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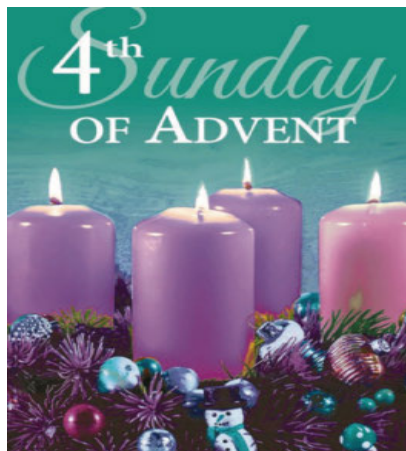
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, DECEMBER 21ST

9:00 AM — 10:30 AM PAGEANT PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

4TH 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 MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

OFFICE HOURS 9:30 AM — 12:30 PM

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

OFFICE CLOSED — CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS

6:00 PM MASS

MIDNIGHT MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

OFFICE CLOSED — CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



OFFICE HOURS

December 23rd — January 1st

Dec. 23rd — 9:30 — Noon	Dec. 27th — Closed
Dec. 24th — Closed	Dec. 30th — 9:30 — Noon
Dec. 25th — Closed	Dec. 31st — Closed
Dec. 26th — Closed	Jan. 1st — Closed

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11) Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1: 1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2: 13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th:

3:30 PM Children's Pageant
4:00 PM Children's Mass
6:00 PM Mass
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th:

8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass



Join us, as Bishop Checchio opens the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Metuchen at the **5:00 PM Mass at St. Francis Cathedral on Saturday, December 28, 2024, the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.**

Note: This is the cathedral parish's Saturday Vigil Mass, and anyone is invited to attend (there are neither tickets nor reserved seating). The Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year has some additions (it will resemble the Solemn Entrance of Palm Sunday) so it will be a longer Mass. The Cathedral also Livestreams this Mass, for those who may want to watch.

The 2025 Catholic Calendars are here!

Please take 1 or 2 for your family. They will be available all month in the Narthex.



Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our **MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH** at the 11:00 am MASS



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

Come Pray a
ROSARY
for
LIFE
with Bishop James F. Checchio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025
AT 1:00 PM
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You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ. There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, please contact amarshall@diometuchen.org

Homeschool parents are cordially invited to the inaugural meeting of our diocesan
HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

January 14, 2025
6:30PM - 8:30PM
St. Theodore RC Church
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Port Murray, NJ

Fr. Gilbert Starcher
Coordinator of Homeschool Ministry

- Ministry Vision
- Events/Activities
- Free Resource for Homeschool parents: [Franciscan at Home](#)

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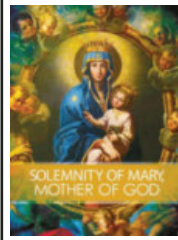
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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Join Our Families with Young Children Email List



As Father Chester says, "Our families are our future." We know that raising little ones can be both a joy and a challenge, and we want to support our families in their faith journey. The spirituality committee will be offering a variety of events to help you connect with other families in the same season of life. Whether it's a family-friendly coffee and bagel meet up after mass, or a group parent dinner to discuss faith topics, there is something for everyone. Sign up for all Families with Young Children event updates using this QR code:



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

The Vigil is:

Tuesday, December 31st at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM



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
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Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events



Dec. 15th 6:00 — 8:00 PM — TBD

Dec. TBD — Country Arch Concert

Jan. TBD — St Timothy Awards, Metuchen, NJ

Jan. 5th 6:00 — 7:30 PM — Devil vs Satan Take 2

Jan. 19th 9:30 AM — Family Mass/Roller Skating, Frenchtown Rink

Feb. 29th TBD — Retreat — Kearny, NJ

Thank you to all the children and families who participated in the Annual St. Nicholas Celebration.

A special thank you to our Santa, Mike Romanek, the Youth Choir including Nancy Coletti and Lisa Sforza, Sandra Kopka as the elf and for arranging Mass participation from the religious education students and the 8th Graders, Ken Mandoli, Fr. Jerome, Deacon Mike, Father Chester as St. Nicholas, and the Stewardship Committee.



Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 21, 2024

4:30 PM Robert R. Rocca
r/o The Family

Sunday: December 22, 2024

8:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM John Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: December 23, 2024

8:00 AM John Jacobson
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Tuesday: December 24, 2024

4:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's & Our
Visitors

6:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's & Our
Visitors

Midnight The Parishioners of St. Catherine's & Our
Visitors

Wednesday: December 25, 2024

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

10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's & Our
Visitors

Thursday: December 26, 2024

8:00 AM Raymond Armour
r/o Debi Erling

Friday: December 27, 2024

8:00 AM Donna Eisenhower
r/o Debi Erling

Saturday: December 28, 2024

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

Sunday: December 29, 2024

8:00 AM Clayton Smith
r/o The Lungler Family

9:30 AM Rick Webster
r/o Lori & Jim Young

11:00 AM Ann Preston
r/o The Grayhack Family

From the Pastor's Desk Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Gospel speaks to us of a family, rejoicing at a child's birth, their lives uniquely affected by God's presence in their midst, responding with faith and trust to their special role in the history of salvation.

The example of the Holy Family inspires us as we celebrate Christmas. As they rejoice at Jesus' birth, so too do we, remembering the new divine life made possible by Jesus' life on earth.

I want to encourage you, in as sincere a way as I can, to remember to keep Christ "first" in all you do and say while you are going through your Christmas activities. By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us (yes, even those who are rude) with the true message of Christmas, and that is, that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost.

Take time as well to be faithful to Church, as well as remember to pray and read God's Word. We have a lot going on here at the church during the Christmas season, and you may stay fully in tune with all that is happening by visiting our website at www.scoschurch.org and/or reading the church bulletin.

Be sure to invite a friend! This is one of the greatest times of the year to invite someone to attend church with you, so ask the Lord to help you think of a few people right now to invite so they too can hear the message of Christ!

To all I extend my prayerful best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas. I am deeply grateful to all of you for all that is being accomplished in the life of the parish. As I ask for your prayers, I assure you of mine, and that in the New Year we who are God's family on earth my serve Him with gladness.

My God richly bless you at Christmas!

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 8th were \$3,554.00 (103 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$2,104.00 (59 envelopes) for the Retired Religious Fund. The Immaculate Conception collation was \$1,228.00 (65 envelopes). The next few collections will be posted later in the year.



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