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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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Welcome

Carol Rocha
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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

12:00 PM LEO CHRISTOPHER GAHAGA
BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM — 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL REFLECTION

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM ADVENT ADORATION & PENANCE
SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 6TH FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES

7:00 PM VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM BOLD MIDDLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM COOKIE EXCHANGE

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope
 Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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**Advent Adoration, Reconciliation, and Christmas Carol Reflections
 December 11th at 5:00 PM**

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 PM in the Church to reflect upon and sing our favorite Christmas carols while we spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will immediately follow Christmas Carol Reflections, with 3 priests hearing confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:

3:30 PM Children's Pageant
 4:00 PM Children's Mass
 6:00 PM Mass
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:

8:00 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Mass



To meet the increased needs of the community, Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Thrift Store, located in Phillipsburg, need volunteers for the following:

Food Pantry

- Open from 10 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday
- Volunteers to unpack donated and purchased food
- Volunteers to sort and stack food on pantry shelves
- Volunteers to prepare grocery bags for our clients
- Breakdown empty boxes and carry them to trash bins
- Provide basic case management services and have an awareness of local resources or be willing to learn

Thrift Store

- Open from 11 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday
- Help sort and put donated items on the shelves
- Help price the items donated to the store
- Help the customers with any questions they may have about the items purchased

Call Maria Hunter (732) 738-1315 or email mhunter@ccdom.org

The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!



Please take 1 or 2 for your family. They will be available all month in the Narthex.

St. Catherine's would like to say "Thank You" to all who have volunteered their time maintaining our Church property, including mowing, edging, weed whacking, planting, pruning, and cleanup.

Thank you to George Mehaffey, Mike Mitariten, Joe Cunha, Pete Walters, Mike Piotrowski, Dan Dawson, and Bill Smith.

**The "Oplatki"
 or
 "Christmas Wafers"**

is available and located in the Narthex for \$1.00 Donation



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Christmas Cookie Exchange

**December 18th
12:00 Noon**

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and holiday conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with recipes to share (if possible) and an empty container to fill up for the holidays.

If interested please **RSVP By December 11th** to:
Doreen Opeikun at cell 908-507-6752 or email doreenope@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus will be having a student bus and an adult bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale on January 20th. There will be a Mass at 6:00 AM and the busses will leave ICC at 6:45 AM and return around 10:00 PM.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email smithbuilders@hotmail.com

Lecture Series: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" January 17, 2023, at 7 PM Presenter: Very Reverend Timothy Christy Location: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

Fr. Christy, Rector of the Cathedral, will be exploring the USCCB's document on the Eucharist. As Christians, we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (John 6:53). The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist. Please join Fr. Christy for this important event.



RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 3 – 5, 2023**.

All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact :

Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or
Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



Thank you to all the children and families who participated in the 2nd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration.

A special thank you to our Santa, Mike Romanek, Marie Kristoff, from Flemington Decor for the stuffed bears, the Children's Choir, Sandra Kopka for arranging Mass participation from the religious education students, Deacon Mike, Father Chester and the Stewardship Committee.



Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 10, 2022

4:30 PM Jonathan Thomas
r/o The Thomas Family

Sunday: December 11, 2022

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Catherine & Jerry Santry
r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Flotteron
11:00 AM Lorraine Cudo
r/o Diane & Bill Smith

Monday: December 12, 2022

8:00 AM Chris Mahoney
r/o Rob & Ann Preston

Tuesday: December 13, 2022

8:00 AM Margaret Bence
r/o The Strauss Family

Wednesday: December 14, 2022

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

Thursday: December 15, 2022

8:00 AM Patricia Mitchell
r/o The Strauss Family

Friday: December 16, 2022

8:00 AM Teresa Robbin
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Saturday: December 17, 2022

4:30 PM Linda Bronish
r/o Robert Bronish

Sunday: December 18, 2022

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM John W. Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Monday, December 12th, we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patroness of the United States, Mexico, and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of the unborn. She is a religious as well as a cultural figure to the people of Mexico. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to a humble peasant farmer named Juan Diego near Mexico City. The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped generate the conversion of Mexico and Latin America to Catholicism. Her feast is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm throughout the Americas.

Pope Francis reflected on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and stated, "Like Jesus, Mary is close to all her sons and daughters; as a concerned mother, she accompanies them on their way through life. She shares all the joys and hopes, the sorrows and troubles of God's People, which is made up of men and women of every race and nation. When the image of the Virgin appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of embrace: Mary's embrace of all peoples... Mary's embrace showed what America — North and South — is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother's womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and marginalized in every age. A land of generosity. That is the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and it is also my message, the message of the Church. I ask all the people of the Americas to open wide their arms, like the Virgin, with love and tenderness."

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 4th were \$5,305.00 (130 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$1,073.00 (52 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for the December 4th collection was \$3,618.00 (121 donors).

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