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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 26TH

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

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM — 9:30 PM 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY (PC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

10:00 AM FIRST RECONCILIATION (ALL 2ND GRADERS)
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS/MAY CROWNING
5:30 PM COMEDY SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

KNIGHTS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

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
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3: 16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Observances for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
 Monday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. Pius V, Pope
 Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
 Friday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



**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)

The Annual Stewardship and Rosary Society Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Parish Center on April 12th. Greatly appreciated are the student volunteers of Religious Ed., Youth Ministry, and The Knights of Columbus who helped to make this a memorable event for our young families.

Seventy-five participants received a special craft bag, a gift, and a snack bag from the Easter Bunny, as well as were able to gather eggs from our surplus of 1,900 filled eggs.

A special thank you to William Piotrowski, our Easter Bunny, Dawn Salerno our Easter Carrot and storyteller, Ken Mandoli our Master of Ceremonies, Sandra Kopka and the 7th Graders for stuffing the eggs and working the day, our Youth Ministry members, The Knights of Columbus for traffic and safety control, and Father Chester. It was an Eggcellent Day!



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

DIVINE MERCY 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](#).

St. Catherine's
pancake
breakfast



SUNDAY - MAY 4TH

following all Masses
HELD IN THE PARISH CENTER

*Enjoy pancakes (regular and chocolate chip),
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juice, coffee, and tea*



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The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the **First Ecumenical Council of 325, and the Nicene Creed**. The Roman Catholic Dioceses of the state of New Jersey, the Episcopal Dioceses of Newark and New Jersey, the Lutheran (ELCA), Presbyterian, and Reformed churches, as well as the Ukrainian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox Churches are joining together in celebration of this historic moment. There will be a service of thanksgiving for both clergy and laity at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold, New Jersey on **Saturday, May 3rd at 11 AM**, with a reception following. His Eminence, Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, will be in attendance, and will be joined by other Christian leaders.

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral is located at 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ 07728. All are most welcome to attend!

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
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David & Nicole Kelleher	Humberto & Linda Yngelmo
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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



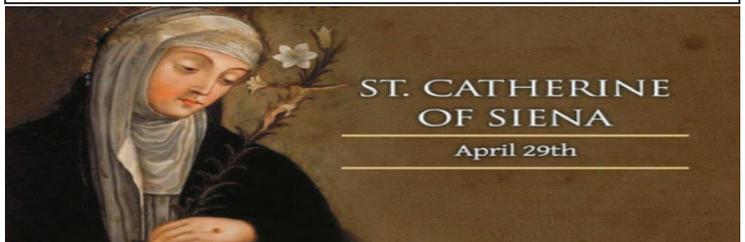
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7:00 PM**.

Our next
Eucharistic Adoration is
Friday, May 2nd

It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.

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

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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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 26, 2025

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM Pope Francis

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

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

Monday, April 28, 2025

8:00 AM Frank & Kathleen Cordero
r/o The Paulmeno Family

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:00 AM Margaret Ranieri
r/o Joanne & Tom Hyland

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:00 PM Ann Preston
r/o Rob Preston

Thursday, May 1, 2025

8:00 AM Frannie Charleston
r/o JeanMarie Andzulis

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:00 AM Adelle Quick
r/o The Quick Family

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:30 PM The St. Catherine's Rosarians Living &
Deceased
r/o The Rosary Society

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Thank you to All the Adult Choir Members
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Francis has urged us to embrace this day and truly reflect a spirit of mercy, repentance, and reconciliation in our lives. On this day, one week after Easter, we are reminded why Jesus rose from the dead; and one of the reasons was to shower the world with divine mercy.

This is what the Church has to say in part about this great feast: "During the Church's millennium celebration in 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Prior to this celebration, the Pope also wrote a profound encyclical called "Rich in Mercy." This encyclical explained the doctrinal and scriptural foundations for our understanding of mercy. Our Holy Father looked to a holy woman of Poland, Sr. Faustina, for inspiration. He canonized Sr. Faustina at the same Mass in 2000, where he instituted the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. He also clearly articulated the essential message that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina and the message is, "That the graces of His mercy are greater than the stains of our sins."

Pope Francis reaffirmed the need for mercy. In 2019, we celebrated a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. In announcing the Jubilee, the Pope said, "The Church must always keep its doors open so no one is excluded from God's mercy." He challenged us to extend God's mercy to those around us. He said, "The bigger the sin, the greater must be the love that the Church shows to those who convert." In another address he stated, "If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds for us." "Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter, but open to God."

It may seem unusual that Divine Mercy Sunday comes so soon after the season of Lent. After all, is not Lent the season to focus on repentance and mercy? Well, our Church believes that the timing is most appropriate because Jesus' message to Sr. Faustina reminds us that there is no limit to his mercy for those who truly believe, for those who humbly ask for forgiveness. His mercy is not limited by boundaries. It is not impacted by seasonal limitations. This was his message to Sr. Faustina, and this is his message to us.

Let us all take some time today to devote ourselves to Divine Mercy — to receive it, and to radiate it to others.

Fr. Chester

During the Divine Mercy Holy Hour a plenary indulgence (can reduce or eliminate our time in purgatory or time for already deceased souls in purgatory) is granted to those who fulfill the following conditions:

Sacramental Confession—within 20 days before or after
Eucharistic Communion—preferably on the day or day
before or after

Prayer for the intention of Supreme Pontiff—Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be



The collections for April 13th were \$6,311.00 (221 envelopes) for Palm Sunday and \$2,456.00 (73 envelopes) for the Retirement of Clergy. The Collection for Easter Sunday was \$13,030.00 (147 envelopes) and \$1,465.00 (67 envelopes) for the Regular Collection.



On-Line Giving for April 13th was \$4,707.00 (110 donors) and April 20th was \$5,844.00 (132 donors).

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