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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 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

7:00 PM BOOK CLUB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

BLESSING OF THROATS

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA—MORTALITY

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

BLESSING OF THROATS

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 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP



We are saddened to
announce the death of:

Estelle Disselhorst, aunt of
Joseph Quick, who
passed away on
December 29, 2023

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/ Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
 Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
 Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
 Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats



We will offer a Blessing of Throats following Mass the weekend of **February 3rd & 4th**, in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day is February 3rd.

According to the centuries-old tradition, two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said: "Oh God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr, Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat." Saint Blaise is the patron of physicians, sick cattle, wax-chandlers, wool combers, and of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. He was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred during a Christian persecution in the fourth century.

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	

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, February 2nd**

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 4th, at noon



We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

February 1st PERMISSION SLIPS DUE FOR APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

February 4th 5:30 — 7 PM

Annual Pizza Making! AT CAFÉ MARIA 2 -3:30 PM \$10 pp. MAX 30 kids! RSVP ASAP – permission forms in display case.

February 18th 5:30 — 7 PM

LEADERSHIP MEETING — Philly Pretzels will be served.

February 23rd 5:30 — 7:30 PM

Soup & Stations with Religious Ed.

March 1st — 3rd Retreat

St John Paul II Youth Retreat Center Kearny, NJ. RSVP by February 20th. Check display case for more Information.

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

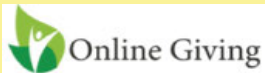
In-Person Tax Statements

Your 2023 Tax Statement for your in-person weekly contributions, are in the mail.



**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.



Tax Statements

Donors can pull their own statements:

1. Log-in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "**My Online Giving History**" (view a detailed history of your past Online Giving).
3. On the right side, click the "**Print**" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023.
5. Change the report type to "**Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes).**"
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **Print**.
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a **PDF** to print the full report.

To Print:

Click on the **PDF** link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a **PDF** and will let you print the report.

****You will want to have your pop-up block disabled. This allows the PDF to pop open for you.****



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.

*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.



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**February 10, 2024
2:00-6:00 PM**

**314 Old Allerton Road
Annandale, NJ 08801**

Winners drawn starting at 6:00 PM.

Questions? E-mail icsgala@icsclinton.org

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: January 29, 2024

8:00 AM Susan Tarnoski
r/o Paul & Ellen McCarthy

Tuesday: January 30, 2024

8:00 AM Jennifer Perna Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: January 31, 2024

7:00 PM Andrew Hannalla
r/o Lori & Jim Young

Thursday: February 1, 2024

8:00 AM Clarice Mitariten
r/o The Mitariten Family

Friday: February 2, 2024

8:00 AM Claire McCarthy
r/o Jim & Marlene Langreder

Saturday: February 3, 2024

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

Sunday: February 4, 2024

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

9:30 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Mirianna Quartararo
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

From the Pastor's Desk Parish Staff, Volunteering, and Ministry Weekend

Our parish office staff and volunteers consist of dedicated deacons and lay men and women who do so much for our parish and our parishioners.


Pope Francis clearly appreciates those who work in some capacity for the Church. As reported in the publication, "Catholic News Agency," Our Holy Father stated, "The mission of the Church in the world proceeds through the contribution of those who are part of it." He also commented that, "Some think that there are only bishops, the bosses, and then there are workers. No, the Church is all of us, everyone, each person has their role in the Church, but we are all the Church."

Pope Francis celebrates Mass for various workers in the Vatican when his schedule permits. He also prays for those with whom he works, and when possible, interacts with them. He wants them to feel that they are integral to the mission of the Church. At Saint Catherine, we strive to follow the example of Pope Francis by emphasizing the spiritual dimension of the important work that is being done. We have Masses throughout the year for our staff personnel and ministries.


This weekend, is Ministry Information Weekend, please consider joining a ministry to help add spiritual vitality to our faith community. Ministry leaders will be available following Mass 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 all Masses.

Today I invite all of you to thank our parish staff and volunteers for all that they do, not only on Sunday, but every day. Through their faithful service, they truly enhance the spiritual vitality of our wonderful faith community.

Fr. Chester



The collections for January 21st were \$4,523.00 (120 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$974.00 (56 envelopes) for Foundation of Catholic Education.



On-Line Giving for January 21st was \$3,879.00 (105 donors).

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