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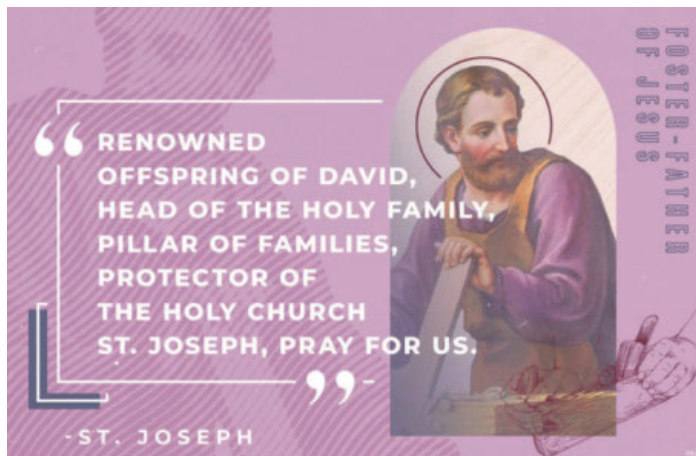
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLEMENTARY SOUP &
FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/
RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

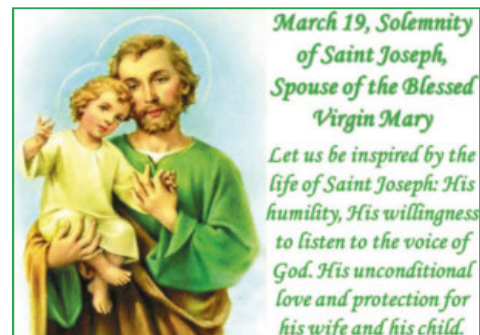
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th 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**

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.** Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today.

Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

**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



Teen Volunteers Needed
for Easter Egg Hunt!



Sat. April 1st
from 1-2pm

For more information email Jim
StCatherine@boldym.com

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!

4TH 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 24th hosted by the BOLD Youth Middles School

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

Women's Cornerstone

Join us to re-energize your spiritual life! Gather together with other women searching for a deeper relationship with God and each other.



Cornerstone is a one-day experience for women 25 years or older from St Catherine of Siena and local parishes.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, **April 22nd**, at **Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, starting at 8 AM and ending with a celebration following an 8 PM Mass.**

Come and see what the day has to offer! Questions? Call or text Rachel Riebling at 646-515-9674. To register: <http://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone>

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (**see note below with regards to March 17th**).
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. *Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.*
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. *Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.*

Note: This year, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.



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 _____



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>

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: March 20, 2023

8:00 AM Mary Nelson
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Tuesday: March 21, 2023

8:00 AM Margaret Hillier
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

Wednesday: March 22, 2023

7:00 PM Marian Kaczynski
r/o Kathie & Dennis Webster

Thursday: March 23, 2023

8:00 AM Robin Potempa Birthday Blessings

Friday: March 24, 2023

8:00 AM John Porvaznik
r/o Tee Anderson

Saturday: March 25, 2023

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: March 26, 2023

8:00 AM Grace Kozal
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

9:30 AM Frank DeLuca
r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

11:00 AM Joseph Finn
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

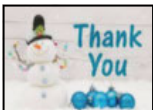
From the Pastor's Desk Fourth Sunday of Lent

During the weeks of Lent, the Scripture readings and Mass prayers at our weekday Masses invite us to seriously respond to the call to conversion of heart that we heard on Ash Wednesday and to continue in our efforts to enter into the season as best we can. We are called to turn away from our sinfulness and to turn towards God. The traditional Lenten penances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are held up before us as excellent ways of responding to this challenge to faithfully live the Lenten season.

When it comes to Lenten prayer, many of us are using "Make Room For Lent," reflection booklet for our personal prayer during this season. It is a very good way for us to reflect upon the readings of the day and to give six minutes a day back to the Lord. It is very encouraging to see these books being used by so many in our community.

In addition to spending additional time in personal prayer, have you considered the possibility of additional community prayer through weekday Mass? Mass during the week is celebrated at 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 7:00 PM on Wednesday. Weekday Mass is much simpler than Sunday Mass and normally runs about 20-25 minutes. They are a great way to begin or end the day.

Fr. Chester



The collections for March 12th was \$3,647.00 (145 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for March 12th was \$2,673.00 (107 donors).

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