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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 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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735-2028

Welcome

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996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM FAMILY MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:00 AM MASS
1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 3RD & 4TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM — 8:00 PM BOLD INTEREST MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION
7:00 PM PARISH BOOK CLUB MEETING & PIZZA

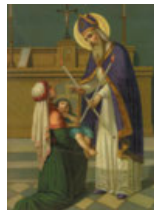
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH — BLESSING OF THROATS

7:00 AM YOUTH MINISTRY SKI DAY
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH — BLESSING OF THROATS

8:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED
9:30 AM SCOUT SUNDAY MASS
11:00 AM MASS
NOON ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats



We will offer a Blessing of Throats following all Masses the weekend of February 5th & 6th, in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day is February 3rd.

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

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St. Catherine's Family Mass

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS" on the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM, where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on January 30th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

Please contact us at stcathfamilymass@gmail.com to volunteer at any Family Mass.



Parish Book Club



Please join for pizza and a hearty discussion of Matthew Kelly's *Life is Messy* at the first gathering of our Parish Book Club. We will meet downstairs in the kitchen area at 7:00 PM on February 4th immediately following First Friday Adoration.

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 PM. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 4th.**

To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please use the new sign-up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting, Parish Rosary, and Guest Speaker: Sunday, February 6, 2022

PARISHIONERS are invited to please join the Rosary Society as we pray the PARISH ROSARY and listen to our GUEST SPEAKER.



Pray the Parish Rosary at NOON, following the 11 AM Mass, on Sunday, February 6th, in the Church.



Listen to Deacon Mike at 12:30 PM, who will host an informal Meet-the-Deacon question and answer session, where you can get some of your faith questions answered.



Online Giving

Tax Statements

Donors can pull their own statements:

1. Log-in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "**My Online Giving History**" (view a detailed history of your past Online Giving).
3. On the right side, click the "**Print**" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020.
5. Change the report type to "**Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)**."
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **Print**.
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a **PDF** to print the full report.

To Print:

Click on the **PDF** link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a **PDF** and will let you print the report.

****You will want to have your pop-up block disabled. This allows the PDF to pop open for you.****

**Immaculate Conception School
Open House**



Immaculate Conception School in Annandale invites you to tour our campus during our Catholic Schools Week Open Houses, either on Sunday, January 30th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM or on Wednesday, February 2nd, from 8:15 AM - 11:15 PM.

Each family will be offered a private tour of all school facilities and will be able to meet our teachers, our principal, Mrs. Fortunato, and parent representatives. You will hear details about our educational programs, get answers to your questions, and receive registration information for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please RSVP for a specific time window at <https://www.icsannandale.org/visit>.

As the only Catholic School in Hunterdon County, Immaculate Conception School seeks to foster in each student spiritual growth, academic excellence, and moral integrity. We offer exceptional educational programs within a supportive, faith-filled community for students aged two through 8th grade. While celebrating our 20th anniversary, ICS can proudly say we have safely offered engaging, in-person instruction five days per week over the past two years. With a growing enrollment, we invite you, too, to discover the ICS difference!

To learn more visit our website (www.icsannandale.org) or call 908-735-6334.

**World Marriage Day Celebration
"Called to the Joy of Love"**



In celebration of World Marriage Weekend, Saturday, February 12th and Sunday, February 13th, we will honor the lifelong commitment of husband and wife.

A renewal of vows will take place during all Masses

Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other.

To celebrate, raffle tickets will be distributed at both entrances of the church to all married couples prior to each Mass. A photo will be taken of each couple to be posted on our website. All will have an opportunity to win a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of wine.

Thank You A special thank you to our 2nd grade catechist, Stacy Gallagher, for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are so blessed to have her in our Faith Formation Program.



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Dear Parishioners,

I have been heading up the SCRIP program for St. Catherine's for about 4 years, which I love and provides a financial benefit to our church community. However, since taking on my new role as parish secretary, its difficult for me to dedicate the proper time for SCRIP. Especially making sure all the money and cards balance. If there is anyone who would like to take this over, I would greatly appreciate it. I will train you and work with you until you are comfortable to fly on your own. It really is a one day a week job, but during the holidays it gets a bit busier.

