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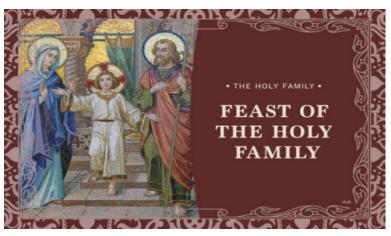
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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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 Wednesday 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, DECEMBER 28TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH** 

OFFICE HOURS 9:30 AM — 12:30 PM

8:00 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST** 

OFFICE CLOSED — NEWS YEARS EVE **VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY** 

MASS 8.00 AM 7:00 PM MASS

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST** 

OFFICE CLOSED — NEW YEARS DAY

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY** 

10:00 AM **MASS** 

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

11:00 AM ISABELLA MARTA JEAN MEYER

**BAPTISM** 

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM **MASS** 

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** 

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND, 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH

**FORMATION** 

9:30 AM **MASS** 11:00 AM MASS

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING 12:00 PM

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

The Vigil is:

Tuesday, December 31st at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM

The Office Will Be Closed,

Tuesday, December 31st Wednesday, January 1st

for New Years Day!

#### DECEMBER 29, 2024 — THE HOLY FAMILY

#### Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:

36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/ Wednesday:

Lk 2:16-21

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1: Thursday:

19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:

29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

#### Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: The Holy Family

Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's

Day, World Day of Peace

Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the

Church

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord





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6:30PM - 8:30PM



There will not be First Friday Adoration on Friday, January 3, 2025 See you on Friday, February 7, 2025

#### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 5th at noon

We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



#### Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 14 — 16, 2025.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information or visit us at:

www.wwme.org for more information.



Admission is free! Fill out the sign-up form in Fellowship Hall.

Rental Fee: Skates \$2 + In-line Skates \$3

Mark the date and bring the whole family for a few hours of roller skating fun!

The snack bar will be open.

To reserve your space email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org

#### Join Our Families with Young Children Email List

As Father Chester says, "Our families are our future."

We know that raising little ones can be both a joy and a challenge, and we want to support our families in their faith journey. The spirituality committee will be offering a variety of events to help you connect with other families in the same season of life. Whether it's a family-friendly coffee and bagel meet up after mass, or a

group parent dinner to discuss faith topics, there is something for everyone.

Sign up for all Families with Young Children event updates using this QR code:



#### Our January Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

Bruce & AnnaMarie DeRites Donald & Alicia Johnson

Kevin & Margaret Hackett Richard & Stephanie Joyce

Wayne & Cathy Hartmann

**Enrique & Wanda Perez** 

Thomas & Joanne Hyland

A Life Changing Invite! Please SAVE THE DATE! FEB. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025: ICC Men's Cornerstone Event

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Michael & Samantha Darata Robert & Laurie Keeling

Michael & Nicole DiSalvo

Evan & Marybeth Madlinger

John & Jeannie Drexinger

Frank & Anna Marusiak

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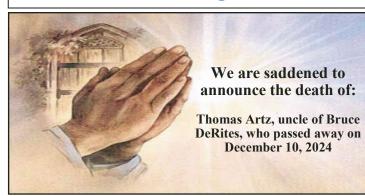
#### **Knight of Columbus** 2025 March for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be having a bus going on Friday, January 24th to Washington, D.C.

The bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:00 AM with another pick up in Flemington at 7:30 AM in the Harbor Freight RT 206 parking lot.

The cost will be \$75 per adult which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email smithbuilders@hotmail.com





### Youth Group Corner **Upcoming Events**

Jan. TBD — St Timothy Awards, Metuchen, NJ

Jan. 5th 6:00 — 7:30 PM — Devil vs Satan Take 2

Jan. 19th 9:30 AM — Family Mass/Roller Skating, Frenchtown Rink

Feb. 29th TBD — Retreat — Kearny, NJ

Mar. 14th — Soup and Stations. Watch for Sign Ups

Mar. 16th 9:30 AM — Family Mass

Mar. 16th 6:00 — 7:30 PM — Chik-Fil-A - Leadership Meeting

Mar. 30th 6:00 — 7:30 PM — Open Mike Night

Apr. 12th — 17th — Mission Trip, Appalachia

Apr. 29th 6:00 — 7:30 PM — Feast of St Catherine

May 2025 — Youth Rally. Meet in SCOS Parking Lot

July 2025 10:00 — 3:00 PM — Tubing Down Delaware Frenchtown, NJ

Field Trip TBD — Sight & Sound, Lancaster, PA

# Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 28, 2024

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

Sunday: December 29, 2024

8:00 AM Clayton Smith

r/o The Lunger Family

9:30 AM Rick Webster

r/o Lori & Jim Young

11:00 AM Ann Preston

r/o The Grayhack Family

Monday: December 30, 2024

8:00 AM Raymond Armour

r/o Debi Erling

Tuesday: December 31, 2024

800 AM Brian Erling

r/o Debi Erling

7:00 PM In Thanksgiving for the Support of the

**Preston Family** 

r/o The Preston Family

Wednesday: January 1, 2025

10:00 AM Ann Preston

r/o The Preston Family

Thursday: January 2, 2025

8:00 AM Mary & Andrew Merkovsky

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday: January 3, 2025

8:00 AM Nicholas Perna

r/o Mom & Dad

Saturday: January 4, 2025

4:30 PM Memorial Mass for Knights of Columbus

Council #15217

r/o The Knights of Columbus

Sunday: January 5, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Matos

r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

9:30 AM Rick Webster

r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

11:00 AM Beatrice Susi

r/o The Mauro Family

## From the Pastor's Desk The Holy Family

As we know our Christmas Season continues, and today we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family, the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the family that makes this Season possible. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has a great love for the family unit. He has challenged us to strive for spiritual unity and for the strengthening of families by following the example of the Holy Family.

He stated, "Dear Families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is merciful, and respectful towards all."... "But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, selfcenteredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is the leaven of society as a whole. Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth."

At this time of the year, many of us make resolutions to renew or revitalize our lives in certain ways. We may resolve to lose weight, or exercise more frequently, or be more punctual. But if we are honest with ourselves, many of us have to admit that we fail to reflect on ways that we can renew or revitalize our lives spiritually. One way we can embrace spiritual renewal is by praying each day as a family. It may be before meals. It may be at a certain time in the day. We are busy people, with different schedules, often going in different directions within our family unit. So it may require some discipline and structure to make the time to pray together, but hopefully, it will be spiritually beneficial.

The New Year provides us with a great opportunity to meet the challenge presented to us by Pope Francis. It is the challenge to more effectively live our faith and set a good example for those families we encounter in the course of our daily lives. We pray that families will embrace the call of Our Holy Father for spiritual unity as we begin the New Year.

### Fr. Chester



The collection for December 15th was \$4,895.00 (124 envelopes) for the regular collection. The next few collections will be posted later in the year.



On-Line Giving for December 15th was \$4,120.64 (111 donors).

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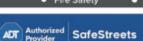
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