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 Mark Kubian (732) 297-9425

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH		
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	
4:30 PM	MASS	
5:30 PM	KNIGHTS' POLISH DINNER	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM	2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION	
9:30 AM	FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR	
11:00 AM	MASS	
12:00 PM	CARLO ACUTIS—EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES TALK	
5:15 PM — 6:00 PM	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP MEETING	
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	
3:30 PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING	
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM	EVENING BIBLE STUDY	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBE	R 20TH	
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	
7:00 PM	MASS	
7:00 PM	BAPTISMAL CLASS	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER	21ST	
8:00 AM	MASS	
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM	BIBLE STUDY	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND		
8:00 AM	MASS	
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM	KIDS CLUB PLAY REHEARSAL	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD		
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	
10:00 AM — 12:00 PM	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CLASS	
4:30 PM	MASS	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH CHRIST THE KING		
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 PRACTICE	



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Catherine Smith, mother of Cathy Hartmann, who passed away on November 1, 2024

William F. Hyland Jr., brother of Tom Hyland, who passed away on November 5, 2024

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 — 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of November 17, 2024	
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10: 11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18: 35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Observances for the week of November 17, 2024	
Sunday:	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Colum- ban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

CELEBRATE WITH US !

Sunday December 8th 11:00 AM

Family Mass

Happy St. Nicholas Day! A man of faith, who lived his life devoted to Christ

We are expecting a *special guest* to be with us during Mass and all will have an opportunity to take photos with him and the children after Mass.

A specially decorated area will be set up in Fellowship Hall for photos, so bring your cameras and cell phones.

Hospitality will also be provided in Fellowship Hall as well as goodie bags for all the children.

Calling all 8th Graders who need confirmation service hours. Volunteer as ushers, readers, offertory helpers, altar servers (if trained), and hospitality. Email Sandra: religioused@scoschurch.org

St. Nicholas takes up to the heart of Christmas and honors the Christ Child who selflessly gave the greatest gift of all ... HIMSELF!

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 5th 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: <u>https://</u> ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Bead Blessing: Sunday, December 8th at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please remember to bring your rosaries to Mass. Father Chester will give us and our rosary beads a special prayer of blessing.



ALL PARISHIONERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

St. Catherine's "Family COOKBOOK!

F-AMILY favorites

Has arrived.

Stop by Fellowship Hall after all masses to pick up your book orders.

Thanks to everyone for submitting your favorite recipes.

You helped make this a great cookbook that's filled with enough recipes for an entire year!

If you missed ordering a cookbook, we have extra copies for you! Come to Fellowship Hall and purchase a cookbook of your own. Only \$25 each.

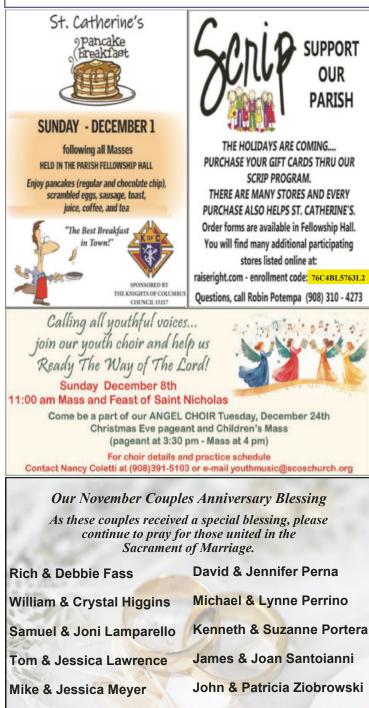
Family Advent Wreath Lighting



The 1st Sunday of Advent begins the weekend of November 30th & December 1st

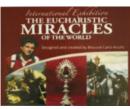
Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.



Mike & Mary Mitariten

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!



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 to Peggy York at p_york@embarqmail.com

Rosary Society Advent Giving Tree



Our Annual Advent Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex on November 25th through December 16th.

The Rosary Society's Advent Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

Friendship Center for New Beginnings Parishioners Who Are in Need Veteran's Haven North Family Promise

Please take a tag from the tree, return the **unwrapped** gift, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree....<u>PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT</u>! Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree. You can donate unscented baby wash, shampoo, or conditioner without taking a gift tag.

This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Advent Giving Tree Using the Giving Tree SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree, in the display racks, or on the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall.

All gift card orders MUST be placed by December 1st to be included in the Giving Tree Collection



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

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 16, 2024

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

Sunday: November 17, 2024

 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Rick Webster r/o Margaret Rocca
11:00 AM Gertruda Zalubska

r/o Fr. Chester

Monday: November 18, 2024

8:00 AM Wesley Beers r/o Elizabeth Beers

Tuesday: November 19, 2024

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

Wednesday: November 20, 2024

7:00 PM Gertruda Zalubska r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: November 21, 2024

8:00 AM David McCarthy r/o The Ricketts Family

Friday: November 22, 2024

8:00 AM Nenita Ramos r/o The Andersen Family

Saturday: November 23, 2024

4:30 PM Catherine Santry r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Sunday: November 24, 2024

8:00 AM	Rick Webster r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly
9:30 AM	Anthony Nigro r/o AnnMarie & Bruce DeRites
11:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Catherine's



The collection for November 10th was \$4,088.00 (122 envelopes) for the regular collection.

From the Pastor's Desk Deacons

In addition to "transitional deacons" who are in formation for the priesthood, the Catholic Church provides an opportunity for men to serve as Permanent Deacons. Those men who are called to the Permanent Deaconate can be married, and they are ordained usually after a period of five years of training and formation. Many permanent deacons have secular jobs to support their families, and strive to balance family, Church, work, and other responsibilities.

Deacons can: Preside at baptisms and marriages; assist the priest or bishop at Mass. Proclaim the Gospel and preach; Teach in Adult Education and RCIA and RCIC programs; Visit the homebound and the sick; Lead Communion Services; Serve as chaplains; Preside at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and Preside at Public Blessings. They can also serve and assist in other ways.

The "Liturgical Manual For Deacons" stated, "When the deacon comes to serve, he must empty himself from all selfish concerns." He "must minister to the priest and to the altar with the humility of him whose very body and blood were offered on the altar of the cross." It also stated that the poor must know the deacon as a friend and that, "All must have such trust in his prudence and charity that his wise guidance is spontaneously welcomed."

The following "Prayer for Deacons" asks the Lord to guide deacons in their ministry:

O God, Father of us all, look with favor on those whom You have called to the sacred and ancient ministry of the diaconate. Through the intercession of St. Stephen, grant grace to Your deacons as they minister in charity to the poor, proclaim the holy gospel at Mass, and assist Your priest at the Altar. Keep close to your heart, Lord, the wives and children of permanent deacons, and grant that the witness of their husbands and fathers may bring about holiness and virtue in each family member. We ask this through Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are reminded that we are blessed to have faithful, dedicated, and holy deacons, Deacon Mike Meyer and Deacon Dennis Webster, to serve us at St. Catherine's. Please find an opportunity to thank them for their service and continue to wish them well in their ministry.

Fr. Chester



On-Line Giving for November 10th was \$3,051.00 (95 donors).



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