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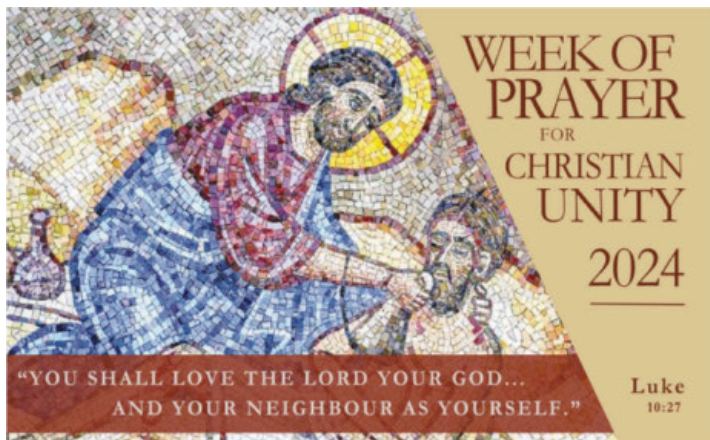
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, 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 MASS

11:00 AM MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

WORD OF GOD WEEKEND—BRING BIBLE FOR BLESSING

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA — HEAVEN, PURGATORY & HELL

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

WORD OF GOD WEEKEND—BRING BIBLE FOR BLESSING

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 MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP



Office Closed for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15, 2024

Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! 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

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

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
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

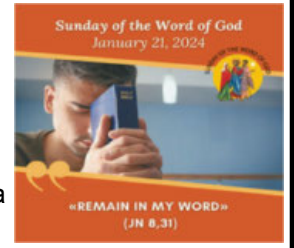
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Day
 Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BLESSING OF BIBLES ON

JANUARY 20th & 21st

Instituted by Pope Francis, to remind us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for Christian life. Please your own Bibles to Mass for a Blessing.



Immaculate Conception School Open House

Immaculate Conception School in Annandale invites you to our Catholic Schools Week Open Houses, either on Sunday, January 28th from 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM or on Wednesday, January 31st, from 8:15 AM — 11:15 AM. Each family will be offered a tour of all school facilities and will be able to meet our teachers, our principal, Mrs. Fortunato, and parent representatives. You will hear details about our educational programs, get answers to your questions, and receive registration information for the 2024-2025 school year. Please RSVP for a specific time window at <https://www.icsannandale.org/visit>

As the only Catholic School in Hunterdon County, Immaculate Conception School seeks to foster in each student spiritual growth, academic excellence, and moral integrity. We offer exceptional educational programs within a supportive, faith-filled community for students aged two through 8th grade. With a growing enrollment and innovative programming, we invite you, too, to discover the ICS difference! To learn more visit our website (<https://www.icsannandale.org/>) or call 908-735-6334.

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 amarshall@diometuchen.org or call (732)562-1543.

A Life Changing Invite! Men's Cornerstone Event

Please Save the Date **Saturday, February 17th**

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Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Jan 7th from 6 — 7:30 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 6 — 7:30 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)

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	

Prayer for Christian Unity Week January 18th –25th

You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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

*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 OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL OF OUR MARRIED COUPLES (BOTH 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 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR YOU 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 11 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 ANNIVERSARY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED.



*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 NOTE:

WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, 11 AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

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 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

Monday: January 15, 2024

8:00 AM Jaroslaw Maslach
r/o Danuta Nieznanska

Tuesday: January 16, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Sr.
r/o The Family

Wednesday: January 17, 2024

7:00 PM Rebecca Quick
r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

Thursday: January 18, 2024

8:00 AM Bernie Remaly Birthday Blessings

Friday: January 19, 2024

8:00 AM Maslach Family
r/o Danuta Nieznanska

Saturday: January 20, 2024

4:30 PM Michael Kelly
r/o Barbara Sullivan & Family

Sunday: January 21, 2024

8:00 AM Andrew Hannalla
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

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

11:00 AM Lucille Sullivan
r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You for Christmas

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard in decorating and preparing our church for Christmas. Many people have told me how much they enjoyed the Christmas Service.

Thank you to Pat Prakopcyk, Lisa Sforza, Nancy Coletti, Debbie Erling, Glenn Ricketts, our Youth and Adult Choirs, and our musicians who make our services and liturgies throughout Advent and Christmas so special and prayerful for all of us.

Thank you to Sandra Kopka and all the children for a beautiful Children's Pageant.

Thank you to our Ministry Heads and all the Ministers: Rob Preston for coordinating all our Readers; John-Joseph Bobber for coordinating our Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist; Rich Kopf for coordinating the Ushers; Knights of Columbus for setting up the Nativity outside the Church, all those who clean the church, and our Sacristan Margaret Rocca.

Thank you to Donna and Kevin Cahill who change over all the wonderful liturgical decorations and adornments. I wish to also thank all those who helped them with the decorations for Advent and Christmas, including Carey Kopf, and Patty and Vinny Battipaglia.

Thank you to Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski for the Christmas gift to each family in our Parish, a book, "Beautiful Eucharist."

Thank you to the Rosarians who every year set up the Giving Tree to help remind us of those in need, especially during Christmas.

Thank you to Anthony and Jennifer Natalizio for the beautiful Christmas Lights on our outside tree.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for your cards, gifts, and prayers during this Christmas season and this year. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Chester



The collections for January 7th were \$2,161.00 (69 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$586.00 (32 envelopes) for the Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for January 7th was \$4,891.00 (122 donors).

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