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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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

4:30 PM 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION AT

ST. MAGDALEN'S, FLEMINGTON

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASS

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

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

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

4:00 PM — 5:00 PM WEDDING COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP &

FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA — AFTERNOON OF

DISCERNMENT & RECONCILIATION

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

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 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,

56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn

10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn

11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ls 50:4-7/Ps

22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,

Holy Week begins



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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.

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 & Margaret York

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

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.





<u>March 22nd</u> 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 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.



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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries

supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Catherine's. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from, Fr. Chester, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: https://diometuchen.org.



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

April 1st — 6th Appalachia Mission Trip

April 7th 12 — 2 PM Please join our Youth Ministry for a POT LUCK meal and Discussion of our journey to Appalachia – ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED! RSVP to dsalerno@scoschurch.org

April 20th 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM Diocesan Youth Day, St. Thomas Aguinas 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

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

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 — 7 PM

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

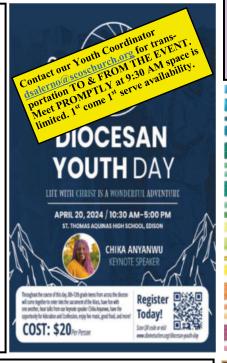
SAVE THE DATE

May 4th 6:00 — 8:00 PM Fellowship Hall



June 23rd 4:30 — 6:30 PM Frenchtown Roller Rink





HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday (March 28th)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday (March 29th)

Stations of the Cross at Noon Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday (March 30th)

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (March 31st)

8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

THANK YOU!

The Rosary Society would like to THANK EVERYONE who helpedout with the bake sale. We are stronger in numbers and want to shout out to all the rosarians, parishioners, Religious Education kids and the youth group who baked to make our Bake Sale a huge success. We made \$1,741.00 for our New Parish Center. THANK YOU - we really appreciate all your help!





Mass Intentions

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

Monday: March 18, 2024

8:00 AM Estelle Disselhorst

r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday: March 19, 2024

8:00 AM Robin Potempa Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: March 20, 2024

7:00 PM Ann Laba

r/o Linda Laba

Thursday: March 21, 2024

8:00 AM Edward Wonsevicz

r/o Marie Kristoff

Friday: March 22, 2024

8:00 AM Loretta Kaden

r/o Margaret Rocca

Saturday: March 23, 2024

4:30 PM Sr. Joan Coffey O.P.

r/o Carol Philp

Sunday: March 24, 2024

8:00 AM Jose Matos

r/o The Matos & Koretzky Families

9:30 AM The McDonnell & Santry Families

r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's



The collection for March 10th was \$3,153.00 (120 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for March 10th was \$3,103.00 (104 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk

Traditional Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 AM

The Tradition! ... what's it all about?

When many of our Eastern European Ancestors came to this country a century ago, they brought with them some beautiful traditions which added a particular beauty to the Easter Holydays. Among the most popular is the Traditional Blessing of the Foods that would be eaten on Easter morning. After a strict Lenten fast and abstinence, specially prepared foods were made in advance for the blessing. A family basket would be filled with these foods and then covered with a crocheted cloth. Often the cloth had an Easter emblem or the words 'Christ is Risen' crocheted on it.

Each of these foods had a special significance. It sounds much like the special foods which our Jewish brothers and sisters use in the celebration of their Seder Meal. Remember, the basket does not contain ALL the food you will eat on Easter Sunday...just a symbolic portion. Below is a list of the traditional foods.

EASTER EGGS! Of course! Brightly colored, seasonal representations of the New Life that Jesus gave us in His Resurrection.

BABKA...a sweet, rich, yeast bread. It is usually round and has a golden crust. Often it has a cross of dough on the top surrounded by braids which can represent the crown of thorns.

OTHER BREADS...nut roll, poppy seed roll. Whatever Easter baked delights are of your own tradition.

KIELBASA and HAM ...lamb....a sign of abundance and that the 'Long Fast' is truly over.

CHEESE...especially a small round cheese.

HORSERADISH...(nothing is better with ham than beet horseradish)...Some add to their baskets a bit of vinegar or sour cream...it is all meant to represent the bitter drink given to the Lord when He called out from the cross, "I thirst!"

BUTTER....especially the butter formed in the design of a lamb. Christ is the Lamb of God!

SALT...as it gives zest to our foods and reminds us that Christ preserves us to life eternal.

And don't forget the Chocolate eggs, the Chocolate bunnies, and chicks, and a few jelly beans as well!

Add your Easter dinner wine!

Decorate your basket with family heirloom napkins or linen.

LET THE KIDS MAKE THEIR OWN BASKET! (After all so many of them gave up candy or sweets for Lent). If you have pets: don't forget a treat for them as well.

Enjoy the beautiful traditions of Easter! Pass them on to your children! In a way we are not only giving thanks to Almighty God for the Festival of Easter and the wonderful foods that accompany our holyday.....we are also remembering our ancestors and our grandparents and parents who handed down to us the rich traditions of a people who were so deeply faithful and so in love with the Church.

This Easter celebrate your ancestors—celebrate your family—celebrate the eternal life won for them and for us by his passion, death, and resurrection!!!

Fr. Chester

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