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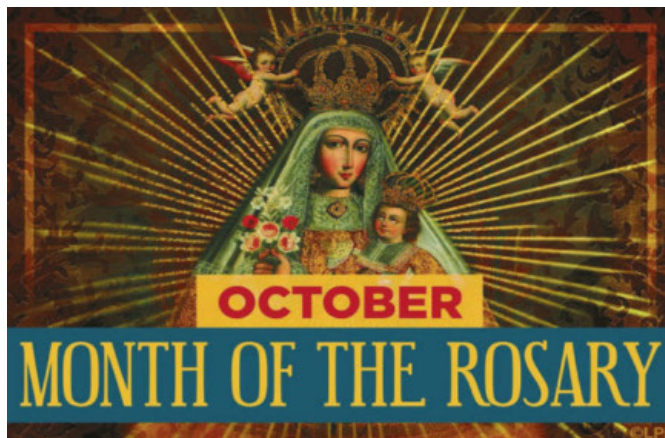
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM KIDS CLUB (3RD — 7TH GRADE)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

7:00 PM MATTHEW/MULLIGAN WEDDING REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

3:00 PM MATTHEW/MULLIGAN WEDDING

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

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH LEADERSHIP MEETING (10TH — 12TH GRADE)



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Shirley Wiegel, aunt of Lori Young, who passed away on September 1, 2024

Catherine Blackburn, mother of Bill Blackburn, who passed away on September 17, 2024

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

- 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
- Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Observances for the week of October 6, 2024

- Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Bishop James F. Checchio

October is Respect Life month! In light of the coming elections, Bp. Michael Burbidge, the Chair of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, has sent out a prayer which Bishop Checchio is asking all of us to pray between now and Election Day:

The Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

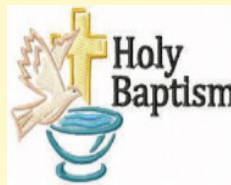
Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



In Honor of Columbus Day, the St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus are now offering **FREE** membership in the Month of October if you sign up online at KofC.org/Joinus

Knights of Columbus

We do it to be better Husbands, Fathers, Sons, Neighbors, and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.



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

**Adeline Rose Turner
Karina Grace Turner
Patrick William Turner**

Baptized on August 8, 2024

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in October?

Join us on October 13th at the 11:00 AM Mass to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

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



St. Catherine's 3rd Halloween Trunk-or-Treat with Sainly Sweets - A Heavenly Halloween Sunday, October 27 following the 11 AM Family Mass



Children are asked to dress up as their **FAVORITE SAINTS** or any other **CHURCH-APPROPRIATE** costumes to Mass!

Apple cider & donuts will be served immediately after Mass in the Fellowship Hall as we wait for the Trunk-or-Treat cars to set up (and give other parishioners who are unable to attend a chance to exit the parking lot.)

All vehicles are encouraged to decorate! Prizes will be awarded for vehicle & costume creativity!

Please make your vehicle, decorations and costumes church appropriate!

RSVP by Sunday, October 20th by dropping off this form in the designated boxes at the church; or, call the parish office at (908) 735-4024. For more info call Dawn Salerno 908-477-0105; or dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Family Name: _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Number of Treaters _____

_____ Yes, I will provide treats and a vehicle

_____ Count me in to volunteer for this event

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

New Jersey Right to Life

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Tickets to be sold by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses at St. Catherine's Nov. 2-3, and 9-10




Tickets \$10 each
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Winning ticket to be drawn 10 pm, November 22, 2024 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, NJ Winner need not be present.

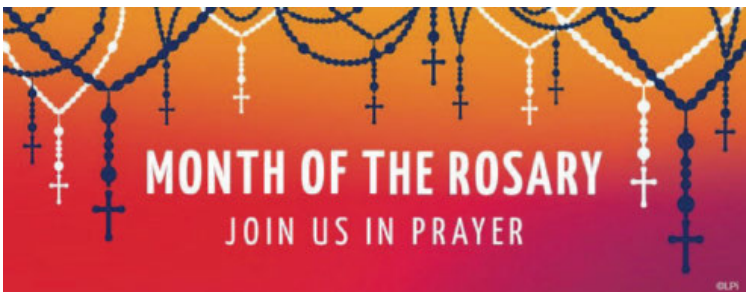
Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization.



We would like to welcome:
The Ferrari Family
The Guido Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

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

Vincent & Patricia Battipaglia	Ed & Pam Kulik
Marc & Cara Bruzzi	Thomas & Amy Murray
Jed & Donna Chingery	Dominic & Donna Mustillo
Jeffrey & Nancy Coletti	Stephen & Kathleen O'Connor
Jose & Maria Julia Cunha	Brian & Catherine O'Rourke
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MONTH OF THE ROSARY
JOIN US IN PRAYER

Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events



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: 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

Monday: October 7, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Tuesday: October 8, 2024

8:00 AM Debbie Fass Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: October 9, 2024

7:00 PM Ann Preston
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: October 10, 2024

8:00 AM David McCarthy
r/o Bob Cebrick & Mark Spezzaferro

Friday: October 11, 2024

8:00 AM Maureen Gilligan
r/o Dan Dawson

Saturday: October 12, 2024

4:30 PM Margot Hernandez
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: October 13, 2024

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

9:30 AM Grace Kozal
r/o The Family

11:00 AM Mary & Arthur Nelson
r/o The Nelson Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Respect Life Sunday

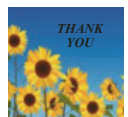
This Sunday, October 6th, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are encouraged to promote the dignity of all human life from conception until natural death. We are called to promote the Gospel of Life, and protect and cherish the lives of the elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, and the unborn. We should never forget that God is the Creator of all life, and all life is precious in His sight.

Pope Francis strongly criticized a "throwaway culture" that places too little value on human life. He said, "Unfortunately what is thrown away is not only food and disposable objects but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as unnecessary." He stressed the need to respect the dignity of the most vulnerable and marginalized in society.

Our Pope has called on us to be voices for the voiceless, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are challenged to follow the example of our Pope, and commit ourselves publicly to the protection of all human life from conception until natural death, as we strive to enhance the moral integrity of our great nation.

May God bless you and your families for all you do to embrace a culture of life.

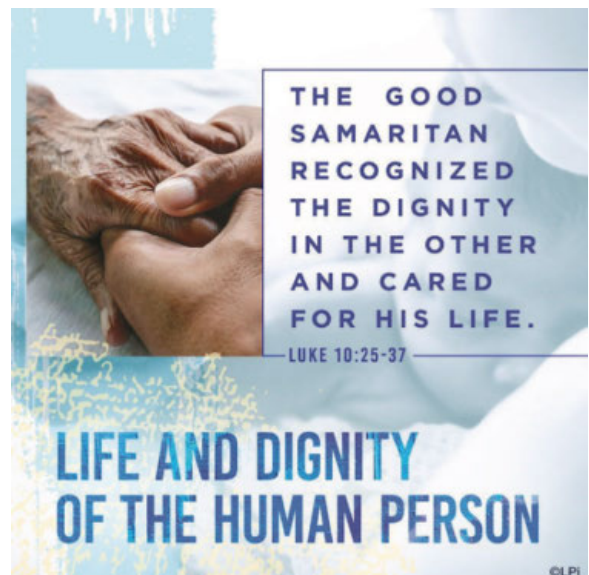
Fr. Chester



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