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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 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

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM RAIN DATE EASTER EGG HUNT

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION

MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

11:00 AM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY

CONSECRATION

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH — OFFICE CLOSED

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH — OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00 PM PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

EASTER VIGIL — NO RECONCILIATION

10:00 AM RCIA REHEARSAL FOR EASTER

VIGIL

11:00 AM BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS7:00 PM RCIA ARRIVE FOR EASTER VIGIL

7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY

> 8:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 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

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 Monday:

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and

17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:

21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:

1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,

17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps Saturday:

104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5 -6, 17-18 (1b)/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn

6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-

23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

or Mk 16:1-7

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday:

Holy Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday Friday: Good Friday Saturday: Holy Saturday Easter Sunday Next Sunday:

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

Joseph and Aida Jablonski

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



Adult Choir Corner!

In preparation for Holy Week, Adult Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday, March 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 would like to welcome The Arbizu Family The Becktel-Ragalski Family Ms. Ciallo Mr. Luízza, Jr. The Nowak Family to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



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

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

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



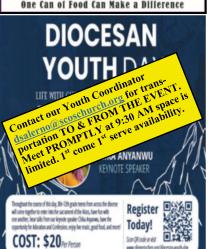
Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour — April 7th at 3 PM

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 7th **Divine Mercy Sunday** — we, as Catholic Christians are obliged to honor the image of Jesus pouring out his **HEART'S MERCY** on us. This was the vision that Saint Faustina of Poland saw in modern-day times in 1931.

Join us at 3 PM for this powerful devotion.

Jesus himself, through visitations He made to Saint Faustina, instructed her: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable Graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary entry 687). "We hope that all people will be struck by the truth that mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God's mercy." (Intro to Diary)





SAVE THE DATES

Back By Popular Demand

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



June 23rd 4:30 — 6:30 PM Family Roller Skating at the Frenchtown Roller Rink



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Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in April?

JOIN US ON APRIL 14TH
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, I I AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

Mass Intentions

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 McDonnell & Santry Families

r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

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

Monday: March 25, 2024

8:00 AM The Schofield Twins

r/o Mom & Dad

Tuesday: March 26, 2024

8:00 AM Maggie Marion Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: March 27, 2024

7:00 PM Frank DeLuca

r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

Thursday: March 28, 2024

7:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Friday: March 29, 2024

No Mass — Good Friday

Saturday: March 30, 2024

7:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: March 31, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

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

From the Pastor's Desk Palm Sunday

Today, with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we embark on the **HOLIEST** of weeks, the first and most important in our liturgical year. Each day provides a renewed opportunity to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: This year we walk with the Lord during His final days, proclaiming the Passion according to Luke. Each of the Passion narratives has a different feel to it, as the evangelist emphasizes some subtle themes. Walk with Jesus in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the adoring crowd's wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna"

Holy Thursday: This is the commemoration of the Last Supper, as the Lord instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. We hear from John's Gospel of the *mandatum*, the Lord's command to "wash the feet" of the other, to "do this in memory of me." Come along and celebrate with us; the Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 PM and will include the Eucharistic procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, sacred oils will be presented for use in our parish throughout the year.

<u>Good Friday</u>: John's Passion narrative dominates this celebration, as we venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion. This has been the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. The altar is stripped down to emphasize that the Lord has died and entered the tomb. <u>Please join us at 3:00 PM</u>. Also, there will be Stations of the Cross at Noon.

The Great Vigil of Easter: Holy Saturday brings the marvelous celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The blessing of the Paschal Candle, the singing of the Exsultet, the proclamation of salvation history in Sacred Scripture, and the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist mark this great day.

Please join us at 7:30 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY: We will celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with Mass at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11 AM.

Fr. Chester



The collection for March 17th was \$3,824 (146 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for March 17th was \$4,009.00 (106 donors).

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