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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, FEBRUARY 11TH

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE WEEKEND

12:00 PM LEO CHRISTOPHER GAHAGON BAPTISM
1:30 PM — 5:30 PM 7TH GRADE RETREAT
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE WEEKEND

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA — FELLOWSHIP HALL
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

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



Has Your Email or Contact Information Changed?

If anything has changed in the past year or so, please send your updated information to scoscoffice@gmail.com

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
- Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
- Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FOR OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION

[what] SURGE OF THE HEART PARISH MISSION
With nationally known Catholic speaker and best selling author Jon Leonetti!

[when]

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AND
 MONDAY, MARCH 13
 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

[where]

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 22ND**

- 8:00 AM Mass**
- Noon Mass**
- 4:30 PM Service**
- 7:00 PM Mass**



PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples
 so that they might reflect the union of Christ
 with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love in them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

they may always rejoice in the gift of
 your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SOMEONE IS TURNING 60...



Please join us at 11:00 AM on
 February 19th to celebrate
 Father Chester's 60th Birthday
 Blessing Mass.

A special fellowship follows all Masses
 the weekend of February 18th and 19th.





St. Catherine's Soup & Stations



6 PM: *Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship*

7 PM: *Pray the Stations of the Cross*

All are welcome; please join us.

February 24th hosted by The Knights of Columbus

March 17th hosted by Social Concerns, and Lectors

March 3rd hosted by the Religious Ed Grades 3-5

March 24th hosted by the BOLD Youth Middle School

March 10th hosted by Decorating, Ushers, and Parish Pastoral Council

March 31st hosted by the Rosary Society, Eucharistic Adoration, and Wedding Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR "SURGE OF THE HEART" PARISH MISSION – March 12th & 13th

Nationally known Catholic speaker, radio host and author of "Your God is Boring" and "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Holiness", Jon Leonetti, will be here at St. Catherine's to present our Lenten Parish Mission!

Jon travels extensively helping Catholics understand this greatest story ever told—the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church.

Don't miss this exciting event on Sunday & Monday evenings, from 6:30— 8:00 PM.

Surviving Divorce March 2023

Surviving Divorce – For men and women who are 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

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood.

A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church.

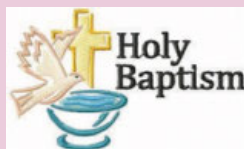
Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.



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 next Marriage Encounter Weekend for marriage enrichment will be held **February 24-26, 2023**. For more information contact Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636.



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Loretta Hope Mangano Surine baptized on February 4, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday: February 11, 2023

4:30 PM Ronald Portz
r/o The Rocca/Perna Family

Sunday: February 12, 2023

8:00 AM Theresa Lenk
r/o The Pasculli Family

9:30 AM Marcy Ratajik
r/o Lynn Mullhall

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

Monday: February 13, 2023

8:00 AM Deacon John T. Monahan
r/o The Ricketts Family

Tuesday: February 14, 2023

8:00 AM Rev. Edward A. Kearns

Wednesday: February 15, 2023

7:00 PM John & Doreen Opeikun
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: February 16, 2023

8:00 AM 1st Responders, Fire, EMT & Police
r/o Anonymous

Friday: February 17, 2023

8:00 AM Jeff Grefe
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Saturday: February 18, 2023

4:30 PM Fr. Chester Zalubski
r/o The Perna/Rocca Family

Sunday: February 19, 2023

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

9:30 AM The Webster Family
r/o The Quick Family

11:00 AM Fr. Chester 60th Birthday Blessings

From the Pastor's Desk

World Marriage Day

This weekend, during all Masses, we will celebrate World Marriage Day to honor the husband and the wife as head of the family - the basic unit of society; and to salute the beauty of their faithfulness.

The annual observance of the marriage day takes on new meaning these days as the sacrament and institution and meaning of marriage are facing crucial new challenges from within and without.

More than ever, couples are experiencing problems arising from a widespread mistaken understanding of what marriage truly is; and unity and indissolubility are being replaced by personal fulfillment.

The family is the domestic Church, and the first place in which the faith is transmitted. Then, the marriage must be a unique life-long union of a man and a woman.

In these circumstances, when the true nature of marriage is being obscured, let's support marriage and family life by all means. Let's support too, those who are widowed, separated, and divorced, and all who need to feel the Church's maternal care in the circumstances in that they find themselves.

Not only on World Marriage Sunday, but every day, let's pray for every family in our parish, especially for those families whose lives are made difficult by the problems and cares which they encounter.

Finally, let's pray for our elected leaders, invoking the Holy Spirit on them, that they may be moved to safeguard marriage as it has always been understood, for the good of our Country and Society.

May God bless all our families!

Fr. Chester



The collections for February 5th was \$3,428.00 (125 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$891.00 (53 envelopes) for Religious Education.



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