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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am
the resurrection and
the life; whoever
believes in me, even
if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:2

March 21, 2021

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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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894-8923

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735-4024

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713-4914

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735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

3:30 PM—4:00PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM—8:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS—
UNDERCROFT

7:00 PM—8:00 PM PARISH LENTEN
RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL MTG. &
DEVOTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH

6:30 PM—7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM WAY OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH — KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION

1:00 PM—2:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT

3:30 PM—4:00PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

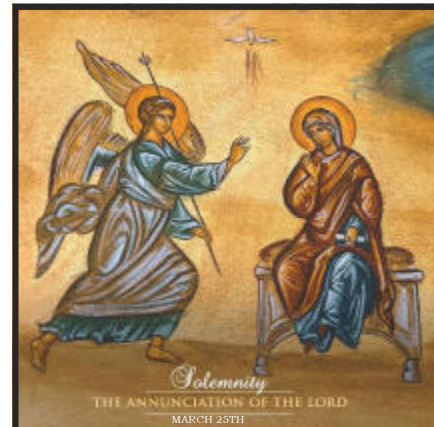
SUNDAY, MARCH 28ST — PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM—2:00 PM RAIN DATE FOR EASTER EGG
HUNT





April 1st—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass

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April 2nd—Good Friday

Noon Way of the Cross

3:00 PM Passion of our Lord

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April 3rd—Holy Saturday

11:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

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April 4th—Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:00 PM Mass ** **Live on FB**

Due to concerns with Covid-19, all Masses will have **limited seating in the church as per state law**. Ushers will be seating parishioners in a first-come, first-seated manner. It is recommended that parishioners try to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins.

There will be a limited “overflow” allowance at each Mass with seating downstairs. The Mass will be televised on a monitor and Communion will be offered to those parishioners who are seated downstairs.

The Easter Sunday 11:00 AM Mass will be televised live on FaceBook (FB), which can be viewed at any time for your convenience.

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 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)



Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-[12a]/
 Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:
 12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:
 41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/
 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/
 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,
 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11
 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.
 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Observances for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
 Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
 Holy Week begins

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**Youth Minister and/or
 Youth Ministry Team
 Wanted**

Please join us Wednesday, March 24th for an informational planning meeting following 7 PM 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



Diocesan Mass Honoring our Seniors
Thursday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
 5:00 PM

The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
Celebrant Bishop James Checchio

Mass to Honor our Seniors for their faithfulness especially in light of the pandemic
Seating is limited so registration is required.

Register online by 03-24-2021 here:
<https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>

The Mass will also be live-streamed.
 Sponsored by the Office of Human Life & Dignity
 For information contact Jennifer Ruggiero
jruggiero@diometuchen.org

***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 every day 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!

Stewardship



The collection for March 14th was \$4,279.00 (101 envelopes) for the general collection



On-Line Giving for March 14th was \$3,291.00 (126 donors).

Mass Intentions

Saturday: March 20, 2021

4:30 PM Maureen Kearney
r/o Maryann & Barry Gilbert

Sunday: March 21, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

9:30 AM Kimberly Prmatic
r/o Stephanie & Michael
Pierce

11:00 AM Charles & Phyllis Pason
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: March 22, 2021

8:00 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

Tuesday: March 23, 2021

8:00 AM Sean Hanczaryk
r/o The Perna Family

Wednesday: March 24, 2021

7:00 PM Peter Herina
r/o Margaret Rocca & The
Perna Family

Thursday: March 25, 2021

8:00 AM Zabella Tolentino & Harold Lake
r/o Mercia Spinks

Friday: March 26, 2021

8:00 AM Maria Ramian
r/o Marta Parry

Saturday: March 27, 2021

4:30 PM Patricia Monsell
r/o Stephanie & Michael
Pierce

Sunday: March 28, 2021

8:00 AM Mary & Thomas Everes
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

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

11:00 AM Dawn Bajak
r/o Janine O'Hearen & Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This 5th week of Lent offers us a final week before Holy Week to encounter Jesus, our Redeemer, and Savior, and to emerge stronger in our resolve to walk in his footsteps and to experience Jesus' pardon and peace.

Pope Francis has challenged us to take the season of Lent seriously and to make spiritual progress in our lives. Our Holy Father has called Lent a time for repentance, spiritual renewal, conversion, and transformation. He has urged us to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent, acknowledging that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy.

He has also challenged us to make a daily and thorough examination of conscience during which we quietly acknowledge the wrong things we have done as well as the good things we have failed to do. Our Holy Father has provided a guide that lists certain key questions to be included in our examination of conscience so we may be able to "confess well." These questions include the following:

- Do I only turn to God when I am in need?
- Do I attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation?
- Do I begin and end the day with a prayer?
- Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?
- Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the gospels?
- Do I honor and respect my parents?
- Do I overdo it with eating and drinking, smoking and amusements?
- Am I overly concerned with my physical well-being, my possessions?
- How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- Do I want to be served?
- Do I dream of revenge, hold grudges?
- Am I meek, humble and a builder of peace?

Our Holy Father reminds us that Confession is meant to be a sincere time of conversion and spiritual healing, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus. As we know the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not here to punish us but rather to get us closer to the Lord who loves us.

This season is an ideal time for each of us to rediscover this sacrament of grace and make it a regular part of our spiritual life.

Join us for our Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, March 21st from 7:00 PM—8:00 PM. There will be 2 additional priest available.

Fr. Chester

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