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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
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, MARCH 1ST

9:00 AM — 12 PM DEACON CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM — 8:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

3:00 PM — 6:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

12:00 PM EMHC VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST BY BISHOP BARRON

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MARCH 2, 2025 — 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Saturday: St. John of God, Religious

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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The Hope House of St. Magdalen's Church is asking for our help to replenish their Food Pantry. They are in need of non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc). Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in Fellowship Hall.

2025 Lenten Obligations



1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (March 7, 21, 28; April 4 and 11) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th

8:00 AM	Mass
Noon	Mass
4:30 PM	Service
7:00 PM	Mass



Quakertown Fire Company — Lock Box Project

The Lock Box Projects, provides residents 65+ with a secure way for emergency responders to access their homes quickly without causing damage in urgent situations.

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For questions, call us at (908) 735-5220

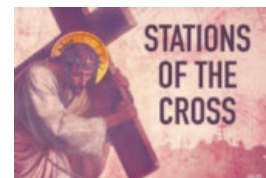


St. Catherine's Soup & Stations

6 PM: Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship

7 PM: Pray the Stations of the Cross

All are welcome; please join us.



March 7th — Knights of Columbus, Veterans Apostolate, and Right to Life

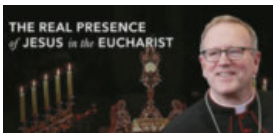
March 14th — Religious Ed and Youth Ministry

March 21st — The Rosary Society, Monthly Eucharistic Adoration, and Wedding

March 28th — Lectors and Decorating

April 4th — Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer Shawl, and Social Concerns

April 11th — Spirituality Committee, Bible Study, and Coffee Fellowship



Join Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on March 12th at 12 noon for a video presentation on “The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist”

A presentation by Bishop Robert Barron. Did you know that according to a recent survey, 70% of Catholics do **not** believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? In his keynote talk at the 2020 L.A. Religious Education Congress, Bishop Barron speaks to the theology behind this doctrine, starting with Bible and moving through great councils and theologians through the centuries to Saint Pope Paul VI, and then gives a framework for us to understand it.

The talk in about an hour and fifteen minutes long, and Fr. Chester will be on-hand to answer any questions at the end.

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 **6:00 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, March 7th**

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

40 CANS FOR LENT

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent program.

The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food every day of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting February 17th.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled over 21,893 pounds. That's nearly 11 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. *Thank you!*



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference

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 **Saturday, March 15th** beginning at **5:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

Tickets go on sale, March 1st, following all Masses.

The Irish Stepping Dancers are coming back!

Reminder: Kids' Club gathering, March 14th from 6 —7:30 PM.



Snacks, Bible Readings, Games, and Prizes

ALL parish children in grades 3rd thru 7th are invited to attend any gatherings held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Meetings are now in the new parish center gathering hall.

Dates for the next Kids' Clubs are: April 11th and May 9th.

Call, text, email me with any questions.

Blessings,
Debbie Fass
(973) 222-8100 kidsclub@scoschurch.org

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in March?

Join us on March 9th, at the 11:00 AM Mass to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

All Sacramentally married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send your names and wedding date to Tee at tandersen@scoschurch.org

Our March Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

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| Robert & Jennifer Beylickjian | Thomas & Michele Kosakowski |
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| Salvatore & Arline DiFazio | Roger & Margaret Tosco |
| Jason & Stacey Gallagher | Brian & Margret York |
| Joseph & Aida Jablonski | |



DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

March 16 — Chick-Fil-A Party* (*tentative*) in our **NEW ROOM** at the Parish Center

April 13 — 17 — MISSION TRIP to Appalachia
IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP! PLEASE . . . with a YES, NO, MAYBE or I NEED MORE INFO
Call, Text, or E-mail Dawn at
(908) 477-0105 • dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, 2025

4:30 PM Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Pete Walter Birthday Blessing
11:00 AM Angelina Simone
r/o The DiFazio Family

Monday, March 3, 2025

8:00 AM Mary Mitariten Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:00 AM David Perna
r/o The Family

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:00 AM Betty Phelan
r/o Lucia & Lazzaro Sciancalepore
12:00 PM Debi Erling
r/o St. Catherine's Parish
4:30 PM Service
7:00 PM Rick Webster
r/o The Webster Family

Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:00 AM Christopher & Joann Bajak
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday, March 7, 2025

8:00 AM William & Marjyane Staats
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, March 8, 2025

4:30 PM Ann Preston
r/o The Rosary Society

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 AM Barbara Camel
r/o Mike & Mary Mitariten
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Thank you to all the Reader Committee
Members
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk Ash Wednesday

March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter. The day gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on one's head as a celebration and reminder of human mortality and as a sign of repentance. Through the placing of ashes on our heads, we are reminded of the frailty of life, God's call to follow, and the good news that comes at Easter — that good conquers evil, that life triumphs death.

Historically, Lent was a time of fasting and preparation for those who were preparing to be baptized. Today, many Christians choose to use the 40 days as a time of reflection, prayer, or fasting as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the celebration of Easter.

This Ash Wednesday we'd love to share a prayer with you and provide you the opportunity to have ashes placed on your head to mark the beginning of a journey through Lent. We will have an 8:00 AM Mass and placing of ashes; 12:00 noon Mass and placing of ashes; 4:30 PM Prayer Service and placing of ashes; and 7:00 PM Mass and placing of ashes.

Have a Blessed Lent.

Fr. Chester



The collection for February 23rd were \$4,129.00
(141 envelopes)



On-Line Giving for February 23rd was \$4,209.00
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