St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

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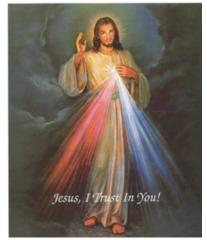
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 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 Thursday 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Kelly Wojtal 892-4574

Audio/Visual Ken Mandoli 735-2879

Auditors Maggie Marion 735-4024

Building Maintenance Ray Ferraro 623-0345

Catholic Media Denise Botto 996-6760

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Family Promise Mary Jo Haggerty 892-3513

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Knights of Columbus Michael J. lannozzi 328-6605

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Parish Landscape Kevin Cahill 730-9384

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<u>Website</u> Ed Schilke 713-4914

Wedding Coordinator Ellen McCarthy 735-2028

<u>Welcome</u> Carol Rocha 996-7612

Weekly Schedule SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 4:30 PM MASS SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH 8:00 AM MASS 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED 9:30 AM FAMILY MASS 11:00 AM MASS 3:00 PM **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED MONDAY, APRIL 25TH 8:00 AM MASS **TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH** 8:00 AM MASS 1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 7:00 PM **KNIGHTS SOCIAL MEETING & DEVOTION** WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH RELIGIOUS ED 7:00 PM MASS THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH 8:00 AM MASS FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH 8:00 AM MASS SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 4:00 PM PRAYING THE PARISH ROSARY 4:30 PM MAY CROWNING/MASS SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 8:00 AM MASS/PRAYING THE ROSARY 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED 9:30 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED ST. CATHERINE **OF SIENA** April 29th

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022	
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:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
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:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
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
Observa	nces for the week of April 24, 2022
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Monday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday:	Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Friday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Pius V, Pope
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
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Women's Cornerstone Experience 2022 Does your faith need to be re-energized?

We have the perfect opportunity! Join together with other women searching for a deeper relationship with God and each other.

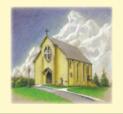


Cornerstone is a one-day experience for women 25 years and older from local parishes. This year's event will be held

on Saturday, May 14th at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall in Annandale, beginning at 8 AM and ending with a closing prayer after the 4:30 PM Mass. Come see what this day has to offer!

Questions: Call or text Helen Nardone at 908.391.0857.

To register: https://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone



We would like to welcome

The Casellíní Famíly to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. St. Catherine's Rosarv Society invites all members of the parish, to join with us in crowning Mary on

Saturday, April 30th at 4:30 PM



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6 PM in the church or

Mary Garden (depending on weather). We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

During the month of May, the Rosary Society will be praying the Parish Rosary at the following times:

- Every Saturday at 4 PM (BEFORE the 4:30 PM Mass)
- **Every Sunday AFTER the 8 AM Mass**
- **AFTER the morning daily Masses**

Relics of Saint Bernadette

From April to August 2022, the relics of Saint Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is organizing the pilgrimage of the relics in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, North American Volunteers, Hospitalité of Miami and the Order of Malta.

The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Diocese of Metuchen, the only diocesan stop in New Jersey, from May 17-20, 2022. More details to be made available on our diocesan website in the coming weeks.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour — April 24th at 3 PM



On the first Sunday after Easter, April 24th - 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 and confession.

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)



St. Catherine of Siena

On Friday, April 29, 2022, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena.

Born in 1347, Saint Catherine was the youngest of 25 children. Her father was a wool dyer in the small town of Siena, in Tuscany, Italy. At an early age, she be-

came fully aware of her gifts.

By the age of six, Catherine began having mystical experiences, seeing angels as clearly as the people they protected. These experiences continued throughout her entire life. She devoted herself to prayer and fasting, and resisted all efforts by her family to marry. She had already made a lifelong commitment to God.

By the age of 16, Catherine became a Dominican tertiary. She experienced increasing numbers of visions including Christ, Mary, and the saints, interspersed with "devilish" visions and periods of spiritual apathy. Catherine worked with the sick, particularly caring for those who had leprosy and advanced cases of cancer.

