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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 28TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

10:00 AM BLESSING OF ANIMALS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

If you have not received an email from us in the last month, it means we do not have your current email address or you have unsubscribed to our email portal.

**If you want to be included in our mailing list, please provide us with your current email address to office@scoschurch.org
Thank you.**

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Observances for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood
 Monday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Friday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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POOR BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributes money in the Poor Box located in the Narthex. Your generous donations are helping families from our parish. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



Join us for Right to Life Sunday
October 6, 2024
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Hunterdon County area Christians will line the sidewalks of Route 31/ Route 202/ Route 12 Circle to Main Street, starting from Plaza 1 to form a "LIFE CHAIN", Rain or Shine.

This stand of solidarity by Hunterdon County area Christians will be made to communicate that abortion is gravely wrong and local churches oppose the killing of pre-born boys and girls, as well as the exploitation of their mothers by the abortion industry. Appropriate signs stating Abortion Kills Children will be passed out to all that attend.

Elderly and disabled pro-lifers should, if possible, arrange to bring chairs and umbrellas. Small children, under close supervision, are welcomed. Everyone who believes in the protection of pre-born children and their mothers are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

For more information call: **Robert Keeling**
(908) 236-9648, or email: rlkeeling@embargmail.com

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, October 4th

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>



St. Catherine's Rosary Society Welcomes New Members

St. Catherine's Rosary Society warmly invites all parishioners to attend our next meeting on **Sunday, October 6th at 12 Noon**.

We are a spiritual and social group, dedicated to increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, as well as providing numerous fundraising activities for our parish.

For more information, please call
 Yasmine Hernandez-Manno (973) 229-4368

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

Come Join the Youth Choir! and sing, sing, sing!




JOIN ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

We will be singing October 27th at the 11 am Sunday Family Mass for Saints-and-Treats!! Parade and party following Mass (contact Sandra at stcsre@gmail.com for Saints and Treats information)



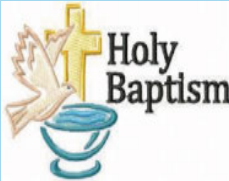
SIGN UP TODAY! Call Nancy Coletti at (908) 391-5103; or Lisa Sforza at (908) 310-3495; or e-mail Youth Music at: youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Blessing of the Animals Calling All Animal Lovers



Please join us in celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for The Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 AM** in the parking lot. Please make sure all pets are secure/leashed and we ask that you clean up after your pet.


The actual date of the Feast of St. Francis is October 4th—a day inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, whose life exemplified harmony between humans and nature. Francis of Assisi was a poor man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the Gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance.



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

Luca Nicolas Bruzzi
Baptized on September 22, 2024

Marriage Encounter



With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 18 - 20.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Call Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information.

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Our September Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Neil & Catherine Adam	Herman & Elizabeth Martin
Brian & Tee Andersen	James & Laura McDevitt
Connor & Kelsey Boland	George & Cindy Mehaffey
Denis & Kristi Boyle	Paul & Irene Morrongiello
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David & Michelle Maio	James & Michelle Schneider
James & Kathleen Mathews	Bill & Diane Smith
Scott & Therese Matthews	Tom & Heidi Tuozzolo
Gregory & Valerie Mayer	

Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events



- 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. 15th 6:00 — 8:00 PM** — TBD
- Dec. TBD** — Country Arch Concert

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 28, 2024

4:30 PM John Unorski
r/o Nancy Unorski

Sunday: September 29, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o Dan Dawson

9:30 AM The Turnwald Family
r/o Maryjane Staats

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

Monday: September 30, 2024

8:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o Fr. Chester

Tuesday: October 1, 2024

8:00 AM David McCarthy
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Wednesday: October 2, 2024

7:00 PM Rick Webster
r/o Dawn & Mark Salerno

Thursday: October 3, 2024

8:00 AM Claire McCarthy
r/o Jane Ricketts

Friday: October 4, 2024

8:00 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Saturday: October 5, 2024

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

Sunday: October 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o Carol Philp

9:30 AM Stephen J. Moriarty
r/o Ron & Rita Penty

11:00 AM St. Catherine's Rosarians Living & Deceased

From the Pastor's Desk

Praying the Rosary

Traditionally, October is the month when praying the rosary is emphasized. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous mysteries of the rosary shed light upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the key role of Mary, His mother, in the story of salvation history.

The rosary is *traditionally* credited to St. Dominic (1170-1221 AD). According to legend, the Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic in a vision, handed him the rosary and asked him to spread the devotion.

Historians, however, note that the rosary actually developed over a complicated, 500-year-long process. The 150 Hail Mary's that comprise the original set of 15 Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary were actually replacements for the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament.

In the first millennia, the psalms were sung or recited by the faithful at regular daily intervals. As the faith spread and the Church grew, this proved to be a very difficult practice. There were not many copies of Scripture readily available to the average person prior to the invention of the printing press in the 15th century. But even if there were, the majority of the population was illiterate! The prayers of the Rosary, however, were easily memorized, and since they are so repetitious the practice of praying them eventually replaced recital of the Psalms.

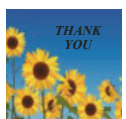
The Rosary is a wonderful vehicle for praising, thanking, and petitioning the Lord by reflecting on the mysteries of the life and mission of Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

As in all things, however, there is a right way and a wrong way to pray it. The Rosary isn't a task with a deadline to be reached! It is communication with God; and so like all prayer it should never be rushed. A few moments of silence after announcing each mystery, for example, would allow for reflection on the meaning and impact of that mystery. The tempo when reciting the Our Fathers and Hail Mary's should be slowed to allow the beautiful words of the prayers, most of which are taken directly from Scripture, to echo in our minds and hearts.

With practice and some real discipline, and setting aside a good 20-30 minutes of time, this prayer can be a source of great spiritual strength and renewal.

I strongly encourage all of us to pray the Rosary throughout this month, particularly for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, as October is also "Respect Life" month.

Fr. Chester



The collection for September 22nd was \$3,776.00 (118 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for September 22nd was \$2,919.00 (101 donors).

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