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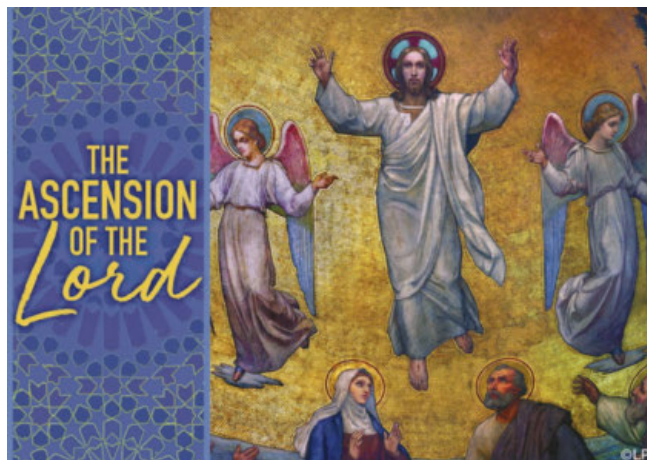
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY, MAY 22ND

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM K OF C 4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

8:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM BOLD SUMMER BBQ

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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:

AnnaGrace Dziedzic
baptized on May 14, 2023

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

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

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

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

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 (see 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 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

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

Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

CJLPI



We would like to congratulate the following children who received First Holy Communion May 13, 2023

Rylie Braido	Madison Maio
Peter Devone	Grace McGourty
Brady Gallagher	Kiley McKeown
Gia Girard	Ava Ochs
Emma Gonzalez	Dean O'Keefe

Nora Lehn Schaefer
Brody Shannon
Michael Sniscak
Carmela Toolan
Walker Weinlein

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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.**


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 Mass

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
 Lebanon, NJ 08833-4383

Or Email 15217.kofc@gmail.com a PDF copy.

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.wwme.org



*We would like to welcome
 The Praszek Family
 The Malkin Kelly
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: May 22, 2023

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

Tuesday: May 23, 2023

8:00 AM Ricco Trimmer
r/o Jill Lapnas

Wednesday: May 24, 2023

7:00 PM All Our Faith Formation Catechists &
Families

Thursday: May 25, 2023

8:00 AM Erin Baker Birthday Blessings
r/o The Baker Family

Friday: May 26, 2023

8:00 AM Rev. Alfred L. Roca

Saturday: May 27, 2023

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

Sunday: May 28, 2023

8:00 AM Joan Flotteron
r/o Lori & Jim Young
9:30 AM Thomas Webster
r/o The Webster Family
11:00 AM Sebastiano Fialla
r/o Margaret Rocca

From the Pastor's Desk

First Eucharist

On Saturday, May 13th, fifteen of our children received their first Holy Communion. They received Jesus Christ our Savior for the first time. There is no doubt that meeting with Jesus in First Holy Communion is an unforgettable moment, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful. It is a day of great family celebration.


This was a special day and a happy day for their parents too. They saw their children taking a new step in faith. It is through their parents, more than anyone else that these children have come to know about God. And it is on their parents that they will continue to depend for many years yet, to help them grow in their response to God's love in their lives. No matter how excellent the teacher, or what the parish does, unless the children sense their parents' faith they will not absorb faith. The faith of their parents will be their strength through life. Teachers and priests cannot alone plant faith in the heart of somebody's children if parents do not.

This was also a time of great rejoicing for relations, friends, and people of the parish. They have in various ways helped to lead these children to this special day. And they too have a responsibility for the future growth of their faith.


Today I particularly wish to thank Mrs. Sandra Kopka the director of our Religious Education Program and the teachers who trained these children so that they can receive Holy Communion: Mrs. Stacey Gallagher, catechist, and Mrs. Kathryn Sniscak, assistant catechist. Thank you to the Rosarians and Prayer Shawl Ministry for their gifts and prayers. May God reward you for your talent and time.

But the special congratulation goes to all who made their First Communion. I hope you will always treasure this beautiful gift that Jesus gave you, and that through time you will realize that you are to become more and more like Jesus every day.

Fr. Chester



The collections for May 14th were \$2,968.00 (132 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$708.00 (38 envelopes) for Catholic Communications Campaign.



On-Line Giving for May 14th was \$2,397.00 (97 donors).

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