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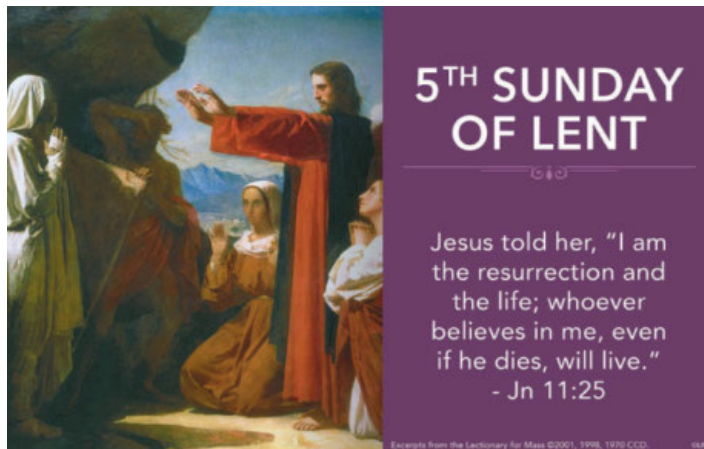
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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/RCIA 3RD SCRUTINY & PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

12:00 PM 8TH GRADE STUFFING EASTER EGGS

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BOLD DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLEMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

1:00 PM — 2 PM EASTER EGG HUNT

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL/CHURCH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

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

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

- 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
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41 c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26: 14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
- Saturday: April Fools' Day
- Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 6th)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday (April 7th)
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday (April 8th)
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 9th)
8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

The office is closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Have a Blessed Easter!



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 26, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our national celebration of the Eucharistic Revival continues to call us to more deeply appreciate the gift of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on the indispensable importance of the priest in the Eucharistic life of the Church. We are blessed to have many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries. Let us not forget that we also have a number of retired priests who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our communities.

With the passing of time, there comes a point when we as a Church must care for the priests who first cared for us. There are currently 31 retired priests in the Diocese of Metuchen. While some priests return home to live with relatives, there are those who do not have this option and need a safe, welcoming environment in which to retire. We currently have 11 priests residing at our Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests where these faithful men live modestly and peacefully with access to medical care. Here our retired diocesan priests live each day with dignity and the ability to practice their Catholic faith in a brotherly community. Although retired, those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions, and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth, and serving the poor and vulnerable. Next weekend, April 1 and 2, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests by subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

We are in need of **12 parishioners, including high school students**, to have their feet washed, as Jesus did at the Last Supper, on **April 6th, Holy Thursday, at 7:00 PM.**



Please contact the office at (908) 735-4024, no later than this Thursday, March 30th.

40 CANS FOR LENT

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent program.

... is for each family to provide one can of non-perishable food to be collected on February 26th.

LAST WEEKEND APRIL 1ST & 2ND

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... totaled over 17,96...
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... 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



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

5TH 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 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>

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 clean-up.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF _____

GIRLS _____



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>

Youth Ministry Lenten Events

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

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Teen Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt!

EGG HUNT

Sat. April 1st
from 1-2pm

For more information email Jim
StCatherine@boldym.com

SEDER MEAL

APR. 6 / 5:00-6:30

OPEN TO ALL IN 6TH-12TH GRADE!

PURIFIED WITH JASON EVERT

7:00-9:00PM

MAR. 30

@ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

TRANSPORTATION WILL LEAVE FROM ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

CONTACT JIM TO SIGN UP

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: March 27, 2023

8:00 AM Ann Laba
r/o Linda & Fred Button

Tuesday: March 28, 2023

8:00 AM Maggie Marion Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: March 29, 2023

7:00 PM Victoria Natalizio
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: March 30, 2023

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Family

Friday: March 31, 2023

8:00 AM Sr. Joan Coffey O.P.
r/o Carol Philip

Saturday: April 1, 2023

4:30 PM Stephen Brinkofski
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: April 2, 2023

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

9:30 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o The Remaly Family

11:00 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb and
their Families

From the Pastor's Desk

Traditional Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 AM

The Tradition! ... what's it all about?

When many of our Eastern European Ancestors came to this country a century ago, they brought with them some beautiful traditions which added a particular beauty to the Easter Holydays. Among the most popular is the Traditional Blessing of the Foods that would be eaten on Easter morning. After a strict Lenten fast and abstinence, specially prepared foods were made in advance for the blessing. A family basket would be filled with these foods and then covered with a crocheted cloth. Often the cloth had an Easter emblem or the words 'Christ is Risen' crocheted on it.

Each of these foods had a special significance. It sounds much like the special foods which our Jewish brothers and sisters use in the celebration of their Seder Meal. Remember, the basket does not contain ALL the food you will eat on Easter Sunday...just a symbolic portion. Below is a list of the traditional foods.

EASTER EGGS! Of course! Brightly colored, seasonal representations of the New Life that Jesus gave us in His Resurrection.

BABKA...a sweet, rich, yeast bread. It is usually round and has a golden crust. Often it has a cross of dough on the top surrounded by braids which can represent the crown of thorns.

OTHER BREADS...nut roll, poppy seed roll. Whatever Easter baked delights are of your own tradition.

KIELBASA and HAM ...lamb....a sign of abundance and that the 'Long Fast' is truly over.

CHEESE...especially a small round cheese.

HORSERADISH...(nothing is better with ham than beet horseradish)...Some add to their baskets a bit of vinegar or sour cream...it is all meant to represent the bitter drink given to the Lord when He called out from the cross, "I thirst!"

BUTTER...especially the butter formed in the design of a lamb. Christ is the Lamb of God!

SALT...as it gives zest to our foods and reminds us that Christ preserves us to life eternal.

And don't forget the Chocolate eggs, the Chocolate bunnies, and chicks, and a few jelly beans as well!

Add your Easter dinner wine!

Decorate your basket with family heirloom napkins or linen.

LET THE KIDS MAKE THEIR OWN BASKET! (After all so many of them gave up candy or sweets for Lent). If you have pets: don't forget a treat for them as well.

Enjoy the beautiful traditions of Easter! Pass them on to your children! In a way we are not only giving thanks to Almighty God for the Festival of Easter and the wonderful foods that accompany our holyday.....we are also remembering our ancestors and our grandparents and parents who handed down to us the rich traditions of a people who were so deeply faithful and so in love with the Church.

This Easter celebrate your ancestors—celebrate your family—celebrate the eternal life won for them and for us by his passion, death, and resurrection!!!

Fr. Chester



The collections for March 19th was \$3,607.00 (100 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for March 19th was \$3,889.00 (116 donors).

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