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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, JANUARY 7TH

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

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

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 ELLIOT EDWARD FIKSLIN BAPTISM

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BOLD MIDDLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM 2ND GRADE 1ST RECONCILIATION REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

10:00 AM 1ST RECONCILIATION

12:00 PM JUSTIN EDWARD VERNACI BAPTISM

1:30 PM — 5:30 PM 6TH GRADE RETREAT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS WITH BISHOP CHECCHIO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Observances for the week of January 8, 2023

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Clothing Drop-Off Bins



Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

Thank you to all who use our bins!

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.



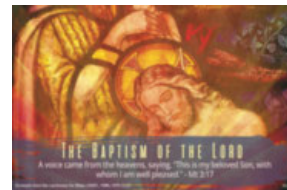
Please join Fr. Christy for this important event.

St. Catherine's Family Mass

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS," where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH** at **4:30 PM** for our next Family Mass.

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



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 8, 2023, at noon



The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th at noon. We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Dear Parish Family:

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2022 Giving Tree! As a parish, we have collected over \$20,500 in gifts, checks, and gift cards.

Because of your generosity, our parish was able to provide many items for children, including 67 warm coats, 32 pairs of boots, 117 hats/gloves, underwear, socks, clothes, diapers, wipes, 46 Lego sets, 74 dolls, 35 toy trucks, baby toiletries, diaper cream, crib items, infant outfits, Onesies, kid's Bibles, and gift cards for the single-Mom families served by the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington.



Your generous donations of gift cards were shared with the vets living at Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner and families staying with Family Promise, and funds from checks were shared with families in need. May God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of love.

St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Society

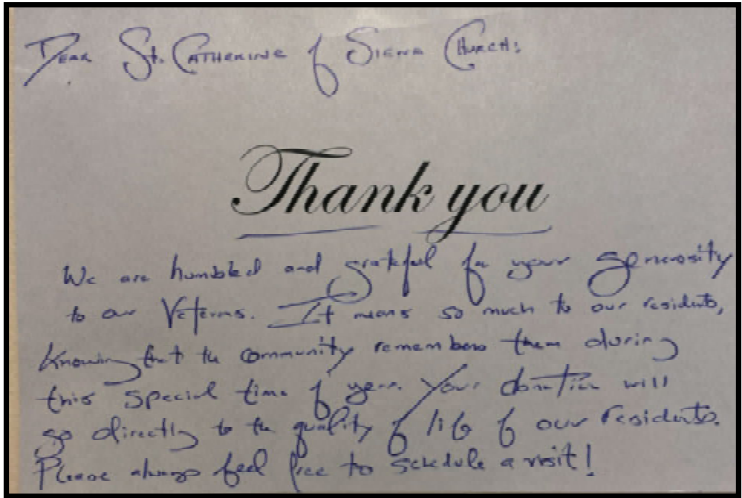
Knight of Columbus 2023 March for Life

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 returning around 10:00 PM.

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



Thank you notes from our Giving Tree recipients



COME & JOIN THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON FUN!

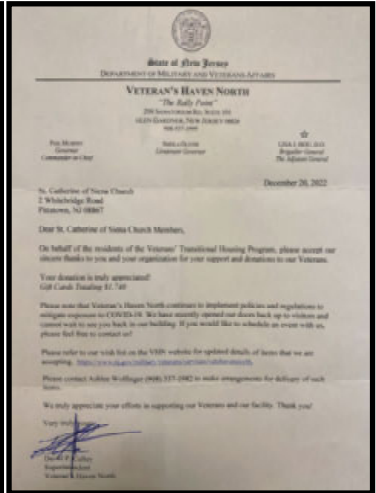
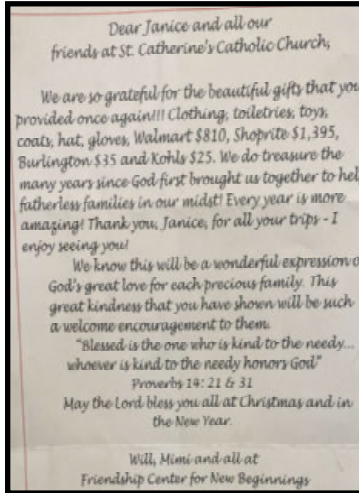
St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry



St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl and baptismal blanket we create. Each item is blessed by a priest and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.



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.

Surviving Divorce March 2023

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** beginning **March 2, 2023** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register contact
Ro Bersch at (908) 313-5947.



Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan **Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:00 noon** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or (732) 562-1543.

After every weekend Mass, please join us for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 7, 2023

4:30 PM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

Sunday: January 8, 2023

8:00 AM Felix Rampino
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

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

11:00 AM Jeanette Gaffney
r/o Dan Dawson

Monday: January 9, 2023

8:00 AM The Isbitski Family
r/o Dennis & Kathie Webster

Tuesday: January 10, 2023

8:00 AM Ellen McCarthy Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: January 11, 2023

7:00 PM John Opeikun
r/o The Opeikun Family

Thursday: January 12, 2023

8:00 AM Felix Rampino
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Society

Friday: January 13, 2023

8:00 AM James Robert Dawson
r/o Ed & Donna Baker

Saturday: January 14, 2023

4:30 PM Edward Coll
r/o The Bajak Family

Sunday: January 15, 2023

8:00 AM Felix Rampino
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

9:30 AM Ruth Will
r/o The Reisner Family

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



The Christmas Collection and the Parish Center Donations for December 25th were \$58,498.00 (205 envelopes). The January 1st collections were \$3,259.00 (82 envelopes) for the general collection, \$997.00 (36 envelopes) for the Solemnity of Mary, and \$839.00 (25 envelopes) for Religious Ed.



On-Line Giving for the December 25th and January 1st were \$6,063.00 (131 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk

The Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This is one of the Feasts of the Manifestations of Christ to others after His birth. But the manifestations were accepted by those who were witnesses. And those witnesses would give witness to others. Our world today is in great need of people who will witness for their faith in Christ.

When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen, and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers, friends, and all we meet throughout the week. We mark our doorways this weekend to help us remember that.

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthazar, Melchior, and Kaspar. We mark above our doorways: K + M + B + 2023 to remind us that in this year of 2023 we are called to reveal the Lord's presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago.

Like the Magi, we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. Everybody has to search for the Lord. We can never be content with our personal relationship with Christ. Sometimes our relationship is broken; we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us re-establish that relationship with Jesus and with one another. The gifts God asks of us are Faith, Hope, and Love. Just as the Magi manifested their love through giving gifts, so should we manifest our love through our prayers and acts of charity.

As we begin 2023, let us work as individuals and as a people of God to constantly grow closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr. Chester



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