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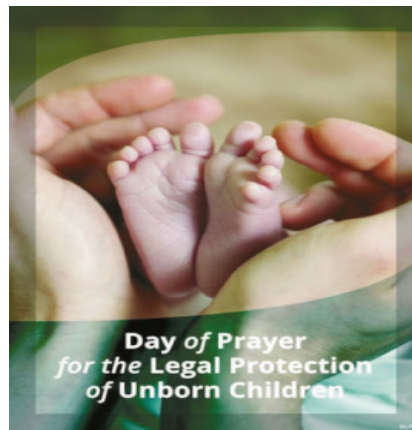
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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

12:00 PM — 1:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CUF DEGREE CEREMONY

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH

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 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

MINISTRY WEEKEND WOOD CARVING OF BETHLEHEM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

MINISTRY WEEKEND WOOD CARVING OF BETHLEHEM

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS



*We would like to welcome
The Portera Family
Mr. Sell, Jr.
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
 Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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**BOOK CLUB
FEBRUARY 2ND AT 7 PM**

We strongly encourage you to join us on **Friday, February 2 at 7 PM** (immediately following First Friday Adoration) for a discussion of Matthew Kelly's *Beautiful Eucharist*, the book donated by Wayne and Ceil Isbitski as our Parish Christmas gift. This talk will be the first in a series of events supporting the National Eucharistic Revival promoted by the United States Bishops.

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.

A Life Changing Invite! Men's Cornerstone Event

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

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



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Margot Hernandez, mother of Yasmin Hernandez-Manno, who passed away on January 16, 2023

Our January Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

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| Bruce & AnnaMarie DeRites | Donald & Alicia Johnson |
| Kevin & Margaret Hackett | Richard & Stephanie Joyce |
| Wayne & Cathy Hartmann | Enrique & Wanda Perez |
| Thomas & Joanne Hyland | |



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

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)

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.

January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heavenly Father and maker of all,
You adorn all creation with
splendor and beauty, and fashion
human lives in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the
work of your hands, and renew
among your people a readiness to
nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



World Marriage Day

February 11, 2024

JOIN US AS ST. CATHERINE’S CELEBRATES
WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK HONORING THE
LIFELONG COMMITMENT OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES
DURING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES
PRIOR TO EACH MASS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO
WIN A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AND A BOTTLE OF WINE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY PHOTOS OF OUR MARRIED COUPLES (YOUR
WEDDING DAY AND A CURRENT PHOTO) IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. 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 THE FRAMES.
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.

January 27th & 28th Bethlehem Woodcarving Will Be Here After All Masses

Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity’s birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in February?

**JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 11TH
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.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: January 22, 2024

8:00 AM Arnold Greenberg
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Tuesday: January 23, 2024

8:00 AM Dennis Tompsky Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: January 24, 2024

7:00 PM Sisters of Jesus Our Hope
r/o The Quick & Sullivan Families

Thursday: January 25, 2024

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski

Friday: January 26, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Schofield
r/o Bob & Dori Schofield

Saturday: January 27, 2024

4:30 PM Antonia Schelmay
r/o The Family

Sunday: January 28, 2024

8:00 AM Andrew Hannalla
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly
9:30 AM Arnold Greenberg
r/o Dennis & Kathie Webster
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk

Respect Life Sunday

This week we are celebrating Word of God Sunday, instituted by Pope Francis, to remind us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for Christian life, as well as Respect Life Sunday.

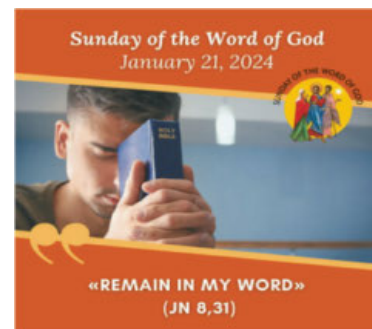
I wonder how many of those children would have grown up to be doctors, priests, teachers ... Could one of those children have been the scientist to cure Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, or cancer? Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta said that: "Probably the scientist who would have cured AIDS was killed through abortion."



What a tragic time we live in. The reality is that most abortions are not performed to save the mother's life as they would have us believe, but abortion is used as a form of contraception. It is the attitude that "If I get pregnant, I can always terminate it."

Let us pray to the Lord for deliverance from this horrible scourge that is killing so many children, but also destroying the lives of their mothers, who are faced with their misguided decision.

God bless you all.

Fr. Chester



	The collections for January 14th were \$3,469.00 (131 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,035.00 (51 envelopes) for Together in Christ.
	On-Line Giving for January 14th was \$2,096.00 (92 donors).

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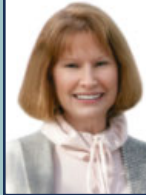
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