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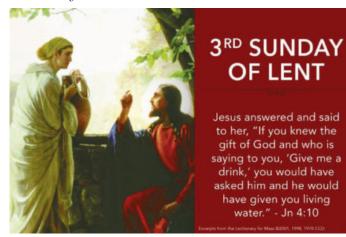
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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 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 MASS11:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

**MONDAY, MARCH 24TH** 

8:00 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH** 

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION

**MEETING** 

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP &

**FELLOWSHIP** 

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS

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

**FORMATION** 

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

12:00 PM PRELIMINARY PICNIC MEETING (FH)

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

### MARCH 23, 2025 — 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/

Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt

5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk

18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2

Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,

34-38

Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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## 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**.



### 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 28th** — Lectors and Decorating

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

<u>April 11th</u> — Spirituality Committee, Bible Study, and Coffee Fellowship



### JOIN US FOR A MORING OF MULCHING THE CHURCH, PARISH CENTER, AND RECTORY GARDENS!

The Parish Gardening Ministry is mulching the grounds on **April 5th at 8:00 AM**. Rain date is April 12th at 8:00 AM. Coffee and cake provided. If you are able please call the office at (908) 735-4024 or email **office@scoschurch.org** 

Many Hands Make Light Work



### 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



### **Dear Parishioners:**

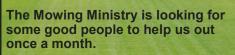
The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope, and Charity is currently underway this Lenten Season. Saint Catherine's has been assigned a support target of \$40,000. We kindly request that those who have pledged in the past continue to do so, and encourage those who have not yet made a pledge to consider doing so.

The annual appeal supports numerous essential organizations and services, including **Seminarian Formation, Campus Ministry**, **and Catholic Charities**. Catholic Charities of Hunterdon County offers vital services such as individual, family, and group counseling, youth services, family services, and assistance for those facing hunger, homelessness, or financial hardships.

Saint Catherine's has historically either exceeded or come close to meeting our targets over the years. It is imperative that we remain diligent in our giving efforts. The support target represents a commitment that must be met regardless of the number of pledges received. Direct pledges are particularly beneficial as they directly contribute to the target amount. In the event of a shortfall, we must cover it through our general operating funds. Therefore, it is crucial to clearly indicate your affiliation with St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Pittstown, when making a pledge to ensure we receive proper credit.

There are several methods available for contributing to the Appeal. You may have received a pledge card and letter from our parish by mail, participate in our in-pew pledge card campaign, or donate online at <a href="https://www.diometuchen.org/ways-to-give">https://www.diometuchen.org/ways-to-give</a>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Father Chester at (908) 735-4024 or Michael Wojtal at (908) 310-7488.



Training and equipment will be provided. Please contact Pete Walter at pete.walter29@gmail.com or call (908) 328- 4528.



### 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 Bertch & Helena Petrossian

Jason & Stacey Gallagher Roger & Margaret Tosco

Joseph & Aida Jablonski Brian & Margret York



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 17th)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

### **Good Friday (April 18th)**

Stations of the Cross at Noon Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

### **Holy Saturday (April 19th)**

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

### Easter Sunday (April 20th)

8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

The office is closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Have a Blessed Easter!

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



#### DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

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 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

Frances DiFazio 11:00 AM

r/o The DiFazio Family

### Monday, March 24, 2025

8:00 AM Rosa Diana

r/o Kristine Giordano

### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Matos

r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

7:00 PM Michael Pierce, Jr & Tommy Pierce

r/o Stephanie & Mike Pierce

### Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:00 AM Maggie Marion Birthday Blessings

### Friday, March 28, 2025

8:00 AM Ann B. Laba

r/o Linda Laba

### Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:30 PM **Eugene Gansfuss** 

r/o Mike & Maggie Marion

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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

9:30 AM Frank Simone

r/o The DiFazio Family

11:00 AM Sr. Joan Coffey

r/o Carol Philp



The collection for March 16th was \$4,025 (112 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for March 16th was \$3,717.68 (110 donors).

### From the Pastor's Desk Third Sunday of Lent

During the Season of Lent we have the tradition of Walking with Jesus on the way to Calvary. It is a beautiful way to walk with Jesus and to pray in the company of fellow parishioners.

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, have become a popular devotion in parishes.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. In the 12th century, St Francis of Assisi devised the list of stations and started the tradition of reciting it as a type of devotional service. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary.

"The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude." (St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1761)

Praying the "Stations of the Cross" is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics and is often performed in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion. The object of the Stations is to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

This devotion may be conducted personally, by making your way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having the celebrant move from station to station while the congregation make the responses.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross. If, for some reasonable cause, the Stations are interrupted, a partial indulgence may be gained for each station.

In our parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM. This Lent bring your family to pray the Stations of the Cross and walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Fr. Chester

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