

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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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.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

10:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM ANNAGRACE DZIEDZIC BAPTISM

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM BOLD MIDDLE

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

8:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

8:00 AM MASS
4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

10:00 AM JACK JAMES CONNOLLY BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS
5:30 PM COMEDY NIGHT

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

Julia Kathryn Franz
baptized on May 7, 2023

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
 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 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 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/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
 Monday: St. Isidore
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
 Saturday: St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
 Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

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St. Catherine's Council 15217 Knights of Columbus



Chuck Specht Memorial Scholarship Program
2023 "Good Samaritan" Scholarship Application



An applicant must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior entering their freshman year of a college, university, or trade school in the United States
- 8th grade student graduating in the spring of 2023
- Must be an active 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 for pictures with family
- Submit a minimum of 500-typed word essay by Sunday, June 4th, 2023, to Robert L. Keeling, Jr. (Worthy Grand Knight) on one of the following topics:
 1. What "Right to Life" 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 2023 will each be awarded \$1,000
- **Two 8th grade students** (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2023 will each be awarded \$250

Submit to: Attn: Worthy Grand Knight Council 15217
 Robert L. Keeling, Jr.
 8 Burlinghoff Lane
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Or Email 15217.kofc@gmail.com a PDF copy.

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

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Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available.

New semester begins September 5, 2023. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in Fellowship Hall!



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of**

Priests on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour will be Deacon José Lim who will be ordained a priest on the following day, the sanctification of all our priests, and the plea to God Our Father to call many more laborers into his vineyard.

Also, we would like to invite you to one of the great events of our Diocesan Church year, the **Priesthood Ordination which will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:30 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon José Lim as a priest for service in our Diocese. You are very warmly encouraged to be with us.

Marriage Enrichment

Why not celebrate the Easter Season by treating you and your spouse to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 14 - 16**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). For more information: www.wvme.org



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Who: All incoming 6th - 9th graders (Current 5th - 8th)
What: uServe Camp 2023
When: July 31-August 4, 9am - 3pm
Where: St. Catherine of Siena and local service sites
Cost: \$165 per camper, \$100 for each additional sibling
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Registration now open: boldym.com/scs/uServe
 Want to join, but not in Middle School anymore?
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 For more information, please contact
 Jim Murray
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LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness



 Saturday, June 3
9:00AM - 5:00PM

 The Shrine of Saint Joseph
Stirling, NJ

 \$75 - Adult
\$25 - Student

The retreat includes meditations by the national Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, small group discussion, Holy Mass with Fr. Timothy Christy, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and more.

Register Now At:
diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

Questions:
cdaverso@diometuchen.org

or scan here: 

NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure
 May 21st, 2023
 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ 08527

Registration is open for our Annual Statewide Youth Rally!
<https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>


St. Catherine's SIZZLING SUMMER RAFFLE IS HERE!



Take a chance to win some extra sizzling cash to add to summer fun for your family members, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances?




Ticket books are available at the Parish Office.

Drawing: Father's Day, June 18, 2023, at 12 noon.
Winners need not be present for the drawing.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE GO TO THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING FUND.

Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction
 and
PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM in Church
 St. Magdalen de Pazzi Catholic Church
 105 Mine Street
 Flemington, NJ 08822

Come Pray the Rosary Together for Our Nation !

♪ Join us in Singing Patriotic Songs ♪
 Music led by "Sisters and Brothers in Song"


The **Patriotic Rosary** is a Rosary prayed for each state in the U.S. A "Hail Mary" is offered for each one of our **50 states**. This event of prayer will be most fittingly offered for our country in honor of Armed Forces Day (an annual observance dedicated to the brave men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces), Memorial Day, and National Military Appreciation Month during May, also the month of Our Lady.

We beseech God's mercy, healing, and protection for America through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, under her title as the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States!

ALL ARE WELCOME !

Presented by the Military, Veterans and Families Ministry of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



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

- Every Saturday, at 4:00 PM sharp, before the 4:30 Mass
- Every Sunday, immediately after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.
- Daily, immediately after the 8:00 AM Masses

Mass Intentions

Saturday: May 13, 2023

4:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday: May 14, 2023

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Monday: May 15, 2023

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday: May 16, 2023

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday: May 17, 2023

7:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday: May 18, 2023

8:00 AM Fr. Kris Birthday Blessings
r/o Margaret Rocca

Friday: May 19, 2023

8:00 AM Charles & Jill Barthel
r/o Lori & Jim Young

Saturday: May 20, 2023

4:30 PM Eva Lakowitz
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Sunday: May 21, 2023

8:00 AM Grace Kozal
r/o Margaret Rocca

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

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

From the Pastor's Desk Mother's Day

Today, we celebrate Mother's Day and we honor our moms for all they do for us and for the sacrifices they make for us. They do many ordinary things and do them extraordinarily well. Primarily through their teaching and their example, they assist in an important way, in passing down our precious faith to their children.

When we think of mothers, we only have to think of Mary, the mother of Jesus. May is the month of Mary, and this month we honor her in a special way.

As we reflect on all that Mary did, I think it is fair to say that sometimes we forget that Mary was also a wife and mother. We know that it is never easy to lose a loved one, especially a spouse or a child. Sometime during Jesus' life, Mary lost her husband Joseph. We may have forgotten that after Mary experienced the death of her husband Joseph, she unselfishly persevered as a grieving widow in very difficult and uncertain times. After his death, she would also experience the death of her son Jesus. She had to cope with the challenges of day-to-day living. She missed her spouse and her Son but she continued to love; she continued to persevere and she continued to cling to her faith. In clinging to her faith, and in her willingness to love, she is a model for all moms, including widows striving to do the same.

The Church presents Mary as a model of love in its fullness. The love she had for Jesus and Joseph is not reserved for them alone. It is the same precious love that she has for us, the same precious love she shares with us, an unselfish love that we should not take for granted.

Prior to becoming Pope, our Holy Father Francis invited us to look to Mary for inspiration. He stated, "We ask her, the first disciple, to teach us to persevere, to accompany us in patience, to strengthen us in hope. We ask her to lead us to an encounter with her Risen Son." As we celebrate Mother's Day and as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are invited to take these profound words to heart.

Mary our Queen, intercede for us. Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Fr. Chester



The collections for May 7th were \$3,197.00 (109 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$895.00 (45 envelopes) for religious education.



On-Line Giving for May 7th was \$3,217.36 (114 donors).

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

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