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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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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237-0211

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510-2712

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268-2910

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894-8923

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208-0472

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713-1997

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797-4607

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735-4024

Website

Ed Schilke
713-4914

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

3:30 PM—4:00PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM—8:30 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG

TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MTG

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH

6:30 PM—7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM WAY OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

3:30 PM—4:00PM RECONCILIATION

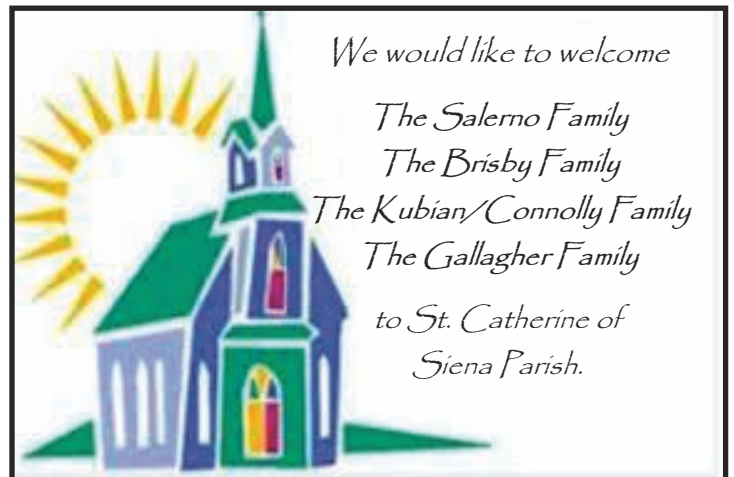
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3 4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38(C)LPi



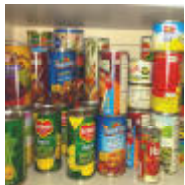
Baptism

We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Oliver Frankie Aversa,
baptized on February 27, 2021

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 Stations of The Cross

Lenten Friday Evening at 7 PM

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

March 12th

George Mehaffey (Readers), Rob Preston (Reader), Debbie Fass (Picnic/Stewardship), and Doreen Opeikun (Stewardship)

March 19th

Michael Piotrowski (Readers), Robin and Ed Potempa (Stewardship/Food Pantry), Joanne Hyland (EM), and Patricia Battipaglia (EM/ Food Pantry)

March 26th

Sandra Kopka (Social Concerns), Carey and Rich Kopf (Decorating, Stewardship and Ushers), and John-Joseph Bober (EM)



The February 19th Stations of the Cross will be replayed weekly during Lent on our St. Catherine's Facebook Page

Follow along on your device either at the Church or at home using this link:

<http://stedna.org/worship/stationsofthecross/station01>

Parish Penance Service for Lent

Sunday, March 21st—7:00 PM—8:00 PM

*"When you approach the confessional, know this:
that I Myself am waiting there for you.
I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your
soul. Here, the misery of the soul meets the*

God of mercy."

(Our Lord speaking to St. Faustina)

A Very Special Thank You.

St. Catherine's, Knights of Columbus officers want to express our heart-felt appreciation to all those parishioners, family members and friends who made our Valentine's Day raffle a tremendous success. You may not be aware that your local Knights council provides monetary support to the Parish by awarding scholarships, supporting Diocesan Seminarians, contributing to the annual Pro-Life March in Washington, and contributing to Parish campaign and maintenance projects.

Due to social distancing requirements, we have been unable to prepare our "delicious" annual fund-raising dinners. Your generosity will allow us to continue our Charity. Again, congratulations to the three St Valentine's Day 50/50 raffle winners who split \$3,750 in prize money. Thank you all from the Knights of Columbus raffle coordinators.

Mike Iannozi – Grand Knight
Dan Dawson – Deputy Grand Knight
Sebastian Donaruma – Warden



2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Transformed by Christ Body and Blood Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop

Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household.

Please be as generous as your means allow.



We are saddened to announce the deaths of

Cecelia Mauro, mother of Sal Mauro, who passed away on February 19, 2021

Mildred Mustillo, mother of Dominic Mustillo, who passed away on February 21, 2021

Paul Muir Sr., father of Paul Muir, who passed away on February 22, 2021




Youth Minister and/or Youth Ministry Team Wanted

Please join us Wednesday, March 24th for an informational planning meeting following 7pm Mass, in the undercroft.

The Youth Minister/Team will play an important role in providing guidance, support, and education to the youth of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

If you are passionate about involvement in the Catholic Church, this ministry leadership may be for you

Please RSVP to Debbie Fass at
973-222-8100
info@stonebarnclassiccars.com

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT (FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rectors Society and Stewardship Committee

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM
AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS

RAIN DATE: Sunday, March 28th, 1-2 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE EVENT. PLEASE WEAR A MASK.

BRING A BASKET OR BAG TO HOLD THE EGGS YOUR CHILD FINDS. SNACKS, DRINKS, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MARCH 21ST.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

GIRLS _____ BOYS _____

Mass Intentions

Saturday: March 6, 2021

4:30 PM Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio
r/o St. Catherine Parish

Sunday: March 7, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

9:30 AM Wanda Piotrowski
r/o The Piotrowski Family

11:00 AM Elise Morrongiello Fahy
r/o Mom & Dad

Monday: March 8, 2021

8:00 AM Ulla Bajak and Family
r/o Janine O’Hearen

Tuesday: March 9, 2021

8:00 AM Benedict Donaruma
r/o The Eastmond Family

Wednesday: March 10, 2021

7:00 PM Victoria & Anthony Natalizio
r/o Anthony & Jennifer
Natalizio

Thursday: March 11, 2021

8:00 AM John Opeikun
r/o The Opeikun Family

Friday: March 12, 2021

8:00 AM Norman Carlson
r/o Theresa Carlson

Saturday: March 13, 2021

4:30 PM Kimberly Primatic
r/o Stephanie & Michael
Pierce

Sunday: March 14, 2021

8:00 AM Leonard & Mary Labella
r/o St. Catherine Parish

9:30 AM The Webster Family
r/o The Quick Family

11:00 AM Glen & Deborah Farbanish
r/o St. Catherine Parish

From the Pastor’s Desk

Third Sunday of Lent

During the Season of Lent we have the tradition of Walking with Jesus on the way to Calvary. It is a beautiful way to walk with Jesus and to pray in the company of fellow parishioners.

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, have become a popular devotion in parishes.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. In the 12th century, St Francis of Assisi devised the list of stations and started the tradition of reciting it as a type of devotional service. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ’s journey to Calvary.

"The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude." (St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1761)

Praying the "Stations of the Cross" is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics and is often performed in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion. The object of the Stations is to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ’s sufferings and death.

This devotion may be conducted personally, by making your way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having the celebrant move from station to station while the congregation make the responses.

A plenary of indulgence may be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross. If, for some reasonable cause, the Stations are interrupted, a partial indulgence may be gained for each station.

In our parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM. This Lent bring your family to pray the Stations of the Cross and walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Fr. Chester

Stewardship



The collection for February 28th was \$4,991.00 (113 envelopes) for the general collection.



On-Line Giving for February 28th was \$3,121.79 (128 donors).

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