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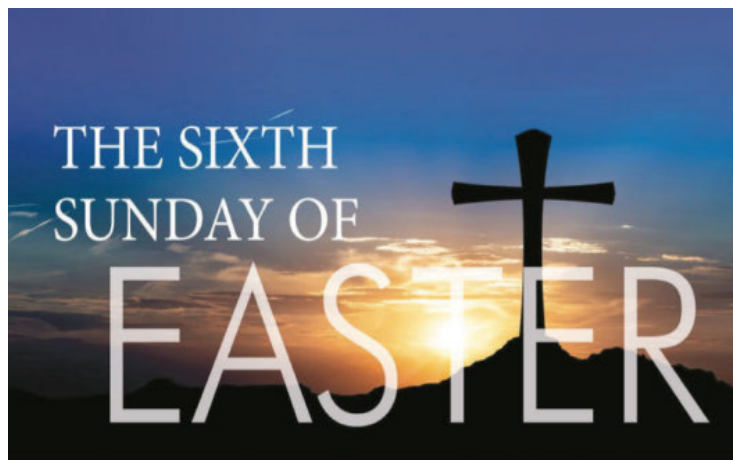
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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735-4024

Website

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Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:00 PM PRAYING THE PARISH ROSARY
4:30 PM MASS
5:30 PM DINNER AND SOCIALIZING
6:30 PM COMEDY NIGHT

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

8:00 AM MASS/PRAYING THE ROSARY
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH

8:00 AM MASS
1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHT SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM FAITH FORMATION CLOSING MASS/MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

8:00 AM MASS
5:00 PM — 6:00 PM TAMPONE/HOUSTON WEDDING REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

1:30 PM TAMPONE/HOUSTON WEDDING
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:00 PM PRAYING THE PARISH ROSARY
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH — ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS/PRAYING THE ROSARY
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS



*We would like to welcome
The Davis Family
The Cahagan Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Observances for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Thursday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



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

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.

For more information about the pilgrimage www.diometucheb.org/40

St. Catherine's Family Mass

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS" on the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM, where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on May 29th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

Please contact us at stcathfamilymass@gmail.com to volunteer at any Family Mass.



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:

Rory Doran, nephew of Wayne Isbitski, who passed away on May 4, 2022

Felix Rampino, father of Mary Mitariten, who passed away on May 5, 2022

SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2-3:30 PM
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH HALL
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OFFERING INFORMATION ABOUT:

- "BLUE ANGEL" PROGRAM WITH THE CTPD
- IN-HOME CARE ASSISTANCE
- FINANCIAL ESSENTIALS
- SCAM AVOIDANCE
- INJURY AND FALL PREVENTION
- PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE AND RELATED DANGERS
- SIMPLE SAFETY DEVICES
- MEDICATION DO'S & DON'TS

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL: (201) 787-6625

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Book Club Meeting, Friday, June 3rd



Please join us downstairs in the kitchen area immediately following Adoration for pizza and...

“Getting to Know Deacon Mike”

Please RSVP by texting (908) 477-0105

Important Notice from the Dioceses Regarding the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on **Sunday, May 29**. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.

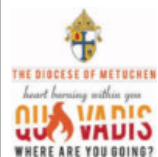
Diocesan Pentecost Vigil
Saturday, June 4th, beginning at 5 PM

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Seeking to be renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Metuchen will again host a Pentecost Vigil, which will be held in person this year on Saturday, June 4 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. The evening will begin with a 5 PM. Vigil Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. All are invited to attend in person, and join for dinner directly following the Mass in the community room. Beginning at 7:30 PM, all will head back to the Cathedral for prayer, worship and confession. There will also be an opportunity to hear many talks and witness throughout the evening. While the Pentecost Vigil will go from 5 PM until midnight, participants are welcome to come and leave at any time or to stay for the entire event. More information can be found on our Diocesan website:



Quo Vadis Days — July 19-22, 2022 Young men ages 14-17!



You're invited to spend a few days living, praying, and interacting with priests, seminarians, and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion, and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

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 Iannozi (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 Iannozi
204 Oak Grove Rd
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Or Email: 15217.kofc@gmail.com

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Details:
Who: All incoming 6th - 9th graders (Current 5th - 8th)
What: uServe Camp 2022
When: August 1 - 5, 9am - 3pm
Where: St. Catherine of Siena and local service sites
Cost: \$165 per camper, \$100 for each additional sibling
Why: Grow in faith, service and fellowship, and earn service hours!

Registration now open: boldym.com/scs/uServe
Want to join, but not in Middle School anymore?
Come join us as a volunteer leader!
For more information, please contact
Jim Murray
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Mass Intentions

Saturday: May 21, 2022

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

Sunday: May 22, 2022

8:00 AM Michael Saccal
r/o The Perna Family

9:30 AM Carl Quick
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

11:00 AM John W & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: May 23, 2022

8:00 AM Ronald Berman
r/o Lori & Jim Young

Tuesday: May 24, 2022

8:00 AM Thomas M. Webster
r/o the Websters

Wednesday: May 25, 2022

7:00 PM Eric Baker Birthday Blessings
r/o Donna & Ed Baker

Thursday: May 26, 2022

8:00 AM Joe Gonzales
r/o The Romano Family

Friday: May 27, 2022

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal
r/o The Perna Family

Saturday: May 28, 2022

4:30 PM Harold Kopf
r/o The Kopf Family

Sunday: May 29, 2022

8:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb
and Their Families

9:30 AM Leonard Frederick
r/o Elaine Frederick

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

From the Pastor's Desk *Gestures at the Altar*

When I'm standing up there at the altar, I sometimes wish I could take a time-out and explain what I am doing or why I am doing it, because so much of what we do has long forgotten origins.

One example would be kissing or "reverencing" the altar. I'm kissing the "altar" which has crosses cut into its corners and a silver dollar sized circle that covers a few bone splinters taken from the catacombs of Rome, a reminder of our ancient roots and the blood of the martyrs.

The washing of the hands is now just a symbolic gesture, but back in the Middle Ages after people had brought up the gifts -- which in addition to the bread and wine may have included eggs, potatoes, fruit and vegetables and perhaps a chicken or two for the priest -- the priest's hands were pretty dirty and needed to be cleaned before continuing.

Then there are the three elevations of the bread and the chalice, each one higher than the one before. The first elevation takes place during the offertory when we thank God for the gifts of bread and wine. The next elevation takes place when we say "the words of institution," -- "This is my body, This is my blood." The third, and highest elevation concludes the Eucharistic prayer or "Canon" and is immediately followed by the Lord's Prayer which is the beginning of the Communion rite.

And let's not forget the way I'm dressed up there on the altar. The white alb is essentially a simplified Roman toga. The chasuble, which became popular in the Middle Ages, is an overcoat that was probably nice to have in a drafty church. The stole is the most important vestment. Jewish rabbis wore -- and still wear -- stoles to show that they are presiding at the service. The early church adapted this item of clothing for its presiders very early on. Today it is often hidden under the chasuble, but many priests prefer wearing it as an "overlay," that is, outside the chasuble, because of its symbolic importance.

And now you know.

Fr. Chester



The collections for May 8th were \$4,316.00 (112 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$420.00 (44 envelopes) for the Catholic Communications Campaign. The collections for May 15th will be posted in the May 29th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for May 8th was \$3,118.00 (113 donors). The May 15th collection will be posted in the May 29th bulletin.

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