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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 Wednesday 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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS/GRADE 7 ATTENDANCE REQUIRED/R.O.C.K EVENT FOLLOWING MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM — 7 PM GROW-A-ROW COMMUNITY EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS—ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
FOR LABOR DAY**



Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5: 1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2: 1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

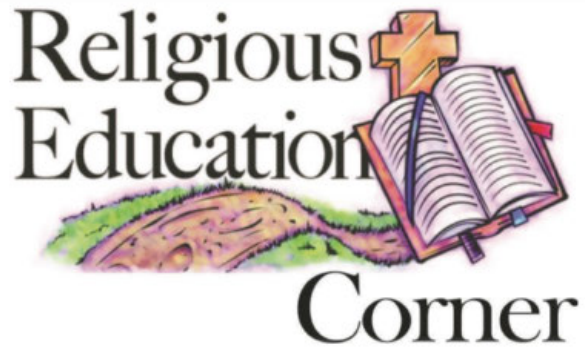
Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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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.

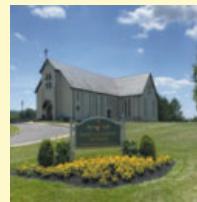
To access the cookbook website, visit typensave.com
 Enter the Username (**Lcoster**)
 and Password (**potato124**)
 then click on "Submit".

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:
The Schuler Family
The Turner Family
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!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at 3 PM and ending with Benediction at 7 PM.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, September 6th

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.



Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT THE 11:00 am MASS

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send us your name and wedding date to Tee at: tandersen@scoschurch.org

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.



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Barbara Camel, mother of Tina Horun, who passed away on August 24, 2024



Our September 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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| Neil & Catherine Adam | Herman & Elizabeth Martin |
| Tee & Brian Andersen | James & Laura McDevitt |
| Kelsey & Connor Boland | George & Cindy Mehaffey |
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| Gregory & Valerie Mayer | |

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 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

Monday: September 2, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Tuesday: September 3, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas Long
r/o The Lunger Family

Wednesday: September 4, 2024

7:00 PM Kathie & Dennis Webster
r/o Pat & Patrick Dziubek

Thursday: September 5, 2024

8:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o Dawn & Mark Salerno

Friday: September 6, 2024

8:00 AM Betty & Josph Kosinski
r/o The Family

Saturday: September 7, 2024

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

Sunday: September 8, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o The Pasculli & Mauro Families

9:30 AM Lucille & Richard Sullivan
r/o Quick & Sullivan Families

11:00 AM Ida Schorsch
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

From the Pastor's Desk *Labor Day*

This Monday we celebrate **Labor Day** and we honor all those who labor for a living. We thank them for their service to their families, and for their service to all those who benefit from their efforts. As we know, prayer and work go hand in hand. Therefore we are invited to pray in a special way for all laborers. We also pray for the unemployed and underemployed, and pray that more opportunities for gainful employment will materialize for those in need.

Pope Francis, throughout his life, has experienced the reality and rewards of hard work. He has recently stated that work "...is fundamental to the dignity of the person. It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, (and) to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." Just a few years ago, Pope Benedict also spoke about the value of human labor. He reminded us that Jesus himself was a laborer and that labor is clearly important to the human experience. He urged us to respect the importance of labor and the laborer.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recognizes the importance of the laborer and Labor Day. It recently issued a pronouncement that stated that "... work helps us to realize our humanity and is necessary for human flourishing." "Labor Day gives us the chance to see how work in America matches up to the lofty ideals of our Catholic tradition."

As we celebrate this day, we are invited to make it more than a day of rest and cookouts. It should also be a day of prayer as we honor those who labor in the spirit of Jesus and St. Joseph. We therefore once again share with you this wonderful prayer provided by one of our Catholic spiritual organizations.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor – in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work, may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 25th was \$3,685.00 (112 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for August 25th was \$2,984.00 (101 donors).

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