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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 7:00 PM on the third Thursday 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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735-4024

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735-2028

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Denise Botto
996-6760

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Parish Picnic

Patti Longordo
735-6495

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

4:30 PM MASS—WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS—WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

9:30 AM MASS—WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

11:00 AM MASS—WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:30 PM-4:30 PM STEWARDSHIP—UNDERCROFT

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

NOON MASS

4:30 PM SERVICE

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM-7:00 PM 2ND GRADE SACRAMENTAL
PREP CLASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM WAY OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1
Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2,
3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14
and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,
16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps
40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/
Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1
Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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**The Church Office
will be
CLOSED
February 15th
For Presidents'
Day**

Observances for the week of February 14, 2021


Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

Monday: Presidents' Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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The Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Inc. in Clinton, NJ, would like to thank all of our parishioners who, in 2020 donated \$500.00 to their food pantry. The Open Cupboard Food Pantry was able to stay opened through the pandemic and because of you help will continue going forward.

Ash Wednesday

February 17th

- 8:00 AM Mass
- Noon Mass
- 4:30 PM Service
- 7:00 PM Mass



St. Catherine's Stations of The Cross

Friday's at 7 PM

Please join us each week as these ministries leads us through The Way of the Cross

February 19th
The Knights of Columbus


February 26th
The Rosary Society

March 5th
Wayne Isbitski (Readers), Helen Nardone (Printed Materials), and Suzanne Quick (EM/ Stewardship)

March 12th
George Mehaffey (Readers), Debbie Fass (Picnic/Stewardship), and Doreen Opeikun (Stewardship)

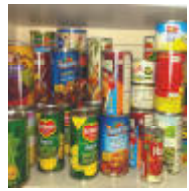
March 19th
Michael Piotrowski (Readers), Robin & Ed Potempa (Stewardship/Food Pantry)

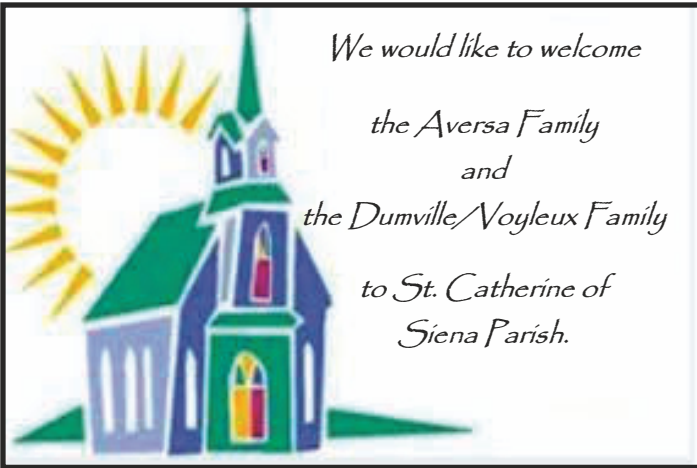
March 26th
Sandra Kopka (Social Concerns), Carey and Rich Kopf (Decorating, Stewardship and Ushers)



***One Can of Food
Can Make a Difference***

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans of Lent program. The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food everyday of Lent and bring in the 7 cans to Mass each weekend (February 20th-March 28th). The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese. **The collection bins will be placed in the kitchen area of the Church.** Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled 14,344 pounds. That's over 7 tons of food for the needy! We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you!





St. Catherine's Family Mass

Calling ALL St. Catherine Families...

Family Mass will be resuming. Unfortunately, because of COVID, our youngsters will not be able to altar serve, bring up the gifts, usher, read, or play music, but it will be a time to come together as a family and pray.



Join us February 28th at 9:30 AM to show our family strength in support of our faith.

How Are the 40 Days of Lent Calculated?

Why Sundays Don't Count During Lent

The question: The period of prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter is 40 days long, but there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar, and Easter. So how are the 40 days of Lent calculated?

The answer takes us back to the earliest days of the Church. Christ's original disciples, who were Jewish, grew up with the idea that the Sabbath – the day of worship and rest – was Saturday, the seventh day of the week, since the account of creation in Genesis says that God rested on the seventh day.



Since all Sundays – and not simply Easter Sunday – were days to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, Christians were forbidden to fast and do other forms of penance on those days. Therefore, when the Church expanded the period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter from a few days to 40 days (to mirror Christ's fasting in the desert, before He began his public ministry), Sundays could not be included in the count.

Thus, in order for Lent to include 40 days on which fasting could occur, it had to be expanded to six full weeks (with six days of fasting in each week) plus four extra days – Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it. Six times six is thirty-six, plus four equals forty. And that's how we arrive at the 40 days of Lent!

Stewardship



The collection for January 31th was \$3,812.00 (94 envelopes) for the general collection, and \$539.00 (38 envelopes) for the Catholic Spirit.

The collection for February 7th was \$3,566.00 (82 envelopes) for the general collection, and \$513.00 (33 envelopes) for the Religious Education Program.



On-Line Giving for January 31st was \$3,171.00 (124 donors)

On-Line Giving for February 7th was \$3,121.79 (128 donors)

Mass Intentions

Saturday: February 13, 2021

4:30 PM Eleanor Bachenberg
r/o St. Catherine Knights of
Columbus

Sunday: February 14, 2021

8:00 AM Lorraine Comazzi
r/o The Innocenti Family

9:30 AM Dawn Bajak
r/o The Gilhooly Family

11:00 AM Marie Kaczmarek
r/o The Tuozzolo Family

Monday: February 15, 2021

8:00 AM Anna Carabetta
r/o Antonio Rofrano

Tuesday: February 16, 2021

8:00 AM 1st Responders, Fire, EMT & Police
r/o Anonymous

Wednesday: February 17, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

Noon The Parishioners of St. Catherine

4:30 Service

7:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

Thursday: February 18, 2021

8:00 AM John Opeikun
r/o Janise Nelson

Friday: February 19, 2021

8:00 AM Catherine & Edward Eastmond
r/o The Eastmond Family

Saturday: February 20, 2021

4:30 PM Father Chester Zalubski
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday: February 21, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Beth Masino
r/o The Bakos Family

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

11:00 AM Edmund Novak
r/o The Massimo Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Ash Wednesday

February 17th, is Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter. The day gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on one's head as a celebration and reminder of human mortality and as a sign of repentance. Through the placing of ashes on our heads, we are reminded of the frailty of life, God's call to follow, and the good news that comes at Easter — that good conquers evil, that life triumphs death.

Historically Lent was a time of fasting and preparation for those who were preparing to be baptized. Today, many Christians choose to use the 40 days as a time of reflection, prayer, or fasting as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the celebration of Easter.

This Ash Wednesday we'd love to share a prayer with you and provide you the opportunity to have ashes placed on your head to mark the beginning of a journey through Lent. We will have an 8:00 AM Mass and placing of ashes; 12:00 noon Mass and placing of ashes; 4:30 PM Prayer Service and placing of ashes; and 7:00 PM Mass and placing of ashes.

Have Blessed Lent.

Fr. Chester



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