

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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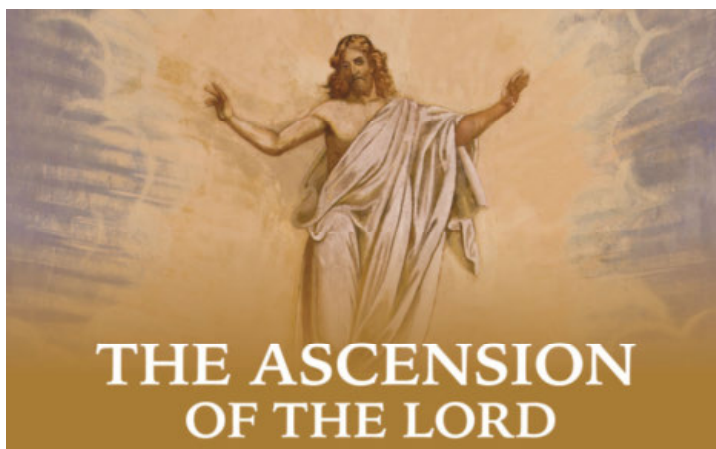
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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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735-2028

**Welcome**

Carol Rocha  
996-7612

**Weekly Schedule**

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 30TH — OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

8:00 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, MAY 31ST**

8:00 AM MASS  
1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST**

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND**

8:00 AM MASS  
6:30 PM — 8:30 PM BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY BBQ

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD**

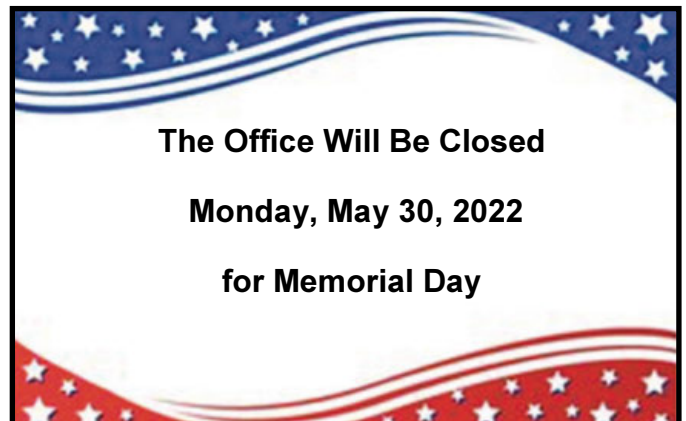
8:00 AM MASS  
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH — PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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



### Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

**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

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### Observances for the week of May 29, 2022

**Sunday:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day

**Monday:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Justin, Martyr

**Thursday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

**Friday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

**Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

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### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



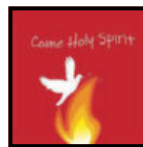
During the month of May, the Rosary Society will be praying the Parish Rosary at the following times:

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

Bishop Checchio and the entire diocese would like to invite you to attend the **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana who will be ordained a priest on the following day and the sanctification of all priests of our diocese.



Also, we would like to invite you to the **Priesthood Ordination, which will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana as a priest for service in our diocese. I hope that you will make every effort to be with us; you are welcome to attend in person or by live stream.



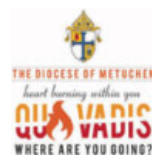
### Diocesan Pentecost Vigil

Saturday, June 4th, beginning at 5 PM

**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 on **Saturday, June 4th 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 witnesses 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: [diometuchen.org/pentecostvigil](http://diometuchen.org/pentecostvigil)

### 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](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org)



**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ....  
AND KEEP UP THE FIGHT FOR LIFE**

*New Jersey is the Abortion Capital of the United States, and we need to TAKE UP THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST, and STOP THIS Destruction of HUMAN Life.*

Metuchen Diocese Chapter Knights of Columbus have been raising funds since 2010 to purchase Ultra Sound Machines for pro-life centers and have purchased 15 machines since then.

