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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, 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 MASS/ADULT CHOIR SINGING

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

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 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

11:30 AM WILLIAM PHILIP CAREY BAPTISM

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA AFTERNOON PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:00 PM RCIA — RITE OF SENDING & CALLING OF CANDIDATES

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day
 Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



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**

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 A ONE DAY SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

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



Our February Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Ihor & Sandra Kopka	Michael & Alice Romanek
Matthew & Amanda Parisi	Daniel & Donna Snyder
Daniel and Elizabeth Perez	Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss
Lawrence & Bernadine Remyal	Colin & Donna Blanchard

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.

We are saddened to announce the deaths of:
Joseph Edwards, son of Joseph & Gina Edwards who passed away on January 27, 2024
Rosalie Bennett, sister of Sal Mauro who passed away on February 4, 2024

*We would like to welcome
 The Conenna Family
 The Byelick Family
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**Youth Group Corner
 Upcoming Events**



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)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14th**

8:00 AM **Mass**
Noon **Mass**
4:30 PM **Service**
7:00 PM **Mass**



Discerning Your Purpose

Location: The Rutgers Catholic Center
Who: Young Men 18-35
When: Begins Sunday, February 18th for 6 Weeks

Join us during the Lenten season every Sunday at 4 PM, starting February 18, at the Rutgers Catholic Center: 84 Somerset St., New Brunswick, NJ, 08901.

The journey concludes with a free retreat on Palm Sunday weekend - sign up easily with the QR codes on the poster.

<https://diometuchen.org/discerning-your-purpose-retreat>

Campaign Report To Date:

Active Parishioners: 489
Pledges Received: 197
Campaign Goal: \$900,000
Amount Pledged: \$712,819
Amount Collected: \$638,648

Please contact Wayne Isbitski for questions at wisbit@yahoo.com or (908) 642-5031

Please send all donations to the office or drop in the collection basket.

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every Tuesday, 12:30 — 2:00 PM, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.



**40
CANS
FOR
LENT**

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent program.

The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food every day of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting February 17th.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled over 21,893 pounds. That's nearly 11 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. *Thank you!*



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference



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 Book Now to attend this historic event.



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

March 8th hosted by Bible Study and Coffee Fellowship

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

March 15th hosted by Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

March 1st hosted by Decorating, Ushers, and SCRIP

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday: February 10, 2024

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

Sunday: February 11, 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

Monday: February 12, 2024

8:00 AM Ron Portz
r/o The Family

Tuesday: February 13, 2024

8:00 AM Joel Pagano
r/o Janice & Sal Mauro

Wednesday: February 14, 2024

8:00 AM Rev. Charles P. Scillieri

Noon Louis DeLeon
r/o Marissa White & Family

4:30 PM Service

7:00 PM Olympia Pazdrey
r/o The Himchak Family

Thursday: February 15, 2024

8:00 AM Leonida Gonda
r/o The Andersen Family

Friday: February 16, 2024

8:00 AM 1st Responders, Fire, Police, & EMT

Saturday: February 17, 2024

4:30 PM Fr. Chester
r/o The Rocca & Perna Families

Sunday: February 18, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o Fr. Chester

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

11:00 AM Mike Haber
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

February 14th is Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter. The day gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on one's head as a celebration and reminder of human mortality and as a sign of repentance. Through the placing of ashes on our heads, we are reminded of the frailty of life, God's call to follow, and the good news that comes at Easter — that good conquers evil, that life triumphs death.

Historically, Lent was a time of fasting and preparation for those who were preparing to be baptized. Today, many Christians choose to use the 40 days as a time of reflection, prayer, or fasting as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the celebration of Easter.

This Ash Wednesday we'd love to share a prayer with you and provide you the opportunity to have ashes placed on your head to mark the beginning of a journey through Lent. We will have an 8:00 AM Mass and placing of ashes; 12:00 noon Mass and placing of ashes; 4:30 PM Prayer Service and placing of ashes; and 7:00 PM Mass and placing of ashes.

Have a Blessed Lent.

Fr. Chester

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.



The collections for February 4th were \$4,061.00 (128 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,032.00 (63 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for February 4th was \$3,807.00 (112 donors).

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