Her visionary gifts attracted many followers, and a few skeptics who thought her visions were fake. The skeptics caused Catherine to be brought before the general chapter of Dominicans in Florence. The accusations were dismissed. After this, the Blessed Raymond Capua was appointed her confessor. He later became her disciple and biographer. Though Catherine received no formal education, she had one of the most theologically brilliant minds of her day. Besides being a visionary and caring for the sick, Catherine was a political fighter, answering a call as peacemaker. Catherine journeyed to Florence and Pisa several times in attempts to bring the pope home to Rome during those years when popes lived in exile in Avignon, France. She barraged the pope with letters pleading her case. In 1376, Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome, and Catherine was summoned to be his advisor. She recorded her mystical experiences, the Dialogue of Catherine of Siena.

On April 21, 1380, Catherine suffered a paralytic stroke and died 8 days later, at the age of 33. Saint Catherine was canonized in 1461, made patron of Italy in 1939, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

EMAIL SCAMS

We have recently been made aware that scammers are getting email addresses from parish websites and parish bulletins and then, pretending to be employees, attempting to get bank account information in order to "switch" direct deposit of payroll from one bank to another, and asking for gift cards, Venmo or Zelle transfers of money. In some instances, the email is from "Fr. Chester" wanting to ask you a few questions and for you to reply back as soon as possible.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM

St. Catherine's Council 15217 Knights of Columbus

Chuck Specht Memorial Scholarship Program



2022 "Good Samaritan" Scholarship Application

An applicant must:

- Be entering freshman year of an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at a college or university in the United States, or be graduating from 8th grade during the spring 2022.
- Be a member of St Catherine's Parish in Pittstown, NJ.
- Attend the St Catherine's Knights of Columbus awards ceremony on June 28th to accept the award.
- Submit an essay with a minimum of 500 words by June 12th to Mike Iannozzi (Grand Knight) on one of the following topics:
 - 1. What Charity means to me?
 - 2. Why is Religious Freedom important?
 - 3. Write about any of the 4 Pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Our KOC Council #15217 will be awarding 4 scholarships:

Two High School Seniors (1 boy and 1 girl) graduating from the class of 2022 will each be awarded \$1,000

Two 8th grade students (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2022 will each be awarded \$250

Submit to: Attn: Worthy Grand Knight Mike Iannozzi 204 Oak Grove Rd Pittstown, NJ 08825

Or Email: 15217.kofc@gmail.com

Save the Date – Diocesan Pilgrimage

On Sept. 24, 2022, the Diocese of Metuchen will conclude its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As we hope this to be a joyous celebration of our diocesan anniversary, we hope to have many Catholics from our diocese in attendance as possible, so please save the date and encourage your parishioners to do the same.

> More information about the pilgrimage will be made available at www.diometucheb.org/40

SAVE THE DATE...

May 21st, St. Catherine's 1st Comedy Night

Doors will open at 5:30 PM for you to enjoy your "bring your own" dinner and preferred drink.

7:00 PM "Let the Laughs Begin"



Mass Intentions

Saturday: April 23, 2022

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

Sunday: April 24, 2022

 8:00 AM Leonard Frederick r/o Elaine Frederick
9:30 AM Carl Quick r/o Donna & Ed Baker
11:00 AM Susan DiLauro r/o Nancy Unorski

Monday: April 25, 2022

8:00 AM Betty Maryanski r/o The Perna Family

Tuesday: April 26, 2022

8:00 AM Donald Salati r/o The Mustillo Family

Wednesday: April 27, 2022

7:00 PM Theodore Rocca r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Society

Thursday: April 28, 2022

8:00 AM Thomas Webster r/o The Innocenti Family

Friday: April 29, 2022

8:00 AM Lawrence & Patricia Harding r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Saturday: April 30, 2022

4:30 PM William Longergan r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Flotteron

Sunday: May 1, 2022

8:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM	Adelle Quick r/o The Quick Family
	A starter Dis Harris

11:00 AM Andy Bailey r/o The Haggerty Family

Thank you!

The collections for April 10th were \$4,887.00 (200 envelopes) for Palm Sunday and \$1,658.00 (59 envelopes) for the Retired Diocesan Clergy. The collections for April 15th & 17th will be posted in the May 1st bulletin.



On-Line Giving for April 10th was \$4,768.00 (118 donors). The April 15th & 17th collections will be posted in the May 1st bulletin.

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

