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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 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
4:30 PM MASS/ RCIA — RITE OF SENDING & CALLING OF CANDIDATES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

OFFICE CLOSED—PRESIDENTS' DAY

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

11:00 AM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION
5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
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 22ND

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

11:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY MEETING
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:00 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 ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION
7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 — 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Observances for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Rekindle your spiritual spark at the Women's Cornerstone Experience on Saturday, March 9th at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale.

If you are a woman 25 years or older, we invite you to register for a day of reflection and faith during Lent. Our day begins at 8 AM and ends with a celebration following an 8 PM Mass. Come see what the day may renew in you!

Questions? Call or text Kristi Boyle at (908) 625-7676. For more information and to register scan the QR Code or go to www.iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone



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 Remaly	Colin & Donna Blanchard

YOUTH GROUP COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection is for the Youth Group. The funds will be used for our mission trip to Appalachia. This is a "Habitat for Humanity Project." The kids will be working hard for a week helping those in need. It costs about \$700 per child. Your donations will make a huge difference in both the people we help as well as the children helping.

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in March?

**JOIN US ON MARCH 10TH
 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.



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.

April 1st — 6th Appalachia Mission Trip

April 7th No Meeting

April 20th 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM Diocesan Youth Day, St. Thomas Aquinas HS Edison, NJ

April 21st No Meeting

May 5th 5:00—7:00 PM Hot Topics with Deacon Mike

May 19th — Youth Rally, Six Flags, Jackson, NJ

June 7th 5:30—7:00 PM Leadership Meeting

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

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

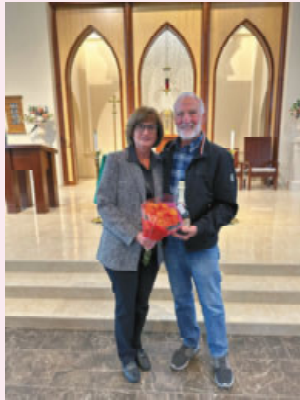
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

World Marriage Day Celebration "Marriage...one flesh, given and received." Congratulations to Our Weekend Winners

4:30 PM Mass
Jean & Joe O'Grodnick
55 years



8:00 AM Mass
Kathy & Jim Mathews
49 years



9:30 AM Mass
Betsy & Gene Taylor
32 years



11:00 AM Mass
Jim & Kim Kiernan
15 years



Diocesan St. Timothy Award

We are proud to announce that on February 3rd, our parishioner, Matthew Strauss, was the recipient of the St. Timothy award.

This award is given to students who have exemplified the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership. Bishop Cecchio presided over the ceremony.

Congratulations Matt!

May the Holy Spirit continue to Bless and guide you in all your future endeavors.



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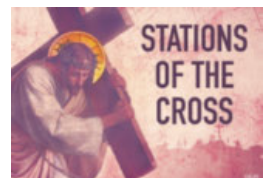


St. Catherine's Soup & Stations

6 PM: Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship.

7 PM: Pray the Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome; please join us.



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

March 8th hosted by Bible Study and Coffee Fellowship

March 1st hosted by Decorating, Ushers, and SCRIP

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 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

Monday: February 19, 2024

8:00 AM David Button
r/o Linda & Fred Button

Tuesday: February 20, 2024

8:00 AM Fr. Chester Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: February 21, 2024

7:00 PM Fr. Chester
r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: February 22, 2024

8:00 AM Mildred Mustillo
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

Friday: February 23, 2024

8:00 AM Harold Wille
r/o Maggie & Mike Marion

Saturday: February 24, 2024

4:30 PM Edward Mazzochi
r/o Barbara Sullivan & Family

Sunday: February 25, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.
r/o Jennifer & David Perna
9:30 AM Margot Hernandez
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

From the Pastor's Desk *Stations of the Cross*

During the Lenten season we are called to enter more fully into the spirit of sacrifice, renewal, and repentance. We can embrace this call in various ways, including by praying the "Stations of the Cross."

The publication "Catholic Online" stated, "The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day."

As we reflect on these words, we may note that each Friday during Lent we are invited to come together as a faith community at 7:00 PM to pray the "Stations of the Cross."

Praying the "Stations" can provide us with an opportunity to avail ourselves of abundant spiritual graces. Commemorating the Passion of Jesus through the "Stations" can help us to more fully appreciate what Jesus has done for us. They can also help us to clearly witness our faith and assist us in this special time of spiritual renewal.

We are strongly encouraged to prayerfully consider making the "Stations" an integral part of our Lenten journey.

Fr. Chester



The collection for February 11th was \$3,559.00 (119 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for February 11th was \$2,406.00 (95 donors).

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