is for women of all ages."

Register at www.diometachers.org/humanlifefoundation

Silver & Gold

Anniversary Prayer Service
with Bishop James F. Checchio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024
3:00 P.M.

The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

The Assisi Cathedral currently holds couples celebrating their 5th, 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop James F. Checchio.

Although no fee is required, in the past many jubilation couples have given a free will donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please email Angelo Marzulli at amarzulli@diometachers.org or call (732) 563-7342.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRAYER SERVICE
REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2024

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT
WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/FAMILYLIFE

Dear Parents of 3rd thru 6th Grade Students,

The St. Catherine's Club will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6-7:30, beginning with Friday, September 13th. There will be a Taco Bar at our first gathering and a light supper/snacks will be served each month. We will bring Jesus into our lives by building new friendships and extending kindness to our parish and community. I would like the 5th & 6th graders to mentor our younger ones. Games, movies and trips will be an exciting part of our club. There are forms in both church entrances in the bulletin racks. Look for additional forms and information in a bulletin insert the weekend of August 17th/18th. I am looking forward to helping our youth build their faith and relationship with God. Please call, text, or email me if you are interested. Thank you.

YOUTH CLUB

Debbie Fass
973-222-8100 (cell)
info@stonebarnclassiccars.com

YOUTH Ministry

Join us . . .

Wednesday, September 4TH at 7^{PM}

R.O.C.K - Rolling Out Christ's Kingdom Youth & Family Kick off Mass!

Youth and families are invited to receive a special blessing for the start of the 2024-25 school year and religious education season.

Come celebrate our youth and families and R.O.C.K. onward!



The Rita's Ice Cream Truck will be there for all to enjoy a Rita's Ice, Custard or both in a Gelati!



For info call, text or email Dawn Salerno at 908-478-0105 • dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: August 24, 2024

4:30 PM Robert Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday: August 25, 2024

8:00 AM Angel Quinones
r/o Wanda, Arlene and Michelle

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

11:00 AM Frederick Juliano
r/o Fr. Chester

Monday: August 26, 2024

8:00 AM Florence DeLuca
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

Tuesday: August 27, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o The Quick Family

Wednesday: August 28, 2024

7:00 PM Michael Quick
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: August 29, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o Deacon Bill & Mary Bauer

Friday: August 30, 2024

8:00 AM Salvatore Angello
r/o Dominick & Donna Mustillo

Saturday: August 31, 2024

4:30 PM Anna Dawson
r/o Dan Dawson

Sunday: September 1, 2024

8:00 AM Helen White
r/o The Quick Family

9:30 AM Carl Quick
r/o Quick & Sullivan Families

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dealing with Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all.

"How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

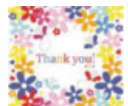
"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden – holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. Never buy a car you can't push.
8. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
9. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
10. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
11. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 18th was \$4,160.00 (109 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,278.00 (60 envelopes) for the Assumption.



On-Line Giving for August 18th was \$3,757.00 (110 donors).

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