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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 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

MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION
7:00 PM COOK/SOUZA WEDDING REHEARSAL
7:00 PM KNIGHT'S GOLF OUTING MEETING (FH)

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

8:00 AM MASS
2:00 PM COOK/SOUZA WEDDING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

11:00 AM AVERY ELISE & CAMDEN SEAN DAY BAPTISMS
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:40 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



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)



We are saddened to announce the death of:

John Stanczuk, Jr, uncle of Andrea Presuto who passed away on March 23, 2025



Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. St. Catherine's Rosary Society invites all members of the parish, to join with us in crowning Mary on **Saturday, May 3rd at 4:30 PM**



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 of your choice, first-come, first-served basis.
BYOD (dinner) - BYOB *bottles of wine will be available at the door for purchase (PERMIT #132634)

50/50 RAFFLE

For information call Debbie Fass at 973-222-8100



Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, D.C.

with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of Metuchen

September 20, 2025



Faithful Pilgrims of Hope can obtain a plenary indulgence.
Visit diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025 for more information.

For parish bus trips, please email Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

EASTER SUNDAY



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](#).



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.

"Surviving Divorce" is a 8 week program, featuring a thirty-minute video session each week, which covers the topics of: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single, and much more.

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

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)*

Our April Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

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

A BIG THANK YOU to Wayne Bachenburg, Alex Boates, Connor Boland, Kelsy Boland, Debbie Farbanish, Glenn Farbanish, Ryan Farbanish, Ceil Isbitski, Wayne Isbitski, Pat Kalamaris, Bob Keeling, George Mehaffey, Mike Mitriten, Bob Moran, Dave Perna, Joe Quick, Scott Saccal, Pete Walter, and Fr. Chester Who Helped Mulch the Church, Parish Center, and the Rectory! Our "Home" Looks Beautiful!



April 16th — 5 PM — Viewing of The Passion – Parental Consent is needed-dinner served

April 27th 6 — 8 PM — Meeting Parish Center

April 29th Time TBD — Feast of St Catherine

May 4th — Donut Chase 5k Bridgewater NJ (contact Dawn if interested)

May 18th — Youth Rally at 6 Flags Great Adventure

Registration for Ticket Package includes:

Admission to Six Flags Great Adventure
Opening Ceremony & Sunday Liturgy
FREE Parking Vouchers for your group
Mega-Meal Voucher
Total Cost - **\$70**

*Note: If an individual youth plans on attending this event, they must be accompanied by a chaperone.

*If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package

June 5th — Thursday Evening Grow A Row Volunteering
Sign Up Coming in May

June 26th — 8 AM Departure from SCOSC — NOAH Sight & Sound Show Lancaster PA 11 AM Show.

July — Aug Tubing down the Delaware/Roller Skating/Gravity Vault/Sisters of Jesus our Hope Volunteering/Grow A Row Day Trip/Trenton Area Soup Kitchen volunteering/Country Arch Visits/Lock In @ Parish Center-Summer Event
Sign ups will be available as they get closer.

Be sure to get the REMIND App if you do not already have it, this is the best way to stay informed on Youth Groups Events!!!

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 21, 2025

8:00 AM George Tomsky
r/o The Tomsky Family

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:00 AM Margaret Ranieri
r/o Fr. Chester

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 PM Donald Salati
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:00 AM Mary & Andrew Merkovsky
r/o The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano
r/o The Clancey Family

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:30 PM The Perna Family
r/o Fr. Kris Kaczynski

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

9:30 AM Jack & Betty Cahill
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

11:00 AM Vincent DiFazio, Sr.
r/o The DiFazio Family

From the Pastor's Desk Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners and Guests:

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing pastels, or enjoying a big meal, although it could include these. Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For some it will be a sad day, because Easter is a reminder of a loved one who has died and is now desperately missed.

Death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That is what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow, hanging on the cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back into their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had made.

They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of his close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected: He wept. Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with disease, or to die. But because of the sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it. And death spread to all of us. Jesus wept, because it broke His heart.

But standing there at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus also delivered these hope-filled words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever in the presence of God. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest hope!

Next Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 PM, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast marks the pinnacle of our Easter celebration. The devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy was especially encouraged by Pope St. John Paul II, through the revelations of Our Lord's mercy granted to the Polish-born saint, *Sister Faustina Kowalska*.

Special indulgences attached to this feast are obtainable for those who partake of the requirements attached to this feast (an indulgence is the removal of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sin – *not the sin itself*). **To receive the indulgence, one must go to Confession within 3 weeks before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and to receive Holy Communion during this same period.**

My brothers and sisters, our staff, Deacons, and I wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Chester



The collection for April 13th & 20th will be posted in the April 27th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for April 13th & 20th will be posted in the April 27th bulletin.

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