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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, APRIL 12TH

PALM SUNDAY

1:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

PALM SUNDAY

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/MARRIAGE BLESSING
12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH — OFFICE CLOSED

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH — OFFICE CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY

NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

EASTER VIGIL

11:00 AM BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD BASKET
7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our
MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS
SUNDAY, MAY 11TH
at the 11:00 am MASS



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

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19, 20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89: 21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13: 1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22: 1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24: 1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Tuesday: Tax Day

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



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!



Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Mass with Bishop Checchio at the [Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Asbury, NJ](#). An opportunity for a local Jubilee pilgrimage for those who perhaps cannot attend the Washington pilgrimage the following week.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC](#).



**AT ST. CATHERINE'S
SATURDAY
MAY 3rd**

IN THE NEW PARISH CENTER
following the 4:30 PM Mass
Showtime 6-8:30 PM
\$30 per person

Tickets on sale beginning the weekend of April 12th
Limited to 100 tickets with pre-arranged seating
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Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour — April 27th at 3 PM

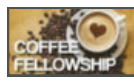
On the first Sunday after Easter, April 27th **Divine Mercy Sunday** — we, as Catholic Christians are obliged to honor the image of Jesus pouring out his **HEART'S MERCY** on us. This was the vision that Saint Faustina of Poland saw in modern-day times in 1931.

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)



Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



Our April 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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| John & Mary Andzulis | Stephen & Lilly Lazorchak |
| Michael & Dawn Briggs | D. Shane & Dina Lea |
| Bruce & Gina Bussell | Joseph & Nancy Maggio |
| William & Susan Courtney | Richard & Kim Martinez |
| Justin & Ashley Dagnall | 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 & Nicole Kelleher | Humberto & Linda Yngelmo |
| Thomas & Danielle Lapczynski | Andrew & Doreen Zipay |

SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment" - Pope Francis

FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

8 WEEK PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Beginning April 23, 2025
at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

**For information or to register contact: Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com
Deadline to register April 14, 2025**

*limited to 12 participants
Pre-registration by phone is required
Cost \$25 (for book)*

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life

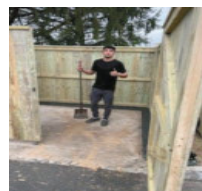


Deacon Mike and Charlotte Dix.

Congratulations Charlotte on your first Mass Altar Serving.

We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing you serve many Masses in the future.

What's New Around St. Catherine's?.....
Thank you to Jaden Perez for our new Disposal Enclosure for his Eagle Scout Project!



April 13 — 17 — MISSION TRIP to Appalachia
Call, Text, or E-mail Dawn at
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:30 PM Jeffrey Walengewicz
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos
Families

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Hahn Family
r/o The Schilke Family

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

Monday, April 14, 2025

8:00 AM Tee Andersen Birthday Blessing

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:00 AM Rebecca & Tom Quick.
r/o The Quick Family

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:00 PM Deacon Dennis Webster Birthday
Blessings

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Friday, April 18, 2025

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's and
all Our Visitors

Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's and
all Our Visitors

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's and
all Our Visitors

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's and
all Our Visitors

From the Pastor's Desk Palm Sunday

Today, with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we embark on the **HOLiest** of weeks, the first and most important in our liturgical year. Each day provides a renewed opportunity to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: This year we walk with the Lord during His final days, proclaiming the Passion according to Luke. Each of the Passion narratives has a different feel to it, as the evangelist emphasizes some subtle themes. Walk with Jesus in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the adoring crowd's wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna."

Holy Thursday: This is the commemoration of the Last Supper, as the Lord instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. We hear from John's Gospel of the *mandatum*, the Lord's command to "wash the feet" of the other, to "do this in memory of me." Come along and celebrate with us; the **Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 PM** and will include the Eucharistic procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, sacred oils will be presented for use in our parish throughout the year.

Good Friday: John's Passion narrative dominates this celebration, as we venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion. This has been the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. The altar is stripped down to emphasize that the Lord has died and entered the tomb. **Please join us at 3:00 PM. Also, there will be Stations of the Cross at Noon.**

The Great Vigil of Easter: Holy Saturday brings the marvelous celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The blessing of the Paschal Candle, the singing of the Exsultet, the proclamation of salvation history in Sacred Scripture, and the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist mark this great day. **Please join us at 7:30 PM.**

EASTER SUNDAY: We will celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with **Mass at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11 AM.**

Fr. Chester



The collection for April 6th was \$3,007.00 (101 envelopes) and \$1,061.00 (56 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for April 6th was \$4,868.64 (140 donors).

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