St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

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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 (908) 892-4574

Audio/Visual Ken Mandoli (908) 735-2879

<u>Auditors</u> Maggie Marion (908) 735-4024

<u>Bible Study</u> Teri Saccal (908) 229-9355 Lucia Sciancalepore (201) 970-5072

Building Maintenance David Perna (908) 296-5120

Catholic Media Denise Botto (908) 996-6760

Coffee Fellowship Teri Saccal (908) 229-9355

Decorating Committee Donna Cahill (908) 730-9384

Events Hospitality Margaret Rocca (908) 996-3226

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion John-Joseph Bober (908) 713-9707

Family Mass Sandra Kopka religioused@scoschurch.org

Family Promise Mary Jo Haggerty (908) 892-3513

Finance Council Mike Wojtal (908) 310-7488

Food Pantry Patty Battipaglia (908) 735-6020

Knights of Columbus Ed Schilke (973) 886-3884

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Mary Kauza (908) 735-4582 Jane Ricketts (908) 782-6216

Parish Gardener George Mehaffey (908) 581-2521

Parish Pastoral Council Denise Botto (908) 996-6760 Parish Picnic Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100

Prayer Shawl Donna Mustillo (908) 237-0211

Graphic Materials Helen Nardone (908) 391-0857

Readers Robert Preston (908) 510-2712

Right to Life Representative Robert Keeling (908) 812-1071

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Rosary Society Yasmin Hernandez-Manno (973) 229-4368

<u>Sacristan</u> Margaret Rocca (908) 996-3668

Sanctuary Guild Kathy Mathews (908) 735-9511

SCRIP Program Robin Potempa (908) 310-4273

Social Concerns Doreen Opeikun (908) 507-6752

<u>Stewardship</u> Lori Young (908) 713-1997

<u>Ushers</u> Rich Kopf (908) 797-4607

Veterans Military Apostolate Parish Office (908) 735-4024

Website Ed Schilke (908) 886-3884

Wedding Coordinator Ellen McCarthy (908) 240-0583

Welcome Carol Rocha (908) 996-7612

Youth Choir Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH		
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM	COMEDY NIGHT	
4:30 PM	MASS/MAY CROWNING	
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	

8:00 AM

8:00 AM 8:30 AM — 10:15 AM

9:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION MASS 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION MASS

MASS 1 YOUTH GROUP

MASS

MONDAY, MAY 6TH

MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

8:00 AM

3:30 PM

8:00 AM 12:30 PM — 2:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 6:30 PM — 7:00 PM 7:00 PM

7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RECONCILIATION MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

8:00 AM 10:00 AM — 11:30 AM

MASS

30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

8:00 AM

MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

10:00 AMFIRST HOLY COMMUNION3:30 PM — 4:00 PMRECONCILIATION4:30 PMMASS

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH MOTHER'S DAY — ASCENSION OF THE LORD 8:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! Fr. Chester would NEVER email or text you asking for money, gift cards, or to just reply to his text. He would call you or speak to you directly.

If you are unsure, call the office!

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY... IT'S A SCAM!!! I need a favor from you, please text me back as soon as you get this message. There is something I need you to do for me, I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so please just reply my text

Rev. Chester Zalubski

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Readings for the week of May 5, 2024		
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17	
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 <i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20	
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 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19	
Observances for the week of May 05, 2024		
Sunday:	6 th Sunday of Easter	
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);	
Friday [.]	St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the	

- Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church: St. Damien de Veuster. Priest The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Next Sunday:
- Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day (C)LPi

BOOK CLUB

The Saint Catherine of Siena Book Club will meet on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, immediately following First Friday Adoration.

We will be discussing This Is My Body, by Bishop Robert Barron, as we continue our focus on the Eucharist in support of the Eucharistic Revival proclaimed by the US Bishops.



Altar servers assist at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Boys and girls who have received First Holy Communion are eligible for this ministry. Adults are also welcome and appreciated during weekday Masses and services.

Contact: Mike & Kelly Wojtal (908) 892-4574



Combine your love of knitting/crochet into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice

Prayer Shawls may be made for those undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss, or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; during an illness and recovery.

Baby blankets and Baptismal bibs are made for babies christened in our parish. Shawls and blankets are blessed by Father Chester.

