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March 10, 2024

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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 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
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM ADORATION & LENTEN RETREAT
7:00 PM LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

11:00 AM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE LENTEN RECONCILIATION **STUDENTS ONLY**
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS/RCIA THIRD SCRUTINY
12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
2:30 PM — 5:30 PM **KOFC ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny*: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

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

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Campaign Report To Date:

Active Parishioners: 494

Pledges Received: 204

Campaign Goal: \$900,000

Amount Pledged: \$817,228

Amount Collected: \$752,228

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.

Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! Fr. Chester would NEVER email or text you asking for money or gift cards. He would call you or speak to you directly.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM

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

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 15th hosted by Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

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



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.



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 tasacal@outlook.com or Lucia Sciancalepore at lucia.sciancalepore3@gmail.com.



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)

4TH 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.

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.



DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

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APRIL 20, 2024 / 10:30 AM-5:00 PM

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CHIKA ANYANWU
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens from across the diocese will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, hear the word of God, and participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't miss this opportunity for education and confidence, unity, growth, and more!

Register Today!

Scan QR code or visit www.dioocesayouthday.org



Choices Matter

A CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE
March 16, 2024

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ



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RECOVERING THROUGH PLAYING GOLF TO WITH LIFE



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OPENING MASS WITH BISHOP CECCHIO AT 9:00 AM

CONFERENCE SESSIONS BEGIN AT 10:00 AM



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



Knights of Columbus Annual Corned Beef & Ham Dinner

The St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Annual Corned Beef and Ham Dinner will take place on **Sunday, March 17th beginning at 2:30 — 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.**

Tickets go on sale, this weekend, following all Masses.

Clothing Drop-Off Bins



Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

Thank you to all who use our bins!



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.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

GIRLS _____ BOYS _____



Mass Intentions

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

Monday: March 11, 2024

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. William Capik

Tuesday: March 12, 2024

8:00 AM Helen Ann Resua
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Wednesday: March 13, 2024

7:00 PM Tony Quick & Family
r/o The Quick Family

Thursday: March 14, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Edwards, Jr
r/o The Bakos Family

Friday: March 15, 2024

8:00 AM Kristin Lane Jansen
r/o Debi Erling

Saturday: March 16, 2024

4:30 PM Eriberta Maligaya
r/o The Andersen Family

Sunday: March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr
r/o Margaret Rocca

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

11:00 AM Deacon Mike Meyer
r/o The Rosary Society

From the Pastor's Desk

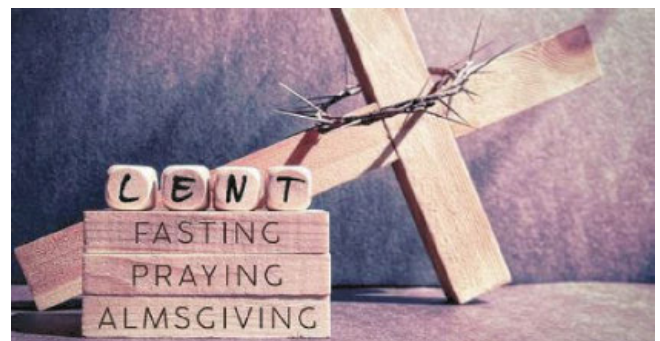
Fourth Sunday of Lent

During the weeks of Lent, the Scripture readings and Mass prayers at our weekday Masses invite us to seriously respond to the call to conversion of heart that we heard on Ash Wednesday and to continue in our efforts to enter into the season as best we can. We are called to turn away from our sinfulness and to turn towards God. The traditional Lenten penances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are held up before us as excellent ways of responding to this challenge to faithfully live the Lenten season.

When it comes to Lenten prayer, many of us are using "The Season for Healing Hearts," reflection booklet for our personal prayer during this season. It is a very good way for us to reflect upon the readings of the day and to give six minutes a day back to the Lord. It is very encouraging to see these books being used by so many in our community.

In addition to spending additional time in personal prayer, have you considered the possibility of additional community prayer through weekday Mass? Mass during the week is celebrated at 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 7:00 PM on Wednesday. Weekday Mass is much simpler than Sunday Mass and normally runs about 20-25 minutes. They are a great way to begin or end the day.

Fr. Chester



The collection for March 3rd was \$2,894.00 (115 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,344.00 (63 envelopes) for Religious Ed.



On-Line Giving for March 3rd was \$3,06.00 (117 donors).

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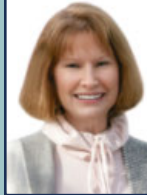
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