St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

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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.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Kelly Wojtal (908) 892-4574

Audio/Visual Ken Mandoli (908) 735-2879

<u>Auditors</u> Maggie Marion (908) 735-4024

<u>Bible Study</u> Teri Saccal (908) 229-9355 Lucia Sciancalepore (201) 970-5072

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Catholic Media Denise Botto (908) 996-6760

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Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Mary Kauza (908) 735-4582 Jane Ricketts (908) 782-6216

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<u>Stewardship</u> Lori Young (908) 713-1997

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Veterans Military Apostolate Parish Office (908) 735-4024

Website Ed Schilke (908) 886-3884

Wedding Coordinator Ellen McCarthy (908) 240-0583

<u>Welcome</u> Carol Rocha (908) 996-7612

Youth Choir Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti youthmusic@scoschurch.org

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We	ekly Schedule
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12	2TH
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
	3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM	MASS
11:00 AM	MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING
3:00 PM	MATTHEW/MULLIGAN WEDDING
	YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
	YOUTH LEADERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14T OFFICE CLOSED –	
8:00 AM	MASS
6:30 PM — 8:00 PM	SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 151	гн
8:00 AM	MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER PRIEST CONVOC	
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM	6TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
7:00 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 PRIEST CONVOC	
8:00 AM	COMMUNION SEREVICE
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH	
8:00 AM	MASS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1	
10:00 AM	THEODORE ASHBY TURNER BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	
4:30 PM	MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH WORLD MISSION S	
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	CONNOR JACKSON HALVORSEN BAPTISM
5:15 PM — 6:00 PM	YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

OCTOBER 13, 2024 — 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readin	gs for the week of October 13, 2024
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
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	ls 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Observa	nces for the week of October 13, 2024
Sunday:	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Columbus Day
Tuesday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Saturday:	St. Luke, Evangelist Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
Next Sunday:	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



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 <u>KofC.org/Joinus</u>

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.



Due to the Diocesan Annual Gathering of Priests, we will offer ONLY a Communion Service this Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th.



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.

We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Feri Howison, daughter of John & Pat Ziobrowski, who passed away on September 24, 2024

Valerie Pascarello, mother of Eric Pascarello, who passed away on October 1, 2024



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



Children are asked to dress up as their <u>FAVORITE SAINTS</u> or any other <u>CHURCH-APPROPRIATE</u> 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 fom 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

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Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, **November 2nd at 10:00 AM** in the Church.

Any parishioner who experienced the loss of a loved one between All Souls Day 2023 to October 15, 2024, are welcomed to be a part of this special Mass.

Please phone the Parish Office at (908) 735-4024 with the name and date of death of the loved one you would like remembered.



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

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 C <mark>unha</mark>	Brian & Catherine O'Rourke
Marc & Elizabeth Davis	Thomas & Karen Obiedzinski
Frederick & Constance Finch	Guy & Lisa Pagano
Anthony & Grace Fusco	John & Dawn Paulmeno
Gregory & Christine Horun	John & Jennifer Poole
Frank & Francine Jannuzzi	Keith & Peggy Rogers
Ken & Stacy Jones	Steven & Teresa Rossi
Eric & Meredith Joseph	Andre & Jessica Sarwan
Jameson & Maggie Kimball	Ed & Ellen Schilke
Ed & Jackie Kolibas	William & Patricia Twaddle



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP Dear Brothers in Christ,

October 2024

As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 20, 2024, I write to you with a heart full of hope, reflecting on the theme chosen by His Holiness Pope Francis: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9)." This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of mission, inviting all to partake in the Lord's feast of love and salvation.

Over a century ago, it was the Catholic Church in the United States that benefitted from the generosity of the universal Church through the same collection we will hold.

