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FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

February 2nd

January 29, 2023

Vol. 10

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 28TH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 6TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM BOLD DISCIPLESHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM RCIA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

BLESSING OF THROATS

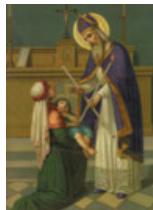
1:00 PM LORETTA HOPE MANGANO SURINE BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

BLESSING OF THROATS/SCOUT SUNDAY

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 ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats



We will offer a Blessing of Throats following all Masses the weekend of February 4th & 5th, in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day is February 3rd.

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Observances for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
 Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
 Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
 Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
 Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are saddened to announce the death of:
 Jennifer Anne Bober, sister of John-Joseph Bober, who passed away on January 21, 2023

In-Person Tax Statements

Your 2022 Tax Statement for your in-person weekly contributions, are in the mail.

Scout Sunday Mass Celebration

This February the Boy Scouts of America organization will be celebrating their 113th birthday.



In keeping with tradition, the Boy Scouts have declared Sunday, February 5th 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 5th.

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

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 7:00 PM.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 3rd.

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: Sunday, February 5, 2023, at noon

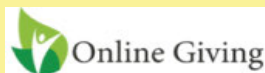
We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Thank You

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



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 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022.
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 House, on:

Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday, February 1st, from 8:15 AM — 11:15 AM

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 2023-2024 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. With a growing enrollment and innovative programming, we invite you, too, to discover the ICS difference!

To learn more visit our website at <https://www.icsannandale.org/> or call (908) 735-6334.

World Marriage Day Celebration
"Marriage...one flesh, given and received"



In celebration of World Marriage Weekend, Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th, 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.

This year we would like to display **your wedding photo** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall during that weekend. Please bring your photo in a frame with your first and last names and how many years you have been married. A bin will be available downstairs to place the frames. All photos will be returned the following weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Rocha at crocha@hcrhs.org or (908) 616-2397.

Immaculate Conception School



Tricky Tray Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 11th,
2:00 — 6:00 PM**

**in the Church Parish Hall at
(316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale)**

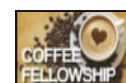
Tickets can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online at <https://icsannandale.org/tricky-tray> (Cash and check only).

A 50/50 raffle is also being held. Tickets may be purchased at the Tricky Tray or online at <https://icsannandale.org/50-50>.

The 50/50 drawing will take place on March 11th, at the Disco Fever Gala, Fiddler's Elbow Country Club. Winner need not be present.

Any Questions contact: icsgala@icsclinton.org

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



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist



Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the **2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and the ministry of our hospital and prison chaplains. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



*We would like to welcome
The Brzozowski Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 28, 2023

4:30 PM The Remaly Family

Sunday: January 29, 2023

8:00 AM Jonathan Richardson
r/o Catherine & Roy Colton

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

11:00 AM Angelo John Mustillo
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

Monday: January 30, 2023

8:00 AM Jennifer Perna Birthday Blessings

Tuesday: January 31, 2023

8:00 AM Carol Brigando
r/o The Bajak Family

Wednesday: February 1, 2023

7:00 PM Clarice Mitariten
r/o The Mitariten Family

Thursday: February 2, 2023

8:00 AM Ray Torsiello
r/o The Andersen Family

Friday: February 3, 2023

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

Saturday: February 4, 2023

4:30 PM David Button
r/o Linda & Fred Button

Sunday: February 5, 2023

8:00 AM Anne Gualini
r/o The Innocenti Family

9:30 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and their Families

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.

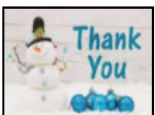
This feast is often referred to as "Candlemas Day," for part of its celebration includes the blessing of candles used in worship throughout the year. We remember the words of Simeon, who took the Holy Child in his arms and praised God for revealing in Him "a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." (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, February 4th & 5th.** 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

If donating to the Parish Center using your February envelope packet, please write your name on the envelope. It's missing your envelope number.



The collections for January 22nd were \$4,747.00 (123 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,026.00 (47 envelopes) for the Foundation for Catholic Education.



On-Line Giving for January 22nd was \$4,373.64 (109 donors).

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