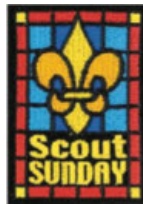
Please call the office or email me at scoscoffice@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Thank you.

Jennifer Perna

Scout Sunday Mass Celebration

This February the Boy Scouts of America organization will be celebrating their 112th birthday.



In keeping with tradition, the Boy Scouts have declared Sunday, February 6th as Scout Sunday. St. Catherine, charter owner of Cub Scouts Pack 119, welcomes all scouters - from all areas - to wear their uniforms to Mass at 9:30 AM, Sunday, February 6th.

Girl Scouts of course are encouraged to wear their uniforms too! Scouts of all faiths are welcome to join us.



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Stanley Kozal, husband of Grace Kozal, who passed away on January 17, 2022

Martin Lane, brother of Madeline O'Malley, who passed away on January 17, 2022

Frank DeLuca, father of Debbie Fass, who passed away on January 22, 2022

Lorna Lane, sister-in-law of Madeline O'Malley, who passed away on January 23, 2022

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 29, 2022

4:30 PM John Kauza
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday: January 30, 2022

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

9:30 AM Chuck Specht & Family
r/o The Quick Family

11:00 AM PJ & Yvonne Magala & Lt. Commander
Penny Jiminez
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: January 31, 2022

8:00 AM Chuck Specht
r/o Donna & Ed Baker

Tuesday: February 1, 2022

8:00 AM Clarice Mitariten
r/o The Mitariten Family

Wednesday: February 2, 2022

7:00 PM Ron Portz Sr.
r/o The Perna Family

Thursday: February 3, 2022

8:00 AM Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Friday: February 4, 2022

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

Saturday: February 5, 2022

4:30 PM John Kauza
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Sunday: February 6, 2022

8:00 AM Ann & Scott Taylor

9:30 AM All Boy & Girl Scouts

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk

The Presentation of the Lord — February 2nd

St. Blaise — February 3rd


This weekend we will say goodbye to the month of January and hello to February, the shortest month on the calendar. That's 1 winter month down, 2 to go! Though some will look for a forecast of the remainder of winter by observing a large burrowing rodent, for Catholic Christians February 2 marks something more important than "Groundhog Day." It is the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, commemorating the time when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph 40 days after His birth.

This feast is often referred to as "Candlemas Day," for part of its celebration includes the blessing of candles used in worship throughout the year. We remember the words of Simeon, who took the Holy Child in his arms and praised God for revealing in Him "a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." (Luke 2: 22-32). The use of candles in liturgy and other prayer forms reminds us that Jesus is the Light we are called to follow; Light that guides our living in this world and leads us to the next.


Some of those candles are used when we commemorate the martyrdom of St. Blaise with the traditional Blessing of Throats, which will take place at the end of all Masses next weekend. St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, the first nation to officially adopt Christianity, though some were slow to accept the king's decree. In the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the non-believing governor of Sebastea, ordered Blaise arrested and executed for refusing to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. According to legend, as Blaise was being led to prison, a mother ran up to him with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, gave a command, and the boy was able to cough up the bone, which saved his life. While imprisoned, many of the faithful visited their bishop and asked him to bless their candles for use during prayer. His cult spread throughout Europe, and since the Middle Ages throats are blessed on his feast day. Through his prayers, we hope to be spared from diseases of the throat and other respiratory illness.

St. Blaise is just one more example of how God works through the followers of His Son; and that IS the point, isn't it? As followers of Jesus, we are called to be instruments through which Our Lord continues to reach out and minister to others. Through us, the Light of Christ must shine.

Fr. Chester



The collection for January 23rd was \$3,970.00 (111 envelopes) for the general collection and \$735.00 (36 envelopes) for The Foundation for Catholic Education.



On-Line Giving for January 23rd was \$3,297.00 (104 donors).

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