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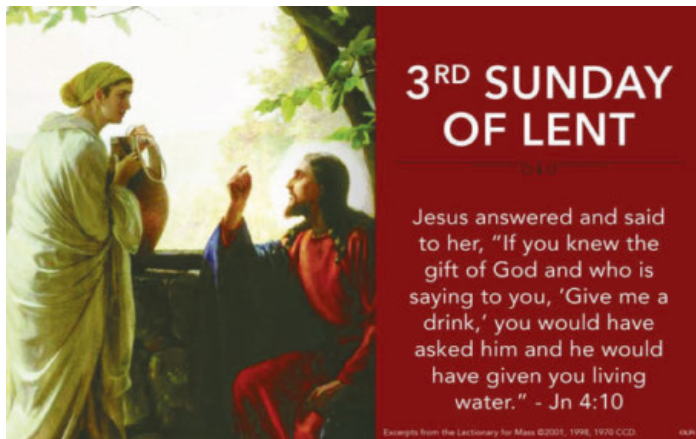
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, MARCH 2ND

ROSARY BAKE SALE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

ROSARY BAKE SALE

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS/RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

11:00 AM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM 7TH GRADE LENTEN RECONCILIATION STUDENTS ONLY
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA — CATHOLIC Q&A
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS/RCIA SECOND SCRUTINY

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

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 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS
12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
12:00 PM EASTER EGG STUFFING
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM ADORATION & LENTEN RETREAT
7:00 PM LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Casimir

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

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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.



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



*We would like to welcome
The Chiulli Family
The Ricciardi Family
The Perrino Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



Adult Choir Corner!

In preparation for Holy Week, Adult Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday, March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 12 Noon.

Adult Choir will be singing on Holy Thursday 7 PM, Easter Vigil 7:30 PM, and at the 11 AM Easter Sunday Mass.



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

William Philip Carey baptized on February 17, 2024

Our March Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Robert & Jennifer Beylickjian	Thomas & Michele Kosakowski
Donald & Kristy Dangell	Michael & Margaret Marion
Salvatore & Arline DiFazio	Roger & Margaret Tosco
Jason and Stacey Gallagher	Brian & Margret York
Joseph and Aida Jablonski	



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

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)

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

STUDENTS ONLY

Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday,
March 6th and March 13th

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be
available during this time.

Every Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 PM

Adoration, Retreat, & Penitential Service (March 10th)

Adoration & Retreat 6:00 PM
Reconciliation & Fellowship 7:00 PM

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 10th

6:00 — 8:00 PM

**Please join us for our Parish Lenten Retreat and
draw closer to our Lord through the
Eucharist this Lenten Season!**

We begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a spiritual reflection on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist by Deacon Mike, followed by a penance service at 7:00 PM.

A reception in Fellowship Hall follows after the reflection, where Deacon Mike will answer questions on the Eucharist that you can submit in the boxes placed at the entrances to the church. You may also send your questions to him via E-Mail at deaconmike@scoschurch.org.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Bake Sale

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 2 & 3

DOWNSTAIRS
AFTER ALL MASSES

COOKIES-DONUTS-PIES-CUPCAKES-CAKES

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE NEW PARISH CENTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REACH OUT TO
ELENA KOBETZKY AT ekobetzky@gmail.com

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

2024 ChoicesMatter

A CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE
March 16, 2024

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Waukegan, IL

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PLACING BULLETINS WITH LIFE

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IN A CULTURE OF FEAR

KEVIN DUNN

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$35
STUDENT ADMISSION \$15
ADMISSION INCLUDES LUNCH AND HAND-OUTS
OPENING MASS WITH BISHOP CHICCHIO AT 9:00 AM
CONFERENCE SESSIONS BEGINS AT 10:30 AM

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

YOUTH GROUP COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Youth Group collection, we collected \$5,500. I am simply in awe of the outpouring of generosity of this parish. It speaks volumes to the support we have as we grow this Youth Group. Thank YOU does not seem to cut it! On behalf of all our amazing kids we truly appreciate your support.

Be sure to be on the lookout for our report on how the MISSION trip went.

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.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT (FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Society, Youth Group, and the Stewardship Committee

SATURDAY, March 23rd
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM
AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS

RAIN DATE: Sunday, March 24th, 1-2 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE EVENT.

BRING A BASKET OR BAG TO HOLD THE EGGS YOUR CHILD FINDS. SNACKS, DRINKS, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (908) 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MARCH 17TH.

CCD service hours will be given to 6th, 7th, and 8th students who volunteer to help with set-up or during the egg hunt.

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FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

GIRLS _____ BOYS _____

Mass Intentions

Saturday: March 2, 2024

4:30 PM David Perna
r/o The Family

Sunday: March 3, 2024

8:00 AM Gertruda Zalubska
r/o Chester Zalubski

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

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

Monday: March 4, 2024

8:00 AM Elise Morrongiello Fahy
r/o Mom & Dad

Tuesday: March 5, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Mitariten Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: March 6, 2024

7:00 PM Deacon Dennis Webster & Family
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: March 7, 2024

8:00 AM Susan Tarnoski
r/o The Andzulis Family

Friday: March 8, 2024

8:00 AM Barbara Ann Gadek
r/o Patrick & Pattie Dziubek

Saturday: March 9, 2024

4:30 PM Kim Cochran (Santoianni)
r/o The Santoianni Family

Sunday: March 10, 2024

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

9:30 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Susan Tarnoski
r/o Theresa Catanzareti

From the Pastor's Desk Third Sunday of Lent

During the Season of Lent we have the tradition of Walking with Jesus on the way to Calvary. It is a beautiful way to walk with Jesus and to pray in the company of fellow parishioners.

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, have become a popular devotion in parishes.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. In the 12th century, St Francis of Assisi devised the list of stations and started the tradition of reciting it as a type of devotional service. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary.

"The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude." (St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1761)

Praying the "Stations of the Cross" is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics and is often performed in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion. The object of the Stations is to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

This devotion may be conducted personally, by making your way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having the celebrant move from station to station while the congregation make the responses.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross. If, for some reasonable cause, the Stations are interrupted, a partial indulgence may be gained for each station.

In our parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM. This Lent bring your family to pray the Stations of the Cross and walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Fr. Chester



The collection for February 25th was \$3,883.00 (128 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for February 25th was \$2,976.00 (99 donors).

POOR BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributes money in the Poor Box located in the Narthex. Your generous donations are helping 3 families from our parish. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

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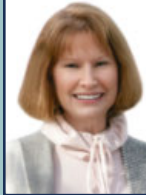
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