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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:6b-7

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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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996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

5:30 PM ADORATION

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

6:00 PM ROSARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM IRON LENT SMALL GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(YOUTH MINISTRY &
STEWARDSHIP)

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM BOLD MIDDLE MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH — PALM SUNDAY

1:00 PM — 5:30 PM 8TH GRADE RETREAT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

5:30 PM BOOK CLUB WITH DEACON MIKE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH — PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Observances for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 Next Sunday: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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



April 8th Youth Ministry & Stewardship

Parish Book Club Meeting, Saturday, April 9th



Please join us downstairs in the kitchen area immediately following 4:30 PM Mass for pizza and a hearty discussion of Viktor Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning"
 Please RSVP by texting (908) 477-0105

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS...

Different Day and Time!

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th at 6 PM** in the church. We will pray the Rosary first and then follow with our monthly meeting.



Here is an excerpt from Bishop Checchio's Lenten Letter from our website and last weekend's bulletin.



Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

On Palm Sunday weekend, April 9 and 10, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the **Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests**. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests, subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Your generous response to this week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain
 Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
 Bishop of Metuchen

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Upcoming Events!

Iron Lent Discipleship Night

Who: All High School Teens

When: April 7th, 7-8:30pm

BOLD Middle with Stations of the Cross

Who: All in 6th-8th grade

When: April 8th from 7-8:30pm

Email Jim Murray to register
CorpusChristi@boldym.com

40 CANS FOR LENT

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 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting March 5.

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 17,963 pounds. That's over 9 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!*



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

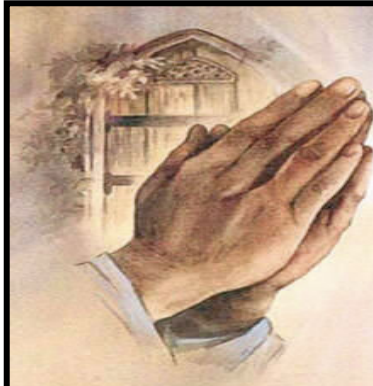


SAVE THE DATE...

**May 21st,
St. Catherine's
1st Comedy Night.**

Doors will open at 5:30 PM for you to enjoy your
"bring your own" dinner and preferred drink.

7:00 PM "Let the Laughs Begin"



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Prudence Giel, wife of William Giel, who passed away on March 16, 2022

Bianca Hollywood, daughter of James & Toni Hollywood, who passed away on March 18, 2022



*We would like to welcome
Jeffrey Lefrancois
to St. Catherine of Siena
Parish.*

Women's Cornerstone Experience 2022

Does your faith need to be re-energized?

We have the perfect opportunity! Join together with other women searching for a deeper relationship with God and each other.



Cornerstone is a one-day experience for women 25 years and older from local parishes. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, May 14th** at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall in Annandale, beginning at 8 AM and ending with a closing prayer after the 4:30 PM Mass. Come see what this day has to offer!

Questions: Call or text Helen Nardone at 908.391.0857.

To register:

<https://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone>



We are calling all high school teenagers, college students, young adults and youth leaders to join us for a week of service, friendship, spiritual growth and memories that will last a lifetime! BOLD is sending teens from multiple parishes to Bridgeport, CT for a week of service and fun with Catholic Heart Workcamp. This is a week you won't want to miss!

To learn more, register or see our promo video with past highlights, visit boldym.com/CHWC

COST: \$375 Registration Fee (\$100 non-refundable deposit)
PRE-REQ: Participants must fundraise a min of \$275

Spots will fill up on a first come, first served basis and will fill up quick, get yours today!

Questions? Contact Jean Stroud at
jstroud@fiatventures.com or

Jim Murray: StCatherine@boldym.com



St Patrick's Day Raffle Winners!

1st prize Mike & Mary Mitariten \$2855.00 Ticket #1027

2nd prize Cathy Hartmann \$1713.00 Ticket #535

3rd Prize John Paulmeno \$1142.00 Ticket #1147



A big Thank You to all parishioners
who helped make this charity
fundraiser a success.

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 PM

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

Every Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 PM

Adoration & Penitential Service (April 3rd)

Adoration 5:30 PM

Reconciliation 6:00 – 7:00 PM



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday (April 14th)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday (April 15th)

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday (April 16th)

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 17th)

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday: April 2, 2022

4:30 PM John Kauza
r/o Jane & Glenn Ricketts

Sunday: April 3, 2022

8:00 AM Leonard & Mary LaBella
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM Carl Quick
r/o The Innocenti Family

11:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

Monday: April 4, 2022

8:00 AM Stanley & Amelia O'Grodnick
r/o The O'Grodnick Family

Tuesday: April 5, 2022

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

Wednesday: April 6, 2022

7:00 PM A Special Intention

Thursday: April 7, 2022

8:00 AM Marilyn Lenza & Toni Walak
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday: April 8, 2022

8:00 AM George Montes
r/o The Mustillo Family

Saturday: April 9, 2022

4:30 PM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Sunday: April 10, 2022

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

9:30 AM Carl Quick
r/o St. Catherine's Knights of
Columbus

11:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o Ortensia Clancey

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 that 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, and 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 Sunday, April 3rd for our Lenten Parish Penitential Service. At 5:30 PM we will start with Adoration and from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM there will be 3 priests available for Reconciliation.

Fr. Chester



The collections for March 27th was \$3,799.00 (111 envelopes) for the General Collection.



On-Line Giving for March 27th was \$3,278.00 (109 donors).

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