We meet every Tuesday from 12:30-2 pm Contact: Donna Mustillo (908) 237-0211

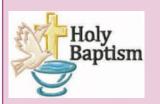
Faith Formation 2024 – 2025

Religious education will resume this September. The parent handbook and registration forms are on our parish website, http://scoschurch.org or pick up in the office during office hours (Monday — Friday 9:30 AM — 2:30 PM).

Please submit registration forms and fee at the Closing Mass, on May 15th at 7:00 PM.

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com





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

Ava Valentina Shymanski Baptized on April 28, 2024



St. Catherine's is creating a new cookbook

and we want your recipes!

FAMILY FAVORITES

a collection of your family's favorite home-made recipes from St. Catherine of Siena Church

This custom cookbook promises to be a treasured keepsake for us all.

Look for more information to come in the bulletin and on our website.

Proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.



Youth Group Corner **Upcoming Events**

May 5th 5:00 — 7:00 PM Hot Topics with Deacon Mike

May 19th Youth Rally, Six Flags, Jackson, NJ

June 7th 5:30 — 7:00 PM Leadership Meeting

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

Thank you to Terri & Scott Saccal as well as Sharon & Bud Gardner for donating food to Youth Group Meetings!

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We would like to welcome: The Bruzzi Family The Darata Family The Eisenhart Family The Tristan Turner Family to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in May?

JOIN US ON MAY12TH AT THE 11:00 AM MASS TO RECEIVE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING.

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book" located in the Narthex of our Church; or send your names, and wedding date to the parish office in an envelope marked "Anniversary Blessings".



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, 11 AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

Our May Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

Richard & Ginna Anderson John & Diane Burgess Sandro & Mari Cabete Carmen & Kathy Cook James & Kathleen Coyle Sebastian & Caren Donaruma Patrick & Patricia Dziubek Glen and Deborah Farbanish Michael & Donna Ignacz Richard & Carolyn Kopf Michael & Teresa Lachowski Keith and Colleen LeBoeuf Frederick & Elizabeth Mariani Luis and Colleen Matta James III & Susan Pellecchia Joseph & Suzanne Quick Michael & Debby Raho Scott & Teresa Saccal Mark & Dawn Salerno Robert & Doris Schofield Kevin & Karen Shea Peter & Caroline Shelly Michael & Sandra Stack Rudy & Jaime Wadle Robert & Debra Weinschenk Anthony & Stephanie Wozniak David & Lori Wunder

Religious Education News

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- A two-year program starting in 1st Grade.
- Registration is open for students entering 1st grade September 2024.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine's.
- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form.
- Registration forms are located on our parish website or in the office.

Please bring your child's completed registration form, a check for \$150.00, and a copy of the baptismal certificate to the parish office.

Deadline is June 15, 2024 (a late fee of \$50.00 will be incurred)

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com

Music Ministry News - Music in Divine Worship

Come and lend your voice to Adult Choir for Corpus Chrisit on June 2nd !

Current and NEW members please join us in singing and celebrating The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ *at the 11 AM Mass and Procession.*

Contact Pat Prakopcyk at stcatmusic@gmail.com.

ST CATHERINE'S PARISH ROLLER SKATING FAMILY DAY



SUNDAY - JUNE 23, 2024 + 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the Frenchtown Roller Rink Route 29, Frenchtown

Admission: \$1 per person at the rink Rental Fee: Skates \$2 + Inline Skates \$3 (limited to 100 skaters) so sign up fast!

Mark the date and bring the whole family for a few hours of roller skating fun! The snack bar will be open.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: May 4, 2024

4:30 PM St. Catherine's Rosarians Living & Deceased

Sunday: May 5, 2024

 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
9:30 AM Felix Rampino r/o The Mitariten Family
11:00 AM Claire McCarthy r/o The Rosary Society

Monday: May 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rosalie Bennett r/o The Pasculli Family

Tuesday: May 7, 2024

8:00 AM MaryJo Hoffman r/o The Strauss Family

Wednesday: May 8, 2024

7:00 PM Frank & Flo DeLuca r/o Debbie & Rich Fass

Thursday: May 9, 2024

8:00 AM Marion Palmieri r/o Romano Family

Friday: May 10, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Sax r/o Dan Dawson

Saturday: May 11, 2024

4:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday: May 12, 2024

8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
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9:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
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11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena



The collections for April 28th were \$2,980.00 (107 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,285.00 (98 envelopes) for Catholic Relief.



On-Line Giving for April 28th was \$3,076.00 (105 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk Mother's Day

Next Sunday, May 12th, 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



