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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 30TH

EASTER VIGIL — NO RECONCILIATION

10:00 AM RCIA REHEARSAL FOR EASTER

VIGIL

11:00 AM BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS
7:00 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

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM — 4:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH

FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

10:00 AM GRANT MICHAEL BRIGGS BAPTISM
11:00 AM MAKAYLA RAINE & KAYLEE PAIGE

BYELICK BAPTISMS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

5:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DEGREE — CUF

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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 FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 4:00 PM DIVINE MERCY 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,

9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk

24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk

24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24,

25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,

19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1

Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; April

Fools' Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

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Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

FOR EASTER MONDAY



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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7 PM**.

Our next
Eucharistic Adoration is
Friday, April 5th

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.

https://www.signupgenius.com/ qo/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first



CALLING ALL THE YOUTHS IN OUR PARISH!

Join a community of teens who grow in their faith together, connect with each other, give back to the parish, and form lasting friendships in a fun, engaging and informal atmosphere.

We have lots of events thru the year including: hot topics with Deacon Mike, pizza and sushi making, retreats, diocesan youth day and mission trips. Plus, an end-of-year pool party. Don't miss out!

Call Dawn Salerno (908) 477-0105

Check the display case at the exits of the church for forms and sign-up sheets.



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 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)



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)

FOOD PANTRY FIRE

We are accepting donations the weekend of April 6th & 7th after all Masses to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton due to the devastating fire. Please bring cash or checks made out to St. Catherine of Siena. We will use the funds to purchase Shop-Rite gift cards, which the pantry has requested, in order to purchase food for the families in need. Please consider giving generously towards this campaign for our community.

Any questions, please call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100. Thank you.

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 Frenchtown Roller Rink





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Proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.

Campaign Report To Date:

Active Parishioners: 499 207 Pledges Received: Campaign Goal: \$900,000 Amount Pledged: \$823,567

Amount Collected:

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.

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in April?

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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".



WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, II AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX

Mass Intentions

Saturday: March 30, 2024

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: March 31, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: April 1, 2024

8:00 AM Sr. Joan Coffey O.P. r/o Carol Philp

Tuesday: April 2, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley & Amelia O'Grodnick r/o Joe & Jean O'Grodnick

Wednesday: April 3, 2024

7:00 PM Anthony Natalizio, Sr. r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: April 4 2024

7:00 PM Fr. Chester Zalubski r/o The Quick Family

Friday: April 5, 2024

8:00 AM A Special Intention r/o The Baker Family

Saturday: April 6, 2024

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: April 7, 2024

8:00 AM Jose Matos

r/o The Matos & Koretzky Families

9:30 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Shawn R. Benjamin

r/o The Paulmeno Family



The collections for March 24th & 31st, will be posted in the April 7th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for March 24th & 31st will be posted in the April 7th bulletin.

From the Pastor's Desk Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners and Guests:

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing pastels, or enjoying a big meal, although it could include these. Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For some it will be a sad day, because Easter is a reminder of a loved one who has died and is now desperately missed.

Death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That is what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow, hanging on the cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back into their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had made.

They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of his close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected: He wept. Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with disease, or to die. But because of the sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it. And death spread to all of us. Jesus wept, because it broke His heart.

But standing there at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus also delivered these hope-filled words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever in the presence of God. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest hope!

Next Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 PM, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast marks the pinnacle of our Easter celebration. The devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy was especially encouraged by Pope St. John Paul II, through the revelations of Our Lord's mercy granted to the Polish-born saint, Sister Faustina Kowalska. Special indulgences attached to this feast are obtainable for those who partake of the requirements attached to this feast (an indulgence is the removal of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sin – not the sin itself). To receive the indulgence, one must go to Confession within 3 weeks before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and to receive Holy Communion during this same period.

My brothers and sisters, our staff, Deacons, and I wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Chester

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