**Our council will be collecting donations towards these machines after masses Collection dates: June 4-5 & 11-12. After all masses.**

**Please be generous and donate what you can to save these innocent lives.**

Please make checks out to St. Catherine of Siena Church



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:15217.kofc@gmail.com)

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
PICNIC/GAME CARNIVAL  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 12-4 PM**

Back by popular demand, we will gather with friends and family for a day of fun and friendship.

This year we are adding a silent auction. You may go home with an unexpected treasure. There will be plenty of games and prizes for the kids and I am working on having another spectacular show for your entertainment. We cannot have a successful event without our wonderful volunteers. Our teens were amazing last year and I'm counting on you again!!

Adults and teens, please attend our first picnic meeting on **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the church kitchen area.

Future picnic meetings are as follows: June 30th, July 14th & 28th, August 11th and 25th, September 1st and then to be announced.

All meetings are at 6:30 PM and are usually an hour or so. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. Call or text Debbie Fass at (973) 222-8100. Thank you!

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**SUMMER  
BBQ**



Thursday, June 2nd  
7:00-8:30pm  
Outside at St. Catherine  
of Siena

All 6th-12 graders  
and their families are  
welcome!

RSVP to Jim at 973-370-2532 or [StCatherine@boldym.com](mailto:StCatherine@boldym.com)

**Free Pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement**

Pocket rosaries made by The Blue Rosary Guild are available for law enforcement officers and their families who desire them. Rosaries have been sent to individuals and to departments.

To make a request Please contact  
[cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday: May 30, 2022

8:00 AM Nancy Collins  
r/o Lori & Jim Young

### Tuesday: May 31, 2022

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal  
r/o Margaret Rocca

### Wednesday: June 1, 2022

7:00 PM Thomas Lutton  
r/o St. Catherine's Rosary  
Society

### Thursday: June 2, 2022

8:00 AM Gregory Tomsy  
r/o Christina Duncan

### Friday: June 3, 2022

8:00 AM Frank DeLuca  
r/o Margaret Rocca

### Saturday: June 4, 2022

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

### Sunday: June 5, 2022

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

9:30 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb  
and Their Families

11:00 AM Mary Janet and Thomas Lyness  
r/o The Lyness Family

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

#### *The Ascension of the Lord*

Today, May 29th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, commemorating that day when Jesus was taken up to heaven, to the glory of his Father - 40 days after he rose from the dead and 10 days before the Feast of the Pentecost. What is so significant or important about this feast?

Once, I was asked, "If Jesus loves us and lives forever, why did he leave?" It's an excellent question. If we consider the Ascension simply in terms of Jesus leaving us, then we might wonder why He did it. In other words, the Resurrection would seem to be more effective if Jesus still walked the earth and taught, healed, and preached like He did 2000 years ago. But in our celebration of the Ascension we come to understand that it is better for us if Jesus ascends to the Father. We can see this in two ways.

First, Jesus' ascension marks the culminating marriage of humanity with divinity as Jesus enters body and soul into heaven. Now once and for all, humanity sits at "the right hand of the Father" and intercedes for us all. Jesus' ascension is the supreme moment of hope, pointing to our ultimate vocation. Where He once was, we now are; where He is now, we are destined to be.

Second, the Ascension ushers in the Age of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of John, Jesus explains the ascension when He says, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go, for if I do not go, my Spirit, the Counselor, will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." Jesus ascends so that He can send His Spirit into our heart. This is why he instructs His followers to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Christ promises: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." In order to fulfill His command to be witnesses to the Gospel, the disciples need the empowerment of the Spirit.

So, the Ascension is a feast of transition. Situated between the joy of Easter and the fire of Pentecost, it is a celebration which is tinged with the sadness of Jesus' departure but infused with the promise of the coming of the Spirit and the pledge of our eternal destiny.

Fr. Chester



The collection for May 15th was \$4,846.00 (107 envelopes) for the General Collection. The collection for May 22nd will be posted in the June 5th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for May 15th was \$3,810.50 (114 donors). The May 22nd collection will be posted in the June 5th bulletin.



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