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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, JANUARY 6TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA MARY & THE SAINTS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH

FORMATION

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH

FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH
8:00 AM MAS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

11:00 AM — 5:15 PM 8TH GRADE RETREAT/MASS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

EMAIL SCAMS

Once again, we have been made aware, from our parishioners, that scammers are using Fr. Chester's name and fake email address asking our parishioners for money, gift cards, or to email/text back to him.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!

Fr. Chester would **NEVER** email or text you asking for money or gift cards. He would call you or speak to you directly.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM

JANUARY 7, 2024 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see

11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:

1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk

1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,

8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk

1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk

2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-

7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10

(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(C)LF

Rosary for Life - January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country).

Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend!

Friday, January 19th at 1:00 PM on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 PM (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ).

There is a 12:10 PM daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.

For more information, contact <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u> or call (732)562-1543.

Our January Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage

Bruce & AnnaMarie DeRites

Donald & Alicia Johnson

Kevin & Margaret Hackett

Richard & Stephanie Joyce

Wayne & Cathy Hartmann

Enrique & Wanda Perez

Thomas & Joanne Hyland

Dear Parish Family:

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2023 Giving Tree! As a parish, we have collected an **estimated \$21,386** in gifts, **checks, and gift cards**.

Because of your generosity, our parish was able to provide many items for infants and children, including 71 warm coats, 8 pairs of boots, 75 hats/gloves, underwear, socks, clothes, diapers, wipes, 36 Lego sets, 40 dolls, 39 toy trucks, baby toiletries, diaper cream, crib items, infant outfits, onesies, kid's Bibles, and gift cards for the single-Mom families served by the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington.

Your generous donations of gift cards were shared with the vets living at Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner and families staying with Family Promise. Monetary donations were shared with parishioners experiencing hardships. May God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of love.



St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Society

Dear Friends at St. Catherines

Thank you so much for the tons of coats, diapers, wipes, toys, clothing and \$1,015 in Shoprite & \$1,125 in Walmart gift certificates. It makes Christmas and the winter a little better for the moms when we can share with them the gifts you have given us to share!

We know this will be a wonderful expression of God's great love for each precious family. This great kindness that you have shown will be such a welcome encouragement to them.

"Blessed is the one who is kind to the needy... whoever is kind to the needy honors God" Proverbs 14: 21 & 31

May the Lord bless you all at Christmas and in the New Year.

Friendship Center for New Beginnings Thank you for a wonderful evening



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Jan 7th from 5:30 — 7 PM

Speaker Wayne Isbitski

Topic: Discipleship. Discussion: Is Jesus relevant in today's world? Our online lives are a constant distraction; texting, email, TikTok, Facebook, and scores of websites demanding our attention. If Jesus was still here on Earth today would he be on social media?

Jan 21st from 5:30 — 7 PM

Weekly Youth Meeting Plan WWE Jesus vs Satan.

We are always happy to accept dinner donations for youth group meetings! (Pizza/Subs/Salads/Tacos)



We are saddened to announce the death of:

James DiSalvo, father of Michael DiSalvo, who passed away on December 18, 2023

New Bible Study at St. Catherine's



Are you looking to have a better understanding and connection to the Sunday Mass Readings? If so, join us as we gather to discuss and share these weekly passages.

Join us weekly on **Thursday at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall.

For questions, please contact Teri Saccal at tasaccal@outlook.com or Lucia Sciancalepore at lucia.sciancalepore3@gmail.com.

A Life Changing Invite! Men's Cornerstone Event

Please Save the Date **Saturday**, **February 17th**"FAITH IS A CONTACT SPORT"

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Scan the QR Code to Register or to receive more Information and brochure by email.



Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in January?

JOIN US ON JANUARY 14TH
AT THE 11:00 AM MASS
TO RECEIVE A
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING.

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book" located in the Narthex of our Church; or send your names, and wedding date to the parish office in an envelope marked "Anniversary Blessings".



