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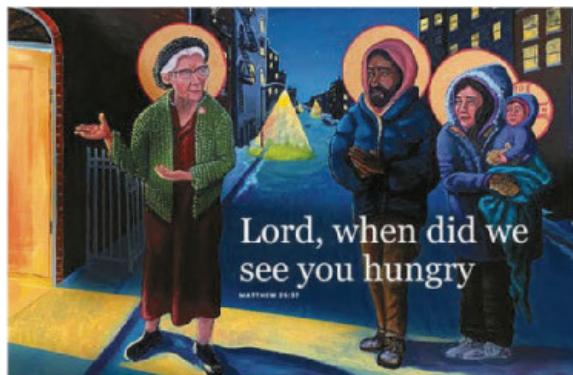
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Catechetical Sunday
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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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, SEPTEMBER 14TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

12:00 PM MORAN CONVALIDATION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM LUCA NICOLAS BRUZZI BAPTISM

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP — SUSHI & MORE!



We are saddened to announce the death of:

James Pellecchia IV,
husband of
Patricia Pellecchia, who
passed away on
September 7, 2024

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

- Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Observances for the week of September 15, 2024

- Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical
- Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Coordinates parish participation which ministers to the needs of low-income and homeless families in the county and advocates for affordable housing, transportation and living wage employment.

To volunteer, call Mary Jo Haggerty (908) 892-3513



SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment" - Pope Francis

FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

8 WEEK PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Beginning October 2, 2024
at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

For information or to register contact: **Rachelle Hanna** at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com

Deadline to Register September 25, 2024
limited to 12 participants

*Pre-registration by phone is required
Cost \$25 (for book)*

"Surviving Divorce" is a 8 week program, featuring a thirty-minute video session each week, which covers the topics of: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single, and much more.

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life.

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:
DIANNE M. TRAJLET, J.D., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Seton Hall University

This event is for women of all ages

Register at www.diometuchen.org/humanlifefundignity

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 diocesan church community invited together to celebrate their 50th, 25th or 10th wedding anniversaries in 2024 will attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop James F. Checchio.

Although no fee is required, in the past many jubilee 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 Regina Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-962-7540.

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

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/FAMILYLIFE

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every Tuesday, 12:30 — 2:00 PM, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and **YES**, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
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

**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.

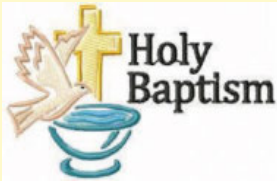
For additional information, please contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

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 happy to welcome our recently Baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

**Bennett Selmer Vig
Marie Aline Vig**

Baptized on August 31, 2024

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities



You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 60,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to (732)562-2432.



*We would like to welcome
The Pandos Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

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 |
| Denis & Kristi Boyle | Paul & Irene Morrongiello |
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| Scott & Therese Matthews | Tom & Heidi Tuozzolo |
| Gregory & Valerie Mayer | |

**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**



- Sept. 22nd 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — 1st Event! Sushi Making and Noodle Slurping, Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 5th 10:00 AM** — Blessing of the Animals & Carriage Rides, SCOS Parking Lot
- Oct. 13th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Leadership Meeting 10th — 12th grade, Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 27th After 11:00 AM Mass** — Saints & Treats
RSVP (908) 477-0105, SCOS Parking Lot
- Nov. 3rd 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — TBD
- Nov. 17th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Leadership Meeting 10th — 12th grade, Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 8th 11 AM Mass** — St Nicholas Family Mass
- Dec. 8th 6:00 — 8:30 PM** — Christmas Party
- Dec. TBD** — Country Arch Concert

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 14, 2024

4:30 PM Frederick Juliano
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Sunday: September 15, 2024

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

9:30 AM Lorraine Schumann
r/o Joanne & Tom Hyland

11:00 AM Roger L. Cramer
r/o Women's Cornerstone Core

Monday: September 16, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Kauza Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: September 17, 2024

8:00 AM George Mehaffey Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: September 18, 2024

7:00 PM Rick Webster
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: September 19, 2024

8:00 AM Carl Quick
r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

Friday: September 20, 2024

8:00 AM Margaret Rocca Birthday Blessings

Saturday: September 21, 2024

4:30 PM Margaret Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday: September 22, 2024

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

9:30 AM Rick Webster
r/o Fr. Chester

11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

"Catechetical Sunday"

September 15th

For many years now, the Church in the United States has designated the third weekend of September "Catechetical Sunday" to coincide with the beginning of the new School year.

Here is a timely quote from the national catechetical office of the US Catholic Bishops on religious education:

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

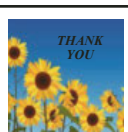
Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

Our parish is so fortunate to have wonderful people in the religious education program. We are blessed to have **Mrs. Sandra Kopka**, the Catechetical Director. We are also extremely blessed to have Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Cerqueira, Mrs. Fass, Mrs. Sniscak and Mrs. Girard, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. LeBoeuf as volunteer catechists and aids who give of their time, energy, and talents to share the Catholic faith with the Children entrusted to their care. Please keep all these dedicated people in your prayers for a successful ministry.

I hope and pray that all the young people of our parish will take part in the activities of this exciting ministry; **but we need their parents to encourage them!**

Once again, on behalf of the entire parish, we extend our thanks to our Catechetical team for their dedication to our children.

Fr. Chester



The collections for September 1st were \$3,457.00 (100 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$880.00 (43 envelopes) for Religious Ed. The September 8th collections were \$3,326.00 (101 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,192.00 (52 envelopes) for Peter Pence.



On-Line Giving for September 1st was \$3,319.00 (106 donors). The September 8th collection was \$3,393.00 (109 donors).

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