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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 30TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/KNIGHT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING/
LUNCHEON

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS/BLESSING OF THE ROSARY
SOCIETY MEMBERS & ALL
PARISHIONER ROSARY BEADS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MARRIAGE BLESSING/
ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY MASS

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP



*We would like to welcome:
The Meinbresse Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

DECEMBER 1, 2024 — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

(C.L.P.)

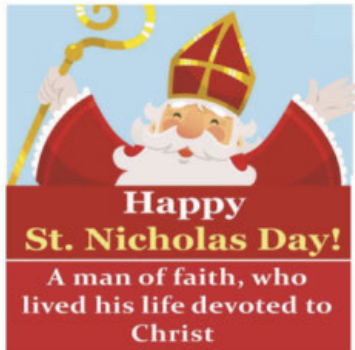
Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in December?

Join us on December 8th, 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

CELEBRATE WITH US!

**Sunday
December 8th
11:00 AM
Family Mass**



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: religiously@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!

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 **7:00 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, December 6th**

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>

*Calling all youthful voices...
join our youth choir and help us
Ready The Way of The Lord!*



**Sunday December 8th
11:00 am Mass and Feast of Saint Nicholas**

Come be a part of our ANGEL CHOIR Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve pageant and Children's Mass (pageant at 3:30 pm - Mass at 4 pm)

For choir details and practice schedule Contact Nancy Coletti at (908)391-5103 or e-mail youthmusic@scoschurch.org

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....**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!** 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**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



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.

Advent Parish Retreat, Adoration & Reconciliation

December 15th from 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Take some time to prepare yourself for Christmas in quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and listen to Jaime Parmese present a spiritually- focused exploration of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." Several priests will be available to hear confessions between 6 and 7 PM while seasonal treats await downstairs in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

For more information contact Mark Salerno at (908) 477-5039 or Mahy Churylo at (908) 310-2973.



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Questions, call Robin Potempa (908) 310 - 4273

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Bead Blessing:

Saturday, December 7th at 4:30 PM Mass.

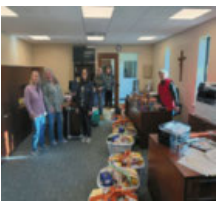
Please remember to bring your rosaries to Mass. Father Chester will give us and our rosary beads a special prayer of blessing.



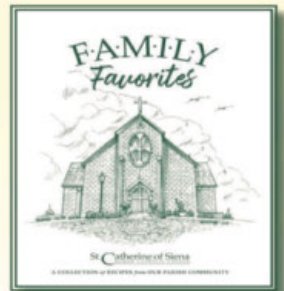
ALL PARISHIONERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Rosary Society Projects Help the Local Community

The Rosary Society members donated 13 huge baskets with food for Thanksgiving, including frozen turkeys, and other cooking supplies. These baskets were given to families in the parish, the Alexandria Township School, the Union Township school, and the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope.



St. Catherine's
"Family
Favorites"
COOKBOOK!



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.

All proceeds from this book will benefit the parish center building fund.

Our December Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Michael & Samantha Darata	Robert & Laurie Keeling
Michael & Nicole DiSalvo	Evan & Marybeth Madlinger
John & Jeannie Drexinger	Frank & Anna Marusiak
Thomas & Mary Evers	Edward & Robin Potempa
Frank & Udnenna Ilonze	Eric & Catherine Sutter



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

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 30, 2024

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

Sunday: December 1, 2024

8:00 AM Evelyn Fudge
r/o Laurie & Bob Keeling

9:30 AM Virginia & Anthony DeRites
r/o AnnMarie & Bruce DeRites

11:00 AM Roger Cramer
r/o Lori & Jim Young

Monday: December 2, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Tuesday: December 3, 2024

8:00 AM Rogene Wolfe
r/o The Young Family

Wednesday: December 4, 2024

7:00 PM Rick Webster
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

Thursday: December 5, 2024

8:00 AM Deacon Mike Meyer Birthday Blessing

Friday: December 6, 2024

8:00 AM David Button
r/o Linda & Fred Button

Saturday: December 7, 2024

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

Sunday: December 8, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherines

9:30 AM Rick Webster
r/o The Kopf Family

11:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o Mary Kay Preston & Family

From the Pastor's Desk

1st Sunday of Advent

As we know, a new Church Year has commenced as we have entered the season of Advent. Integral to the season of Advent is the **Advent Wreath**, which has a long Catholic tradition. The Wreath is displayed prominently in front, on the left side of the Sanctuary. It typically has four candles that are lit progressively during the Sundays of Advent. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. It reminds us that we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. The second Candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. We remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah who said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him." The third candle is the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. We reflect on how we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. The fourth candle is the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. We reflect on how the angels announce the coming of the Savior, sent by God because He loves us. These candles can also help us reflect on the desire to see the light of Christ shine through the darkness of our lives.

Fr. Chester



The collection for November 17th was \$4,102.00 (117 envelopes) for the regular collection. The collections for December 1st will be posted in the December 8th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for November 17th was \$3,627.00 (107 donors). The collections for December 1st will be posted in the December 8th bulletin.

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