The second collection on World Mission Sunday is not merely a canonically mandatory tradition; it is a vital lifeline. It supports over 1,150 mission territories in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. Every dollar raised is a testament to our collective commitment to the Great Commission (cf. Mt 28:19-20). These funds are entirely devoted to evangelization efforts, including the support of seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools, and healthcare centers that offer life-changing education and care to those most in need.

As pastors of the flock entrusted to our care, we are called to embody the mission entrusted by Christ to His Church. Pope Francis reminds us that "mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with Him." Let us inspire our communities with the joy and urgency of this mission. Let us encourage them to contribute financially and to deepen their commitment to missionary discipleship.

In your homilies and gatherings, I urge you to share the story of our Church's missionary journey, highlighting how the seeds planted by those before us have flourished into a global communion of faith, hope, and charity. This collection is a tangible expression of our "yes" to God's call to be missionaries, extending His invitation to the banquet to everyone, everywhere.

As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, may we be inspired by the words of Pope Francis to "set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!" Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.

May the Holy Spirit invigorate our missionary zeal and deepen our commitment to sharing the joy of the Gospel with all. I thank you for your dedication to this cause and for your continued prayers and support for the Church's mission. Likewise, I am grateful for all you do, day in and day out, to build the Kingdom of God here in our diocese!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ everend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metucher



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 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

Monday: October 14, 2024

8:00 AM Dr. John Stevens r/o Carol Philp

Tuesday: October 15, 2024

8:00 AM David McCarthy r/o Addie Cito

Wednesday: October 16, 2024

7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday: October 17, 2024 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: October 18, 2024

8:00 AM Rev. Henry L. Hemmerling

Saturday: October 19, 2024

4:30 PM Frank May r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: October 20, 2024

(118 donors).

8:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM	Rick Webster r/o Jennifer & David Perna
11:00 AM	Maureen Kaupas r/o The Bakos Family



nline Giving Thank you The collections for October 6th were \$3,771.00 (107 envelopes) for the regular collection, and \$1056.00 (53 envelopes) for Religious Ed.

On-Line Giving for October 6th was \$3,946.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Cleaners

Our parish volunteers consist of dedicated lay men and women who do so much for our parish and our parishioners.

Pope Francis clearly appreciates those who work in some capacity for the Church. Our Holy Father said, "The mission of the Church in the world proceeds through the contribution of those who are part of it." He also commented that "some think that there are only priests, the bosses, and then there are workers. No, the Church is all of us, everyone, each person has their role in the Church, but we are all the Church."

Pope Francis celebrates Mass for various workers in the Vatican when his schedule permits. He also prays for those with whom he works, and when possible, interacts with them. He wants them to feel that they are integral to the mission of the Church. At St. Catherine of Siena, we often pray for our volunteers and their families. At least once a year we want to thank them publicly.

And so, A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helps or helped clean-up our church, this year, in particular: **There**sa De Saulniers, Jenny Deemer, Debbie Fass, Kathy and Jim Mathews, Janice and Sal Mauro, Tom Murray, Jean and Joe O'Grodnick, Toni-Marie Padavano, Jackie Parrinello, Jennifer Pasculli, Lucia Sciancalepore, and Nancy Unorski. We see what you're doing - you give of your time, energies, and talents. Our church sanctuary, offices, kitchen, and restrooms are shining; this couldn't be done without you. Thanks again to all of you; your work and your ministry really matters.

The following "Parish Volunteers Blessing" reflects our desire for God to bless our volunteers as they continue to serve us in so many ways:

GOD OF LOVE AND HOSPITALITY, WE ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS WHO COME TO HELP US IN OUR MINISTRY. HEAL, STRENGTHEN, AND COMFORT THEM. MAY THEY ALWAYS KNOW THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST, EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HIS FRIENDSHIP, AND GROW IN HIS LOVE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are invited to be thankful for our parish volunteers at Saint Catherine of Siena for all that they do every day. Through their faithful service, they truly enhance the spiritual vitality of our wonderful faith community.

Fr. Chester



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