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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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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

11:00 AM BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

BASKETS

7:30 PM **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH — EASTER SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APRIL 18TH — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM **MASS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:00 AM **MASS**

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM **MASS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

8:00 AM **MASS**

7:00 PM **BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS**

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:00 AM **MASS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM **MASS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

8:00 AM **MASS**

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

9:30 AM **FAMILY MASS**

11:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED



Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,

22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,

9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk

24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk

24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,

25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,

19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter;

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth

Day

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;

St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop

and Martyr

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy);

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and

Martyr

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:

(C)LPi

https://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone

April 2nd Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Stewardship & Rosary Society Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! Thank You to all the following:

- 70 egg hunters
- 8th graders who stuffed the eggs
- 7th graders who helped hide the eggs and worked the day of the egg hunt
- Charlotte Letko who was the Easter Bunny

















Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour — April 24th at 3 PM



Experience May 14

On the first Sunday after Easter,
April 24th — **Divine Mercy Sunday** —
we, as Catholic Christians are obliged to
honor the image of Jesus pouring out his **HEART'S MERCY** on us. This was the
vision that Saint Faustina of Poland saw
in modern-day times in 1931. **Join us at 3 PM for this powerful devotion.**

Jesus himself, through visitations He made to Saint Faustina, instructed her: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable Graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary entry 687). "We hope that all people will be struck by the truth that mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God's mercy." (Intro to Diary)



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 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





Quo Vadis Days July 19-22, 2022

Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying, and interacting with priests, seminarians, and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion, and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

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 April 24th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

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





St. Catherine's Council 15217 Knights of Columbus

Chuck Specht Memorial Scholarship Program

2022 "Good Samaritan" Scholarship Application

An applicant must:

- Be entering freshman year of an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at a college or university in the United States, or be graduating from 8th grade during the spring 2022.
- Be a member of St Catherine's Parish in Pittstown, NJ.
- Attend the St Catherine's Knights of Columbus awards ceremony on June 28th to accept the award.
- Submit an essay with a minimum of 500 words by June 12th to Mike Iannozzi (Grand Knight) on one of the following topics:
 - 1. What Charity means to me?
 - 2. Why is Religious Freedom important?
 - 3. Write about any of the 4 Pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Our KOC Council #15217 will be awarding 4 scholarships:

Two High School Seniors (1 boy and 1 girl) graduating from the class of 2022 will each be awarded \$1,000

Two 8^{th} grade students (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2022 will each be awarded \$250

Submit to: Attn: Worthy Grand Knight Mike lannozzi

204 Oak Grove Rd Pittstown, NJ 08825

Or Email: 15217.kofc@gmail.com

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Call Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information.

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information

Mass Intentions

Saturday: April 16, 2022

7:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: April 17, 2022

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: April 18, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

Tuesday: April 19, 2022

8:00 AM George Tomsky

r/o The Tomsky Family

Wednesday: April 20, 2022

7:00 PM Anthony & Victoria Natalizio

r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: April 21, 2022

8:00 AM Paul & Fran Sterbenz

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday: April 22, 2022

8:00 AM Ruth Magda

r/o The Mustillo Family

Saturday: April 23, 2022

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: April 24 2022

8:00 AM Leonard Frederick

r/o Elaine Frederick

9:30 AM Carl Quick

r/o Donna & Ed Baker

11:00 AM Susan DiLauro

r/o Nancy Unorski



The collections for April 3rd were \$4,460.00 (111 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$981.00 (56 envelopes) for Religious Education. The collections for April 10th and 17th will be posted in the April 24th bulletin



On-Line Giving for April 3rd was \$3,988.00 (129 donors). The collections for April 10th and 17th will be posted in the April 24th bulletin.

From the Pastor's Desk Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners and Guests: HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing pastels, or enjoying a big meal, although it could include these. Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For some it will be a sad day, because Easter is a reminder of a loved one who has died and is now desperately missed.

Death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That is what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow, hanging on the cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back into their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had made.

They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of his close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected: He wept. Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with disease, or to die. But because of the sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it. And death spread to all of us. Jesus wept, because it broke His heart.

But standing there at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus also delivered these hope-filled words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever in the presence of God. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest hope!

Next Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 PM, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast marks the pinnacle of our Easter celebration. The devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy was especially encouraged by Pope St. John Paul II, through the revelations of Our Lord's mercy granted to the Polish-born saint, Sister Faustina Kowalska. Special indulgences attached to this feast are obtainable for those who partake of the requirements attached to this feast (an indulgence is the removal of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sin – not the sin itself). To receive the indulgence, one must go to Confession within 3 weeks before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and to receive Holy Communion during this same period.

My brothers and sisters, our staff, Deacons, and I wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Chester

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