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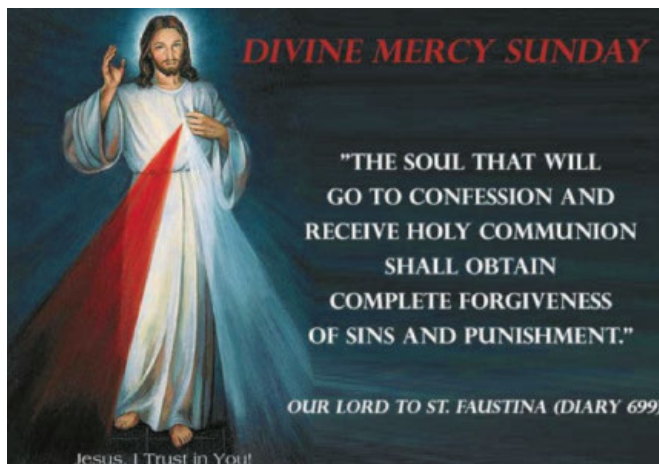
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, 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
12:00 PM — 2:00 PM YOUTH GROUP
3:00 PM — 4:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM 8TH GRADE RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

BISHOP'S APPEAL IN-PEW COLLECTION

10:30 AM LILY IRIS LOPEZ BAPTISM
11:15 AM LAPCZYNSKI CONVALIDATION
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

BISHOP'S APPEAL IN-PEW COLLECTION

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn
3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Observances for the week April 7, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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In-Pew Weekend April 13th/14th

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

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, **April 13th/14th**, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Our April Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

John & Mary Andzulis	D. Shane & Dina Lea
Michael & Dawn Briggs	Joseph & Nancy Maggio
Bruce and Gina Bussell	Richard & Kim Martinez
William & Susan Courtney	Scott & Cathy Munro
Raymond & Lorraine Ferraro	Hugh & Maria Prentice
John & Michele Fusco	Andrew & Denise Stanislawczyk
Anthony & Lois Giello	Frank & Joan Tampone
James & Dawn Golden	Edward & Helen Trzepla
Kevin & Mary Jo Haggerty	Dennis & Kathleen Webster
David and Nicole Kelleher	Humberto & Linda Yngelmo
Stephen & Lilly Lazorchak	Andrew & Doreen Zipay

March 24th Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Stewardship and Rosary Society Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Fellowship Hall following 9:30 Mass.

135 participants received a special craft bag, a gift, and a snack bag from the Easter Bunny, as well as were able to gather eggs from our surplus of 1,900 filled eggs.

A special thank you to Charlotte Letko, our Easter Bunny, Dawn Salerno our Easter Carrot, Ken Mandoli our Master of Ceremonies, Sandra Kopka and the 7th Graders for stuffing the eggs and working the day, our Youth Ministry members, The Knights Of Columbus for traffic and safety control, and Father Chester.

It was an Eggeclent Day!



**Youth Group Corner
Upcoming Events**

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



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 DATE

Back By Popular Demand

May 4th

**6:00 — 8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**



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St. Catherine's is creating a new cookbook and we want your recipes!

FAMILY FAVORITES

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Look for more information to come in the bulletin and on our website.

Proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.



We would like to congratulate the following children who received Confirmation on March 20, 2024 at St. Magdalen De Pazzi, Flemington

Ryan Francis Bakos	Fernando John Luna
Oliver Sebastian Cavagnaro	Kayla Emilia Maio
Jane Claire Cherney	Samantha Teresa Morais
Dylan Francis Cody	Elias Gabriel Morgans
Nicholas Thomas Cody	Cole Peter O'Keefe
Desiree Teresa Colon	William Michael Piotrowski
Malaika Monica DeSaulniers	Courtney Marie Reilly
Gabriella Jeanne DeSaulniers	Brayden Francis Schrack
Nina Angela Frigiola	Erich Francis Strauss



ONE CAN OF FOOD MADE A DIFFERENCE

During this Lenten season, your generosity to the **40 Cans of Lent** program has allowed us to help many of our less fortunate families. *You have allowed us to supply over 1,625 pounds of food to the needy in our diocese.*

Over the past 12 years of the **40 Cans of Lent** program, we have given out over 25,523 pounds of much needed food.

Thank you for your past participation and continued support.

*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, 11 AM,
ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024.
SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: April 8, 2024

8:00 AM Arlene Teeling
r/o Lisa Pagano

Tuesday: April 9, 2024

8:00 AM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday: April 10, 2024

7:00 PM Margie Keeling
r/o Bob & Lori Keeling

Thursday: April 11, 2024

8:00 AM Rosalie Bennett
r/o The Pasculli Family

Friday: April 12, 2024

8:00 AM John Humcke
r/o Jim & Lori Young

Saturday: April 13, 2024

4:30 PM Arnold Greenberg
r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday: April 14, 2024

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

9:30 AM Sandra Clarke
r/o Ed & Karen Trzelpa

11:00 AM Deacon Dennis Webster
r/o The Rosary Society

From the Pastor's Desk Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Francis has urged us to embrace this day and truly reflect a spirit of mercy, repentance, and reconciliation in our lives. On this day, one week after Easter, we are reminded why Jesus rose from the dead; and one of the reasons was to shower the world with divine mercy.

This is what the Church has to say in part about this great feast: "During the Church's millennium celebration in 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Prior to this celebration, the Pope also wrote a profound encyclical called "Rich in Mercy." This encyclical explained the doctrinal and scriptural foundations for our understanding of mercy. Our Holy Father looked to a holy woman of Poland, Sr. Faustina, for inspiration. He canonized Sr. Faustina at the same Mass in 2000, where he instituted the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. He also clearly articulated the essential message that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina and the message is, "That the graces of His mercy are greater than the stains of our sins."

Pope Francis reaffirmed the need for mercy. In 2019, we celebrated a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. In announcing the Jubilee, the Pope said, "The Church must always keep its doors open so no one is excluded from God's mercy." He challenged us to extend God's mercy to those around us. He said, "The bigger the sin, the greater must be the love that the Church shows to those who convert." In another address he stated, "If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds for us." "Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter, but open to God."

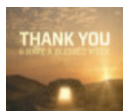
It may seem unusual that Divine Mercy Sunday comes so soon after the season of Lent. After all, is not Lent the season to focus on repentance and mercy? Well, our Church believes that the timing is most appropriate because Jesus' message to Sr. Faustina reminds us that there is no limit to his mercy for those who truly believe, for those who humbly ask for forgiveness. His mercy is not limited by boundaries. It is not impacted by seasonal limitations. This was his message to Sr. Faustina, and this is his message to us.

Let us all take some time today to devote ourselves to Divine Mercy — to receive it, and to radiate it to others.

Fr. Chester



Join us this Sunday at
3 PM for Divine Mercy Sunday.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
will also be available during
this time.



The collections for March 24th were \$3,779.00 (112 envelopes) for the regular collection, \$2,030.00 (106 envelopes) for Palm Sunday, and \$1,416.00 (52 envelopes) for the Retirement of the Clergy. The collection for March 29th was \$1,459.00 (43 envelopes) for Good Friday. The collection for Easter was \$13,343.00 (210 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for March 24th was \$3,396.00 (126 donors) and March 31st was \$4,396.50 (119 donors).

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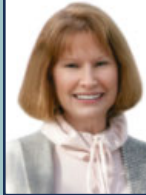
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