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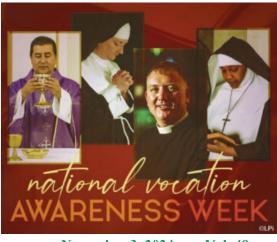
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, NOVEMBER 2ND

RIGHT TO LIFE & POLISH DINNER TICKET SALES

10:00 AM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM **MASS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

RIGHT TO LIFE & POLISH DINNER TICKET SALES

8:00 AM MASS

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

FORMATION

MASS 9:30 AM 11:00 AM **MASS**

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM **MASS**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

MASS 8.00 AM

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM KIDS CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

RIGHT TO LIFE & POLISH DINNER TICKET SALES

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

RIGHT TO LIFE & POLISH DINNER TICKET SALES

8:00 AM MASS

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

FORMATION

9:30 AM **FAMILY MASS**

COFFEE AND MEET UP FOR 10:15 AM — 11:00 AM

YOUNG FAMILIES

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

12:00 PM HISTORIAN MEETING

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 3rd at noon We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meetina.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 — 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:

23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c,

31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor

3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb

9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Observances for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Sav-

ing Time Ends; National Vocation Aware-

ness Week

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday: Election Day

Friday:

Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Prayer for Vocations

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER & THANKFUL LITURGY

Saturday, November 9 at the 4:30 pm Mass

Please Join together with our Parish Family to Honor All those who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

THEY TRULY PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE LIBERTIES THAT WE ALL ENJOY.

NEW EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible — Often when we pick up the Bible and try to read it, we get lost. The Bible is a complex library of 73 books including poetry, laws, and history. It is filled with so many places and events it can be hard to follow.

Come join us as we take a chronological walk through the narrative books of the Bible. We'll explore a framework from which to read and understand Scripture and the story of God's love for us through salvation history.

This study will have 8 sessions on the **First and Third Tuesdays starting November 5**th **from 7-9 PM.** Half-hour video presentations are paired with small group discussions and light reading at home.

To sign up or for more information, either text, call, or email Ellen Schilke at (908) 217-1653 or Ellenschilke@gmail.com

Check out the Bible Study trailer here: https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery



KIDS CLUB NEWS For 3rd thru 7th Graders

Friday, November 8th, from 6 — 7:30 PM we will be rehearsing our play, "The Ornaments of Christmas." Additional rehearsals will be on Friday, November 22nd and December 13th, 6 — 7:30 PM. We need more cast members!

Saturday, November 9th, we will visit Country Arch at 11 AM to make Christmas Tree Ornaments with the residents. Parents must bring their child and stay. Please bring a baked good or snack that the children can serve. Email or text Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or kidsclub@scoschurch.org if you plan to attend.

Families with Young Children Meet Up with Munchkins

On **November 10th immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass**, St. Catherine's of Siena will host a coffee, tea, and fellowship event for our *Families with Young Children* in Fellowship Hall.

Bring the whole family downstairs, immediately after Mass, for bagels, coffee, tea, juice, fruit, muffins, and Munchkins, and even a small craft for the kids.

Connect with others in the same, sometime sleepless, phase of life to meet new friends, share stories, and enjoy some empathy. While there, please sign onto the Families with Young Children email list to engage in the conversation of how St. Catherine's parish can better serve and support these vital members of our church community.

If you have questions do not hesitate to contact **Mark Salerno at (908) 477-5039**.



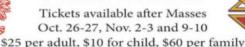
November 16, 2024 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Menu includes:

Gyumpki • Pierogi • Potato Soup Kielbasa and Sauerkraut • Chicken Nuggets Polish bread • Salad • Desserts

Beer and/or wine (first two drinks are included in the ticket price), soft drinks, water, cash bar

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All proceeds to support Knights of Columbus Charities



Rosary Society Giving Tree

Our Annual Giving Tree will be set-up on November 25th through December 16th.

Planning your Christmas gift donations earlier this year? Giving Tree Gift Card Order Forms are available in the office and at the exits of the church.

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in November?

