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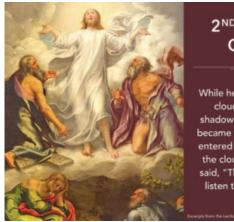
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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

600

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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 15TH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 AM —12:00 PM ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

5:30 PM K OF C ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH

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 19TH

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

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

FORMATION

7:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL CLASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP &

FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT/BISHOP'S APPEAL IN-PEW COLLECTION

11:00 AM BRADY DANIEL BAKER BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT/BISHOP'S APPEAL IN-PEW COLLECTION

8:00 AM MASS

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

FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MARCH 16, 2025 — 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Sunday:

Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6: Monday:

36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and

23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27

and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Saturday:

11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

(8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday:

Monday: St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of Tuesday:

the Church

Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

3rd Sunday of Lent Next Sunday:

If you have not received an email from us recently, it may mean we do not have your current email address. If you have recently changed your email address, we kindly ask that you update your information with us. Keeping your email up to date allows us to stay connected and share important parish news, events, and updates with you. Please send your updated email address to tandersen@scoschurch.org or call the parish office at (908)735-4024. Thank you for your help in keeping our records current!



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 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

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT Sunday, April 6th

Retreat 5:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00 PM

Please join us on Sunday April 6th at 5:00 PM for our Parish Lenten Retreat. Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR, Chaplain of the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, will offer a Lenten reflection entitled Life is a Pilgrimage of Hope.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation will follow at 6:00 PM, with 4 priests available to hear confessions.

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

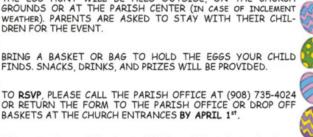
Every Saturday

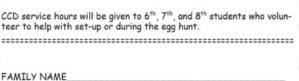
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 PM

Retreat, Adoration, & Penitential Service (April 6th)

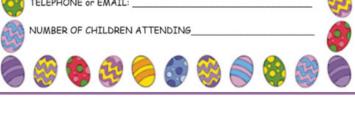
Adoration & Retreat 5:00 PM Reconciliation & Fellowship 6:00 PM







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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

Calling Men of the Parish to Small Christian Community

We have a goal of forming some small discussion groups for men in the parish. These provide an opportunity for us to informally share our faith with each other and seek God's invitation to us in our daily lives. All men are welcome, but it would be great if we could also involve our younger guys, as they navigate their faith journeys as husbands and fathers.

There will be two information meetings: 7:00 PM on Monday, March 31st, and Wednesday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall, where you can learn more.

If you are interested in attending please contact Paul Manley at (908) 202 4646 or at **paulmanley@embarqmail.com**.

Best wishes for a blessed day, Paul

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

Thomas & Michele Rosakowski

Donald & Kristy Dangell

Michael & Margaret Marion

Salvatore & Arline DiFazio

Bertch & Helena Petrossian

Jason & Stacey Gallagher

Roger & Margaret Tosco

Joseph & Aida Jablonski

Brian & Margret York

SAVE THE DATE

ST. CATHERINE'S

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SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

IN THE NEW PARISH CENTER following the 4:30 PM Mass

Watch the bulletin for more information

2025 Lenten Obligations

 Fast <u>and</u> abstinence on Good Friday (April 18).



 The other Fridays of Lent (March 21, 28; April 4 and 11) are days of abstinence.

- 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.

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Preliminary Picnic Meeting Sunday, March 30th at 12 PM In Fellowship Hall

- All adults, teens and IDEAS are welcome
- Come with theme suggestions

Future Thursday night monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall from 6 — 7 PM are as follows: 4/10, 5/1, 6/5, 7/10, 8/4, 9/11 and 9/18

Questions? Call, text, or email me, Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at kidsclub@scoschurch.org



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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:30 PM John Sideravage

r/o Margaret Rocca

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Longeran/

McDonnell Families

r/o Kevin & Donna Cahill

9:30 AM Eriberta Maligaya

r/o The Andersen Family

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

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:00 AM John & Doreen Opeikun r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:00 AM Shiley Wiegel

r/o Lori & Jim Young

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 PM Geraldine Harvilla

r/o The DiFazio Family

Thursday, March 20, 2025

8:00 AM Wayne & Cecilia Isbitski

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:00 AM Mary & Andrew Merkovsky

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Thank You to all the Knights of Columbus,

Right to Life and Veterans Military

Apostate

r/o St. Catherine's Parish

9:30 AM Veronica April

r/o Jospeh April

11:00 AM Frances DiFazio

r/o The DiFazio Family



The collection for March 9th was \$3,132.00 (92 envelopes). The collection for Ash Wednesday was \$2,005.00 (72 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for March 9th was \$3,089.00 (111 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk Second Sunday of Lent

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent. Lent is the time, approximating forty days, of reflection and penance leading up to Easter. Pope Francis stated, "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." He said that Lent is meant to wake up Christians and to help them see that God can give them strength to change their lives and their surroundings.

One of our leading Catholic scholars has described Lent as the desert time in the Church year. He reminds us that the desert time can be for us an opportunity to reflect on who we are and why we are here. It takes many of us a while to absorb the reality of the Christian vision: that we are children of God called to announce in word and deed the favor of the Lord. But the desert can also have its dangers. It can be a place of desolation, a place of loneliness. And we certainly can be tempted when we are vulnerable and isolated. Each of us struggle against temptation and sin, and for many of us it is a daily struggle. We are challenged to admit that we are all sinners and we need help in resisting our temptations. We are encouraged to take Lent seriously and acknowledge our own shortcomings, and guard against them.

During this special time in the Church year, we can therefore turn to God and seek renewal in heart, mind, and body through the disciplines of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, if we are physically able. We can respond to the challenge to live a Christian life and truly turn away from sin and towards the living God, and we can avail ourselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis reminds us that "...in the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to hardness of heart, we are called to dive into a sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness." We are invited to reflect on these profound words of Pope Francis, and strive to unite our hearts to the Lord and experience his love and mercy in a very special way as we continue our Lenten journey.

Fr. Chester

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