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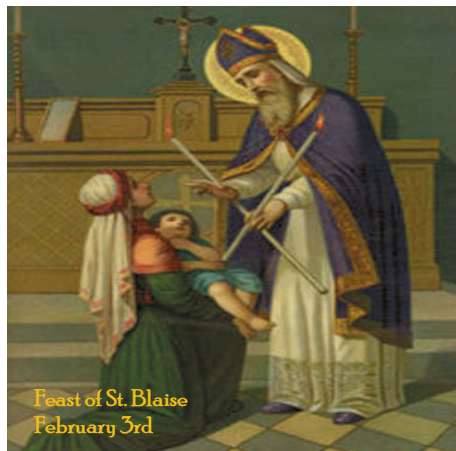
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Feast of St. Blaise
February 3rd

February 4, 2024

Vol. 10

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, 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 ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

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

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th

8:00 AM

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4:30 PM

7:00 PM

Mass

Mass

Service

Mass



Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

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
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

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2024 Lenten Obligations



1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.



Register for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Back Now to attend this historic event.



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the **2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

By giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are opening our hearts to those living on the fringes of society and help to attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The basic necessities of food and shelter provided by **Catholic Charities**, as well as the counseling services the agency offers to those struggling with addictions and other hardships of life can only continue with your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Our February 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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| Ihor & Sandra Kopka | Michael & Alice Romanek |
| Matthew & Amanda Parisi | Daniel & Donna Snyder |
| Daniel and Elizabeth Perez | Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss |
| Lawrence & Bernadine Remyly | |

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.



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.



This February the Boy Scouts of America organization celebrate their 114th birthday.

In keeping with tradition, the Boy Scouts have declared **Sunday, February 4th** as Scout Sunday.

St. Catherine, charter owner of Cub Scouts Pack 119, salutes all of the good scouting brings to our church, community and the nation.

May God bless all scouts!



We would like to welcome
The Gregor Family
The Briggs Family
The Courtney Family
Ms. Kenny
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



St. Catherine's Soup & Stations

6 PM: Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship

7 PM: Pray the Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome; please join us.



February 16th hosted by The Knights of Columbus

February 23rd hosted by the Religious Ed., Youth Ministry & Family Promise

March 1st hosted by Decorating, Ushers, and SCRIP

March 8th hosted by Bible Study and Coffee Fellowship

March 15th hosted by Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

March 22nd hosted by the Rosary Society, Eucharistic Adoration, and Wedding Committee

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: February 5, 2024

8:00 AM Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Tuesday: February 6, 2024

8:00 AM Barbara Ward
r/o Paul & Ellen McCarthy

Wednesday: February 7, 2024

7:00 PM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o Kathie & Dennis Webster

Thursday: February 8, 2024

8:00 AM Helen & Loraine Dietrich
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

Friday: February 9, 2024

8:00 AM Olympia Pazdrey
r/o The Family

Saturday: February 10, 2024

4:30 PM Carl Maier
r/o The Santoianni Family

Sunday: February 4, 2024

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

9:30 AM A Special Intention
r/o The Baker Family

11:00 AM Corey D. Hanson
r/o Nancy Murray

From the Pastor's Desk

The Presentation of the Lord — February 2nd

St. Blaise — February 3rd

On February 2nd we celebrated the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, commemorating the time when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph 40 days after His birth.

This feast is often referred to as "Candlemas Day," for part of its celebration includes the blessing of candles used in worship throughout the year. We remember the words of Simeon, who took the Holy Child in his arms and praised God for revealing in Him "a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." (Luke 2: 22-32). The use of candles in liturgy and other prayer forms reminds us that Jesus is the Light we are called to follow; Light that guides our living in this world and leads us to the next.

Some of those candles are used when we commemorate the martyrdom of St. Blaise with the traditional **Blessing of Throats, which will take place at the end of all Masses today, February 3rd & 4th**. St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, the first nation to officially adopt Christianity, though some were slow to accept the king's decree. In the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the non-believing governor of Sebastea, ordered Blaise arrested and executed for refusing to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. According to legend, as Blaise was being led to prison, a mother ran up to him with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, gave a command, and the boy was able to cough up the bone, which saved his life. While imprisoned, many of the faithful visited their bishop and asked him to bless their candles for use during prayer. His cult spread throughout Europe, and since the Middle Ages throats are blessed on his feast day. Through his prayers, we hope to be spared from diseases of the throat and other respiratory illness.

St. Blaise is just one more example of how God works through the followers of His Son; and that IS the point, isn't it? As followers of Jesus, we are called to be instruments through which Our Lord continues to reach out and minister to others. Through us, the Light of Christ must shine.

Fr. Chester



The collections for January 28th were \$3,662.00 (108 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for January 28th was \$2,781.00 (97 donors).

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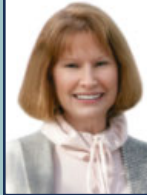
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