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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, MARCH 11TH

1:30 PM — 5:30 PM 2ND GRADE RETREAT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS/RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY & PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

11:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM — 8:30 PM LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH JON LEONETTI

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM — 6:00 PM PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

6:00 PM — 8:30 PM LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH JON LEONETTI

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLEMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

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

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS/RCIA SECOND SCRUTINY

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

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

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

4:00 PM K OF C ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FELLOWSHIP HALL

Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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**Knights of Columbus Annual
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner**

The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will take place on **Sunday, March 19th** beginning at 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets go on sale following Mass the weekends of **February 25th /26th through March 11th /12th.**

In-Pew Weekend

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

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, **March 18th/19th**, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.**

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation.** Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**40
CANS
FOR
LENT**

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent program. The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food every day of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend ending February 25th.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled over 17,963 pounds. That's over 9 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. *Thank you!*



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference

2023 Choices Matter Conference

Choices Matter - A Critical Life Issues Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center.

An opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio at 9 AM. The conference will feature expert speakers, exhibits, and Eucharistic adoration.

The cost is \$35, and student discounts are available. To register, or for more information visit:

www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter

**Youth Ministry
Lenten Events**

AS IRON
SHARPENS IRON
SO ONE PERSON
SHARPENS ANOTHER
PROVERBS 27:17

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Teen Volunteers Needed
for Easter Egg Hunt!



Sat. April 1st
from 1-2pm

For more information email Jim
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SOUP & STATIONS
MAR. 24 / 7:00-8:30
SEDER MEAL
APR. 6 / 5:00-6:30

**IRON SMALL
GROUP**
7:00-8:30
MAR.30
DINNER INCLUDED!

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Catherine's Soup & Stations

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

7 PM: *The Stations of the Cross/ Reconciliation*

Please join us each week as these ministries leads us through the Way of the Cross



March 17th hosted by Social Concerns and Lectors

March 24th hosted by the BOLD Youth Middles School

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

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 4th at 4:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confirmandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>



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

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

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invites you to take part in our upcoming

SURGE OF THE Heart

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

featuring international Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti!

Who is God and Why That Matters

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH • 6:00 - 8:30 PM

God's Dream For Your Life

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH • 6:00 - 8:30 PM

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-Pope Francis*

*A free-will donation will be collected.
All proceeds will go to the Parish Center Building fund.*

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT (FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Society and Stewardship Committee

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM
AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS

RAIN DATE: Sunday, April 2nd, 1-2 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE EVENT.

BRING A BASKET OR BAG TO HOLD THE EGGS YOUR CHILD FINDS. SNACKS, DRINKS, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (908) 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MARCH 26TH.

CCD service hours will be given to 6th, 7th, and 8th students who volunteer to help with set-up or during the egg hunt.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

GIRLS _____ BOYS _____



Mass Intentions

Saturday: March 11, 2023

4:30 PM Thomas Sherwood
r/o Ron & Rita Fenty

Sunday: March 12, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

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

11:00 AM Gunnar Dominic Bickhardt
r/o Karen Pereira & Family

Monday: March 13, 2023

8:00 AM Raymond & Mary Wygorsky
r/o The Tomsy Family

Tuesday: March 14, 2023

8:00 AM Mary Zimko
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday: March 15, 2023

7:00 PM Marian Kaczynski
r/o Fr. Chester

Thursday: March 16, 2023

8:00 AM Eriberta Maligaya
r/o Tee Andersen

Friday: March 17, 2023

8:00 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o The Quick Family

Saturday: March 18, 2023

4:30 PM Joseph Finn
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Sunday: March 19, 2023

8:00 AM Grace Kozal
r/o Tom & Amy Murray

9:30 AM Louis P. Montanaro
r/o Paul & Liz Pasquarella & Family

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

From the Pastor's Desk *Stations of the Cross*

During the Lenten season we are called to enter more fully into the spirit of sacrifice, renewal, and repentance. We can embrace this call in various ways, including by praying the "Stations of the Cross."

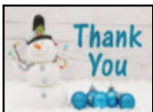
The publication "Catholic Online" stated, "[The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion](#) that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day."

As we reflect on these words, we may note that each Friday during Lent we are invited to come together as a faith community at 7:00 PM to pray the "Stations of the Cross."

Praying the "Stations" can provide us with an opportunity to avail ourselves of abundant spiritual graces. Commemorating the Passion of Jesus through the "Stations" can help us to more fully appreciate what Jesus has done for us. They can also help us to clearly witness our faith and assist us in this special time of spiritual renewal.

We are strongly encouraged to prayerfully consider making the "Stations" an integral part of our Lenten journey.

Fr. Chester



The collections for March 5th were \$3,695.00 (117 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,101.00 (70 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for March 5th was \$1,185.64 (31 donors).

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