Join us on November 10th, at the 11:00 AM Mass to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

All Sacramentally 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

Our November Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Rich & Debbie Fass

David & Jennifer Perna

William & Crystal Higgins

Michael & Lynne Perrino

Samuel & Joni Lamparello

Kenneth & Suzanne Portera

Tom & Jessica Lawrence

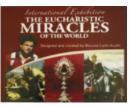
James & Joan Santoianni

Mike & Jessica Meyer

John & Patricia Ziobrowski

Mike & Mary Mitariten

The St. Catherine's Rosary Society Presents...



Nancy LaCorte, is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges, NJ. She has been a popular speaker for years on Eucharistic miracles, Marian apparitions, and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

All are invited to attend her inspirational presentation on the Eucharistic Miracles on **Sunday**, **November 17th**, **after the 11 AM Mass** in Fellowship Hall. It's an experience you won't forget!

Please RSVP by November 10th to Peggy York at p york@embargmail.com



CAR RAFFLE

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



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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 Jeresey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization

SAVE THE DATE...St. Nicholas is coming to St. Catherine's on December 8th during the 11:00 AM Family Mass. Please plan to join us for Mass followed by goodies and a *special guest* in Fellowship Hall.





Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Nov. 3rd 6:00 — 7:30 PM — "Gratitude" Making Cookies & Care Packages For College Kids

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: November 2, 2024

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

Sunday: November 3, 2024

8:00 AM Ann Preston

r/o Michelle & John Fusco

9:30 AM Roger Cramer

r/o Annmarie & Bruce DeRites

11:00 AM Robert Reider

Ann & Rob Preston

Monday: November 4, 2024

8:00 AM Dawn Salerno Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: November 5, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

Wednesday: November 6, 2024

7:00 PM John Porvaznik

r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: November 7, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Errico

r/o The Baker Family

Friday: November 8, 2024

8:00 AM Josef Schlegel

r/o Laurie & Bob Keeling

Saturday: November 9, 2024

4:30 PM All Veteran's Living & Deceased

Sunday: November 10, 2024

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

9:30 AM John Del Sordi

r/o The DeVone Family

11:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr. Lisa Kozal



The collections for October 27th were \$3,981.00 (117 envelopes) for the regular collection, and \$1,964.00 for people affected by hurricanes Milton and Helene.



On-Line Giving for October 27th was \$3,229.00 (108 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk National Vocation Awareness Week

This Sunday begins National Vocation Awareness Week here in the United States. It is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood, permanent deacons, religious life, and married life. People do not just decide to become priests or religious, it is the result of feeling drawn to the life and the work. It is born from a growing faith and love of Christ and the Church and the conviction that service to the Church through this vocation will not only bring joy but also better the lives of others who are drawn to Christ.

Imagine asking your son what he wants to be when he grows up, and he answers, "I want to be a priest!" What would your reaction be?

The truth is that God has a plan for each of your children; he wants them to be happy even more than you do. And their true happiness is found in discovering God's plan for their lives - their vocation - and following it wholeheartedly.

So if you're truly concerned about your children's well-being, it makes sense to help them discern their vocations, whether to marriage, priesthood, or religious life. Here are some simple ways to foster openness to God's call.

Read a good story — Add some books about famous saints to your bedtime reading. There are dozens of fascinating age-appropriate stories of saints who were priests and religious.

<u>Watch a better movie</u> — When it's time for family movie night, watch a religious movie. There are tons of Catholic films that depict heroic and interesting priests and religious. The conversation afterwards is far more meaningful than which explosion was the biggest!

<u>Set the record straight</u> — Media depictions of dating and sexuality are often opposed to authentic love. So when TV shows the wrong message, set the record straight about what leads to real happiness. Especially around teens, defend the sacrament of marriage.

<u>Pray from the heart</u> — In your family prayers, pray for more priests and religious. Let your kids hear you praying for their futures.

<u>Talk about vocations</u> — Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life. From the earliest age, make it clear that happiness in life is following God's plan.

Throughout this week, I invite you all to take some time to offer a prayer for those who are discerning where God is calling them to serve Him.

Fr. Chester

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