PLEASE NOT

WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, I I AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

World Marriage Day February 11, 2024

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK
ST. CATHERINE'S WILL HONOR THE LIFELONG COMMITMENT
OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES BY
RENEWAL OF VOWS FOR COUPLES AT ALL MASSES
DURING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10 - 11.

PRIOR TO EACH MASS RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT BOTH ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AND A BOTTLE OF WINE.

DURING THAT WEEKEND, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY PHOTOS
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OF OUR MARRIED COUPLES
(YOUR WEDDING DAY AND A CURRENT PHOTO). PLEASE DROP OFF
YOUR FRAMED WEDDING PHOTO AS WELL AS A RECENT PHOTO OF
YOU MARKED WITH YOUR NAMES AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS YOU
HAVE BEEN MARRIED. THERE WILL BE A BIN DOWNSTAIRS TO PLACE
YOUR FRAMED PICTURES. WE ASK THAT YOU BRING THEM BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH. 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.

THE 10 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, WILL ALSO INCLUDE A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR COUPLES WHO WERE MARRIED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING YOUR WEDDING ANNIVESARY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED.



Ministry Information Weekend

"As Each One Has Received a Gift, Use it to Serve One Another as Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace."

Please consider joining a ministry to help add spiritual vitality to our faith community. Ministry leaders will be available following Mass the weekend of **January 27th** — **28th** to discuss opportunities to serve in a Ministry.

Stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Ministry sign-ups will be held following Mass the weekend of **January 27th —28th**.

Not a Parishioner? Stop by the Weekend of January 27th — 28th and speak with one of our Welcome Committee Members.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 2 – 4, 2024**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 6, 2024

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

Sunday: January 7, 2024

8:00 AM Andrew Hannalla

r/o Margaret Rocca

9:30 AM The Piotrowski Family

r/o Dennis & Kathleen Webster

11:00 AM Micheal Zeccola

r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

Monday: January 8, 2024

8:00 AM Elaine Novakowski

r/o Diane Billitz

Tuesday: January 9, 2024

8:00 AM Arnold Greenberg

r/o Lori & Jim Young

Wednesday: January 10, 2024

7:00 PM The Webster Family

r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

Thursday: January 11, 2024

8:00 AM John Brisby

r/o Fr. Chester

Friday: January 12, 2024

8:00 AM Angelo Mustillo

r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

Saturday: January 13, 2024

4:30 PM Walter Unorski

r/o Nancy Unorski

Sunday: January 14, 2024

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

9:30 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Corey Hanson

r/o The Murray Family



The collections for December 24th were \$3,527.00 (104 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$22,556.00 (159 envelopes) for the Christmas collection. The collection for

December 31st was \$2,853.00 (121 envelopes)

for the Holy Family and \$1,168.00 (43 envelopes) for the

Solemnity of Mary.



On-Line Giving for December 24th was \$4,498.86 (110 donors). The Christmas Collection was \$5,290.00 (29 donors). The December 31st collections was \$5,724.00 (117 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk The Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This is one of the Feasts of the Manifestations of Christ to others after His birth. But the manifestations were accepted by those who were witnesses. And those witnesses would give witness to others. Our world today is in great need of people who will witness for their faith in Christ.

When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen, and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers. friends, and all we meet throughout the week. We mark our doorways this weekend to help us remember

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthazar, Melchior, and Kaspar. We mark above our doorways: K + M + B + 2024 to remind us that in this year of 2024 we are called to reveal the Lord's presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago.

Like the Magi, we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. Everybody has to search for the Lord. We can never be content with our personal relationship with Christ. Sometimes our relationship is broken; we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us re-establish that relationship with Jesus and with one another. The gifts God asks of us are Faith, Hope, and Love. Just as the Magi manifested their love through giving gifts, so should we manifest our love through our prayers and acts of charity.

As we begin 2024, let us work as individuals and as a people of God to constantly grow closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr. Chester



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